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### **HEAD COACH TODD MONKEN**

#### **On today's game...**

Obviously, not good enough. Give credit to the Jets their resiliency there at the end, but we certainly didn't do enough offensively, running the football, consistently throwing it. Really, what we had was Deshaun (Watson) running around trying to make some plays down the field, and even with all that being said, we put ourselves in a position at the end, like we had the last three weeks, as up and down as we had played, have to get the touchdown, get the turnover. Unfortunately, we go three-and-out, and then, obviously, giving up the snap and the punt at the end. But as we know in this league, it comes down to making the other team play their best, and I don't think we did that today. I don't think we did that in some ways defensively. We did after the first drive. I thought we settled in pretty well. Gave up some yards but came up with some big stops and some turnovers. But ultimately, not good enough, not clean enough. I mean that's just the way it is. And when you do the things we did today, you're going to put yourself behind the eight ball in terms of a chance of trying to win. And that's what we did today.

#### **On how the team is planning to get better moving forward...**

Oh, I mean we have a lot to get better going forward starting with me and our coaching staff. I mean you guys, maybe not you, but other people have heard me say it before is what are we going to do? We're going to own it. We're going to be self-aware to know that we're human and we fail, and we're going to own it and fight like hell to fix it. That's what you do every week. It's a week-to-week league, and as good as it's felt the last three weeks, doesn't feel very good right now. I'm not discouraged. I love our guys, and they come to work every day. That's all you can ask is for your guys to come to work every day and give you everything they got. And we certainly got to coach better, got to play better. I mean that's just what you got to do. And I haven't really watched the tape to really know, but there's a lot of things we're going to continue to get better at.

#### **On if the bad snap was because of a wet ball...**

I don't know. I mean it was wet the whole game. So, I mean was that a part of it? Probably. Was that a part of some of the drops? Probably. Was that a part of some of the ball security? Probably. But we both had to play in it, and that's it in a nutshell, not good enough.

#### **On his thoughts on Deshaun Watson's eight sacks...**

Let's just say this: eight sacks is a season high. I hope, like hell, the rest of the time I'm here, we don't have a game we have eight sacks. Okay, I'm not trying to be, you know, I'm just saying. When you say that, it's everything. It's coaching, it's playing, it's getting the ball out of our hands, it's protection, it's all the above. It's rarely just one person, and so we all got to take a big fricking bite of this, and work to get better, because that's not good enough. I mean and I know we had got some pressure on Geno (Smith), but again, you're going to put yourself in that position when you can't run the football. We weren't able to run the football today, and we were behind the sticks the whole day, and we made a few plays, some get back on track and some third downs that gave us a chance, but we were never comfortable calling it or playing, and that's not a recipe for success. Everybody knows that, but we

got to be able to run the football to control the game. It starts up front, starts with the way we call it and the way we scheme it.

### **On KC Concepcion being out of the game...**

That's just a bang-bang play. I mean Minkah's (Fitzpatrick) has been in this league a long time. I mean he's not a dirty player. I've never seen that out of him. I mean it's a bang-bang play. Unfortunately, it happened to our guy, and that that's part of the league. And yeah, not having KC is a part of it, but everybody's missing players. It's the NFL. You lose guys throughout the course of a game, and ultimately you count on the next man up. The expectations of the position, and we obviously didn't do enough. We just didn't do enough on offense.

### **On if Concepcion is in concussion protocol...**

I'm not ready to go there. I mean he didn't come back in the game, so that's all I know. I saw him afterwards. He was in good spirits, but I don't even know what exactly what the rules are. I know he missed the game, so I would assume he's in concussion protocol.

### **On if Watson looked comfortable during the game today...**

I don't want to go there yet without really watching it. From the first play of the game we didn't get the ball handled very well, and we had a little bit of a zone read, and we've got to pull it, and we don't. You end up with a second-and-14, so right off the jump you get a loss yardage play, which is not ideal, but that's part of it. That's the part of growing as a team and coaches together collectively, and there's going to be some ups and downs as players and coaches, and we're going to go back to work. We're going to watch the tape on the plane heading home, and we're going to pick our big boy pants up and try to figure out a way to get better. That's what you do. I mean that's what we're paid to do, and it just wasn't good enough. I mean you guys watched it.

### **On what's been holding back the run game...**

I don't know that. I mean if I knew that, we'd have it fixed. At times I think we do some nice things with it, and other times we don't and it's all of us. I mean isn't it what we do? Like it's coaching it, scheming it, it's playing, it's doing the things our players can do well. I mean that's what you do. We got to all own it because when, I tell our coaches all the time, man if you want the credit when we win, man, we got to own this when we don't. You got to own it. Can't be this when we lose and it's this when we win. No, it's all of us. That's what we means. That's what a team means. And we got to take a big bite of this and say, hey, that's not good enough. Give them credit. I'd said it before we played them. They did a few things a little bit differently. They'd been playing a ton of shell. And this week, I think they changed it a little bit, played a little bit more man. They were a little bit more aggressive, and that's a credit to them and Aaron (Glenn). You could see it even leading up to the Bears game, how well they've been playing on defense. They really had been playing well and been playing aggressively.

### **On the play of special teams today...**

Well, just kind of fits the day, right? There was a sequence there of special teams plays where you miss the extra point, you give up the long kick return. Defense comes up with a big stop, and then we mishandle the snap or the catch. So it's like, within a matter of whatever that would have been, three plays on us on offense, and however many they had four or five with them, we had three special teams plays that we're below the line, but that's what happens, right? When you don't play clean, you're going to get beat, and we got beat because of those things, and we're going to work like heck to fix it.

### **On the second half penalties...**

I'd have to look at what'd we have seven or some. We had none in the first half, and some of it I don't know it just felt like that kind of game. I'm sure they're going to say the same thing where they had some false starts. You're trying to communicate in the rain, trying to make sure you're on point, but we had obviously way too many in the second half. And again, nothing was clean from special teams to offense, the only thing that we can actually say our

guys battled their rear ends off was on defense after the first drive, and came up with some big stops when we needed it. I mean that that's really what it came down to. And even then, all that being said, we haven't played a clean game yet. We just found a way in the other three games to get it done in the fourth quarter. I mean let's be real about it, and we had the opportunity. We just did. We got the turnover, had the ball right there at the 40 and we just didn't capitalize at that moment, and that's what happens.

### **On Quincy Williams backing up his statements from earlier in the week...**

I mean Quincy's a good football player, and he's with us now and we're happy we have him. I don't get into Quincy being here now with us. I don't get into all that. We got to play better football, and just collectively, and we certainly are capable of that.

### **On how Watson battled back...**

Well, it started with the end of the first half, and then we were backed up. The last drive of the first half in two minute, and then three straight drives were backed up. We just couldn't get out of our own end. We did in two minute, and then we had a little bit of a setback, and you're backed up and it's a low scoring game in the weather, and we just weren't able to really get out, and the defense kind of still kept us in it, kept battling. Deshaun's a battler, he's a competitor, but it's too early for me to really talk about really anything about the game without watching it, without really looking at it. But Deshaun battled back and hit the touchdown that gave us the lead, and we just weren't good enough. We just weren't good enough today, coaching and playing, and that's just the way it is.

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## **QUARTERBACK DESHAUN WATSON**

### **On how tough the conditions made it to throw and catch...**

It was tough. We try not to make that as an excuse. We tried to adjust to the elements as best as possible and try to make as many plays as we possibly can.

### **On the loss of WR KC Concepcion...**

It's tough, especially for him to go out like that. We're all praying for him. We saw him afterwards and he's doing well. He definitely was a big part of the game plan. We have to be able to make adjustments. Guys have to be able to adjust on the fly for different roles.

### **On the Jets defense sacking him eight times and what gave him trouble...**

You have to give the Jets credit. They did a good job of showing different pressures and bringing it from all over the place. They did a good job of getting back to us. We're going to watch the tape and try to make sure that we learn from those and pick those up next time.

### **On his performance...**

Not good enough to win. We didn't get the W. That's all that matters to me. I'm just trying to find ways to win. It's hard to win in this league, especially on the road against a good team like the Jets. They played hard. We didn't get the W, so my performance really doesn't matter.

### **On the play of the Jets defense...**

Their [head coach] AG (Aaron Glenn) did a good job of just rolling the dice, switching it up and bringing different pressures, different looks. They were bringing it from different sides. When you have a veteran group that has played a lot of football, you can do things like that. Again, we just have to lock in one play at a time and do our best to pick it up. They had a better day than us.

### **On how tough it is to drive from your own territory without the run game going...**

It's always tough being backed up. Any time we possess the ball, we just try to put in a drive, regardless of where we're starting. It's tough to go 90-plus yards against any defense in this league, especially consistently. We had a few times where we started to back up. We just tried to do our best to get out of those zones so we can help our defense flip the field. We did it a couple of times. We just tried to play field position, but with the conditions, it was definitely tough.

### **On how he felt about the team's chances to win when they got the ball back with 1:41 remaining in the fourth...**

There was still hope. There were still opportunities. Again, they capitalized on it better than us. We got a penalty, a sack, and some missed opportunities, but that happens. We will get on the bus, get on this flight, watch the tape and see what we could have done better, learn and get ready for Baltimore next week. The opportunity might happen again.

### **On his message to his teammates after drops...**

Just keep encouraging. We have a young team, especially offensively. Keep encouraging. Don't get discouraged. I'm going to keep trying you. I'm going to keep coming back to you. Find the open zones. It's my job to put the ball with the opportunity for them to make the plays. There were some throws that I could have made better, sitting here thinking about it. We're all in it together. We're just going to continue to keep working hard to find ways to capitalize next time on those opportunities if those elements show up again.

### **On the play of WR Isaiah Bond, specifically stepping in for Concepcion...**

Proud of him. It's a big role. KC was a big factor in this game plan and for 'IB' to not necessarily get the reps that KC took all week, for him to come in and try to perform and be in the right spot at the right time, you just have to be proud and look at it in an encouraging way. It's all perspective. Right now, it's not a good feeling. We lost. At the end of the day, there is a lot more football left. Came out healthy and guys have those opportunities to watch the tape and learn from it. That's the positive. Everything is perspective on how you look at it. When you watch the tape, it's not always bad and it's not always good. You need to find the middle ground.

### **On the touchdown pass to Denzel Boston...**

It was an opportunity for us to take a shot. We knew that they were going to bring a little pressure. Called a timeout before that time they were about to go to zero. Next time, I don't know exactly what they did on the backside, but he made a good release and I just put the ball up there and gave him an opportunity far away where either he was going to get it or no one will. He went up and made that play. It was a good play for us in that moment. We just have to finish the game.

### **On what he learned about what he needs to do going forward with the Ravens coming to town...**

Just make sure we're all on the same page. There were some things that we weren't aligned. You could probably see it watching the game. Regardless of what's going on with the environment and the elements, we have to make sure we're locked in. Being the quarterback and a veteran guy, making sure that before we break that huddle, we're all on the same page. That's the key. Operation comes first. Communication comes right there with it. If we can do that, we can have success.

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## **DENZEL BOSTON**

### **On his touchdown...**

It was just a little double move that we called. Just wanted to try and get some points on the board quick, considering the time running down and it being a close game, yeah that's just really how it went, a little double move, slipped the DB inside, Deshaun (Watson) laid out a beautiful ball and just went up and got it.

### **On the hit on KC Concepcion...**

I didn't see the hit, my back was turned to it. I just saw him on the ground. I'm just making sure my brother is ok, you know I love him. We came in together, we spend almost every day together, so I just had to make sure he was good.

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### **ANDRE SZMYT**

#### **On the weather conditions...**

You're always going to experience weather, so you know I got to do my best to go out there and make the kicks when they send me out, so I mean, can't blame them on that, I got to be able to.

#### **On the missed extra-point...**

I don't know, I have to look at the film. It feels like I almost hit it a little thin, I don't know maybe heavier ball wouldn't help it, kind of like stay inside that upright and just kind of keep it on that direction. But like I said, I have to watch the tape and that's just what I felt.

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### **QUINCY WILLIAMS**

#### **On if the weather conditions had an impact on the offense...**

I wouldn't know because I was on defense. But the biggest part when it's raining like that and you get an offense that runs the ball a lot is stopping the run and shorter passes. Just being prepared for that.

#### **On if he thought the game was over after the late strip sack...**

Oh yeah. Complimentary football. But I know that the game is not over and you have to play full until you see zeros in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter.

#### **On how excited he and the team were about his performance...**

I'm going to give you an honest answer, for real. They scored. Our mindset is if they don't score, they don't win. So, we're kind of down about that since we gave up two scores. Especially because we're the focal point of the defense so we have to make sure everybody is on the same page. So, the fact that they scored, we're kind of down about that just because it's our standard. Me playing a good game and all the other linebackers playing a good game, I'm not going to say that it doesn't matter, but it wasn't enough, so.

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### **HEAD COACH AARON GLENN**

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#### **Opening statement...**

When it comes to injuries, the only injury of note is (Kenyon) Sadiq. He'll be going through concussion protocol, but he's fine. He checked out just fine, but he'll have to go through the process. We had some other guys get dinged up but they ended up finishing the game, so that'll be good. And I'm looking forward to some guys who are going to be coming back this week. When it comes to the game, there's a lot that we have to clean up. It's always good to get a win. When you get a win in a situation where you can visibly see what you've got to clean up, this will be a good week for it. Our guys fought and we finished and that was the last thing that we pointed out as far as our prep for the week, just to make sure we have a finish mentality and it was good to see our guys go out there and finish the game. Again, the penalties are something that we've got to clean up. It's hard to go through a season with it going like that. For the first couple of games we were doing really good and for the last two it seemed like we've had this penalty deal that we've got to clean up. Listen, we don't sit here and cry and (expletive) and moan about the refs. We have to create that ourselves so that's something that we have to look at and we'll continue to look at it. Other than that, good team win, every part had some bright moments that we could look at to help us get this win, but every part has some moments that we have to look at that cost us, too. We'll make sure we go in there and try to fix those things.

#### **On how the defense responded after last week...**

This is the NFL. I wish every game could be a game like we just had or a game like we had against Tennessee, but that's not realistic. There are a lot of good teams in this league, and you have to be on top of your game week in and week out, and that's hard to do in this league. That's no excuse at all. It's just a fact that we ran into a buzzsaw last week, but the thing is, these men did a really good job of responding and I give those guys all the credit in the world that they flushed what happened last week and they moved onto this week and they went out there and did a good job. Our mentality this whole week, let's just be 1-0. That's going to be our mentality the rest of the season. And as a team, our guys went out and did that.

#### **On how badly the team needed the win...**

I think the thing that we think about more than anything is every week is a game that you need. So, it doesn't matter what the situation is, we go out there and have the mindset of we have to win this week. Regardless of what happened in the past, regardless of what happened three weeks ago, it doesn't matter, we have to win. We don't think negatively like that. We just think each week, we move on and we have to win the game.

#### **On David Bailey's performance...**

You guys tell me.

### **On Bailey having three sacks...**

There you go.

### **On what he thought of Bailey's performance...**

I've said it all along that his time is going to come. I have all the confidence in him in the world. He did a good job today. He did a good job. There are some things that he's got to work on. For him to come out and have, I think, three sacks, that's who David is and we expected that.

### **On what made the pass rush effective...**

Each week is different. Each week is different. And I've got to do a good job of making sure I create things like that. Duke (Defensive Coordinator Brian Duker) has got to do a good job of helping make sure we create things like that. As we continue to move on, we have to continue to do that and it takes a lot of work to be able to get that done and the thing is we've got guys that can actually rush the passer. So, some of it is it's a player's game and those guys do a good job. And sometimes you just don't have it that week. The fact that putting all our heads together, everybody on the defensive staff, and figuring out what do we need to do to make sure we put these guys in the right position, and that's what happened today.

### **On blitzing aggressively, specifically Jarvis Brownlee Jr....**

I keep saying this every week that every game takes on a life of its own and I don't put myself in a box on who I am as a play caller. I just felt like that this week that we could take advantage of some of the pressures that we have in our system to try to create some plays. Listen, that team's been playing well. I give a lot of credit to Todd (Monken). I think he's a hell of a coach and he's done a hell of a job with that team. We just felt like this was a week we could take advantage of some of the pressures that we have in our system.

### **On special teams...**

Yeah, that's complimentary football and that's something that I talked to our guys about this morning in our team meeting in here of making sure that we complement each other. I think last week our special teams actually picked it up on our coverage units. I wanted to make sure this week that we put it all together with our return units also. I think we had a really good return that put us in position to get points. When you can do that with your special teams, then compliment that with the offense controlling the ball, running the ball, and being able to hit some explosive passes, and defense getting three-and-outs and getting takeaways, that's usually a sign for success. So, I like the way we did that today.

### **On factoring in Deshaun Watson's mobility...**

That's a really good question because when you watch the previous games, he's been doing a really good job of getting out. Hell, he actually got out on us a couple of times. But, listen, I'll sit there and be lying to our guys to say he's not going to make a play. At some point he's going to get out. That's just what good players do. But I think the guys respect that. I don't BS them and tell them, listen, he's going to get out every now and then but the thing is we've got to make sure that we trap him inside. And if we can trap him inside, there's a chance that we're going to be able to make some plays. And our guys did a good job of that. If we can just limit his chances of getting out, I think we'll create some success for ourselves on the defense, and I think our guys did a good job of that.

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## **QUARTERBACK GENO SMITH**

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### **On how he would assess the performance...**

Just as anyone would in the pouring rain. We don't make any excuses here, so my answer is always we've got to be better. The conditions, you can't control that. The only think you can control is doing your part and so, for me, I felt like a couple of times I could have handled the ball better. So, we'll work on that and get better from it.

### **On what getting a win does for the team's confidence...**

I think I'm surrounded by a lot of confident guys, a lot of confident coaches. Coach (Aaron) Glenn does a great job at sticking to his message, so regardless of what the record is, we stick to our process. No matter what the situation is, we've got to focus on the task at hand. So, it's great to get a win today, I thought the fellas played well, and now we'll get back to work and get on to next week.

### **On his impression of Braelon Allen...**

I thought Braelon played outstanding. I thought the offensive line did a tremendous job at controlling the line of scrimmage up front and really giving us an opportunity to control the clock and run the ball well. It was needed today and I thought everyone did a great job.

### **On how important the defense was...**

Every week we count on those guys to go out there and get stops. They were flying around today. They made a ton of big plays. I thought David (Bailey) played a great game. Demario (Davis) leading those guys. The secondary was flying around making plays on the football. They played as a unit which gave us a spark and allowed us to, obviously, stay in the game and then special teams made a big play late and the offensive line and Braelon finished it off.

### **On if he anticipated Garrett Wilson would play well...**

Yeah, he's Garrett Wilson and we think he can do that every single week. He loves competing. He's a proven player. He makes plays when the ball comes his way. We've got to continue to find ways to get him the football. Once the ball is in his hands, he'll make plays.

### **On Bailey's performance...**

That's who he is. We've seen it from the moment he stepped in. In training camp, he was all around the football making plays. He's been doing it all season. He's a young player but he's got a veteran approach, and he does the little things well. It's great to see him show up the way that he did. I know it's only going to increase his confidence and allow him to go out there and make more plays.

### **On where they can take the season now...**

One day at a time, one game at a time, and just one practice at a time. We've got a division opponent upcoming, and we know how important those games are, so we've got to get back to work and get ready for it.

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## **BRAELON ALLEN**

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### **On what was going through his head on his TD run...**

Honestly, I was just really hype during the play. Once I got past first level I knew it was over. When the play came in, I was really surprised because it was third and nine. I wasn't expecting to run the ball when he called it, but I was glad he did. It worked out obviously.

### **On what today meant to him...**

Today, I think is a testament to God for one. Leaning on my faith throughout this whole journey coming back from my knee and building myself back up to who I know I can be. Two, is a testament to the team that we have. The guys up front are doing their jobs very well making it pretty easy for me. My job is easy at the end of the day. Hit the hole hard and don't get tackled. So, it was a lot of fun like I said.

### **On if he gets excited for weather conditions like this...**

No, I wouldn't say that. I mean knowing you can run the ball is cool, but I would love 70 and sunny every week. But that's not the case. Especially when you're at MetLife for whatever reason, but either way, rain, sleet, snow, you got to go out there and do your job next week.

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## **DAVID BAILEY**

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### **On how it felt to get three sacks...**

It felt good man. It felt good to know that to do this, to compete against the highest level and I'm just proud of my d-line. I'm proud of the defense as a whole to come together. We're working on the things that we said we're going to work on.

### **On contributing to a big victory...**

It felt great. It's a team effort, and again, all the work that we put in throughout the week, we got together and sat down and made a list of things that we needed to work on as a whole and individually, and it just felt good to know that we took care of that in a game.

### **On the key to rushing Deshaun Watson effectively...**

Again, just working together with my d-line, also the linebackers. Understanding what pressures are being called, where the pressure is coming from, and how that affects my approach to my rush, so I think just understanding the defense as a whole and rushing together with our rush lanes integrity.

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## **GARRETT WILSON**

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### **On how the win felt..**

Man, that's why we're so sick when it doesn't go that way. Coming out on top and seeing all the guys in here after, not just the guys on the team, the staff. Everyone that put their effort towards this win. It's what it's all about and that's the feeling we're hunting every weekend. It felt good.

### **On Aaron Glenn's message this week...**

That hump; the only hump is winning. We have to get over that hump. Go 1-0 this week. Go 1-0 each rep and that was the mindset that we all talked about before we took the field. Winning your one-on-one and playing your part in the play and not worrying about the score. That was his message and all of a sudden, we came in here and we won. It was spot on.

### **On the complementary football today...**

Supportive football, complementary. However you want to put it, we kind of call it supportive. If there's a period where the defense is low and the offense has to pick up the slack and vice versa. Special teams getting that return out to the 45, we might've ended up giving the ball back, but the energy, the vibes they curate, it's all there and they reverberate through the team. Maybe that's why we came out on top, just playing that style of football.

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