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### **QB Case Keenum**

#### **On the challenge of playing the Eagles:**

"I mean what's not a challenge? This is Philadelphia Eagles on the road. I mean I could sit here and name off the defenders on their team, but you guys know all of them. They have a proven track record of what they can do. Being at home, it's tough. That crowd is a really, really tough crowd. It's a hostile environment to go play. We got some young guys on our side of the ball, but heck, nobody is talking about us, nobody expects much from us. I think it's a pretty good place to be in, man. I think we got a lot of fight in that locker room, especially on our side of the football. So I'm excited to go out there and show what we're about."

#### **On combating the elements of playing in Philadelphia on the road:**

"I mean there's a lot of things. There's a lot of things and there's simple things, man. Just go do us, go do what we do. Guys in that locker room, guys who played, played a lot of football. Maybe not in the NFL – some of the younger guys, but it's what they've been doing since they could walk. We've all been throwing and catching, and blocking and tackling, so I'm excited. It's a fresh start, fresh season and it's a heck of a challenge Week 1, and we're going to come out guns blazing."

#### **On what he looks at first when analyzing a defense on film:**

"It's a lot of things, you look at a team to study it to know their personal. You want to know what they do well, what they don't do well, where they line up on certain situations, certain formations and then you look at how they cover things, what type of pressures they have, they've shown a lot of different things and it's a really good defense. They've played together for a long time. They're very quick with their checks and they are rarely out of position, so we have a heck of a challenge, all of us identifying – not only identifying what they are trying to do, but making sure that we are able to execute and get us all on the same page."

#### **On what he has seen in training camp and the preseason that makes him believe that the team has a chance to win in Week 1:**

"I've seen a lot. You guys if you've been here, you've seen it too. We have guys making plays all over the field. Receivers: Terry [McLaurin], Paul [Richardson Jr], Trey [Quinn], young guys coming up, two that have made some real big plays and made some big strides from just the spring when I've been here and even more so from the film that I watched last year on them. Tight ends: Jordan [Reed], 'Vern' [Vernon Davis], 'Sprink' [Jeremy Sprinkle], you know, all those guys. I've got faith in all those guys. That's probably one of the better tight end rooms in the league. Offensive line has gelled really well. [Assistant Head Coach/Offensive Line] Bill [Callahan] is a great offensive line coach and has prepared those guys for any and every situation. So, however that shakes out, those guys are going to be ready for the task. Whatever fronts, you know different things that they bring at us. For me, as far as my preparation, I've seen a trend upward of where I want to be. So, I'm really excited about that. I love the offense and the system that [Head Coach] Jay's [Gruden] put together here with [Offensive Coordinator] Kevin [O'Connell] and [Senior Offensive Assistant Matt Cavanaugh] 'Cav' and those guys. I think we are getting on the same page and it's been a trend upward for sure. I know we'll be locked and loaded and ready to go, but I look to improve every week this year. It's an exciting time."

#### **On working with the younger receivers and putting in extra time with them:**

"Yeah, we've done everything we can. We're going to do everything we can. That's why we come in early, that's why we leave late, that's why we practice, that's why we watch film, all those things. A lot of it is going to come in between the lines on Sundays. It's the experience; it's priceless. Each week we are going to continue to

grow and get better. But I look for those guys – one, they're hungry, they want the ball and they want to learn. There's a lot of communication going on, so we've talked through a lot of different looks, and we're going to keep getting new looks and new plays and new ways to attack different types of defenses and it's kind of an ever-growing – it's kind of like a living thing, man. And this thing just keeps growing, this chemistry, there's a lot of different words for it, that we have as an offense and I think it's going to continue to grow."

**On how much the last game against the Eagles is still in his mind heading into this matchup:**

"Not much. I talked about it the other week, but that was more so motivation in the offseason when I needed to do an extra rep or an extra set or something. I haven't thought about it this week at all."

**On how long it took to get over the loss to the Eagles in the 2017 NFC Championship game:**

"Yeah, it took a while. It was tough. It's been a long time since then. It's a new team, it's a new year and that's what is so great about the NFL. Every year there's no telling what's going to happen and who is going to be where and the predictions that are made and who's supposed to be good and who's going to be this. There's just no telling and that's just what's so much fun about this league and why on any day anybody can go out there and beat anybody else."

**On if not having T Trent Williams has hindered the development of the offensive line:**

"I don't think so. I can't speak to the situation that's going on, I can only speak to what's going on here. The guys that are here, it's been really good. The communication there has been really good."

**On his confidence in the offensive line and T Donald Penn:**

"We've got a lot of starts on that offensive line across the board. He's blocked a lot of people over a series of different decades. Not to throw him under the bus there, but that's pretty cool. To have him on the backset there, I know what we're going to get from him and he'll be ready to go."

**On which receiver he thinks will surprise people this season:**

"I don't know. I'll let you all find out. A lot of guys and who knows what path some guys go. I've been around a lot of guys who show up differently on game day. It's just something where they play with their hair on fire, they show up everywhere. It's cool to watch. Who knows."

**On potentially not having TE Jordan Reed available on Sunday:**

"That's the NFL for you. It's not if somebody gets injured, it's when and that is an unfortunate thing about this league. Training staff is doing a great job, he's working his tail off to get back. It's a tough deal, but we've got a lot of guys in that tight end room that I feel really good about (inaudible)."

**On if the offense changes without Reed:**

"Certain things change. He's an experienced guy that's played in this offense for a long time. I think everybody does certain things well. You'll have to ask coach though. This is pretty new to me too."

**On using his last game in Philadelphia as motivation for this Sunday:**

"I don't think so. You play in this league long enough and you're going to have memories in every stadium. I think this year I'm crossing off all 32 plus a few extra. There's good feelings and bad feelings in all. You just have to move on and go on to the next one."

**On his reaction to WR Josh Doctson getting released:**

"I was really curious to see how that was all going to shake out because that room, like I said before, it's as deep as a room as I've been around. It's a tough competition to get into this league at receiver. I think very highly of Josh [Doctson]. I think he's going to go and have a long career and be really good. Sometimes a fresh start is really good for somebody. I've had a couple fresh starts and it's nice to come into a team that really wants you if you get cut. I look for him to have a big year, excited for him as a fresh start. Brian Quick was

another one who I've spent a lot of time with. It's just tough, tough in this league. It's a tough league and you wish there was more roster spots for everybody, but there's not. I thought he had a great camp and competed."

**On the inexperience at wide receiver:**

"They'll have experience come Sunday . It'll be a good way to start."

**On his advice to the young receivers heading into the game on Sunday:**

"Be prepared, be in your book, know your plan. Come in here every day and put everything you've got into it everyday (inaudible). We've got a great system in place. They've just got to trust it, I've got to trust them, trust the offensive line and just go play."