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Head Coach Ron Rivera

On what he shared with the team after practice today:

"Yeah, just have a good day."

On how he felt practice went today:

"I struggled with some things that happened out there."

On if there is any intention of bringing TE Sammis Reyes back:

"Those are all things that we're working through. You know, we have a few guys that we put on IR and we have to work through certain situations with them all."

On what is going on with the running back room right now:

"Antonio [Gibson] work with the ones, the twos and the threes. He's working with the special teams. Brian Robinson worked with the ones, the twos, and he's working with the threes as well and he also working with special teams so, you know, that's what we're doing."

On position flexibility and having guys know different roles:

"We want to be able to use all of our players."

On Offensive Coordinator Scott Turner moving to the sideline became before or after QB Carson Wentz got here:

"I think it was an adjustment made after Carson. I think part of it too is just in talking with Scott talking about communications in the field. We just feel that this is something that gives us an opportunity to be right there and get instant feedback as opposed to having to have it cycle through a quarterback coach."

On if QB Carson Wentz said to the staff that he likes his play caller on the sideline:

"No, it's a conversation Scott and I had."

On if there is a competition for the starting running back job:

"There's always been a competition for the positions on this team."

On the yelling and barking today at practice:

"I don't mind the barking. I just don't like some of the things that happened."

On the team's effort and tempo at this point in camp:

"I think it's pretty good. You know, we started out with almost a completely live drill with exception of taking the taking the running backs to the ground. And then we just went back to our thud tempo after that."

On how players work the balance of competition with teammates who become friends:

"Well, from the experience, it just tells you, you compete, do the best you can and see what happens. I mean,

if you worry too much about what everybody else is doing, I think you lose the opportunity to play well and focus in on you. You know, it goes back to what I've said before, focus on what's important. The interesting thing is, okay, he did a great job, good, but I gotta go out and do a great job. I had to go out and compete. I gotta do my job.”

On if preseason verse camp goes into the thinking and making of roster cuts:

“And that's a big part of it. I mean, you know, going through the pre-season you look at guys for their value on special teams, You look at their value for developmental, their ability to get better as a player and then you look at their value for depth when you're looking at the young guys. Some of the other battles are a little bit different because you're looking at the potential for starter. That's a pretty intense one. You're looking for one where, okay, there's a rotation. We're gonna use a group of guys like wide receiver. We have six guys that you know, we say we gotta have. Okay, who are those six guys? And how are the rotation gonna be? What are they gonna do? What are their skill sets? How do they fit us? Look at the backs and we sit there and say, okay, whether that number's three or four, you know, what's the combination. Again, a lot of this goes back to, to what I had in Carolina, and I was very fortunate. You know, when you have a Jonathan Stewart and DeAngelo Williams and a Fozzy Whitaker, it's a pretty good trifecta backs. You'd like to have something very similar, that type of situation where, you know, you're gonna hand the ball off and if the guy gets hot, you're gonna keep handing him the ball and then you gotta spell 'em and you gotta have the same type of guy or guy with that kind of skill to go in and do the same thing. So, you try to find that out. You try to look at the quarterback room. I like the three guys we have. I think right now it's a good room. Why? Because each guy understands and knows what's expected of them. And so, you're trying to create those type of things as you go through this and trying to evaluate how your roster's gonna work.”

On if they have a set number in mind for how many guys they want to keep at each position:

“We have numbers and, and you know, tight, end's gonna be a tremendous discussion. Running back will be an unbelievable discussion. Is it gonna be nine, 10 or 11 DBs? You know, that will be another discussion but if you do that, what happens to your linebackers numbers? Is it seven, six or five? You know, what's your D-line number. So, we write the number down and then we put the placard underneath them and you sit there and go, okay, wow, okay. But then you gotta reach over to the other position and take one. So, we go through that exercise pretty often right now.”

On how they will use the starters on Saturday versus Kansas City:

“Not necessarily. We have talked about it. We are gonna most certainly play 'em. How far they go, it's still up to debate. There are some guys that will be on pitch counts that once they hit that number, they'll be done. A good example would be Chase Roullier. We have a pitch count for Chase once he hits that number, we're taking him out and then we'll go from there.”

On he feels about the offensive line particularly the guards and tackles:

“See, that's a real hard one for us just because of the fact that, you know, you really wanna see a guy at a particular position. Like Saahdiq [Charles] went down and now we had to move a guy and say, god, we really wanted to see him tackle, but we moved him the guard and he actually played pretty good and you go oh wow, that's something to think about now. Cause you know, he's showing you, he does have position flex. He can play tackle, but he can also play guard so that's a huge plus.”

On the injury TE Sammis Reyes has:

“Hamstring.”

On if there is any issue with G Wes Schweitzer after going to the tent during practice:

“Not necessarily. A little bit of concern though. He did land on his hip and it kind of got sore on him. So, we pulled him out and sent him up to shower up and start getting some treatment on it. He'll get rechecked afterwards and we see where he is.”

On if he thinks this is one of WR Curtis Samuel's better stretches in terms of participation:

“Yeah, very much so. Again, like I said, there is a plan, a very fluid plan. It's almost adaptable as he starts to get, you know, the callousness he needs to practicing every day. We increase a little bit more, a little bit more each day. These last two days have been a delight. It really has because we've been able to put some things in for him specifically. We'll see how he is when he comes in tomorrow morning. I know Al [Bellamy] and I talked a little bit about it. We were encouraged that Curtis wanted to do more today. It's been kind of cool to watch him, you know, come back and really be more and more confident about where he is. So, we'll continue with that.”