



DENVER BRONCOS POSTGAME QUOTES

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DENVER BRONCOS vs. GREEN BAY PACKERS

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BRONCOS HEAD COACH GARY KUBIAK

On what keyed the offensive performance

“I don't know, I think that we started to play better in Cleveland. We started to find a rhythm. Obviously, we did some good stuff during the bye week that helped us, as a team, understand exactly where we want to go forward. I think that we kind of played that way. I think, as a team, we just played fresh. We played fast. To me, that was the fastest that we've looked in a while. I think that the two weeks helped us a great deal.”

On the play of RB C.J. Anderson

“He played very well. I talked to these guys [Anderson and RB Ronnie Hillman] about how I consider them both starters. I felt that Ronnie deserved the opportunity to go out there as our starter this week. We're going to need them both. What I'm trying to do is create a very competitive environment among those guys. I like the way that they're practicing. They're competing against each other. If that happens, we're going to play better. I'm proud of both of them and how they played. Ronnie got a little nicked, but obviously, C.J. played very well.”

On getting the tight ends involved in the offense

“The biggest thing, and you guys notice, we played in some two tight end stuff tonight. We played in the base offense instead of all of the three wide [receivers] and four wide [receivers], which we had kind of been stuck with those two tight end situations. We were able to expand on some of the things we were doing because of getting a third tight end on our roster [TE Richard Gordon] and incorporating him for a couple of weeks.”

On the concern entering a game and weekend with so much attention

“I was concerned. There were a lot of things going on. I did preach to the players the other week that there was a lot of distractions, but they're all for the right reasons. That's the way that I approach it. That's the way that I approached it. I asked them to embrace that environment. We had the '97 team players with us Saturday morning and all of the Ring of Famers after practice. I told them, no matter how we do this week, other than just [affecting] your preparation, you guys embrace this situation because I thought that it ended up being great. You're right, for us to play that well give Annabel [Bowlen] the ball was kind of icing on the cake. It was a great weekend. I think that our guys really stayed focused with a lot of things going on.”

On the ability to run the ball and avoid turnovers

"The thing that I've said all along is that I paint a vision of what I think we can become. We have to keep going. We have a long way to go, but I see the work. I think that we're settling down with some of the things that we're doing. If we just stay healthy. 18 [QB Peyton Manning] and I work pretty well. We go forward, but I've seen those things. I just think that we need to stay positive and keep working. That's what our guys have done, they really have. They've stayed the course, keep battling and they're never satisfied. That's a great thing. Even tonight, as well as we moved the ball, we talked about a couple of things that we could've done better already in the locker room. We just need to stay the course. We have a good football team. We need to stay the course and keep working."

On the play of the offensive line

"It's huge. We worked together last week for probably the first time in a month. That was a big part. You guys asked me about that all week. We did let [C/G] Max [Garcia] sub tonight and spell [G] Evan [Mathis] and [G Louis] Lou [Vasquez] a little bit. That's the key. We had hoped to get [T] Ty [Sambrailo] back. We worked through the week with Ty. He wasn't ready to go, but those other guys stepped up and played well. They have a lot to do with our progress as an offensive football team."

On secondary's ability to cover effectively

"I agree, especially in the first half. We were getting there [to the quarterback], but we couldn't finish. We had him [Packers QB Aaron Rodgers] in trouble, but he found a way to move around and still made some plays. We had some calls on the back end because of timing more than anything. I thought that we covered extremely well and, in the second half, we were able to get home more often."

On the middle passing routes opening up for the offense for WR Demaryius Thomas in the first quarter

"I don't know. I'm trying to think of the play. I think I know which one you're talking about. I don't know why. I think that the biggest thing tonight is that Peyton had some great plays. We hit a lot of check-in [audible] stuff from a run game and pass game standpoint. He got us in some great plays. We made some big third downs running the football tonight. He had us in the exact play that we needed to be in. I'm going to give him a lot of credit for that. On that particular play, it's a man d. DT [Thomas] did a great job and, of course, protection was a key factor on that play."

On if Manning could gain confidence after his performance

"I think what's happened with Peyton is that he's gained confidence in the guys that he's playing with. He has a new front with him. I think that he continues to gain confidence in them that they can protect him and do their job and we can run the ball like that--working with [TE Owen] O.D. [Daniels]. There are some new faces for him to work with. I think the confidence is just coming through repetitions with the guys that he's working with. Obviously, he played spectacular tonight. He did a hell of a job. He's done that many times in his career. Just need to keep it going."

On CB Bradley Roby seeing action at safety

"It's kind of seeing what package we're facing. It's one of the good things that we have going on. He plays both the run game [and the pass game], so we're able to not take our base front or base people off the field sometimes and still be able to cover three wide football teams. That's why he played a lot."

On if he's more comfortable now that both offense and defense had a good game

"You don't exhale in this business. Obviously, I feel good about our progress. I'm proud of the way we played tonight. We played well as a team. We played hard and physical, but it's late and we'll be thinking about the next one here real quickly. That's the way that it works."

BRONCOS QB PEYTON MANNING

On why the offense had more success this week

“Execution was better. We studied some things during the bye week, and I think we applied some of those things tonight. It doesn't guarantee the rest of the season, but I thought we did focus on some things that we did well in the first six games, maybe unlearned a couple of things you weren't doing quite as well and then added a couple things. I thought we applied the bye week. I thought we used the week well. I thought it made us better. I thought that kind of showed up tonight. Hopefully we can kind of keep that going.”

On the offensive line's performance

“They played outstanding. They did a great job in the run game. There were some really good holes. There were some good runs, now, by [RB] Ronnie [Hillman] and [RB] C.J. [Anderson], but there were some really good holes, as well. To get out of that game with no sacks against a really good defensive front who thrives on creating pressure and have lots of different blitzes and multiple looks—really impressive effort by the guys up front tonight.”

On how this offense compares to Head Coach Gary Kubiak's offense

“Like I said, he and I and everybody on offense have been working hard to try to improve, play better and execute better. I thought we did that tonight. We still have things to improve on, but we have been challenged and determined to try to get everybody on the same page. I thought just overall the execution was better tonight.”

On improving to 7-0

“Like I said, it felt like we beat a good football team tonight. It really took the whole team to win—defense played great against a great offense to keep them in check and just eliminate the big plays that you see them making over and over. Great job by the defense. Then for us to get the lead early and to go up a couple scores, I thought that was important. Whether that changes their offensive game plan or defensive game plan, who knows, but it's nice to have that lead and put some pressure on the other team. Just a good win tonight. It came at a good time. Any time you're putting your owner in the Ring of Fame, you have to win the game, right? I think it's just kind of a rule. That was good tonight and a special honor for the Bowlen family.”

On the positive adjustments he and offense made

“We had some good calls tonight. We had some good play calls, had some options and some things that we could do and that I could get to. Like I said, you can have a great play call and have a great audible, but if you don't execute, it doesn't come to fruition. Our execution was, I thought, what was sound tonight. In really all phases of the run game and then the pass game, as well. We had a good mix of play action and some drop back, and we were able to hit some deep balls. We've been close on these deep balls. We've hit some—we hit one to [WR] Emmanuel [Sanders] last week [at Cleveland], but we've missed some, short or long. It's good to hit those tonight.”

On the importance of playing their best game against an undefeated team

“It was good to get a win. We knew we were going to have to play well in order to have a chance to beat these guys. These guys, they were 6-0 for a reason. They played in a lot of big games and just an outstanding football team. It was a good win. It's just one game, but certainly anytime you practice well and you put in a game plan and you can go out and execute at a high level, it's certainly a good thing.”

On TE Virgil Green being a downfield option throughout the game

“I think you just did [say it] right there. Virgil probably was not high on their radar hit chart as far as being a receiving threat. Virgil—he's one of our most dependable players, he's an unselfish player, he's in there all the time blocking and doesn't get any

plays off in practice. He's always in there. He's just a hardworking guy. His ability to make plays and catch the ball has always been there. It's just a matter of us using him and getting him on the field. Great play by him on a couple of crossing routes. Then we got him on the big play down the middle verses cover two. Great game by Virgil tonight.”

On the play calling for Anderson's touchdown run

“Let's see, what happened? They called timeout before that, and so he [Kubiak] and I talked about kind of what we thought might happen when we went back out there. We just kind of executed sort of what we talked about. I guess anytime you have a thought, you're always guessing what you think they're going to do. I think they're going to do this—you're right some times, you're wrong sometimes. We had a discussion and we kind of had a good plan for that. Then they kind of called the right play at the right time.”

On if this is the game he has been looking for

“Like I said, we continue to work hard. We've tried to improve. This doesn't guarantee anything for next week, but it proves that when we do execute, that we are capable of making some big plays and having some big runs. You've got to do it every week. You've got different opponents. Things were kind of clicking tonight. It doesn't guarantee they're going to click every single Sunday, but it does show that if everybody is executing and doing their jobs, that you have a chance to do some good things.”

On when he starts to mentally prepare for the next game

“Obviously, we'll come in tomorrow and study this film. We'll study it intensely—see why things worked. What was it? Was it putting guys in the right positions in order to play fast and help them execute? What were the things that the line liked and the backs liked and the receivers? We'll study that, and then Tuesday is your off day. You kind of start looking at these guys that you're going to play next week. Then Wednesday [you start preparing]. You've got a couple days to get ready for Wednesday's practice.”

On tying Brett Favre's NFL record for most wins by a starting quarterback

“Like I've said before, anytime that you have some sort of record like that, you think about all the players that you played with, the coaches that you've coached with. I've played for a long time. I've played with a lot of players and a lot of coaches that have all been a part of those wins. Sometimes it might be a quarterback's record, but I look at all those as a number of people contributing to all those wins. I've always just been appreciative of all the efforts and all the hard work that goes into winning a football game. It's why you appreciate a win. It's why losing hurts and it just rips your guts out. You work hard and you put a lot of time into getting ready for a game. When you go out there on Sunday and execute and win, it is a good feeling. I'm appreciative of all the coaches and players that I've played with that have helped to contribute to a lot of those wins.”

On if this performance is satisfying to silence his critics

“How can I say this without hurting anybody's feelings? I just don't give what y'all say that much merit. It just doesn't—I'm not going to put a Jim Mora on you and say the famous, 'You think you know, but you just don't know and you never well.' Although that's a great line, I'm not saying that. I'll say it at some point before I stop playing, but it's not the time now. I have just been very determined to get comfortable in this offense for Coach Kubiak, [Offensive Coordinator] Coach [Rick] Dennison and [Quarterbacks] Coach [Greg] Knapp and I to get on the same page. Like we said earlier last week, we are all 100 percent committed to getting on the same page. We're not where we want to be yet. We're going to continue to grind. I've just been very determined. I knew this was not going to be an easy transition. I can't say that a lot of what's happened so far this season has been a surprise to me. It has been somewhat what kind of I expected to happen. There were going to be some rough times, some rough patches and rough parts of the transition, but we've never wavered in our commitment to try to get on the same page and to get everybody kind of going the right direction. We'll continue to work hard on that. I don't look at this like a 'I told you so' moment because I don't really listen to what you say in the first place. That's kind of been my approach.”

BRONCOS LINEBACKER DEMARCUS WARE

On healing up during the bye week

"I'm glad we had the bye week. The bye week came at the right time. I was able to heal that whole week and come out and have a great game this week."

On the Packers' testing the Broncos defense

"We knew this week was going to be a big measuring stick for us. You've got an elusive quarterback, they have a really good run defense and running offense. I just think that it was a measuring stick for the whole team. Everybody really took that to heart and stepped up to the challenge, especially the offense being able to get up on the opponent early and score points and us being able to slow that offense down."

On the Broncos offensive performance

"I think this was a total, full game, especially with the offense playing like they did and being able to get up on the opponent—I think it was, what, 14-0 in the first quarter. Them being able to score points made (Green Bay) one dimensional, and we were able to play like we should consistently. Special teams, same way. I think this was that game we were looking for."

On QB Peyton Manning's game

"I talked to him earlier before the game. Usually if it's a big Monday night or Sunday night game, I'll come to him like, 'You know what? You've got to show up and show out on that Sunday night game.' This was the first time he came to me and said, 'You know what, DeMarcus? We've got to show up and show out this game.' That's what he did. He did what he needed to do and played an awesome game."

On pressuring Green Bay QB Aaron Rodgers

"He's a very elusive quarterback. We knew going into the game we had to make sure that he was corralled in the pocket. We might not be able to get the sacks, but getting the pressure and making sure that maybe he's running around in the pocket, making indecisive throws, and that's what we did in the first half. Once we got up to the position where now he has to drop back, he has to hold the ball a little bit longer, we were able to open up our defense and put pressure on him."

BRONCOS RUNNING BACK C.J. ANDERSON

On his performance

"I had fun. I just went out there and took what the defense gave me. The running back coach [Eric Studesville] and [Head] Coach [Gary] Kubiak kept believing in me and kept pushing me. Throughout the week, I had a great week of practice."

On his 28-yard touchdown run in the second quarter and the touchdown dance that followed

"The dance was just going out to my uncle, Andre Hicks. He died on November 1, 2004. The dance was a tribute to him."

On the running game's production

"It was great. Me and Ronnie [Hillman] are helping each other and using each other's eyes and talking to each other on the sidelines. I think we're becoming more in sync. With his play and my play, we're becoming more in sync with the offensive line and that's a good feeling."

On whether this win might quiet the doubters

“No, I think people are still going to talk. We just play football. At the end of the day, it’s what goes on between those lines and that’s what we got done tonight.”

On the defense’s performance

“They’re really good over there. I’m glad we don’t have to game plan against them week in and week out. They’re pretty good over there. You have to give [Defensive Coordinator] Wade Phillips credit and give the defense credit for buying in.”

BRONCOS TIGHT END VIRGIL GREEN

On what was said at halftime

“Just to keep jumping on them. We had them at our house, and our fans were terrific tonight. With that and the altitude, I know that had to play a role, I felt like their guys were a little gassed out there and we took advantage of that.”

On the Packers’ defensive scheme

“We knew they were a man defense and all week we were saying, ‘We’ve got to beat man. We’ve got to beat man.’ And everybody did that tonight.”

On why the tight ends were more involved in the offense tonight

“I just think it was the way they were calling the plays. We did a good job running the ball and with that comes open routes down field. I think that’s the reason why things were so open. We ran the ball spectacularly tonight.”

On what they did to try to get the Packer safeties to play closer to the line of scrimmage

“We knew they were going to be playing man and a lot of those crossing routes you could just see the man coverage with a single safety. You give those guys a move at the line of scrimmage then you got a chance. I think everybody did a great job, not just in the passing game, but in the running game as well.”

On the key to the success of the running game

“I feel like tonight it was attitude. We went out there wanting to make a statement. I feel like towards the end of the game, we just had them. We were manhandling them and I felt good about our execution.”

On why he played a bigger role in the passing game tonight than he has all season

“I think the coaches did a great job calling plays. The run game set up the pass game and if we can keep playing like that, then we’ll have a great season.”

BRONCOS CORNERBACK CHRIS HARRIS JR.

On shutting down the Packers

“It was just a great effort. D-line, everybody in the backend, we knew what it was going to take this game. We knew if we shut them down, the offense was going to come rolling and they did today.”

On the Broncos’ defensive coverage

“We gave up 50 yards. Any time you do that to any opponent, but that’s [Packers QB] Aaron Rodgers that we did that to. That makes it even greater.”

On outsiders doubting the Broncos

"We just thank them for the motivation. Everybody that's saying we're not the real 'no fly zone' or anything like that, that motivates us. Ray Lewis saying we're not great. That motivated us. We just want to continue to be the best. Everybody on this team is starting to be great. As long as we continue to push each other, have this competition that we're having, everybody is going to continue to play well."

On the Broncos' offensive awakening

"I love that. To be able to get [the defense] some rest, we got great rest today. The offense moved the ball great. Peyton looked like [QB] Peyton Manning. Even the receivers, they did great. As long as they can continue to play like that, it's going to be tough to beat us."

On playing in front of 1997 Super Bowl team

"I just think the old vets coming back, that was something that gave us a lot of motivation. Seeing those guys, they brought the passion in the air. You could see that team camaraderie they had when they won the Super Bowl, so that kind of gave us even more motivation."

BRONCOS RUNNING BACK RONNIE HILLMAN

On the offensive success

"I just think that we just finally just clicked. We got the ball going. [QB] Peyton [Manning] threw the ball great today. We ran the ball. Offensive line did a great job blocking, and you know I think it was just the best overall performance we've had as a team."

On coming off the bye week to face the Packers

"Yeah, we knew what we were getting into, and we knew the task that we had ahead of us. And it was up to us to step up. Either we were going to step up to the challenge or fold."

On whether the run game opened up the pass game or the pass game opened up the run game

"I mean, I can't tell you. Both of them looked good tonight, and I really can't tell you what opened up for what. We did both well today, and we've just got to build off of that. We know we can move the ball, and we know can score, but today it showed, so now we've just got to build on top of that and stack it."

On the outlook going forward

"We could see what we could do. I think it's up to us to keep this train going and just build off this momentum that we have. The sky's the limit. We played great today, but we could still get better, a lot better. We left a lot on the field, and we'll go back into the study and get ready for the Colts. They're going to play us tough up there. They always do, so we're ready."

On fellow running back C.J. Anderson

"C.J. did his thing today. He had some great looks, and he took advantage of them. It was a great night for him, so you've just got to be happy for him."

On his second touchdown

"I saw the backer falling over, and I had linemen, they held him long enough for me to make the cut, and off to the races."

On being underdogs

“It’s very exciting. We knew who we are, and you can’t really let the outside noise kind of get into your head, so we knew what we were coming here to do and we did it.”

BRONCOS LINEBACKER BRANDON MARSHALL

On the defensive performance tonight

“We did a hell of a job and we have the best corners in the league. We have the best secondary in the league, safeties, corners, and that shows up on the stat sheet. If he’s [Packers QB Aaron Rodgers] is going to hold the ball, that’s why we get so many sacks; our rush is great but our coverage is awesome.”

On if this was a statement game

“Oh definitely, definitely a statement game. We just wanted to come out and show the whole world that we’re not just a team that gets by every week. We definitely put it on them tonight and I thought we played extremely well.”

On playing with attitude

“We always play with attitude. I think that we just put it together as a team, offense, defense and special teams. We had a complete game today which is why we won in pretty good fashion.”

BRONCOS OUTSIDE LINEBACKER VON MILLER

On reaching their defensive goals

“We knew when we came into the game that we didn’t want him scrambling around and didn’t want to give him offsides penalties where he can get the long free ball. We were able to do that. We knew that if we were able to stop him from scrambling and not give up the big fluke plays that we would make him have to play football, and it worked for us today.”

On whether Rodgers’ scrambling was frustrating the defense

“The game plan is always to get the sack. All he needs is a little bit of space. We knew that with our cornerbacks we had to keep him inside the pocket and not just tire out on the pass rush and fold out and let him roll out to hit the dump pass. We came in with our goals and I think we hit those today.”

On playing against Aaron Rodgers

“We knew he was a great quarterback and he’s not going to give you a sack. He’s not going to just give you quarterback pressures. All that is just buying time to throw the ball downfield. That’s what makes him one of the greatest quarterbacks to ever do it.”

On winning the game with all of the alumni in attendance

“This game was for Mr. B [Owner Pat Bowlen]. We knew we had the first Super Bowl team here and it was just an amazing vibe. It’s great to a win for Mr. B who’s been doing it for 31 years. The least we can do is get this win for him.”

On the injury he suffered in the first half

“It was just a cramp that I didn’t see coming.”

On entering the game as underdogs

"I like the monkey on the back. It put us in this kind of mode that we're in now. So, the monkey is good. The monkey is good."

On making a statement to the rest of the league tonight

"We said it before the bye week. We knew this was going to be a game for our defense, a statement game. One of the best quarterbacks in the game only threw for 50 yards passing. That's the type of statement we wanted. To show everybody what kind of defense we are."

BRONCOS WIDE RECEIVER DEMARYIUS THOMAS**On the offense's performance**

"I think the offense came out and made plays. Everybody was doing their job and they were giving [QB] Peyton [Manning] time to throw. We were clicking."

On running game opening things up for the pass offense

"It's way easier. Both Ronnie [Hillman] and C.J. [Anderson] were successful tonight in the run game. Our offensive line did a great job. When we can run the ball, you see that we can throw the ball as well."

On being on the same page with Peyton Manning

"We were on the same page all night. There were a couple plays, one was a pass interference play at the beginning of the drive, but besides that, all night it was pretty big."

On his performance after having a week off

"We had the bye and I just wanted to come back and make sure I had a big game. I want to finish the rest of the season like that. That's what I look forward to from here on out. I'm not going to say I'll have a big game like that, but I will play my best and do whatever to help the team."

On whether the win might quiet the doubters

"I have no idea. All we were worried about was the fact that we got a win and we have to travel next week to play the Colts. Last time we played there we lost. We're going to take this win and celebrate for the rest of the day and then move on."

On looking ahead

"We have nine more games in the regular season. There's a lot of football left and anything can happen. It's a good win for the team tonight but we look forward to having more like that."

On the play of the defense

"They've been playing lights out this whole season and I think they'll stick to it."

BRONCOS SAFETY TJ WARD

On if this win is the team's biggest accomplishment yet

"No. It's a great accomplishment, but we don't look at things like that, we just look to focus on what we can do to get better. It was a great accomplishment like you said but it's in the past already. We're going to take this in and tomorrow we'll get back to work."

On how big of a challenge this game was

"It wasn't as big of a challenge as we thought it was, or going to be, or said it was going to be. That's a good team. We just played well today and we were clicking on all cylinders, offense, defense, special teams, and we just played a hell of a game."

On this game being a total team effort

"They were looking great in practice. I anticipated the types of fronts they would have tonight because of what they did throughout the week and it shows. The more success we have the harder we want to work and that's just how this team is."

On having the extra week to prepare

"Oh, it definitely helped. It definitely gave us an extra step up but they had the week off too so it was even."

On having Aaron Rodgers' number from the start

"We felt we could get pressure on him quite fast, but we always take into consideration the scrambling he was doing and he did that a few times a made some plays. Everything they got we gave it to them, we got penalties, roughing the passer, pass interference; some things were questionable but that's how football goes."

BRONCOS DEFENSIVE LINEMAN DEREK WOLFE

On the defensive performance

"It's not who the guy is. It's nameless faceless people out there. Everybody we play it's just another opponent and a fate and a way of greatness. We're just trying to go out there and be a championship team, that's it. Anyone that gets in our way, we're going to run through them."

On areas where the team can improve

"Obviously there are things. We gave up a bad drive, we had some miscommunication and we got a bad penalty there in the red zone, and kind of gave them a touchdown. But other than that, we held them to three points and that's feat. I'm thinking about next week already."

PACKERS HEAD COACH MIKE MCCARTHY

Opening statement

"Well, first I'll start off with congratulations to Denver and the Denver Broncos, clearly the better team this evening. For us, a very humbling loss. Frankly, [Broncos Head Coach] Gary Kubiak had his team play a lot faster than I had my team playing tonight. I thought that was evident early and often, so I don't feel good about the way we performed, clearly offense and defense. Actually, special teams I thought we did some good things. A very humbling loss."

On struggling to get an offensive rhythm going

“Well, I think we just saw opposites. We didn’t break their rhythm on offense, they ran it well. The explosive gains were clearly lopsided in Denver’s favor. I think it was 9-2 at halftime. I don’t know what it ended up. It was clearly lopsided again in the second half, so I thought that was a big factor in the yardage production and obviously point production. Yeah, you want to be able to get in the run and pass rhythm, especially against like some defenses as Denver’s, and we couldn’t really sustain it.”

On his expectations leading up to playing Denver

“Well, I think you had both teams come off the bye week. I think both teams felt good, were healthy. I think after Week 2 offensively the way they, as far as playing in the gun and in the pistol, I thought they ran their offense. They ran it very effectively. That starts with the run. That was my number one coaching point for the defense: we need to stop the run and play, get after their pass protection and make sure we get Peyton Manning off the spot. We didn’t accomplish that at all.”

On running the ball more on offense

“Absolutely, you have to run. Hey, calling passes is fun, but that’s the same. Trying to have fun, that’s for sure as hell wasn’t fun. You have to run the ball, and you have to run the football against an excellent pass rush as Denver has, so we got some things going there on offense. We just really couldn’t sustain it.”

On what Denver did to earn the win

“Well, you’ve got to compliment Denver. It was clearly, like I said, that was a humbling loss. I haven’t had my ass kicked like that in a long time. They covered us very well. I thought we pass-protected particularly very well in the first half, and then there’s a lot of green grass out there. I thought they did a heck of job covering us.”

PACKERS QUARTERBACK AARON RODGERS

Thoughts on tonight’s game

“We lost the game and we are 6-1. We need to correct some of these things and move on.”

On what Broncos defense did to make it difficult tonight

“It’s a good defense, a really good defense. They have a good pass rush and cover well. I think tonight is about what we didn’t do. We didn’t execute in the run game, we didn’t execute in the pass game and we didn’t convert on third down and that’s why we got beat.”

On looking down field and seeing nowhere to go

“A good amount. They were covering good and that’s all you can point at.”

On halftime adjustments

“I think we wanted to come out and be a little more aggressive in the second half. In order to do that though you have to convert third downs and we didn’t do that very well. We had a couple penalties and it is tough to get going when you aren’t converting third downs. We didn’t get open enough and complete enough passes.”

On refocusing after the first loss of the season

“Yeah for sure. This is the kind of thing that will make everybody a little more on edge this week. We have another tough road challenge in Carolina. These two games are going to show us how good we are after a 6-0 start. We weren’t good enough tonight.”

On trying different things

“We tried some different things. We tried some different formations and we just didn’t execute the plan that we had in place.”

On head coach Mike McCarthy saying that he hadn’t been beat that badly in a while

“Well we were just inefficient on offense. Every loss is disappointing and it is tough to win on the road against a good opponent. You need to convert the situational football better and we have to do a better job on third down and start faster. ”

On why it was so hard it was to run on Denver’s defense

“They played a lot of base defense to our seven. They have a seven man box most of the time, which we practiced against and had a plan for it, but we just didn’t execute. ”

On watching Peyton Manning and if he still has it after media had been doubting him

“Yeah he still has it. Yeah he is good.”

On trouble for his receivers getting open on the outside

“Schematically we need to do some different things and execution wise we need to get open and complete passes. When you are playing a good cover team like that we had some ideas and we didn’t convert them or get to them. ”

On the safety

“I was trying to flick it to [RB] John [Kuhn]. John kind of turned and I was trying to get it to my right hand and he [DE] [DeMarcus Ware] knocked it out.”

On if the base defense made it harder to run

“It does make it harder to run because they have us outnumbered. We had a good plan for it, but we didn’t execute very well. That was their plan to play the base defense and bring in the extra corner. [Defensive Coordinator] Wade [Phillips] has done that in the past against our offenses and plays a lot of man coverage. ”

PACKERS OFFENSIVE TACKLE BRYAN BULAGA

On overall play

“I can only tell you what was going on between two guys, me and [G]T.J. [Lang] I can’t tell you what was going on behind that. I’ve got to watch it to really tell you. All I know is that I can definitely tell you we didn’t play well enough, didn’t execute enough. That’s what happens when you play good teams and you don’t play good enough — you get beat.”

On moving on from the loss

“It is one game, but when you don’t perform well enough, you’ve got to take a hard look at it. You’ve got to take a good look at what’s going on internally with the guys and you’ve got to correct it. You just can’t throw this one away. You’ve got to take a look inside every guy and get it corrected.”

On playing in altitude

“Did it make a difference? No. Nothing to do with it.”

On the Broncos' defense

"They're a very good defense. I think as an offense, we had some opportunities and we just didn't capitalize on them. When you go against a really good defense like that, you've got to capitalize on things and keep the sticks moving. We just weren't able to do it."

PACKERS SAFETY HA HA CLINTON-DIX

On the Packers defense giving up 850 passing yards in the last two weeks

"It's tough, but we've got room for a lot of improvement. We're going to look at the film on Monday, correct it and on to the next."

On Carolina game coming up on Nov. 8

"We have to turn it around on Monday. We're going to watch the film, correct it and move on."

On if losing shakes the confidence of the Packer defense

"Not at all. We all believe in each other, have faith in each other. Like I said, we're going to watch the film, look at what we did wrong, what we could have done better and move on."

On losing CBs Sam Shields and Quinten Rollins to injury

"We would love to have those guys back out there, but, you know, next guys up. We depend on those guys behind them, and they stepped up and did their part."

PACKERS CORNER BACK CASEY HAYWARD

On the Broncos outplaying the Packers

"(Denver) had a good night, they had a great game. I wouldn't say it was overall bad (for the Packers). I'm sure some people performed well, some people performed okay, some people had ups and downs. That happens in the season. Hopefully we can watch the film and be prepared for Carolina. We're going down there in another hostile environment with a team that hasn't lost either."

On self-inflicted defensive issues

"They had a great game plan. I think we had a good game plan as well, but we've just got to make some of those plays. We've got to be tighter on the coverage and make some of those tackles on the backs, things like that. It's hard on [Defensive Coordinator] Dom (Capers) when we're not stopping the pass, we're not stopping the run. When we're not stopping the run, we can't call certain things to stop the pass. As a defense, we kind of made it hard on Dom. We'll correct it and be ready for Carolina."

On covering Broncos WR Demaryius Thomas

"I'm always prepared, but early they did (throw to Thomas). I was combative tonight, but I've got to make some of those plays, and I will. But that's just part of the game, especially going up against a great, top-five receiver. I like the challenges, and I'll be prepared more and more as the season goes."

PACKERS CENTER COREY LINSLEY

On the Packers' needed offensive improvement

"I don't know. We need to take a look at the film and figure it out. I don't really have an answer for that, I guess."

On the Broncos defense shutting down Green Bay's offense

"We'll have to take a look and see at the film. I don't know."

On how the Broncos brought their defensive pressure

"They're extremely athletic up front, they're extremely athletic with their linebackers and secondary, so they're able to run their twists and games and blitzes a little bit faster than other people. They're smart up front. (Broncos NT Sylvester Williams), I was blocking him, and he knew that he had to get the edge on me to allow the Mike linebacker to come and get the sack. He kind of got on different levels. I came off on a linebacker trying to save a hit, and I probably shouldn't have done that."

On Packers QB Aaron Rodgers getting hit

"Sometimes I felt like we were holding up pretty well. I think we gave up three or four sacks, two of them weren't necessarily on the o-line—just kind of assignment things. We've got to do a better job."