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Defensive Coordinator Greg Manusky

On his early impressions of S Landon Collin:

"Especially from the meeting rooms, just trying to learn the system and get through it and understand all the different nuances that we have. He asks a lot of questions, does a great job of trying to figure out exactly what we're doing and his vision points and stuff on the field. But overall, we're excited to have him out on the field and actually practicing."

On the status of LB Ryan Anderson:

"I don't know exactly what is going on with Ryan. You have to ask the medical department, but I think overall right now he's been doing a great job. I'm looking forward to him doing great things for us."

On the excitement of having Anderson, LB Montez Sweat and LB Ryan Kerrigan on the edge:

"It's exciting to have a big, long guy that can actually run real well. I think with Sweat, he is doing a great job of trying to pick up the system like young defensive linemen are. Across the board, I thought the last couple days, he just keeps on getting better at his craft and hopefully he will just continue to do that."

On the benefits of having inside linebackers coach Rob Ryan and secondary coach Ray Horton on staff:

"I think it's the old over 50 gang, you know pretty much all of us – a lot of old guys. Pretty much the best thing about it is just shooting ideas back and forth with what Ray has done in the past and the same thing with Rob, going back and forth on certain situations. It could be in a two-minute situation, it could be in red zone, but just going back and forth just shooting what they've done in the past, what we do here and it has been pretty cool sitting down and talking with them."

On if he has made changes to defense based on conversations with Horton and Ryan:

"Yeah, pretty much I think overall from a learning standpoint, we made it a little bit easier for the players. So if the players have to come in and learn a new system, it is not as hard. I used to do that back in San Francisco [49ers] when I was there, so it wasn't that major of a deal for [me], but we changed a little bit of things here and there."

On the wide receivers and defensive backs' matchups:

"Jimmy Moreland had a hat trick today, so he had three interceptions, which I have never seen over my career actually in practice. That was great for him. Young nickel back corner that has been playing is Jimmy – wide-receiver wise? – I don't know. I don't really care exactly. I don't really deal with that side of the ball and I'm not saying that in a bad way. I do care, but I don't really focus on that. Overall, I think our DBs with the communication standpoint – I think 'Trap' [S Troy Apke] shows up, I think Deshazor [Everett] shows up and it's great to have Landon [Collins] back there. It's a nice little group showing up."

On what CB Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie adds to the defense:

"To tell you the truth, just an older guy that understands football, understands schemes, knows route recognitions, knows exactly what's coming and has been productive over the last couple of weeks that he's been here. He's picked up the system. It's kind of easy for him which is pretty cool from my standpoint."

On if Moreland's success in the offseason program has been a surprise:

"I definitely knew that when we drafted him, no I had no idea. Just overall, just a smart – even Ray [Horton] was telling me he went back to see his notes and stuff on Jimmy. Just a smart football player and knows exactly what he's supposed to do, understands the game very well. It reminds me a little bit of a Kendall Fuller [DB Kansas City Chiefs] type of player that we have and I'm excited for him. Right now it's early. He made a couple of picks so far, but I'm just saying overall he's performing very well."

On developing S Troy Apke:

"I think any rookie that comes into the league, it's hard. I remember even when I first came in, you know exactly what you're supposed to do and I think last year I remember telling him, 'I want you in those meetings every week just to get the concepts and understand exactly where your eyes are supposed to be and where everybody is supposed to be because you're actually the signal caller on the back end.' And he was in every one of the meetings and he took note of it and it started to show up on the field. He understands coverages now. He understands [offensive formations] what teams are going to do against us. So, I think every year that you grow in the NFL; I think that first year you're going to learn what you're supposed to do. Second year you start to learn the defense and what guys are doing around you and then the third year you usually say, 'Okay, this is how the offense is attacking us.' So I think he's in that second and third-year transition."

On what he has seen from Apke:

"They call them safeties for a reason, right? They're the safety valve. If something breaks through you've got to make those plays on the back end and I think he's one of those players that can make plays in space when the running back is coming, breaks through the line if we do have a mishap up front. But overall from a coverage standpoint as well, they're going to cover those main tight ends or he's in the post depending upon where we think we see him as. Right now we're still judging every player, but overall I like where 'Traps' [Troy Apke] is at."

On how much changes next week with mandatory mini-camp and CB Josh Norman being at practice:

"Yeah, I think it's important to get everybody in here to train and perform at a high fashion and just from the communicational standpoint, we changed it a little bit so I think Josh has to turnover and study a little bit more and understand exactly how the calls are being called now compared to how they were last year."

On the competition between the defensive backs:

"Yeah, I think everybody from that standpoint, 'Dunny' [CB Quinton Dunbar] has been a little bit banged up, still hasn't practiced and stuff and then Josh hasn't been around. I think it's important they have those guys around to understand the system, but for those young guys they just have to keep on battling. Some days you're going to have some bad days and then some days you're going to have some great days. So, you have to keep on struggling through the decent amount of installs that we're putting on them and starting to learn the defense which the majority of them have."