



# GARY KUBIAK QUOTES

## 2015 NFL REGULAR SEASON GAME #10

### Chicago Bears vs. Denver Broncos

Sunday, November 22, 2015 - Soldier Field - Chicago, IL

#### *Opening Statement*

"We'll start with injuries- the only guy we got coming out of the game is (Evan) Mathis with an ankle so we'll see where we are when we get back."

#### *On(Brock)Osweiler playing as well as he could expect for his first start*

"He did a really good job. We didn't protect him very good in the first half, I had to take his lumps in a couple situations but kept his composure and would come back and make the next play. He did his job, did a heck of a job and his team played well around him and that's the most important thing. Very proud of him, he was ready to go."

#### *On his message this week*

"What we needed to do was go play clean football as a team. We've had many turnovers... hurting ourselves and the message this week was let's protect the football and play. We'll play great defense. We're consistent in what we're doing there. And let's not hurt ourselves as a team. I think that's what we ultimately did. We ran the ball well, we moved the ball well, we could have obviously scored some more points in some situations. But I think it got down to playing good defense and protecting the football. That's a good combination in this league- if you're able to do those things then you give yourself a chance every week."

#### *On how Osweiler's skills fit with what Kubiak likes to do with roll-outs and running game*

"He can do everything. He's a very composed young man and the more he plays, I think, the better he's going to get. We booted a little bit, not a lot. They were up the field quite a bit but the threat of us doing that, I think, helped us run the ball a little bit. He's a sharp young man. He has a lot of confidence in himself and he should obviously gain some more through this experience."

#### *On how Kubiak thinks they ran the ball today*

"We ran it pretty good. We ran it for 170 or something. We kept running, we had some really big drives out of the hole that maybe weren't points for us but really changed the field position of the game. If we were better at short yardage today we maybe could have closed the game. That's something we have to address and do a better job at. I think some of our boots, some of things helped us a bit. They were up the field and helped us run the ball some."

#### *On Osweiler being the starter against New England*

"I knew that was coming. Here's the deal- we got healthier here today. We've got some guys on this team that we're trying to get healthy, so

that's important. And we won our eighth game. So we're going to focus on winning today and enjoy winning and we'll go back to work next week."

*On how he explains to Osweiler how to get comfortable from a play calling standpoint*

"You try to get a guy some completions so his confidence gets going early. Our D-team makes a huge play for him early in the game. But it still goes back to running the ball. We weren't sitting there today with 3<sup>rd</sup>-and-10, 3<sup>rd</sup>-and-12, 3<sup>rd</sup>-and-nine all day long. We were pretty manageable in what we were doing and I think we ended up about 40-something percent on third down. I think it gets back to us running the ball and staying on schedule."

*On not staying with the same five up front*

"We played a little bit more with them. Max (Garcia) still played some but we think Ryan's (Harris) been playing a little better. We still have some things we have to get better at. We had some big penalties in the game- I can think of us jumping off-sides at 3<sup>rd</sup>-and-one and some things going on. Busted a couple protections but if we run the ball that way, then we are going to give ourselves an excellent chance. Mistakes aside that we have to go correct, that fact that we ran it all day is a good thing."

*On how scripted they were in the first series*

"We're pretty scripted every week in what we do and obviously the script catered to what Brock felt good about and trying to get him off to a good start. Couldn't have been better than us going right down the field the first drive. That's your plan every week but it worked out this week."

*On whose decision the time out in the second series was*

"That was us. We got caught in the situation, personnel situation, so we don't want to run a bad play. Every play is a big play. I hate to waste a time out, we actually had a couple of them that we wasted because of that. I thought our communication was good, I thought he handled the group good."

*On what we saw from the defense throughout the game and during the two-point conversion*

"We gave up some yards today, we gave up some plays but we kept finding a way to make a big play. Danny (Trevathan) makes a big play, didn't finish on those two drives. Danny's interception is the one we're going to make 4<sup>th</sup>-and-one and he's sitting there going 'Oh no.' We just kept battling. We made big plays defensively but we have to continue to cut down the penalties that obviously hurt us but we make the biggest play you can make at the end."

*On Brock reminding Kubiak of any quarterbacks he has been around*

"I don't know. It's too early. It's one time out, I've been with him 10 weeks and, like I said, I'm really proud of how he prepares and what he's done to get to this point. First time out in four years as a starter. He's had an opportunity to come up the right way and get to

learn from a great player. You can see some of the benefit of that today, it did not look like a guy with his first time out."

*On how much freedom he has given Osweiler*

"We kind of went the same way. He controlled the run game, some of the pass protection, some of those things. I have confidence in him. He's been doing that with Peyton (Manning) on a regular basis at practice. He watches it. That's something he should only get better at. He was very composed as far as handling the group."

*On his plan to sit down with Peyton*

"Yeah, just like we had planned to do. Like I said, we are going to enjoy winning today, it's a great team victory. Players busted their tails, coaches did a great job so we are going to enjoy that today."

*On any impact the weather had on the team getting in to Chicago*

"This might sound crazy but it might have been kind of a nice ice breaker for the team. We sat on the plane for four and a half hours, everybody was fidgety. We got to the hotel and I called everyone into the meeting room and changed the whole schedule and we sped up the back end of our night. We had great meetings, we had a great ending to last night and we played with that same energy today. Maybe we need to take a look at that and get the plane to do that again."

*On Kubiak being a card player*

"No, I'm not a card player. I just know that when I was sleeping, the plane was going in circles. That's all I know."



## **BRONCOS PLAYERS QUOTES 2015 NFL REGULAR SEASON GAME #10**

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**Brock Osweiler, QB**

*On if plane getting delayed helped him*

"I don't know if it helped me but it got us a win today so you know, if we need to be delayed in the air more often and circle airports, if that means wins, then sign me up for it. I don't know if that has much correlation with the football game but we were late. Sometimes when you're on the road or even at home, you're put in adverse situations and I think that's a true testament to what this team is all about. We're willing to battle any place, anywhere, any time and I think we showed that today."

*On what he said to the team last night*

"I'm going to keep that between us. It was a special moment. It was about a mentality. The mentality I wanted us to play with today as a team. That's what I talked about last night."

*On if that mentality came out*

"Well we got a win so I would like to say yes."

*On how important it is running the offense and being a leader*

"Well you know ever since I started playing football I thought it was the quarterback's responsibility to be a leader of the football team. That's a role I've always embraced. Today is not about me. Today is 100% about this football team, about this coaching staff. We came into a place on a cool day, tough stadium to play in, playing a great football team and we got a team win. That's what it's all about."

*On how many times he's been to Chicago*

"I've been to Chicago one time my rookie year, actually my very first preseason game was here. Other than that, I came here for St. Patrick's Day one time and this is the third visit."

*On this being his dream and if it was sweeter than he dreamed now that it is played out*

"It's all the same. Kind of like I told you guys on Wednesday, obviously being named the starter for this football game was a dream come true. But like I told you guys, I put all of that behind me on Monday night and just focused on playing football and getting the job done. Throughout the game I wasn't thinking about anything but situational football and what we had to do on each drive and that culminated in a win today."

*On how much it helped to not overcome big deficits*

"Obviously anytime you can get a quick score or get out in front and run the football, I think that's probably the biggest emphasis, it's going to be a huge help to your football team. I think that's what we did really well today. We played great defense, we didn't turn the ball over and we ran the heck out of the football. Anytime you can do those things, especially on the road, I think you're going to give your team a chance to win the game."

*On running football early and how big of a difference it makes*

"Absolutely. Anytime you're getting four, five, six, seven yards on first down you're putting your whole team in a great position. If you're getting those chunks and you're getting first down, second down, first down or even first down, second down, and third and one or two, now you have a choice to say ok we are going to run the football here, we are going to do a keeper, or we are going to throw it and you're really keeping the pressure on the defense. I thought the coaching staff called a great game today. I thought the guys up front on the O-line made plays all day. They gave me time in the pocket and they gave the backs holes."

*On how it felt to get to the end of the game with a clean game*

"Well, one thing we stressed all week was ball security and coming out of this game with no turnovers. To be able to play the entire 60 minutes and have the game finish and have a zero in that turnover column and meet one of your team's goals for the week was huge for an offense."

*On if he was worried when he went down with 2 minutes left*

"No I was not worried. It was one of those situations where once again when you're a quarterback, you have to know the situation in the game."

Obviously you don't want to throw the ball away there, you don't want to force a bad play. The play just wasn't there. So I was going to take a sack and that's what we did."

*On how he was not going to put the weight of the world on his first start, but Denver did since he was replaying Peyton Manning*

"Obviously you assume all of those things are there and I assume that you guys are writing throughout the week and talking. I assume fans are buzzing on social media. One thing that I have learned in my three and a half years and watching Peyton and this football team is you need to close out that outside noise. Kind of like I told you guys on Wednesday, at the end of the day, it's a football game. I think when you can focus on the task at hand one play at a time, one drive at a time, one game at a time, and not get too caught up in what's going on outside. None of that is going to dictate what happens in the football game and I think that's what we did today. We blocked out that outside noise and we got the job done."

*On what he has learned playing behind Peyton Manning*

"The list of things that I've learned behind Peyton is endless. I've learned not only how to be a professional off the field, but on the field, in the locker room. I've learned so much about situational football. First down, second down, third down. What your thoughts are on the road. What your thoughts are on your first drive, your last drive, four minute. Like I told the guys in Denver, and like I've told them for a couple years now, and I don't know if anybody believed me, but I really was telling the truth. I have not wasted a single day sitting behind Peyton. I fully recognize that he might be the greatest quarterback to play if not one of the greatest. I wasn't going to let one of those days go by where I didn't learn something. I've been very appreciative for my situation. For Mr. Elway to bring me in and let me sit behind a guy like Peyton. Peyton has been great to me as well. For him to teach me those things, I'm just very thankful and very appreciative."

*On the next steps and if it is to get more than 17*

"We were down there on the goal line, I guess I tripped the running back. I have to get my big feet out of the way. Those are those things that we will clean up, but you are right. I think there was a series where we got the ball right around the 50 and didn't do much with it. Those are the things that we will continue to fix. We are going to watch that tape tomorrow as a unit. We are going to see the good, the bad, the ugly and fix those things. You're right, when we get the ball on the 50 or if we have the ball on the one, those drives need to end in touchdowns. That's something that we will fix and need to improve upon."

*On if he was comfortable entering the game*

"I was comfortable from the very first snap. If anything, I think I was more anxious last night than anything. I was just excited and ready to go play football. You're right, last night did help a lot. Getting to go out there and play against a great Kansas City defense and build some relationships with some of our offensive starters. I think last week was huge"

*On how well did today match his vision*

"At any time when you can start a football game like we did with the first drive it's huge. It gives you some momentum on the road which is key. It kind of takes the crowd out of the game. That's something that our offensive staff preaches, starting games fast. That was something that we were able to do today. Like I said, I could not be more proud of the entire football team, the defense, the special teams, O-line, the backs, receivers, tight ends. This was a great team win."

**C.J. ANDERSON, RB**

*On getting back in the win column*

"It always feels good to win. We just did our job today. Up front, they played well. Brock (Osweiler) managed the game we needed to. Me and Ronnie (Hillman) made the cuts. We just played well. We all did our job like we said we wanted to all week. We just got it done."

*On the play of Brock Osweiler*

"He was efficient. He's a leader. Nothing really changed. We knew Brock had it in him. He's just playing behind a Hall-of-Famer. Like when the Packers did the same thing to A-Rod (Aaron Rodgers). We knew Brock had it in him. He went out there and did his job and it done today."

*On Brock getting his chance*

"It's always good to see. You just take advantage of your opportunity. That's what this league is about, opportunity. You get it, and you try to take advantage of it. It's a good team win. We know we got a big one next week. We got some things to clean up. We'll take a look at tomorrow, and we'll get it done."

**VON MILLER, LB**

*On winning again*

"Winning tastes great. Nothing tastes like it."

*On facing the Patriots next week*

"We're thinking about right now. We had a great win in Chicago. We're going to ride on the party bus to the airport. Go home and celebrate this win. Tomorrow, we'll talk about Patriots."

**T.J. WARD, S**

*On defending the two-point conversion*

"They got down the field on some calls. We finished the game off. We didn't let them in a couple times they were down there. That just shows the style of football we like to play on defense, and what we can do when our backs are up against the wall."

*On the emotion of holding them*

"It was very relieving, cause I don't feel they got down there by honest measure. I don't feel they got down the field honestly. To stop them, it was very fulfilling."

*On calls against him*

"It seems to go that way every week. Whatever."

*On the play of Brock Osweiler*

"I think Brock played very well. We got the win first and foremost, most importantly. He made some big plays. Other guys making plays. Ronnie (Hillman) played well. D.T. (Demaryius Thomas) had that play in the beginning. C.J. (Anderson) had some good runs. Vernon (Davis) caught some balls today. A lot of guys got into the action on the offensive side of the ball. It was good to see."

*On holding the Bears to field goals*

"I don't think people really understand how big a difference a field goal and a touchdown is in a game. It's a huge difference. If you can hold them to field goals even if you're coming off a turnover, that's what you've got to do."

*On facing the Patriots*

"Can't wait."

**OWEN DANIELS, TE**

*On the play of Brock Osweiler*

"He did awesome. He protected the football. He didn't make any big mistakes. Didn't turn the ball over. When you do that, you give your team a great chance to win. I don't know what his stats were, but he was very efficient in what he was doing and commanded the huddle really well. Didn't miss a beat out there."

*On getting back into the win column*

"To get back on track like that on the road, tough place to play. Kind of chilly day. One of those old school football type of days. Kind of a low-scoring game. Little bit of a defensive battle, but I thought we moved the ball really well. He did a great job of handling everything they were showing us up front. Feels good to get another win and get back on track."

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"Reporting injuries for the game, Ka'Deem Carey (running back) left the game, basically with a head injury. We'll update you on that. He did not return."

***On why he didn't go for a field goal on 4<sup>th</sup> and 4***

"You know, we hadn't made many trips down to the end zone. We hadn't scored touchdowns. It had been kind of a field goal game. At that point in the game, we felt that was going to maybe be our last opportunity (for points.) So we were aggressive and came up short on 4<sup>th</sup> and 4."

***On he felt that was the Bears' last opportunity for points***

"Again, I think you're going against a pretty stingy defense. They scored 17 points and we scored 15 points - that's not a really high scoring game in our business. We knew it would be tough, so we had to take advantage of getting points when we had the opportunity."

***On the failed 2-point conversion***

"I'm not going to get into schemes and what we are doing schematically, but obviously we came up short."

***On whether going for it at 4<sup>th</sup> and 4 was out of character for Fox***

"You know, the Broncos went for it on 4<sup>th</sup> down and didn't convert either. So maybe that had a factor too."

***On what makes the Broncos Defense so tough***

"They have good players. They have good team speed, they have good rushers off the edge and they've got good guys on the outside that cover. I think those are pretty good ingredients for a good defense in the National Football League."

***On whether the Bears Defense made adjustments after the Broncos' initial scoring drive***

"I mean, we left their guy uncovered. So we needed to get that adjusted, and we figured that out."

***On whether he feels it's better to give the offense more options for a 2-point conversion versus a straight run***

"Yeah, if you pay attention to what we do, we have a lot of that in our offense in every down, not just 2-point plays. Sometimes we execute it and sometimes we don't."

***On why the Broncos player was uncovered in their first TD***

"You guys always want to hear the blame game. But we just didn't execute very well. That's what happened."

***On why the Broncos running game was able to easily get out on the perimeter consistently today***

"Well, I think any time you go under center and you have a quarterback that can make you defend the edge, I think it's an advantage. We had a pretty good idea of what they would do and how they would do it. They didn't do anything that surprised us."

***On whether he feels the Bears defense had a good game today***

"Well, I don't really feel great anytime we lose. I don't really understand the question. But I don't think it was a super-porous defense that caused us to lose the game, if that's what you're asking."

***On what Cutler said went wrong after his first interception***

"We don't really have time to discuss all that stuff. Not like this."

***On what he saw on the Cutler interception from his vantage point***

"Well, the guy played inside and made a good play on the ball. Danny Trevathan, No. 59."

***On the biggest offensive challenges this week for the Bears***

"Every week is different - they were short some guys, and we were short some guys. That's the National Football League. We will evaluate

it tomorrow. We have a short week. Guys will be in to lift and flush as far as physically. They won't meet with us but we'll game plan and get ready for the game Thursday night in Green Bay."

*On his personal feelings facing his former team*

"There are more guys to say hi to after the game."

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#### BEARS QB JAY CUTLER

*On the two point conversion*

"I think (head coach John) Fox covered it. With scheme, we have a lot of options throughout this offense - first, second, third down. That play we just didn't execute as well as we wanted to and didn't get the job done."

*On what he was hoping to see on that play*

"There's a lot - I don't think I'm going to get into scheme. Man-zone, there's box counts, there's shade looks. There's all kinds of stuff throughout this offense that we try to take advantage of. I think we got, kind of, a favorable look. We just didn't get it done."

*On second guessing plays during the game*

"Anytime you don't get it done there is going to be second guessing in hindsight. On my part as well. We've missed some tight games like this and we haven't gotten it done in the fourth quarter like we wanted to. You look back at those games and think what you could have done differently. What throws could I have made, what plays could we have checked out of? So, there is definitely going to be that. At the end of the day we gave ourselves a chance to win at the end but we just have to find a way to just make it happen."

*On if he was surprised they went for it on fourth down and what happened on the play*

"I wasn't that surprised. The way with both defenses were playing. I think both sidelines were pretty confident in the defense being able to hold. The clock - we hadn't been down there that much so I was good with going for it. I was good with the play call Adam (Gase) sent in. This isn't anything new for our group. We've had some redzone problems throughout the year and we have to look at that. Redzone, everything is a little tighter. Everything is a little bit quicker so precession and being on it...[answer cut off by question]."

*On how tough it is in the redzone without Alshon Jeffery, Matt Forte and Eddie Royal*

"Yeah, we're missing some guys but that's nothing new. We've had guys in and out of the lineup all year long. I thought JB (Joshua Bellamy) and Q (Marquess Wilson) stepped in there and had a heck of a day for us. We tried to use the tight ends a little bit more. When we get them back, it'll be great."

*On what he saw on the third down incomplection to Wilson the play before the fourth down attempt*

"We got a good look there. Q had a guy hanging on him, I'm sure he's going to look at that and want to make the catch there. Man-to-man and he beat him coming across and those are plays we have to make."

*On being in a fourth down situation and if, as a QB, you always want to go for it*

"You want to take a shot. But there are times when you're smart enough to know 'hey let's kick the field goal', but that wasn't one of them. I agree with (head coach John) Fox. I loved the call to go for it. Offensively we just have to be better."

*On redzone issues not being a new problem and if it is deflating*

"It's not deflating, we just need to do better. We have to figure out ways [to score]. During the week we have to work on it more, guys have to study more. I have to execute better and be more accurate, put the ball where these guys can catch it. It is a challenge for the offense and I think we've got a good group in there that's going to undertake it."

*On if the pressure early was due to Hroniss Grasu returning and getting adjusted or something new the Broncos were giving them*

"I think it was more on the back end. They did a good job mixing coverages up. They played some more zone than they put on tape and statistically they've done. They mixed it up back there. Had some coverage stuff that presented us with some problems but I thought Adam (Gase) and the rest of the coaches and the guys adjusted pretty quickly and got things figured out."

*On what happened on the interception*

"We had a good shot. We had Q going down the middle. I probably need to put it a little bit higher. The linebacker undercut it. He made a good play but I can give him a better ball though."

*On if he saw the linebacker trailing on that play*

"I saw him. It's hard for those guys to flip their hips sometimes. He did a good job."

*On what makes the Broncos defense so tough*

"Whenever (DeMarcus) Ware's going, they have two guys that can seriously rush the passer. Von's (Miller) a handful enough as is. I think Chuck (Leno) and Kyle did a really good job of handling him all day. They show you some different looks. The linebackers flow to the ball really fast. They're really good at stopping the run downhill. The safeties get involved. And they put you in passing situations; third-and-long. There's not a lot of teams out there that are going to be highly successful in third-and-long situations all game."

*On if they let one get away and the Broncos being a good team*

"That's a good team but I think we let it get away from us. That's kind of been the story. There have been a few games that we've lost in

the fourth quarter and we have felt like we have been right there. Some overtime games, some two-minute drives - you can put this game in the same box as those. We're right there. Our margin for error isn't that great. We have to play pretty good football for four quarters and we have to play really good football in the fourth quarter. The games that we have won, we have figured out a way to do that and games we lost, we haven't."

*On if they have to move on from this one quicker with the short week coming up*

"Yeah, guys have to come in tomorrow and flip the switch and move on. That's just kind of part of it. Thursday night game. I think we got out of it relatively healthy today and hopefully we have some guys coming back and give us some energy for this week."

*On if it was the urgency of the moment or the rhythm of being in no huddle or the hurry-up or did he see something that sparked the offense in the fourth quarter*

"It could have been all of those things. I don't have a definite answer for you. We usually work pretty well when we are up-tempo, whenever we're in two-minute drill. Guys made some plays on the outside. We got a few pass interference calls. Marty (Bennett) was playing well, they were kind of draped on him. And the offensive line - I think we had kind of worn them down defensively a little bit up front. I had some time to throw and move around. But you can't play two-minute ball for four quarters."

#### **Shea McClellin, ILB**

*On wide-open Denver wide receivers*

"I think we didn't execute on certain plays. I think we - I don't know - lost our minds for a second. Sometimes that happens. Sometimes we get confused. We have to clean that up."

*On giving up touchdowns on opponents' first drives*

"We have to start faster than that. We haven't done a very good job the last three or four weeks. I don't know what it is. We just have to correct it. It's that simple."

#### **Jeremy Langford, RB**

*On scoring his fourth-quarter touchdown*

"The offensive line did a great job of blowing their defensive line off the ball. That made my job putting my head down and get the touchdown."

*On the two-point conversion try*

"On the two-point conversion, I have to do a better job of getting two yards. We have to come back, regroup and do better next time."

*On Ka'Deem Carey's injury*

"We were rotating the whole game. It's really up to me to take up the slack when he's gone. He did a great job of running the ball before he got injured. It's up to me to continue that momentum."

*On the Denver defense*

"Their defense did a great job. I have to give it to them. At the same time, we just made a couple mistakes that we have to get better at."

#### **Kyle Long, RT**

*On the Denver defense*

"They're just good at a little bit of everything. They're a tough group. I think that on any given day, either of these teams could come out and get a win. We just didn't execute enough early. Not scoring a touchdown until the last minute - that falls on us as an offensive line. We need to be able to run the ball and produce those chunks offensively and give Jay (Cutler) a chance to be able to have some stuff open up on the back end."

*On Jay making plays with his feet*

"When you have guys that are creative on the defensive line, especially on the edge, you rely on a guy like Jay (Cutler) to be able to see things and see through some of the stunts and games that they were doing and be able to extend the play with his feet. He's done a great job of that all year."