

REDSKINS HC JAY GRUDEN

On Derrius Guice's return:

"I think he did good. It was important to get him the ball. We wanted to get him quite a few touches and try to get him some rhythm, some sweat. We wanted to get him used to hitting the ground, some head-to-head tackles, protecting the football and wanted to get him some balls out of the backfield. I think it was a productive night for him. It looked like he was decisive on his cuts for the most part. He had some power at times and moved the pile when it wasn't there. I was impressed just down on the sideline. I'll have to go back and watch the film and see what it looks like."

On bringing back Guice and Jordan Reed, and managing their workloads in the preseason:

"We needed the work. We have a new quarterback and some good offensive linemen. With Derrius coming back from injury, we needed the work. We needed some continuity and we needed some work. This is the only time where you get full-speed reps. You love practice when you can go against our defense and it's not quite the same as coming out here on gameday and playing against their starting defense. It was good work for everybody. Fingers crossed Jordan will be O.K., but I think everybody else came out pretty good."

On how Case Keenum has evolved:

"I think he's done pretty good. He's just continued to keep getting better and it's evolved. It's a transition for him. He's coming from a different system; it's his third system in three years. It's not easy: the terminology, the way we do things and the way we call things. He's getting better and better every day and more comfortable. Same with Dwayne [Haskins]. It's a process and we're just continuing to build on what they've learned so far and continue to branch off as we get ready for Philly."

QUARTERBACK CASE KEENUM

On the offensive production against the Falcons:

"First initial synopsis offensively, I thought we moved the ball pretty well through the first half. I obviously like scoring touchdowns better than field goals. I thought we moved the ball really well but the turnover was completely my fault. I held on to the ball for too long and I was just trying to manipulate some coverage. It was a silly mistake and I never want to put our defense in that position, but they all played really well tonight. Whoever was out there played really well. I pride myself in taking care of the football and that's something I can do better at."

On the wide receiver room:

"I trust all of them, I really do. I trust all of them with the football. I think that entire room is capable of playing football in the NFL. I think no matter what happens there I think they will all be on a roster somewhere. Those guys have shown it in games. I'm just glad I'm not making those decisions. I'm excited to see where the wide receiver room goes because having a healthy Paul [Richardson Jr.] and seeing Josh [Doctson] get on the outside leaves me optimistic about the list we have, especially when adding to our backs and tight ends."

QB DWAYNE HASKINS JR.

On his performance tonight:

"My operation was much better tonight. I was making team plays and getting in the huddle more often."

On his goals going into the game against the Falcons:

"I was just trying to be sound in the huddle and be good at the line of scrimmage. I wanted to make plays and really just make sure I performed for the team."

WR PAUL RICHARDSON

Thoughts on getting back on the field:

"It felt good getting back out there. I'm happy we won, we're not trying to be 0-3."

On how the game went:

"I thought things went well. I was happy to see the receiver get the ball. The young boys was making plays; #13 (Kelvin Harmon) was making plays. I like seeing Cam Sims make plays. What more could you ask for? They are getting the ball thrown to them making one-handed catches, they flipping over people; I like it. It was exciting, and the way they were running the ball, they are going to be a lot of trouble."

RUNNING BACK SAMAJE PERINE

On getting reps during the preseason:

“It felt pretty good.”

On the momentum of the game:

“I felt it a little bit. It was good to get in a groove.”

On his performance in Week 3:

“It was alright. I got a chance to get in a groove a little bit so I thought it was solid. I wish I could have done a little bit more, but it is what it is.”

On Derrius Guice being back on the field:

“He is definitely crazy, but it was good to see him get back out there and get some full-speed reps and do as well as he did.”

On the quarterback play:

“I am not the quarterback expert but from what I saw there were some great plays and it was a pretty solid night all around.”

CORNERBACK JOSH NORMAN

On the fake punt in the preseason game

“That was a way they could get back at us. Nobody saw it coming. They got us with that one. It was fun to see.”

On Derrius Guice being back

“He is an awesome guy and it was great seeing him back. It was big for him - getting him comfortable with contact on that knee again, him feeling confident to go out there and make that cut. He talked about it in training camp and he got his chance. He got hit in it and he felt great so it was good to see him back to being himself again. He had a few nice jump cuts in their which where AP-esque [Adrian Peterson], it was great to see that combination and what it is going to be this season.”

SAFETY LANDON COLLINS

On the team’s expectations for tonight’s game:

“Expectations were to just go out there and play ball. We wanted to hit them in the mouth as fast as possible and as hard as possible. We wanted to make sure we got off the field on third down and had great communication all the way across the field. Playing fastball and making plays to get our offense back involved was also important.”

On his first hit of the game on Mohamed Sanu:

“It was good to set the tone for the defense. We are coming in fast and we are going to hit hard. I wanted them to know that I was coming here to play tonight.”

On the fake punt:

“I was like wow, are we really doing that right now. It was close being fourth-and-two but they wanted to get the offense back involved and try to move the ball down the field. Anything can happen in the preseason.”

On what the defense improved from the first two games:

“I would say just getting off of the field on third downs. The coaches harped on that a lot last week and that was their biggest piece. Getting off the field on third down and giving our offense good field position were the improvements.”

HEAD COACH DAN QUINN

Opening statement:

“Good to see you guys. Just speaking in the locker room, talking some about pre-season stuff about developing players, evaluating players. There's nothing like these games for us to do that. So there's all these learning moments that we get to find out about players, what could happen, who could develop. That's where we're at. Tonight, a couple things that we liked what we saw is the line of scrimmage on both sides. Defensive line early on was able to generate some pressure. I thought on the offensive line, really keeping Matt [Ryan] clean tonight early on. Maybe hit seven or eight passes to different receivers to start the game. To me, that was one of the things we were looking to see after last week, how that would go on both sides of the line of scrimmage. Defensively, I thought we made some progress on third down. That was one of the things we've been digging onto hard, then special teams we had some miscues that certainly on the return game we need to clean up because it was nice to see some good covering, some tackles inside the 20. But we've got to put the whole thing together. At the end of it, being minus two, that makes it tough. To get in the plus, you have to create 'em. We have one early on, but then not to respond to any was disappointing. I was excited to see the defense get a good stop towards the end of the first half, first-and-goal, come out with a field goal. I felt that was a big moment in the game. After that I saw lots of different guys in different spaces make plays. Lots to watch tonight and tomorrow and we look forward to doing that before we wrap up the final part of the pre-season. Okay, lead the way.”

On offensive line performance:

“Number one, the protection. That was the spot to me that I thought we really wanted to address. Thought there were too many hits last week with Matt [Ryan]. So for tonight, no sacks. I don't know the number of hits as we went to it, but I thought that was, for us, a big space where we had some different guys in. Good to see Carp [James Carpenter] get his first action, [Matt] Gono get his first action with the group. We're still not where we're going to be, but I was pleased with the performance tonight with them.”

On Giorgio Tavecchio:

“I think like everything we're going to evaluate that spot like others as well. That's what the pre-season is for, is getting a chance to look at guys, see what they can do, develop players. That's part of the fun of the pre-season, who can develop, what could they be. As far as that goes, same standards for everybody in evaluating our performances of where we're at. How concerned are you, though, with the misses?

I think, number one, early there was one or two that were long, for sure. Any time at any position when we miss the mark, we want to find out why, what we can do to get it better. It's definitely a spot where we're continuing to evaluate. That is always the case.”

On punt return situation:

“Yeah, you learn from some of the failures, for sure, with those guys. You hope when they get put into that space again, they're able to learn from it and grow from it. [Kenjon] Barner is the one that will lead the way for us from the return side. We held him tonight. He's been getting the bulk of it. We split it around, wanted to give those guys their opportunities. It doesn't always go like you want, especially for a rookie. You have to kind of live through those moments and keep pushing them forward, see how they respond from them. They'll get certainly some more chances next week when we head down to Jacksonville.”

On whether he wants returners to return deep end zone kicks:

It's a good topic. We talked about that. When it's eight or nine deep, do you do it anyway just to get it on tape? Ito [Smith] was kind of itching to do it as he was inching back. I thought the first one he was going to take back. When he was drifting, I said, ‘Okay, here we go.’ Trying to make a 108 yarder. That's the mindset you want. We've been working some in practice. I think where we're at, we're going to continue to work. Sometimes you can't help that. What we can work on is the punt return. We had our chances for those tonight. I was disappointed we didn't get a chance. We've been working hard on the return side and didn't have those tonight.”

On Qadree Ollison:

“I don't know what the stats would say, you guys may know better than me, but there were some good first down runs that moved the chains. Maybe sometimes that doesn't show up in what an average per carry is. I don't know what it was. There were some good first down runs. Short yardage play that got converted. Another one second-and-two or three, a new set of downs occurred. I thought he really played behind his pads tonight. For his size, I've been

hoping to see that. Now that he's starting to gain in his feel, you feel his physicality and his size. That was good to see for a big guy to run behind his pads like that, I was glad to see that.”

On Takk McKinley:

“Well, I hope so, too. That kind of energy at his position, that's one of his traits that we really like because that energy and toughness that he brings. Him and Adrian [Clayborn] and Grady [Jarrett] and Vic [Beasley] and Jack [Crawford], all those guys mixing together, that was fun to see. We've been working that group quite a bit. To their credit, they're really putting it in. They're fit, they're strong. They've been working hard at it. When you stress something that you want to emphasize, the guys are the ones pushing forward with it, there's a lot to gain. I think as a group, we'll continue to grow a lot stronger in that area. I did like the intensity that they came off the ball with, especially as pass-rushers.”

On Jermaine Grace:

“He certainly made a lot of plays, not just on defense. You guys have seen him take the running back out of the backfield swings. I am so excited for the improvement that he's made. It's a true example of all the work in a planned D. Thomas [Dimitroff] and I talk about it so regularly. He is definitely one of those guys. He's become one of the favorites because everybody knows all the work that they put in. They know the background, they know the story, they know the grind, the unseen grind that you guys haven't seen. His teammates have. He just continues to get better and I love the speed he plays with.”

On depth at running back, wide receiver and defensive line.

“We hoped that would be a good thing (laughter). We agree with you, those are some of the positions that are some of the strengths-based on how the guys are performing so far. There's always things for us to work on and look at as we're going. At running back, there's a number of guys that we featured in different ways. They're all making some impacts on special teams. On the defensive line side, it's more the versatility. There's some that can mostly be outside players, and there's some that have the versatility of playing a couple spots inside. I think you probably saw Tui [Jacob Tuioti-Mariner] was at end, nose tackle, you saw [Deadrin] Senat at nose tackle, three, different guys outside. We're always trying to push to see what a player can do. This is the best time to do it, in the pre-season, put him in a new role, in a new position. Is this something moving forward that you can count on that person for? [Chris] Cooper had been at free safety for the majority of camp. We moved him to nickel this week. He got a lot of snaps at that. It's so valuable for us to evaluate the guys, to put them into new roles and new spots, and we'll continue to do that as the work continues into next weekend.”

On the fake punt:

“Both I would say. We really want to have boldness. That comes on the special teams side in a variety of ways. On punt team, it happens on kickoff, the way you that can cover kicks, create momentum. It's part of what we are and how we do it. We thought when the opportunity presented itself, it was worthwhile to be aggressive. We were disappointed we didn't end up getting the points on that drive because it was a good extender. I think we jumped off-sides maybe on another fourth-and-one later on. That would have been a nice one to convert it in two different ways on a fourth down, that's being bold and aggressive. That's what we wanted to be. Us jumping off-sides, we had to punt at the end of that drive. To answer your question, just trying to stay aggressive. When the moment presented itself, we thought it was the time to act.”

On Matt Gono:

“It felt exactly like I hoped it would. When you're watching the game, watching the guys, it feels real normal as you're going through, especially at that position, that's what you hope to see. His teammates, Matt [Ryan], both Matts, have a lot of confidence in Matt [Gono]. Seems like everybody we have is named Matt. Anyway, Matt Gono was one coming in I had high expectations. I think one of the hits may have been on him as it went around the outside edge. I love that he got matched up with a player who I think I have high regard for in [Ryan] Kerrigan. It was good to see him really function. He has really put the work in. We talked about [Jermaine] Grace. He's another one behind the scenes that have put in the unseen grind that you guys don't see but his teammates do. We're all looking forward to seeing him play. We'll see what the tape looks like tonight and tomorrow.”

On defensive line:

“Wow, I'd say always when we're looking at guys, I'm looking for the energy of the group, who has the ability to provide that kind of good energy to get going. [Deadrin] Senat was one that I thought had good energy, the way he

played. I thought [Takk] McKinley had good energy. The way he played. Good to see Adrian Clayborn make some plays. [Vic] Beasley. There wasn't one standout in the first half to me. We gave some extended work to Allen Bailey, more work from him and [Jack] Crawford. All of them have their own unique roles. We didn't get Ty [Tyeler] Davison in tonight, but we'll get him back soon. More than anything, the best fronts I've been a part of had a real group mentality about them. That's when we'll be at our best, when all four rushers are in concert and working together and attacking people from different angles. That's when we're at our best. We're closer to that vision, but by no means are we where I think we could end up, but I like the work the guys are putting in."

QUARTERBACK MATT RYAN

On his performance this preseason:

"It felt good. I feel like I'm in a good place heading into this season. My body feels great. I really feel like I got good work these past two weeks. I think it's valuable this time of the year to get feeling good in the pocket and to get that pass rush around you to get comfortable with your eyes down the field. I thought I was able to accomplish that the last two weeks. I feel really good about where I'm at and with the health of our offense and where those guys are at."

On cleaning up mistakes:

"There were probably a few too many. There were a few too many little things that we can do better at such as assignments and those kind of things. There's still work to do. We've got two and a half weeks to go before we start the regular season. There's still a lot of things to clean up but I feel we were a little bit better tonight."

On the offense's performance:

"I thought we ran the ball nicely. I can't remember but it's probably been a little while since we had a drive where we scored a touchdown only throwing one pass. That was good to see off the turnover. We ran the ball maybe four or five times. Each of those runs were effective. I thought the offensive line did a nice job in that first half of getting some things opened up and running the football."

On his playing time during preseason games:

"I've always probably only played about a half. Maybe a series more or a series less. It's more so the play count they have for you going out there. I feel good about it. I feel like my preparation is in a good place and I'm comfortable and ready to go. There's still an opportunity for guys to showcase what they can do in the second half and try to make this team."

On Ito Smith:

"He looks great. He was so productive for us last year. He battled through injuries last year too and played uncomfortable a lot of the year but played very well. He's going to be dangerous. He's a really good change up for us. Behind Free [Devonta Freeman] he's a reliable guy that you can count on in the run and pass game. He'll stick his neck in there and he'll pass protect. He's kind of a swiss army knife. He does a little bit of everything for us."

RUNNING BACK ITO SMITH

On performance throughout the preseason:

"I've done fine, just doing my job. The offensive line has done a great job. Just going out there every day trying to get better."

On Coach Quinn's comments on the running backs competing with each other:

"Just doing the same thing I've been doing. Just going out there every day trying to get better. We push each other, we're all competing with each other, so it's a fun competition."

On possibly being on the kickoff return team:

"Last year I did a little bit. It's just something that is up for grabs, so they threw me back there. I did it in college. It's something I'm comfortable with; its extra touches."

On offensive coordinator Dirk Koetter:

"He's very creative. He's going to throw all different looks at defenses. He gives us a lot of opportunities to run screens."

K GIORGIO TAVECCHIO

On tonight's game:

"Disappointed, but it's always a blessing to be out there. We take that for granted. It's always good to measure the gratitude and the heart. Obviously didn't get all of the results I wanted. This team deserves better. I'll take a look at what happened and just continue to improve."

On whether or not he needs to review film of the missed field goal:

"No, I don't need to see the film because I struck it really well. I've been hitting the ball very consistently, just every once in a while, once that consistent slight middle or slight left ball and just a tiny, tiny degree down the middle. We'll take a look and continue to move on."

On any concern surrounding his job:

"My focus is always on myself and I can control the controllable. There's a lot of things that are out of your control in this business. I know that when I wake up every morning, I say a little prayer of gratitude and just give my best that day."

On teammate's reactions during the game:

"Stay in it, keep your head up. That was the first kick of the game, still four quarters to go. I thought I did a good job of flushing it and hitting the kickoffs I wanted to hit and hitting an extra point later. It's just the life of a kicker."

On whether or not kicking becomes a mental game:

"That's a good question. I guess we'll see. I feel like I'm striking the ball as well as I ever have. I'm as happy as I've ever been in the football world. I feel like this is a great place. I feel the faith and the trust from both my teammates and my coaches. I'm just doing everything I can to be the best I can be every day."

On his "middle left" issues in practice:

"My spread has been a little bit left middle, but that's been the case the past couple years. It's a great ball. My ball tends to hook a little bit. As a lefty, it goes to the right. I just let it settle left middle, so if it fades, it fades nice and down the middle. Hasn't been the case so far."

DEFENSIVE TACKLE GRADY JARRETT

On what forcing turnovers in the preseason does for the team:

"It does a lot for the team. It looks good and feels good to see guys make some big plays in the run game and get a turnover. That's what we're about and what we're trying to do more of this year."

On whether or not the defense has been hoping for this type of performance:

"I wouldn't say hoping, I say working toward. You see guys like [Deadrin] Senat making a big play, Takk [McKinley] there making a big play, and we want to see more of that as a unit."

On whether the defense is ready for the regular season:

"Without a doubt, man. Ready to get to some regular-season action, I think standing on the sidelines in the second half has been wearing me out more than playing. I'm ready to get back on the field and see what we can do."