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MIAMI DOLPHINS QUOTES

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Wide Receiver Kenny Stills

(On if there was a mentality change that just making it to the playoffs isn't good enough.) – "I tell guys how I really feel. A majority of the time when I talk to you guys, we talk about the talent that we know that we have on this team and the potential that we all could see in each other. So us not being able to get a victory yesterday is something that we feel like we had a good opportunity of doing and we didn't. We truly believe in this room that we could make a run – a serious run – and we still truly believe that. We feel like we didn't do what we were supposed to do."

(Considering you were 6-10 last year and 1-4 to start the season, do you think – whether it's days or weeks – you'll be able to appreciate just how far this team did come, even though you didn't reach your ultimate goal, to appreciate what was accomplished?) – "It doesn't take days or weeks to appreciate that. I'm sick about the game yesterday, but I still understand where we've come (from). I told the guys before the

game, 'Look how far we've come.' It's something that you can be proud of, but it's not something to hang your hat on. We know what we expect out of each other, and we know the potential of this group. We've got to come back stronger next year and do it again."

(Do you think weather played a factor yesterday?) – "It didn't play a factor for me. I can't comment on everybody else's ability to play the game, but I don't feel like it affected me at all."

(Many of the guys talked about not feeling this feeling again. What needs to be done going into the offseason to try to correct some things and make sure that you guys can go a little bit further next year?) – "A lot of people say that we're young and that we need to mature, but it's knowing when you get in the playoffs, you can't start slow, you can't turn the ball over, you can't have penalties. The way that we played yesterday wasn't good





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enough. Sometimes things like this have to happen if you're going to learn that lesson that needs to be learned. I definitely think that happened. Guys understand the way this feels and we don't want it to happen again."

(How much do you want to come back here with the way this organization is going?) – "I

don't know how to say how much I want to come back here. I want to be back here, yes. I love this team; I love these guys. We did something special after starting 1-4. We did something really special. We're going to do whatever we can to try and make that happen."

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