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## Head Coach Kevin Stefanski

(opening statement) "Injury front—Jack Conklin will get an MRI on that knee, and Harrison Bryant will get an MRI on his ankle. Very disappointing and frustrated in that game. Credit to Baltimore. They did a good job. They beat us, and we've got to get through this bye week, fix some things, get healthy, unplug for a minute, and then we've got Baltimore again in a stretch run. That's what is in front of us, but, ultimately, disappointed about tonight."

(on why the offense can't score anymore) "It's frustrating. It is very frustrating. To not score enough, it's always a combination of things—staying on the field on third down, trying to run the ball effectively and getting in the red zone, all of those things. But we're just not doing a good enough job, and that starts with me."

(on whether it was a matter of the Ravens devoting guys to stopping the run) "I think they played how they play. That's certainly how they play. We just didn't run it efficiently enough."

(on whether he thinks they tried enough) "It felt like we did. I think we ended up with 17 rushes—not for a great average. But we just didn't do anything well enough."

(on why Kareem Hunt and Nick Chubb they were on the sideline for the last drive) "A two-minute drive—typically, that's Kareem. His leg was tight."

(on no pass attempts to Kareem Hunt) "Yeah, not good enough."

(on whether they have to get the ball down the field against the Ravens stacking the box) "Yes, you do. Our run game had been very good, and we've run against loaded boxes like that. So, I think, as a run offense, we expect to do better than that. And we will look at how we can."

(on what he says to the guys after a game like this) "I think we all are very frustrated. It stings. We did some really good things. The defense taking the ball away [from the Ravens] four times. But then we get no points off it. The bottom line is, we will come in, we will look at it, we will learn from it, and then we've got to get ready for a stretch run."

(on what the team can do during the bye and whether there is anything drastic he is prepared to do) "You can always adjust at all points of the season. I think you can make adjustments, yes."

(on whether adjustments have been an issue) "I think there are definitely things we are doing OK. There are things that we've got to improve. I think it's a bunch of different areas that we have to get better."

(on why they struggled on getting the right number of guys on the field multiple times) "That's coaching. That's on me. Bottom line."

(on what he thinks he needs to do better) "All of the above. Put a better plan together. Put the guys in positions to make plays."

(on how he assesses where he is with the team three back in the standings) "I think we totally realize where we are, but we have to focus on this next one, which is Baltimore, and then take one game at a time. There's no sense in looking much farther than that."

(on whether a quarterback change is possible during the bye week) "No." (*Reporter: Why not?*) "Let me ask you a question. Why would we do that? We're not doing that."



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(on his thoughts about Baker Mayfield tonight) “We had some opportunities and made some big plays, but we have to get guys open. And we’ve got to find a way to stay on the field on third down.”

(on the report that Jack Conklin has a torn patella) “I don’t know at this point. It was serious, but let’s get the MRI to confirm that.”

(on the Browns’ defensive effort) “It was outstanding. [I’m] really pleased with how those guys played. They were relentless. I thought they were running to the ball all night. [Lamar Jackson], like he does, he made some plays. You understand he is going to make some of those. That’s what happens when you are playing him. But, by and large, I thought the guys really executed the gameplan and played well.”

(on how Baker handled the Ravens’ pressure) “They did a good job, and that’s kind of what they do. I think there were a couple of opportunities they had, but, by and large, we have to find a way to get guys open.”

(on his thinking about the Jarvis Landry play and the screen on Baker’s fumble) “The Jarvis play? Listen, hindsight is 20-20. If I had known that was going to happen, obviously, I wouldn’t have called it. But he has been really good in those moments with the ball in his hands and making a play when it is there and making a play when it is not there. Unfortunately, we lost the ball on that play. On the screen, they gave us a pressure look. [I] figured they would come after us. I didn’t see exactly what happened, but they got to us.”

(on why Rashard Higgins was inactive) “I just felt like that was the plan going into this week. That changes weekly. There are so many things to consider in terms of what our gameplan looks like, special teams, etc.”

(on what was going on with the 12 men on the field) “Again, that’s coaching. Put that right on me.”

(on whether David Njoku said he had his fingers on the ball during the touchdown) “He didn’t say anything. The initial look is one of those where it is going to be hard where if they ruled incomplete, they are probably going to say it’s incomplete.”

(on whether Chase McLaughlin is having a problem with confidence) “We have high expectations for him. I think he has high expectations for himself. He came back and hit [a field goal] for us. So, we’re going to continue to count on him during the stretch.”

(on whether getting guys open is the big thing with the passing game) “I’m sure it’s more complicated than that. We’ll study it. I just think, at the end of the day, that’s what our job as coaches, that’s what we have to do.”

(on his views of Lamar Jackson’s scramble and touchdown throw to Mark Andrews) “Again, he’s a great player. He makes plays like that. You’ve got to try and find a way to get him on the ground. And you know you’ve got to cover your guy for a very long time when you’re playing him.”

### **DE Myles Garrett**

(on not capitalizing on QB Lamar Jackson’s four interceptions) “It’s hard to process. We’ve got to be better. We’ve got to turn those plays into scores on defense, and we’ve got to make more stops when we’re backed up. We let them drive out a couple times when they were backed up at the 30, 25. We have to give a shorter field for our offense.”

(on how frustrating it was to play that well defensively and not come out with a victory) “It’s very frustrating. None of the other guys can tell you otherwise. Like, when you have that kind of performance,



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I'm not saying you expect a win, but you expect to have a chance. That's all we were given. We were given a chance, and we didn't get it done on defense or on offense."

(on his conversation with QB Lamar Jackson at midfield after the Ravens' touchdown) "I said it was a hell of a play. He told me, 'Good stuff' but, you know, a little more explicit. I mean, he made a hell of a play, and that's what he does. I hit his arm when he was throwing. I was expecting it to be a fumble or an incomplete pass. And he gets it 30 yards down the field, into the end zone. The guy is a great player. I dapped him up, because I have sportsmanship. At least in my eyes, I help guys up, and I dap them up when they make a play like that, that he made. And I don't think anything should come out of us having respect for our opponent. I don't think there should be any doubt in our heart or who we are on that field."

(on struggling to get the right number of the guys on the field) "That's not a question for me."

(on how the team looks at the playoff picture) "Just keep fighting. You never know what is going to happen. [We've] got enough games left now, [to] where if we keep on trying to win out and it so happens, [and a] couple of teams lose, we can find ourselves in the playoffs and find ourselves in a good position. It's a little more out of our hands than we'd like, but we have to take it one game at a time. Recover in this bye week, self-evaluate, see how we need to get better and keep the train moving."

(on what they need to accomplish during the bye week) "[We've] got to get healthy. [We've] got to see where we are weak at and how we can improve on what we've done. I know we have weaknesses, and how we can turn those in to strengths will be key this bye week."

(on how frustrating it is to rush Lamar Jackson, given his ability to escape) "It's frustrating – everyone knows that. Anyone in the league will tell you [that] rushing against that guy is tough. And you are rushing against the tackle and him, because he is fast, dynamic and shifty. All the words apply. But you have to find a way. We found a way multiple times. We put pressure on him, had hits on him, a couple of sacks and made him throw the ball where he didn't want to, and it still wasn't enough. So, we have to find a way to do more. In two weeks, we have to find a way in our house."

(on if he knows why DE Jadeveon Clowney was mad after QB Lamar Jackson's touchdown pass) "I didn't even notice. I don't know if it was because he didn't make the play or because he got blocked in the back – either one. He could have made that play. I could have made that play. I could have went further on the arm, reached further for the ball. Hindsight is 20/20. I know he [Jadeveon Clowney] went to bat. We all went to bat. I am not mad at him for showing his emotion."

(on if that was the best the Browns have played against QB Lamar Jackson) "It's one of the best times we have played Lamar [Jackson]. Four picks, constant pressure, had him looking over his shoulder – that's a decent job."

(on his frustration when the offense can't get it going) "Like you said, that's not my side of the ball. I play defense. I go out there to get the job done and go make a big play. That's what they ask of me, and that's what they expect of me."

(on T Jack Conklin's injury) "It hurts to see Jack [Conklin] like that. I mean, I see the guy working every day. [I] saw him working in training camp. I was part of the group that was getting him to come here, and to have to see him with all of these injuries and to see what he is going through, it's tough to see. It [was] tough to watch. I feel for him."

(on if he's able to enjoy tying the Browns' single-season sack record, after recording his 14<sup>th</sup> sack of the season in tonight's game) "No, we lost. It didn't matter if I had five sacks today. [In] a loss, it doesn't mean



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anything. I want to win this battle more than anybody, no matter what anybody says, no matter what they say about me dapping up Lamar [Jackson], us dapping up their players. We want to win badly. And it didn't roll in our favor. It didn't land in our favor, but these guys are still hungry. I don't care what the standings are, we are going to go out there every game."

(on if he caught wind of the criticism for dapping up QB Lamar Jackson) "It got told to me that people had a problem with me dapping up a guy that made an extraordinary play when I was right there in his face. I almost made an extraordinary play. The guy is a baller. It's a game, and he is one of the best at it. I appreciate greatness. I mean, he dapped me up, too. It wasn't like I was patting him on the head and letting him go by. He appreciates my play; I appreciate his. We should do that more often instead of tearing each other down."

## **QB Baker Mayfield**

(on his mobility today) "I definitely felt a lot better physically today. I just need to keep improving in that sense day to day. Nope, no major setbacks. [I] just need to continue to do all the rehab and just taking the extra time to take care of my body. This Bye Week coming up comes at a crucial time to make that turning point to get back to 100%."

(on the state of the offense right now) "We just need to make more plays. I mean, as simple as that sounds, that's really the way it is. There are plays there to be made, and we need to make them. We have to have answers for the zero pressures when we face them. Baltimore did a good job today; when they showed zero pressures, they bailed out. And when they weren't showing it, they brought it. We just need to recognize that and make more plays. We need to have a little bit more confidence and regroup and trust that we have the guys that can make those plays."

(on how frustrating was it to not cash in on the four picks) "Very frustrating. To me, that's kind of the story of our season so far. As far as not being able to play complementary football to our defense, the defense I thought played great. And when you play an offense like that as talented as they are with Lamar [Jackson], I mean he's running around making plays and our defense is right with him. Our offense needs to make more plays - it's really as simple as that. We need to play complementary football down the stretch if we want to have a chance."

(on what really needs to happen during the Bye Week to turn it around) "Everybody just needs to do our job, it's really nothing more than that. Whatever the job is during the plays, with whatever scheme we've called, we need to accomplish that [and] focus on little things. I feel like we're beating ourselves right now, and when we play a good team like that, they're going to take advantage of that. So, we have the Bye Week coming up, and then we play the Ravens again and a [have] bunch of division games left. Those are important games, every single one. So, really, it's one game at a time for us, and we have to have that mentality each and every week. We need to control what we can, do our job, and go out there and find ways to win. Last year with the Bye [Week], with no preseason games, the Bye [Week] was crucial. We were able to do self-scouting and figure out what we needed to focus on. I imagine we'll need to do the same thing this week. We need to grow, get better, and focus on our packages, because there are a lot of plays to be made, and I just don't think we've done it. We are good enough to do so, but we haven't done it."

(on why the running game had so much trouble today) "They're a really good defense. They were timing up some of our cadences, shooting the gaps, and they played really well. They played really great, to be honest with you."

(on why the confidence is lagging on the Browns' offense) "We just haven't put consistent weeks in a row together. I think we just need to get together and figure it out. It doesn't need to be a feel-good session. [It can be] just talking to each other and getting our confidence back."



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(on what happened when he fumbled the ball) “[It] just happened on the pump fake; I lost the grip on the ball. It’s just one of those things, I absolutely hate it. The sequence of events was crazy. We get the turnover and get good position, [and] then we turn it over. So, like I said, we just have to play complementary football, and the offense just needs to make some plays.”

(on T Jack Conklin leaving the game with a knee injury) “You really hate that for anybody, especially Jack [Conklin], who’s been fighting to come back after his dislocated elbow [injury]. It’s just one of those freak deals. He’s one of our guys, and it’s a really, really unfortunately thing.”

(on what happened on the fourth-down play of their final drive) “Our only answer to the pressure was the shallow route, and it really was a lot for David [Njoku] to get away from that guy [Tyus Bowser]. He made a great tackle, and we just didn’t have an answer.”

### TE David Njoku

(on if he was confident that the touchdown he scored would not be overturned) “Yes. It was a good ball by Baker [Mayfield], and I came up with it.”

(on if the length of the replay on his touchdown made him nervous) “I was very confident that it was a touchdown.”

(on why it has been so difficult to keep the passing game going consistently) “We just have to get our things together. We know we didn’t execute. We didn’t play well. So, we just have to rest up, heal and come back swinging.”

(on what he saw on the last play, and if he knew he had to break a tackle) “Yes, and that didn’t happen, so I have to do better.”

(on why it was so difficult to get the run game started) “I have to watch film and check.”

(on being optimistic about a playoff push) “For sure. [We’ve] just got to get back to work, one game at a time, and things will play out for us well.”

### CB Denzel Ward

(on how frustrating it was to intercept QB Lamar Jackson four times and still not prevail) “Yes, that’s a little frustrating. I mean, this is the ultimate team game, and we have to play as a team and complement one another. We just didn’t do enough to get the win today, and that’s really the biggest thing.”

(on his mindset going into the week) “I just need to get some rest this bye week and really just figure out how to get a win the next game.”

(on if he still believes the Browns will make it to the playoffs) “I believe we can. We need to take it a game at a time, and everything will take care of itself at the end of the year.”

(on QB Lamar Jackson’s touchdown pass to TE Mark Andrews) “That one was on me. It got away from me. I was looking to make a play somewhere else.”

(on what happened on the touchdown pass to TE Mark Andrews, and why he’s taking the blame for it) “Because we were in zero coverage, and I was driving on it. I thought the ball would come out quick, but I saw something else opening up, so I swung back to help make a play, and then he threw it up the middle, and I wasn’t there.”



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(on how much the defense emphasized slowing down TE Mark Andrews during the week of practice) "Obviously, a lot. Mark Andrews is Lamar [Jackson's] guy. He puts his emphasis on trying to get him the ball. He's big, and we tried to take him away."

(on what needs to happen during the bye week to be successful) "I just think guys need to rest up and get their mind right and come back stronger and come back and win this next game."

(on if the offense needs to be simplified during the bye week) "I'm really not sure what the offense is going to do, but on defense, we just have to take care of our jobs. And of course, the offense has to get their stuff together, and we need to, also, and take care of business next time."

(on why the defense was having issues with substitutions) "I'm really not sure. Baltimore was substituting fast, and we were trying to get the right packages in [with] the right people, and there were more guys on the field than needed."



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### Head Coach John Harbaugh

(opening statement) "OK, I appreciate everybody being here. I really, really appreciate our players and the way they fight and the way they don't flinch. They don't blink. No matter what happens, they keep coming back and playing the next play, this play, this play, this play, this play, one play after another. I'm very proud of them for that, and I respect them greatly for the way they approached the game. Defense was just off the charts. I mean, that's one of the best defensive performances that we've seen out here in a long time. To hold that offense down the way they did, to hold that rushing attack down the way they did, the play-action passing game that they have, the boots, the hard play-actions, the chunk passes, they had a few, but I thought our guys played tremendously well across the board on defense. Our edges were especially good. Of course, we talked about Tyus [Bowser], but Odafe [Oweh], mention him, too, and the other guys as well. How about Justin Houston? We don't talk too much about him. I joke with him, [I said], 'It's kind of like you run silent, you run deep, but you're playing great football.' And he is. I just am proud of the guys. Offensively, we had the turnovers, but they didn't blink either. They came back and kept fighting. This guy right here [Mark Andrews] made a bunch of plays, and the other guy sitting right there [Lamar Jackson]. I'm talking about Mark [Andrews] and Lamar [Jackson]; they came back, and they made plays when they had to make them. How about the [Cover] Zero touchdown and all-out blitz that they put out in the red zone? Lamar backs up, backs up, backs up and finds Mark, [and] Mark finds his way open. To make that throw like that, and to make that catch and get open, that's the kind of stuff that wins you football games. So, I'm just proud of these guys across the board."

(on what ILB Patrick Queen powering through a rib injury says about him as a player) "That's a great point; it's who he is. He was in major pain. That's a rib [injury], and that's the kind of thing that ... Have you had a broken rib before? I have; it sticks with you, too. Those things hurt a lot. So, it's just the kind of person he is. He really wants to be great. He really wants to be a great linebacker. He sees Ray Lewis up there in the [suite] on the big screen, right? That's kind of the bar here, sort of, in a way, and I know he takes that very seriously."

(on if ILB Patrick Queen broke a rib) "I don't know if it's broken or not, but I know it was his ribs. ... See, you're tricky. You tried to trick me." *(laughter)*

(on if ILB Patrick Queen shooting the gap on the first drive reminded him of LB Ray Lewis jumping RB Eddie George back in the 2000 season) "That was before I got here, wasn't it? I can't comment on that. ... I remember one in San Diego, the fourth-and-2 in San Diego, we'll go with that one. [The] Darren Sproles [play], right? Ray Lewis. ... How about Marshal Yanda today? Shoutout to Marshal. Marshal spoke to the team last night. [He's] going into the ... Is Marshal going into the Ring of Honor?" *(SVP of Communications Chad Steele: "Yes, next year.")* "Next year. What are we waiting for?" *(laughter)* *(SVP of Communications Chad Steele: "Haloti [Ngata] was this year. Marshal will be next year.")* "Oh, OK. ... We digress."

(on how he felt the defensive line stood up to the Browns' running game) "They were great. Justin Ellis. Justin Ellis has been doing it all year, and nobody ever mentions Justin Ellis. I need to mention him more; he's been playing great football. Broderick Washington went in there and played excellent football. I'm just proud of those guys."

(on if tackling was emphasized this game to shut down the run) "Well, you have to. You have to square people up, and you have to get a big chunk of the ball carrier. Our guys are doing a much better job of that. I think we're reacting quicker, top-down in the passing game, as well. We're getting more people to the ball. It was a good tackling game."



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(on if there was an explanation on the ruling to stop the Ravens' fake punt attempt and if that was handled correctly) "I think it was, after we got the explanation. It was disappointing. I'm surprised they blew it in play so late, but that's the rule. You have to wait until they blow it in play, and we'll have to be more aware of that in the future."

(on how it felt to be in control of the game in the final minutes, running time off the clock for the defense to close it out) "That's such a great point. For our offense to come out there like that and just have that resolve, to run the ball the way we did, for Lamar [Jackson] to make the plays that he made, to take the time off the clock, we were really one call away from being able to finish the game with our offense, which would've been great. But then to get it back in field goal range ... We were out of field goal range; Lamar and the offense get us back in field goal range. Of course, you have 'Tuck' [Justin Tucker], and he makes a huge kick for those guys. Then the defense is out there, and it's a four-down situation. They have an opportunity with, really, plenty of time, because they're going to go for it on every fourth down, and that's a tough situation for a defense to be in sometimes. But to get them off right there, four-and-out, it's a great accomplishment, and I'm proud of those."

(on how OLB Tyus Bowser has grown in the last two seasons) "He's really become a dominant rusher, and he's not ... We have good pass rushers. We have really good edge rushers, and we have good inside rushers, too. [Justin] Madubuike does a nice job. But I just think the whole group is doing a great job, and Tyus [Bowser] is probably leading the way a little bit. But all of them; Odafe [Oweh], Justin [Houston], they're just doing tremendously well. I mean, we were rushing the passer. We didn't have a lot of sacks. How many sacks did we have?" (Reporter: "Three.") "Three. So, that's good, but there were a lot more that could have been sacks. You know, there's a lot more ... Do you know what I'm saying? You know what I'm saying? We weren't exactly being blocked, either." (Reporter: "He broke up the pass on third down and made the tackle on fourth down.") "Yes, well, that's Tyus. He got the game ball in there for that; the guy was all over the field. And that's what he does – he just does everything. He covers receivers. He does everything. I'm proud of him. You love him. You love him. I'm proud of all of these guys."

(on what it says about the team to overcome the turnovers and still win the game) "That's what I was trying to say. It starts with them; it's just a really challenging circumstance. Nobody gets flustered. It starts with Lamar [Jackson]. Lamar is a guy who makes so many plays for us, and of course, he's quarterback. The interceptions ... One of them was tipped, whatever, but he wants those plays back. He's mad about them. He's a massive competitor, yet he doesn't let it take control of him. Alright? He's able to push it aside, and he's able to play the next series and give you great football. It's really a rare trait. To me, that's one of the things that makes him the quarterback that he is. That's why I'm so excited that he's on our team, one of the reasons."

### TE Mark Andrews

(on what was said in the locker room during halftime) "Just keep on going. [The score] it was 6-3 at that point. Everything was out there. We were in control. Just keep on going, keep on making plays, and keep on believing – nothing crazy [was said]."

(on his mentality on the third-quarter touchdown drive) "I knew in the first half I left some things out there. I wanted to come out strong, make some plays. Obviously, Lamar [Jackson] trusted me to throw me the ball. I'm just trying to help this team."

(on his 13-yard touchdown catch from QB Lamar Jackson) "I just remember seeing him scramble out right and he was deep, and I felt like I was wide open. And he saw me, threw the ball, and it was an easy catch, easy touchdown. He threw a great ball there."



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(on how upset he was when the officials first called his one-handed catch incomplete) “Well, I knew it was a catch. So, I was like, ‘They better give me that dang catch, man.’ *(laughter)* Yes, it was a good one.”

(on if he noticed the Cleveland players celebrating the third interception with their fans) “No, I was just trying to fight for the ball. The first time, I tried to fight for the ball. The second time, I think you could see it. He didn’t catch that ball. The ball came up, and I’m trying to fight for it, and they’re coming over there trying to act like I’m trying to be excessive. But I’m just trying to get the ball, trying to play football. They wanted the ball, they wanted to go celebrate, but this is our field – [and] we got the ‘dub’ [win].”

(on having the No. 1 overall seed in the AFC) “We’ve just got to keep coming. We’re in control of our own destiny, which is a beautiful thing, but we’ve got to get better. We’ve got to get better in every aspect, but we’ve got a bunch of fighters on this team. Like I said, we believe, we trust each other, and we’re going to come each and every day to work, to get better, just trying to be the best team we can be. I think if we do that throughout these weeks – especially these divisional games – we’re going to reap the benefits of that.”

(on if he takes it upon himself to be a tone-setter) “Yes, I think everybody on this offense and this team is trying to set the tone. We’re just trying to make plays. Obviously, it all leads to [No.] 8 [Lamar Jackson]. [No.] 8 does everything. He’s the head honcho, and we’re all just trying to play off him.”

(on what QB Lamar Jackson says on the sideline when he’s having a bad game) “Calm, cool and collected – that’s who he is at all times. He’s someone that’s never going to get too down or high, or whatever it is. He’s someone that you can look to, look at in the huddle, and it’s like, ‘Let’s go, let’s ride. We’re about to go drive this ball.’”

(on if things have felt more difficult these past few weeks in terms of execution) “You see some of the drives we had today. I think we had a 17-play drive, and ended up getting three points. But we’re driving the ball really well. I think this game was ... I think there were some really, really good drives that we worked off of. It looked better than previous weeks. But, like I said, we had some real good drives on a lot of plays. But when we get down in there, we need to score.”

### **CB Marlon Humphrey**

(on the defense tonight) “It was good. ‘Harbs’ [head coach John Harbaugh] said it best in the team meeting. He said, ‘We’re not perfect, but the good thing is, we’re winning.’ Today, [on] defense, we played really good ball. We kind of had a rough first half, but we’ve got to build on what we just did today. Shout out to the D-line and linebackers. We do these goals of the week, and my goal was to keep them under 80 yards rushing, and as soon as I said it, I was like, ‘That might be pretty hard,’ but we were able to do that against, I think, the best running back duo in the league and probably one of the best O-lines. So, [we were] really special up front, and the guys on the back end, we did our thing, as well.”

(on how satisfying it was for the defense to come up with big stops) “Yes, it felt great. It’s crazy, me and ‘Co-Cap’ [Anthony Levine Sr.] talk sometimes, and we’re like, ‘We’re kind of spoiled sometimes having Lamar [Jackson] as our quarterback.’ But our defense, we want to take pride in whether they can score at the end. When we [are on defense], all we’ve got to do is stop the team four times, [and] we want to take pride in being able to deliver. I remember C.J. [Mosley] got that pick back there against the Browns [Week 17 of 2018]. And it’s so special when you end the game on defense. Taking a knee is the best play in the game, but getting a fourth-down stop is right there next to it.”

(on if the defense made stopping the run a point of emphasis) “The key was definitely to stop the run and kind of have our chances with Baker [Mayfield] and his weapons. We felt everything goes through their



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run game. Once they get their run game going, the play action comes. So, we felt if we could make them one dimensional, our best chance of winning would be that way.”

(on if he was surprised that the Browns came out throwing) “I was a little surprised they came out throwing. I saw when they had [Rashard] Higgins and [Anthony] Schwartz inactive – I didn’t expect that – so thought it would be much more [of a] running game. But yes, they came out throwing, and they had a couple open passes, so there are, of course, some things to clean up. But like I said, the run defense, the pass defense, we held up when we needed to hold up.”

(on if it means something for the defense to step up when QB Lamar Jackson isn’t playing his best) “Yes, for sure. I think it’s pretty obvious that he’s done some special things [and] won us a lot of games, sometimes, almost by himself. But the best quarterbacks ... If you look at the Top 5 quarterbacks in the league, no one has a great game every time. So, for us to pick him up, it was just special – and to end the game on defense. We put up enough points anyway, with ‘Tuck’ [Justin Tucker]. ‘Wink’ [defensive coordinator Don Martindale] talks about, ‘Protect each other,’ and I felt like that’s kind of what we did today.”

(on OLB Tyus Bowser) “Man, it’s been great to get drafted with him [in 2017], and it seems like these past two years he just all of a sudden went kind of crazy – kind of turned into that household name that we all kind of wanted to be when you first get drafted, and you want to stay with a certain team forever. Tyus [Bowser] has been doing great things. He was covering Jarvis Landry like a safety, so I was like ... He’s kind of one of those guys that’s showing he can do it all, so wherever ‘Wink’ [defensive coordinator Don Martindale] puts him, wherever we decide to put him, I know he’ll execute.”

(on OLB Odafe Oweh’s progression) “He’s progressed well. I think early on, I didn’t know about him, because he didn’t talk that much, and then ... It’s so cool to see how guys are every day, and then when they get on the field, they turn into just a monster. So, for him, it’s been crazy to kind of see him [click] that switch, which I think all the greats do. He had a forced fumble today. I hope he makes a couple more plays, and he’s able to win Defensive Rookie of the Year.”

### QB Lamar Jackson

(on what the film study process will be like to correct the interceptions he threw) “Just watch film and critique myself like I always do. I’m hot, though. I threw four interceptions, three in the first half. I feel like those drives, when the interceptions came, we could’ve done something on those drives. We could’ve put points on the board. I just told my team, ‘That’s me. I owe y’all.’”

(on what it says about the team to win in a close game) “I mean, everybody would like to win in a blowout in the league. But we’ve been doing it all season; we’ve been having close games all season. Like Mark [Andrews] said, we control our own destiny. We just have to keep building, keep stacking [wins]. I feel like we’re almost there. But like I said, I had those turnovers, too, so that slowed us down.”

(on if there’s a common denominator on the interceptions) “I mean, it’s one game that it happened. They just made great plays on those interceptions. It wasn’t like I was throwing it right to them; they were making diving interceptions. One of them I underthrew Mark [Andrews] - that could have been a better ball, for sure. They just made great plays.”

(on how he shakes off the frustration from throwing interceptions) “Just move on. It’ll still be on my mind, because I’ll still be talking about it, but you have to move on – move on to the next job. When you get another opportunity, just go out there and try to be right there.”



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(on if there was miscommunication with TE Mark Andrews on his third interception) “Yes, that’s me. That’s me. I should’ve thrown it right to him.”

(on the touchdown pass to TE Mark Andrews) “They went [Cover] Zero in the red zone. I dropped back. I was going to go to ‘Duv’ [Devin Duvernay], but [Denzel] Ward stopped back there, so I couldn’t throw it to Duvernay. I got back, and I saw Mark [Andrews] like right in the middle. I was going to try to drive it to him, but Myles Garrett was right there in my face when I was throwing the ball. So, I couldn’t really finish it. [Myles Garrett] hit my arm, but Mark made a great play coming back to the ball and then catching it in the end zone for a touchdown.”

(on if that touchdown pass to TE Mark Andrews was the longest 13-yard pass he’s ever thrown) “Probably, I don’t know.”

(on what it says about the team to overcome the turnovers and still win the game) “We’re determined. We’re determined. We know we want to win. We want to keep stacking [wins]. It’s a hard division. We’re in one of the tougher divisions, but we fight adversity. We do it all. There’s been a lot going on throughout this whole season, and tonight was another part of it. We just have to keep on doing what we’re doing, and we’re going to click.”

(on what DE Myles Garrett said to him after the touchdown pass to TE Mark Andrews) “He didn’t really say nothing, he just shook his head. He was like, (*shakes his head*). He was just giving me props on the play, that’s all.”

(on if it means anything to have the best record in the AFC with six games left) “It’s pretty cool, but we have to move on to the Steelers. There are six games left in the season; we have to keep winning. We have to keep playing, playing Ravens football.”

(on how valuable it was for the defense to keep the offense in the game) “It was huge. That’s a great offense led by a great quarterback. They have great receivers [and] running backs. Our defense just played lights out today. I hoped I could have put more points on the board for them instead of putting them out there with three interceptions and no points at all. I’m ticked off, but I told all those guys, ‘Man, way to have my back. Way to have my back, because y’all deserved that. You played lights out.’”

(on how he felt after taking a few hits tonight) “I’m good. It was like a ‘Welcome back,’ for real. (*laughter*) I needed that, because I haven’t been in action in a week. I really needed that, so I’m good.”

#### **ILB Patrick Queen**

(on how he’s feeling) “I’m good.”

(on what happened on the play in which he got injured, but later returned) “I just tried to hit somebody that was a little bit bigger than me. (*laughter*) I took the effects of it, but that’s football – it comes with it. So, I’m just happy that I’m still healthy. Thank God for that.”

(on the defense’s performance) “We just knew that it was a physical game, and it was going to come down to who wanted it more. So, that’s what we preached the whole week, [and] that’s what we preached before the game. We just came out, executed our plays, and everybody just did their job, one play at a time.”



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(on how it felt for the defense to deliver the finishing blow) "There have been weeks where it's one or two plays [when] we just couldn't capitalize on those, but this week, we did our job. We got the stops. We got the ball back to our offense, and they did their thing with it. So, it was just a team effort."

(on his performance tonight) "Just like I said, it was going to come down to who wanted it more. I wanted it. I wanted it bad. It's been weeks of stacking and stacking and just praying and grinding, just trying to be a better player – trying to be a better player for my teammates, so they can rely on me and count on me."

(on if the game has slowed down for him and if he's doing less thinking in recent weeks) "Yes, I'm just playing football at this point. I know the defense down pat. We get scouting reports, [and] we know what the offense likes to do, so we're just playing football at this point. See ball, get ball."

(on if he was close to not returning after his injury and how important he felt it was to get back out there) "No, I was going to return regardless. I was hurting, but my teammates, I felt like they needed me, and I wanted to be out there for them. If it would have taken my all, then that's what it was going to take."

(on if he feels more confident out there the last few weeks) "Yes, of course. Like I said, I'm just being me, playing football, seeing ball, getting ball."

(on how the defense approached this game without DE Calais Campbell) "Calais [Campbell] is a key piece to our defense, and we missed him out there, but we've got guys to step up and ball. Like you see on the rest of our team, if somebody goes down, somebody steps up. That's what we know; that's how we move. Just like I said all week, we preached it: Who wants it more?"

(on what it means to protect each other – the message CB Marlon Humphrey said defensive coordinator Don Martindale has preached) "Just being able to rely on somebody. Like, early in the season, me missing tackles, my teammates couldn't rely on me at that point, and I had to clean up my act. I wasn't protecting my teammates at that point, so I had to clean up my act. And now, it just comes with everything – just having your brother's back, no matter what it is. If he's on the ground, pick him up. If he's slacking, pick him up, talk to him, encourage him. Just every little, small thing about it [that's worth] picking somebody up about – that's what we preach."

### **OLB Tyus Bowser**

(on having more success recently in getting to the quarterback) "I'm feeling good. I've just really been honing in on film study and being confident in myself a lot more than I used to. I'm just taking advantage of my reps. Whenever those reps come, and I'm driving, or I'm rushing, whatever it may be, I'm just trying to take advantage of it. I just go out there and try to make a play for the team, honestly. Overall, I feel like I've been playing well, but I've got to keep it going."

(on the pass rush group as a whole having some more success) "It's been great, man, especially with Justin [Houston] here and him being a veteran. That's a 100-sack-plus guy, and you've got to pay homage to a guy like that. With him just being the type of player he is, it's great for him to help us out, to try to help us be better as pass rushers. When we go out there, we're talking out on the practice fields, we're working on different things, talking about the gameplan or just looking over rushes with the tackles. Overall, it all just helps us go out there and play hard and fast. We talk amongst each other and just encourage one another to go out there and make a play and that we have each other's back."

(on this stretch of AFC North contests) "The most important thing is just taking advantage of these division games. We're always going to be put into crazy situations regardless, but we have the guys for it, we have the coaches for it, and we're confident in our team. We're just going to take it one week at a



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time, take advantage of the moment, do our jobs, and then whatever happens, happens. Overall, we're just ready."

### **RB Devonta Freeman**

(on the Ravens' rushing offense) "It was a great opportunity for us to execute and show what we can do when we want to run the ball. We did it well at the end of the game when our number got called upon, we just executed."

(on the resilience heart and character of the team) "We've got a bunch of guys that just come out to work every single day, battling, fighting for each other and being consistent. At the end of the year, everybody is banged up, everybody is hurting, but we're all going out there fighting for each other every day."

(on the Ravens' defense stopping the Browns' top-ranked rushing attack) "Those guys on defense, they fight tough. We fight for each other as a whole group – offense, defense, special teams. To see them go out and do that versus that dominant run offense, it just speaks volumes about our defense."

### **OLB Odafe Oweh**

(on how well the Ravens' defense played today) "We're just starting to get to come together. The crazy part is that's not even the best we can play. We're still missing people. We're still cleaning up the little things, but once we get that figured out, it's going to be light's out. I'm so proud of the defense. I'm so proud of how we played. I can't wait for the future."

(on his sack/forced fumble of WR Jarvis Landry) "Once I saw that they were doing that weird Wildcat formation, I knew I had to get off on the ball. So, I quickly tried to beat my man. Jarvis kind of flowed my way, but once he saw me, he scurried the other way, and that's when I chased him down, saw the ball and stripped it out."

### **DT Brandon Williams**

(on returning to the field after missing the past few games) "It felt amazing to be back out there with the family. It's been a long time coming, but I'm finally back out here, and we got the win, so that makes it even better."

(on how the defensive unit stepped up tonight) "We're accountable for each other. We're a family. We make sure everybody is on the same page, and at the same time, make sure everybody is executing the right plays. This week was definitely about execution, about stopping the run, and definitely for me, it was about getting back out there with family. It was important to get back out with my team and prove that we can still go. I mean, allowing 40 yards rushing, it can't get any better than that."

(on if stopping the run was a point of emphasis this week) "Oh, definitely. Nick Chubb is a star running back and one of the best running backs in the league. We know that if he gets going, it could be a problem, so we definitely had to make sure we didn't let him get started."

(on the importance of this three-game stretch, beginning today, against AFC North opponents) "It's a three-headed monster. We've got one down, two to go, and we're onto Pittsburgh right now. Right now, we just need to be focused on our preparation for Pittsburgh."