



PRESEASON - WEEK 4
WASHINGTON REDSKINS vs. BALTIMORE RAVENS

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FedExField (82,000) | Landover, Md.



REDSKINS HEAD COACH JAY GRUDEN

On LB Cassanova McKinzy's concussion:

"I don't know. I don't know if there's a severity to concussions really. I have no anticipation when it comes to these things."

On QB Dwayne Haskins' first start:

"He was good. Had good energy. Communicated the offense well to others, made some nice plays. He hurried a couple of them and had some pressure. Overall, I thought he moved the ball and had a nice touchdown drive. He made some nice plays. I have to check out the film, but I am happy for him for the way he played today."

On the preseason finale affecting the final roster:

"Well, it can. It really can. Especially, if it's close. We have to watch the film because there are a lot of guys that got quality work in there, but maybe haven't gotten a lot of reps this camp. It will be fun to check them out and see where they stand. Not just for the 53, but also for the practice squad."

On WR Steven Sims Jr.'s performance:

"He is a little fireball. It's fun to watch him. Every time he gets the ball in his hands, it's exciting. He had a good punt return and a good kickoff return. He played pretty well."

On the performance of the draft class:

"I think Dwayne [Haskins], obviously a young quarterback coming here, he has done a good job. Obviously [Montez] Sweat is everything that we thought he would be. Learning the defense, his size, his speed and length, it's hard to coach that, pretty good. Who else we got, Jimmy Moreland, the seventh. He's been quite a spark on defense for us, played nickel and corner for us. Cole Holcomb, the fifth, he's been very good. He had a hurt shoulder, took a little setback there, but we have high expectations for him. Who else we got? Receivers, obviously Terry McLaurin and Kelvin Harmon, very strong OTA's and training camps. We have to get them rolling. Pretty good draft class I think."

On WR Cam Sims' drops and his outcome:

"On the first one, I think the ball came out a little early and he didn't quite get his head around. He didn't see it until it was up on him. The second one got in on his chest and shoulder pads and bounced out. He has to snatch that with his hands. Overall, I think Sims had a strong camp. The whole receiving group, like I said, many of times, they all bring something different to the table. It is going to be tough to narrow it down to five or six guys – maybe seven – so we will have to wait and see."

On the rotation of RB Samaje Perine and the other running backs:

"We are going to give him some touches and give him some equal reps to keep him fresh, don't want to overload one guy. [Running Backs Coach] Randy Jordan did a nice job with the rotation. I thought Craig [Reynolds] did some good things and Byron [Marshall] had some good hits there at the end. Samaje moved the pile a couple times. I think all three of them did a good job. We didn't give them any lanes. They played pretty good defense. Our line didn't do a good enough job given some holes on a few occasions."

On Haskins building from being a backup:

“You build on every performance you have every day. Whether it’s a practice, game, or walk through, whatever it is you just continue to build on what you’re learning and what you’re doing. Just keep going that is what he is going to have to do. Every game plan is going to be different. We are going to add new things to our playbook. He is just going to have to keep learning, growing and getting better and he will.”

REDSKINS QUARTERBACK DWAYNE HASKINS JR.**On how he felt about the game:**

“Felt great out here today, just the atmosphere. [Going] out there, being a leader, talking to the guys, having fun. That’s the most important thing I had today was having fun. Be a leader on and off the field and just try to make the play.”

On what Baltimore Ravens QB Robert Griffin III said to him after the game:

“If I ever needed him for anything, just give him a call. He plays in Baltimore, so me and him have the same offseason quarterback coach and we’ll be in touch. He thinks I’ll be really great quarterback one day. That means a lot coming from him.”

On showing emotion after his touchdown pass:

“I’m pretty level-headed most of the time, but when I score a touchdown, I just let it go. All this just goes into it. Calling the play, making sure the right play is called, getting the motion across, reading the defense, throwing the right pass, making a great play on the ball. It’s all the little things that go into that play like that, just a whole bunch of excitement because you work on that play like 10 times since Wednesday. It’s just something you work on. You just put a whole bunch of repetitions in it and you just want to see it happen in a game. That’s something about scoring touchdowns that makes me happy about them.”

On his progression through the preseason:

“I know I can play. The biggest thing is just keep progressing as far getting to the line of scrimmage, calling the play fast and calling it right and concise, making sure the guys hear me, having great body language on and off the field. Just making the throws, making the right reads and making the right timing. I throw to everybody. I don’t have great timing with just one person, except for Terry [McLaurin] because I’ve known him for a couple years now. Just keep building.”

On the difference from this game to previous games:

“Being more and more confident. [I] knew I was starting this week so it wasn’t necessarily like an adjustment as far as, ‘When am I going to play? What plays do I have? Who am I going to have in when I play?’ I knew already. I knew what the game plan was as far as just for me. It just made things a little bit easier for me as far as just going out there and having fun and being the guy I know – being a leader.”

On dealing with the uncertainty of knowing when he will play:

“I learned at Ohio State, [I] sat behind JT [Barrett] and every game was an opportunity to learn and me to keep getting better. I may not be the starter right now, but I may be one day. Just keep working on that and at the end of the day, just keep getting better.”

On what he hoped he showed his teammates during the preseason:

“I just want to show them that they can believe in me, I can make the right reads, make the right plays. Just try to go out there and have guys believe in me, that’s the biggest thing about being a quarterback. I feel like I did that and I got better with that every game. Just great when you come back from scoring a touchdown and the vets are cheering you on and the coaches are dapping you up. A lot of work goes into that so [I was] very appreciative of that.”

REDSKINS LINEBACKER MONTEZ SWEAT

On how he feels looking ahead to the regular season:

"I'm just excited to actually be done with the preseason and actually excited to play a whole game."

On what he learned this preseason:

"Yeah, I learned a lot. Just going through the actual practice reps and stuff like that I learned to not get too riled up in the game because they're going to sit you down pretty early (laughs). But yeah, it was a fun time. I'm just excited to get rolling with the regular season."

On if he knows what to expect going into Week 1:

"It's going to be a surreal moment. I never take this stuff for granted even when I pray and walk onto the field. But yeah, it's definitely going to be a surreal moment."

On if he has a sack celebration ready for his first regular season game:

"I don't know, man (laughs). We're going to see."

REDSKINS WIDE RECEIVER STEVEN SIMS JR.

On his touchdown catch:

"Simple corner route, Dwayne [Haskins] trusted me and beat my guy. Cam [Sims] was actually open before me, so, Dwayne tried to help me out a little bit. Held the ball a little longer so I could come open and he threw a touchdown to me."

On his returns:

"Just great blocking up front. The other 10 guys, they were blocking hard for me and they gave me a crease. I just hit it."

On if he felt he did enough to make the team:

"Yeah, I think I did everything I could to make the team. Right now, it's out of my hands. The film that I put out there. I hope it was good enough for the guys upstairs to keep me around."

On sleeping good tonight:

"Yeah, definitely going to sleep good. My son was here – eight months [old] – so first NFL game, it was fun. I had fun, a lot of fun tonight."

RAVENS HEAD COACH JOHN HARBAUGH

Opening Statement:

“Okay good to see everybody, good crowd appreciate you guys being here. Good win, very proud of the guys. I thought they went out there and competed, played hard and overcame a lot of mistakes. Actually, we had a number of penalties that we managed to overcome, both quarterbacks played well, obviously defense played well. Special teams got a blocked punt at the end, that’s what turned the game and won the game for us, so all three phases were a big part of it. I’m very proud of the guys, I’m proud of how they worked this preseason, very proud of how they practiced and met. Just how they worked to become what we are right now, this is our starting point and where we step off from and we’ve stacked underneath us for the last number of weeks and now we move forward in the regular season.”

On cutting the roster to 53 players this weekend:

“Yeah, you hope that certain guys took it or whatever. I certainly feel we have more candidates for spots than we have spots, there’s no question about that being our challenge. It’ll come down to what’s best for the team and the big picture. You know sometimes it’s depth, sometimes it’s fit so we’ll have to see how it goes. I think there’s a number of guys deserving of making the team.”

On WR Jaleel Scott’s performance in this game and in the preseason overall:

“I did, pretty much every game has been a good game for him. He’s had a great camp and done really well and I’m proud of him. Ever since last year when he went on IR he did nothing but come in everyday and work as hard as he possibly could. Then it carried over in to OTAs, carried over into training camp and when you stack that kind of work it’s bound to show up. It’s obviously showing up in the way that he’s playing.

On DT Willie Henry Jr. playing until the end of the game:

“He just needed to work, ya know. He didn’t play that much last year. We pretty much played all those guys a lot. Jalen was in there, so I know he appreciated it and it looked like he played well so we’ll see.”

On RB Kenneth Dixon:

“Look like he ran well. It looked to me like he ran powerful, strong and broke a lot of tackles, like you’re used to seeing Kenny run.”

On G Patrick Mekari:

"Very valuable, very versatile. He did that in college, he is a smart guy and that certainly brings a lot of value to us for sure."

On QB Trace McSorley earning his place on the team:

"Yeah, I mean I don’t think it’s a matter of whether Trace has earned a place on the team, he would have a role for us, you know, it’s just a matter of strategy right now and I think that’s something that [Executive Vice President and General Manager] Eric [DeCosta] and [Executive Vice President] Ozzie [Newsome] will talk a lot about in the next few hours."

On QB Lamar Jackson giving him a new hat:

“I didn’t see the look yet, maybe you can share with me your opinion. Not bad huh? I was going to wear it front ways because that’s how [CB] Marlon [Humphrey] wears it, but they said no, they said that’s not how you wear it. They thought I would be very popular among the young people.”

On trading G Jermaine Eluemunor and finding a new starter at the left guard position:

“Well like I said last time, it’s a difference between starting and being an established starter, you know. You establish yourself as a starter over time in regular season games, you know, so just because we don’t have a returning starter there means we don’t have an established starter there. So, you can say the same thing with our right tackle Orlando [Brown Jr.], you know this young guy, he’s our starter, and I want him to be an

established starter and become a Pro Bowler. There's levels to how it works. So it'll be based on how guys play and we have a lot of guys who play hard and tough and we're excited to work with those guys and I think they're going to do nothing but get better."

On WR Marquise Brown's muffed punt return:

"That'll be good. I don't know. We'll watch it real closely on tape and TV copy as well. But you know, he's never done it before and that's why we put him out there. He's never done it. He might have done it in high school but he's never done it in college that I know of. Maybe he had one or two reps at the most in college, if that, so we just felt like we wanted to get him out there and experience what it's like in the real game. Even though he dropped it now I think the practices take a little more of a new meaning because he's been out there in the game and he knows what it's like."

RAVENS QUARTERBACK TRACE McSORLEY

On his impression of tonight's game and the preseason as a whole:

"It was a long preseason, a good body of work I think we put in as an offense. Overall, I feel pretty good about how this preseason went. Obviously, going undefeated in preseason, winning games, that is kind of the big goal. At the end of the day the main one, definitely feel good about that. As an offense, I feel like we had a solid outing each week, got better each week, which is a big thing that [Head] Coach [John] Harbaugh talked about at the beginning. Just showing progression each week and I think we were about to do that."

On how he felt he improved and built upon his performance in each game:

"Just felt more confident. Kind of more comfortable being in there, seeing things a little bit better and just start to develop that chemistry and trust with the guys that you're out there with. The first game there is not a ton of that around, depends what you've got through camp and through practice, but then you start getting a couple games with each other, getting those under your belt and that chemistry starts to develop. By game three or four you've got that chemistry pretty good and you're feeling good about it. Overall, we just, as an offense we just continue to make that next step each week."

RAVENS RUNNING BACKS KENNETH DIXON

On playing a majority of the game:

"It felt good getting back out there. Fourth preseason game, put you in there and see how your offseason went kind of game – who got a lot of grit and who is going to play. Just get out there and play."

On the running back competition:

"Competition battle has been remarkable. We've got a great group of guys, you know. Mark [Ingram II] doing a great job of leading us and everything. We're doing a good job of taking in what a veteran has to say, but it becomes nervous and everything. All we can do is go out there and put on the film and play ball. It all comes down to who can play the best and run the best. That is what we try to come out and do."

On his confidence moving forward:

"Definitely, I put all my work in and just live with the results. It is all I can do and that's what I felt like I did a good job of and I'm here ready and just relaxed."

RAVENS WIDE RECEIVER JALEEL SCOTT

On his overall preseason experience:

"It was very rewarding. It proved that if you work in the offseason, it will show when you need it to show."

On if he thinks he did enough to make the 53-man roster:

"I improved from OTA's, to camp, to preseason. So yes, I gave it all I had and only God can control the outcome."

On what he feels helped him improve and take the next step in his development:

"Just going against our defense, they're very competitive and when you play you against your team it helps slow the game down against opponents. It started to feel like college and high school. They strap up their pads just like I do. So, it was just the game slowed down to answer your question."

On what his mentality was going into this game:

"That's funny that you ask that. I talked to my dad a couple days ago and he was like, 'How do you feel about this game?' I said, 'To be honest, I've been playing this game since as long as I can remember. My job is to give it all I have, and then let God handle the rest.' I know I gave it my all, so I am satisfied."

RAVENS OUTSIDE LINEBACKER TIM WILLIAMS

On stepping up as a pass rusher:

"I've done everything Coach Harbaugh has asked of us. Whether it's been lifting in the weight room, to team meetings and applying it on the field. We have all the tools necessary to fill the needs of the team. The coaching staff drafted us because they believe in us and we believe in them."

On his increased playing time in this game:

"You have to crawl before you walk. I was playing behind a future Hall of Famer (former Ravens OLB Terrell Suggs) and watching him while learning all I could from him. Now I'm ready to go out there and show the Ravens what I'm made of."

RAVENS OUTSIDE LINEBACKER TYUS BOWSER

On his overall performance this preseason:

"I think I did well this preseason. I've been taking it one play at a time and dialing into what the coaches have game planned while just making sure I'm doing all the right things the coaching staff is asking of me."

On how difficult it is to make an NFL team:

"It's very difficult because it's your livelihood and everybody wants to make the team or the practice squad. It's definitely nerve racking, but as long as you go out there to play hard while putting your best foot forward you can live with the results."