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MIAMI DOLPHINS QUOTES

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Defensive End Andre Branch

(On how he would sum up the season) – “At the end of the season, our goal was to win the week but we didn’t have that, so that’s disappointing. We knew we could have won that game, but we didn’t make enough plays to make that happen.”

(Would you like to be back here? I know you’re a free agent at the end of the season. Would you like to be back here or have you gotten that far?) – “Yes. I love this place. They believed in me when not too many people did. I appreciate them for that. So we’ll see how it goes. I don’t know what the future holds, but I had an amazing time this year.”

(What’s the frame of mind today? There’s got to be a lot of processing. You guys had such a good season in so many ways by turning things around here. Yesterday was obviously a very tough day. Where’s your head at?) – “Yesterday was disappointing. But everybody’s mindset today was positive and

we know what we have to do to fix it going into the offseason. It just makes you work harder.”

(What’s your most vivid memory of the season?) – “That’s a tough one. I can’t just pinpoint one. I had a great time all season, whether it be we stayed in Seattle for an extended amount of time to going to the West Coast for 11 days, and that’s where I think we really ... where people really saw how much of a brotherhood we had. To the end, where we had a lot of injuries and players just stepped up, and we didn’t blink. We didn’t let that get us down. We just kept fighting. We’ve just got to keep that going into the offseason.”

(Do you think that bond played a role in the success?) – “No doubt about it. When you feel like you’re letting your brothers down, that’s when you start seeing successful play on offense, defense and special teams. For us, that’s what the culture is now. (Head) Coach





(Adam) Gase brought the culture and all of the players bought into it and (they were) great things to happen.”

(How would you assess your season from an individual standpoint?) – “I’m always, ‘Yes, I can work on my game.’ So for me, it’s constantly watching film on myself and other players at my position, adding things to my toolbox and going into the off season full steam, full speed ahead. I’m getting better

and coming back even better than I was this year.”

(How much do you enjoy so many players in this locker room saying that you brought energy the time you were on the field?) – “Amazing. I feel that from them. I can’t bring energy if they didn’t trust me to bring energy to them. I appreciate them for that. From Day 1 they welcomed me with open arms and allowed me to be myself.”

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