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Head Coach Ron Rivera

Opening Statement: "Just real quick. [LB] Tre Walker, one of our rookie linebackers decided he was gonna move on from football. So, that's why he wasn't out there today. Tre is a solid young man. He is a guy we had some hopes for, but unfortunately he just decided it was time to move on. We wanna wish him all the best."

On what that conversation was like:

"It was a very simple conversation. He said it was something he'd been thinking about and there's some things that he wanted to get back to. So, he decided it was time to move on."

On if that will prompt the team to look harder at the linebacker position:

"Well, it's gonna prompt us to obviously look at it. He's a young guy that we did like, that we thought had some mobility. Really good tape coming out of Idaho. It's unfortunate, but if the young man has something else he wants to do, then he's gonna go on and do it."

On if he has ever had two players retire this early in training camp:

"It happens. It really does happen."

On LB Jamin Davis not being on the field with the first team defense for a couple of rotations:

"That's just kind of the way some of the defenses are set up. We have a couple defenses where we have certain elements of it where it's what we consider our big group. Other elements we just have one linebacker on the start. So for the most part, the first guy in is gonna be [LB] Cole [Holcomb]. It's just really the group."

On TE Cole Turner appearing to leave the field with an injury:

"Cole Turner's hamstring got tight. That's what happened on that play. That was all about the hamstring."

On how much he enjoys the goal line drills during padded practices:

"I don't enjoy anything about 'em. I mean, to me it's all about the coaching aspect. I really don't. I mean, it's one of those things where again, we don't gameplan for each other and so it doesn't matter what you do or how you do it is the thing that you really care about. Are we doing it right? Are we blocking the right people? Are we filling the gaps the way we're supposed to? That's really more so the better part for us is the instructional. Are we learning? Are we getting better?"

On those drills being very physical:

"Yeah. And you always worry about that because that gets amped up. That gets hyped up. The hard part today, we were down at the tight end position. Those guys with some nicks and stuff like that. And Cole [Turner] came up with a hamstring. [TE] Sammis [Reyes] came up with a hamstring today as well. So, the guys that you normally would have in there, weren't in there."

On if CB William Jackson was injured:

"Well, if he had an ice pack then he probably had hamstring."

On what DE Chase Young brings to the defense when he is healthy:

"Well, he brings some energy. He's an energetic guy. He plays fast, he plays hard. I think that also, you know, helps his

teammates.”

On if how much he wants to see WR Terry McLaurin be a mentor for WR Jahan Dotson:

“Well, as far as Johan's concerned, I just want him to go out and be who he is. You know, there's no expectations on him as far as that type of stuff is concerned. What you want him to do is go out, learn, grow, and develop, and let those things happen naturally, let him happen organically. So, we're not gonna try and force anything on him, you know, whatever he adapts to and how he assimilates, you know, that'll be him.”

On how T Cornelius Lucas is coming along:

“He's coming along well.”

On Wide Receivers Coach Drew Terrell has come along as a coach:

“I think Drew has really come along nicely. Having Jim Hostler, our offensive senior assistant around has been really good for Drew. You know, Coach Hos [Jim Hostler] has got a tremendous amount of experience, especially in this league and he's really helped Drew a lot, but you watch Drew take command, take charge. You see him being proactive with a lot of things and he really has done a nice job in terms of the growth of not just himself, but his unit, his guys. It's a thing that he has a good relationship with those guys. He works very easily with them. I think the future's very bright for a young man like him.”