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RB J.D. McKissic

On how he feels camp is going and how he feels the first game went:

"I feel like camp is going well. We are getting one percent better every day. I was very excited to get back out there again and to actually make a play too. It felt great."

On what his goal is this year:

"Just be better. Make guys miss, get freaky with the ball basically, and just be better than what I was the last two years."

On his longest reception during the game against the Carolina Panthers:

"You hit it on the head, man. It felt great to be back out there and make a play, just to do what I do, and try to move the ball on third down. I got it done, the old line blocked it up great, and [QB] Carson [Wentz] made a great pass. It was easy. But just to stand up and feel good about it, I'm blessed. God took care of me through the whole thing and finally get a chance to get on the field again. It was a lot of excitement."

On RB Antonio Gibson fumbling on Saturday:

"Antonio is a motivated young man. It happens, sometimes they get the ball out. It was a crazy play. The defender made a great play. But he's focused, he came back in the game, he came back in and ran extremely hard. I don't know if a lot of guys paid attention to it, but he stayed in with the twos and got it in, ran hard. So it's nothing, he worked hard every day. It's something he's working on. He's getting better at it."

On if he has taken RB Brian Robinson Jr. under his wing:

"I have not taken him under my wing, but he is already a player. There isn't too much I could do for him. He went to Alabama, he's prepared well. He can run the football, that's what he does. He got out and showed that. We're excited about it. He did a fantastic job."

On what was the hardest adjustment for him as a rookie:

"I was a receiver. It was more so just learning the plays. I was in Atlanta. They were throwing a lot of stuff at me. I was running bubbles my whole life and now they are telling me to run an out and slant and those types of things. I was able to pick it up though. But I was moved to a running back so it was very hard, and I got the chance to keep getting better at it now that I'm here."

On what he makes of the offense:

"I think we moved the ball around. I think you really can't key in on one guy. We showed that a lot of guys touched the ball. I think we only played one to two series. But I think we moved the ball, we got in, and we scored. I think [QB] Carson [Wentz] looked fantastic to me. That's it, we're getting better. We're excited about it."

On his impressions of QB Carson Wentz:

“He's a great QB. We just talked about it. I'm trying to remind guys that he was an MVP candidate, you know, that year when they went to the super bowl. So, we're excited about him. He looks great and he's doing great.”

On what he has seen in LB Jamin Davis:

“Jamin looks good. He's flying around, he's block shedding. When those guys go up against me, they, you know, they take it upon themselves to do the best they can. I got to kind of remind myself to not let them win sometimes. Cause once they win, I got to hear it. So I'm excited about tomorrow and going up against him, but he's been doing fantastic. He like a totally different player.”

On RB Antonio Gibson stays confident through fumbles:

“Like I said, Antonio's a great player. Only thing I can say is, hey, get it out your head. And that's something as all players, we got to learn how to do is once something bad happened its over with, we got to move on to the next play and that's not as easy as it sound. It's very hard, you know, but I think he did a fantastic job. He got back in and he ran extremely hard. He made plays, converted on the third, down in the flat, ran a defensive back over, took him four yards. So, we happy with Antonio. He's doing good.”

On his role in the running back room:

“I'm a team player. I'm a team player. You get you baby. And I'm a be there when my number is called, that's how my job been my whole life. And my number is called, I'm ready to make the play. And that's how we all got to do. You got to be happy for the next man and go eat, you know? Its third down. If, my number is called, hey, let's go.”

On ball security being a hard adjustment switching from a WR to a RB:

“When you play a receiver, you're not around as many guys because you're in the perimeter until you get thrown inside. But it's usually going to be on one or two guys, but when you're running the ball, you got so many guys around you, you know, that's just something you got to learn to keep two hands on the ball. It's just something you got to put in your head.”

On RB Jaret Patterson:

“We don't know how the depth is set up until the actual 53, but if you watch JP he's doing great. You know, he even got in and he made plays. He scored a touchdown that they did that they didn't give to him. So regardless of when your number is called, you just got to go make the play. And I don't know if you guys been watching it, he's been doing good. All of the guys been doing good, [RB] Reggie [Bonnafon], and [RB] Jonathan Williams]. Them guys look phenomenal.”