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### **On a two-play sequence in the Giants game:**

“I'm not sure. I think I know what you're talking about and I don't think, I don't want to speak for [WR] Terry [McLaurin], but I think he was just saying, we went back to it like later in the game and it was just something that out of a look that we kind of do a lot of different things, out of that look, so it's not like you can just sit on it. It's not, obvious we're going to here. So that happens a lot. You'll repeat play sometimes. Obviously, there's certain plays, you, run once and you're not going to come back to it because it's very specific, but some general plays or concepts you can come back to it because there's options on the play too. So if it gets taken away, there's other places to go.”

### **On Terry having more success against James Bradberry this time around:**

“You know, I think it's just a matter of the more exposure Terry has he's going to have success, If you stop them or so at one time, it's going to be hard to do that over a period of time because of how dynamic and how good of a player he is. And he can do things different ways. A lot of the things that we did with him this past game, because the Giants, they're typically a type of team that wants to play deep. So we were just taking completions and letting him use his run after catch skills. We definitely wanted to get the ball in his hands. And, you know, we were able to do that with the 11 catches.”

### **On defenses seeing more tape on QB Taylor Heinicke:**

“I think it's just consistently making good decisions. I think obviously they look at like a quarterback's tendencies and we look at those things too, but a lot of it's they're defending the offense. They're defending the concepts. And then, okay, where does the quarterback like to throw? One way or another or certain receiver likes a certain route concept where if this concept gets called, the ball always goes there. We try to look for those things, but Taylor does a nice job. One of his biggest skills is his vision and he sees things well so that enables him to make good decisions and spread the ball around.”

### **On what Taylor is capable of:**

“I don't know. Those are hard questions to ask. I think that he can consistently play the way he's been playing. There's nothing that says that. And there's going to be ups and downs. I mean, this league is very challenging and the best players in this league have tough, tough games. His ability to kind of push through that. Just the skill set he has and with the accuracy with the decision-making, the vision and then his athleticism, he's got the skill set to continue to be successful.”

### **On the offensive line:**

I think they did a nice job this past week. The first week, we did some good things. We ran the ball. Well, there were some issues that we have with some protection. It was obviously a challenging group. And then this past week, we protected really well. I mean, we threw 46 passes, but we dropped back when you count scrambles, close to 50 times, which is a lot, obviously. To only give up one sack that was really Taylor's fault. I mean, it was the first third down and he tried to run out of there and loses yards, it should have been out of his hand.

That wasn't something where we got pressure right now. There were some pressures and those are things that we're continuing to work on, but I felt like going from one week to the next, the guys did a much, much better job and we did a nice job of blocking in the run. It was more of a pass heavy type of game.”

**On the tight ends:**

Yeah, definitely. The last week, we were in 11 personnel, most of the game. Ricky Seals-Jones, he only played, seven plays, but those seven plays, he was in between. I think he blocked well. He plays physical, he's a tough guy. He is not afraid to mix it up and then made the unbelievable catch for the touchdown. From what we've asked of him, he's been doing a great job and he's doing well in practice also”

**On what it says about Terry McLaurin that regardless of what keeps happening, he continues to produce:**

“Terry's just always locked in. He's a serious guy and he plays hard, and he finds a way to get it done. You know sometimes the way he catches balls, not necessarily exactly how you would normally see someone just do it, but he gets it done and he doesn't take plays off. He has a good understanding of finding the open holes in the endzone and it's hard to stay with him when you play man-to-man. No matter who the quarterback is, when guys get open, the ball goes their way and we try to find a way as a coaching staff to get the ball in his hands. He continues to do that. He gets open. And then, the other thing that I was saying earlier, he produces after the catch.”

**On the fourth quarter INT last week:**

“Yeah, I mean, they had all their time outs. They had just used their first time out. It was outside of two minutes. The two-minute warning, where I wasn't just going to run the ball and just give them back the ball. We want to win the game on offense. We're always going to factor in all that, the clock, whatever. Where we are on the field, we were backed up, we had gotten the one first down and we're just trying to win the game on offense. We're going to play aggressive, and I wouldn't change anything from the play call. Then Taylor, I think he just, kind of, over-thought it. It's a progression, he kind of skipped a step and Terry actually did a pretty nice job of running a little kind of running interference. And then that's why he was delayed a little bit, but it was just Taylor kind of forcing the ball where it shouldn't go, and they made a play. Then fortunately our defense stopped them, and we were able to go get the field goal and win the game. But that was a tough couple of minutes waiting for that ball to come back to us.”

**On what it was that stopped Taylor from being drafted:**

“Well, it's a pretty complicated question. It's not the way you asked it, but just the answer that he's from a small school. Okay. He was not recruited out of high school. He started as an FCS school that became FBS or whatever. Was not invited to the combine and he's little. All of those factors kind of led him to, fly under the radar. Now, he's a very good athlete. We signed him in Minnesota, undrafted free agent and he made our 53-man roster because of the way he performed in the preseason. As far as the sticking on the roster goes, he's had some untimely injuries and I think that set him back his time. People for whatever reason, they fall back to their original evaluation on people. So he's always going to be seen as an undrafted guy until he continues to do the things he's been doing, but he's got to do it over time. He can have five great games. And if he has one bad game, it's like, oh, well, here's the undrafted guy that everybody knows. I'm not saying it's fair or not fair, but perception is reality and that's just how things work. When you have somebody like that, they have to do above and beyond to get an opportunity. Fortunately for us and for Taylor, he was able to get that opportunity. And

he's really played the way that he's played if you look back on the tape. He's earned the confidence of this team and you know, everybody around him.”

**On getting WR Cam Sims and others more involved:**

“I think when we get a small sample size with two games, we play a lot of different guys. I think that Cam and [WR] Dyami [Brown], they both kind of been playing the same spot and they're both playing there, and both of those guys you would like to see the ball go their way, but sometimes it doesn't. Obviously [WR] Terry [McLaurin] got eleven catches in a game, you know, that goes there. [TE] Logan [Thomas], he had, I think four or five catches. You like to get him the ball and there's going to be games where maybe Terry won't have eleven catches, he'll have five. Logan will have eight and Cam will have four and Dyami, whatever. I think those things have a tendency to kind of even themselves out over the course of the season. What I don't want to do and a lot of things that happens with the play calls, but I don't want the quarterback to do is be like, hey man, I got to get this guy involved. It's just kind of, read the play, and play out how it goes.”

**On having a QB who can make adjustments for touchdowns:**

“Yeah. So that one was pre snap. One was just kind of on the read. The touchdown to [RB] J.D. [McKissic], I think he saw a look that they were getting in defensively and it was a little bit of a gamble on his part because we didn't have any timeouts. So we could have still gotten the first down and clocked it because it was third and one from the two. So there were still a little wiggle room there. But you know, he just saw kind of an open gap and said, hey, let's get to the run and I'm glad he did it. It was a good look, and you know, our guys, they have the freedom in those instances to get us to those types of plays. And then the [TE] Ricky Seals Jones one, they were playing a soft coverage look, but they squeezed on to Logan and he had a match up on a smaller corner. And it was one of those deals where you put that ball top shelf and get it to where our guy can go get it, or it's out of bounds at the back of the end zone. And it was a really nice throw as far as that type of throws concern. And then Ricky obviously made an unbelievable play.”

**On working with Head Coach Sean McDermott in Carolina and what he has seen recently:**

“The base of the defense is very similar. There's wrinkles that have gone to it, just like kind of how our offense has changed overtime when you're adjusting the different things that people will do. Coach McDermott, I have a lot of respect for him just being able to build and watch him work and watching the way that he worked with the players and what he demanded of them. And you really saw that group grow from 2011 to 2012 and not surprised at all with the success that he's had as a head coach.”

**On problems Buffalo can present for the run game:**

“They're defensive line, whether it's run or pass, they're very active. They got about eight guys that they'll roll through there, so they always are fresh and they're coming after you. Again, credit to Coach McDermott and those players, they play hard. They play hard from the first snap to the last, so you got to keep coming at them, because they're going to keep coming at you for sure. So I think that the activity, you know, if you block them, they don't stay blocked, they fight to get off blocks. So our guys got to do a great job of finishing, and those are the issues that you'll see, and they'll play some multiple looks and they'll stunt and pinch as well.”

**On if it's hard to stay patient in the run game against a tough defensive line:**

“To me, sometimes based off of the looks you're going to get, you're going to run the ball a little more like we did in the first game. And then there's other games where you're going to feel better about, about throwing the ball like we did against the Giants. It really comes down to the individual opponent and you just kind of make the decision. That's kind of how we roll.”

**On if the Bills secondary impacts play calling:**

“Yeah, for sure. It's a lot different than the teams we played the last couple of weeks. They were playing a lot more man coverage. There are different concepts that you'll get to, but then they mix it up as well. It's not that they don't just stay in one thing, so you got to have answers for the different coverages that they'll do, but we prepare that not only with scheme, but also just the technique work that our individual coaches will do during the year about working, about getting off press, and different things that we can do to help guys. So there is not somebody right at their face every time that the ball is snapped.”

**On preparing QB Taylor Heinicke for crowd noise:**

“We prepare for it as far as working silent count. We had crowd noise at practice today. And a lot of that is just do a great job with our communication. Once the ball is snapped, then you just try to get them to go play. I don't want to make too much of it for Taylor where he makes it more than it is. Just what I stress with him is make sure you do a great job communicating, make sure you're looking at guys when you're talking to them so they can also read your lips as well as and try to hear you. And then we got to get out of the huddle and get to the line of scrimmage. So we don't get stuck against the clock where they can time up the count that way also. But I mean, he's just got to go play, and that's what he's done a great job of, and you've seen that. And I think he'll do that and we'll get rolling. Get rolling early and it'll be just like any other game.”

