



DENVER BRONCOS POSTGAME QUOTES

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DENVER BRONCOS vs. CAROLINA PANTHERS

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BRONCOS LINEBACKER SHANE RAY

On why they started to get more pressure on Panthers QB Cam Newton in the second half after struggling in the first

“We just kept the pressure on. We didn’t switch from our game plan. We kept doing what we practiced all week and we started getting to him and making him uncomfortable. We knew that he really wasn’t going to be able to beat us in the air if we got pressure on him. So, that’s all we did.”

On whether he thinks this team has a knack for winning close games

“Yes, definitely. I think we definitely do. Everything that we did last year just shows the kind of resiliency this team has and its carried on to this year. Games like this, we look forward to.”

On what he was thinking during the Panthers’ last-second field goal attempt

“I was hoping he missed it. I guess somebody answered my prayers. I’m glad he missed the field goal. We needed that win.”

On being underdogs in the game despite being the defending Super Bowl champions

“First thing is why are we the underdogs? Why are you voting against us? We’ve beaten them and everybody and we’re going to keep doing it. So, everybody can keep betting against us and we’re going to keep playing how we play and keep doing what we’re doing.”

On what went wrong defensively in the first half

“It was communication. We weren’t communicating well in the first half and it cost us some big plays. Then, we got that down coming out after halftime. We regrouped, regrouped and figured out the mistakes we were making as a team and we came back out and attacked.”

On whether he thinks that Panthers saw this as a revenge game after losing to Broncos in Super Bowl 50

“Without a doubt. They can’t say they wouldn’t want to get a piece of us after we beat them in the Super Bowl. You could just tell how the players were playing. They were chippy out there and doing those extra things. I mean, it’s football. We won again so there’s not really much they can say about that.”

On whether the defense feels an added sense of pressure after the offense turns the ball over

“We don’t mind that. If we know that we have to go out there and hold it down....we live for that situation. That raises our level of competition across the board. We’ve got a group of guys who are ready to play and do this thing so we just have to go out and play.”