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QB Taylor Heinicke

On not wearing a graphic t-shirt:

“No, I didn't have enough energy this morning for a shirt.”

On what he learned from the game against the Saints:

“It's kind of more of the same from the previous weeks. Again, you go back and look at those two picks, they're just bad decisions and bad throws. There's a couple of things I'm feeling that we saw where my footwork was kind of out of whack on certain plays. And I was kind of late to throws, which ended up being incomplete passes in crucial situations. So, it's just really honing down on the little things and trying to clear those things out.”

On what causes him to be late on throws:

“Yeah, there was one deep over route to [WR] Terry [McLaurin] that I didn't throw out enough and I'd go back on film and I'm in gun and I take a seven-step drop, which you're not supposed to do. So, I'd take a five and let it go. So, you kind of go back on film on that certain play, you take a seven step drop and I'm feeling pressure from the right side. Well, that's on me because I took a seven-step drop. I shouldn't have been that deep. So again, it's just little things like that. Clear them up, and help the guys up front a little bit and go from there.”

On keeping pace with tough QB matchups in the coming weeks:

“Yeah, like you just said, last year I wasn't going against Tom Brady. I was going against the Buccaneers defense. So you can't look at it like you're going against [Chiefs QB Patrick Mahomes]. You just got to keep your game plan. We're going against the Chiefs defense. so that's what all of us, as an offense understand. We just have to keep playing our game and keep executing our game plan.”

On not getting distracted by the scoreboard:

“Well, we saw that at week three against Buffalo and we saw how that ended up. I would try to make a couple of plays here and there, and that ended up in some interceptions and the game really got out of hand. So again, it's more that complimentary football, hey, we might not get a first down here. Let's try and maybe get 10 yards on third and 15 flip the field and give our defense a chance to stop and get the ball back. So, it's really just more of the same from that Buffalo week, the scenario that you're talking about. So again, it's just playing our game and try and move those chains and not try and be too much.”

On building chemistry with TE Ricky Seals Jones and WR Cam Sims from running with the second group:

“Yeah, that's a real thing. It's difficult when you go into a game, not throwing to a guy for a long time. So yeah, playing with the twos and playing with [WR] Dax [Milne] and, and [WR] DeAndre [Carter] and Ricky, I got a good feel for them. So, it was nice for them when they came in the game, I felt very comfortable, and they made some plays, so it was cool. We all got some confidence from that.”

On balancing his running:

“It's one of those things that we don't really talk about. We don't want to say, hey, take off and run. It's one of those things that just happens. So, in the last two weeks, I think I've done a good job of that. So hopefully we can just keep that rolling.”

On QB Patrick Mahomes:

“I don't know if you can pick up anything from him. He's one of those, I'm going to say a wildcard. He's just an unbelievable athlete/quarterback. I kind of go back to when I was training kids when I wasn't playing and they're trying to do Mahomes-type stuff. I'm like, listen, you're not Mahomes. That's something that he can do. We can't. I do like watching him play it's, it's really fun to watch. I don't try and pick up any type of stuff from his game. Because that would probably get me in trouble.”

On WR DeAndre Carter:

“He just professional. He doesn't get the most reps in practice, but he's paying attention to meetings. He's paying attention at practice, and he knows what to do in certain situations, certain coverages. We all have a lot of confidence in him. Like when you see him in the huddle, he's got those confident eyes. He's ready to go and you know he's going to do the right thing. He's a playmaker out there. We're really excited when he's in the huddle and he makes a big play.”

On DeAndre Carter's experience in the league being similar to his:

“Yeah. I mean the more experience you have, obviously, the more confident you're going to be. Me and myself, I'm still getting more confident with that with every start. He's been in the league for a while. He's played with some really good quarterbacks. He's a confident guy. Now when we see him in the huddle, we all feel comfortable that he's going to do the right thing and make a play.”

On the redzone presence without TE Logan Thomas:

“I don't think it does. Obviously, we miss him down there. He's a big target and he's made plays in the red zone in the past, but we have a lot of confidence in TE Ricky [Seals-Jones] too. You've seen the plays that he's made, and he's made a lot of plays throughout practice and training camp too. He's a big body, he runs great routes. He has great hands. So I feel like if you just give them the opportunity to make the play, he's going to make it. That's not a knock on Logan. It's just we feel comfortable with Ricky as well.”

On doing anything to put last week's game behind him:

“No, you know, I'm still kind of pissed off about it. I just used that as fuel for the next week. I kind of came out to practice today, still a little pissed off about some of those plays I made. I just used that as fuel to get better throughout the week. Some people use different methods, but I kind of hold it with me and use it as fuel. I've done that throughout my career.”

On what he has seen that shows that they are turning the corner:

“Yeah. Again, there's just a handful of plays here or there that if we eliminate, we play almost a perfect game. I feel like the defense had some turnovers there in the first quarter that we just didn't capitalize on. And then again, a couple of those picks I threw. If you take away two or three players on offense, two or three plays on defense, we feel like we've made some strides throughout the week. So again, it's just every day going out there and trying to get better and build on it. I feel like we still haven't played our best football yet, so we'll see, I guess.”

