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Quarterback Carson Wentz

On his reaction to the RB Brian Robinson news:

"Obviously it's heartbreaking but obviously there's positive news as of late and then how he's doing, but yeah, caught, caught us all off guard yesterday. Obviously on an off day, but, reached out, shot him a text right away, reached out to Coach Rivera right when I heard, and Coach kept me up to date on kind of how he was doing and after he had visited with him and went over there. So yeah, I think it's a wakeup call to everybody just like, you know, this is there's real life problems out there in this world, but thankfully Brian's doing well I'm told and look forward to seeing him."

On how the team handled the situation:

"I think everyone was good. Coach [Ken] Zampese also his father passed away as well so that was announced. Some things obviously internally, we are just praying for our guys, you know, we're a family and, and we want to keep it that way and pray for everybody when they're going through stuff off the field. I thought practice was good. Guys were still up tempo, all that stuff, but yeah, I think everyone definitely feels for Bryan and definitely, again, it is a wakeup call that there's a lot of things in our world that are sad and unfortunate and things wrong in our society. Yeah, we gotta all be smart."

On if the situation put him into a different reality:

"No doubt. It's sobering for sure. You know, you hear that news and it's like, okay, this isn't even football anymore. You know, someone was shot and this is a real life, off the field thing that someone's going through. We're fortunate with how he's doing and again, that's all what I've been hearing but things could have obviously been a lot worse. Yes, it is very real life. It takes you away from football real quick and say these are real life issues that we all that we're all going through and we're not immune to it."

On what has stood out to him about RB Brian Robinson:

"He's a lot of fun. He's a lot of fun to be around. I mean, obviously we see him on the field and how he runs the ball and runs hard but off the field he's high energy. Great dude. It's been fun getting to know him a little bit, opening up, coming out of his shell a little bit right now and it's been fun to see. So, I look forward to seeing him back in here hopefully soon and that big smile on his face I'm sure will come back real quick."

On the emotions RB Brian Robinson may be feeling missing out on his first NFL game:

"Yeah. Again, I don't know kind of overall his state. Again, I haven't spoken directly to him, shot him a text, but I know there's a lot going on in his world. Curious how much of that he's even thinking about quite frankly because when this happens like we just mentioned a lot of football and all that kind of goes kind of to the back burner, I think. I'm sure there's frustration, disappointment, all that, that I'm sure he is feeling. Probably feeling a lot of different emotions but it is unfortunate and we'll see what it means for him long term and all that stuff. I have no idea. Again, I'm excited to see him back in this building hopefully soon and put this behind."

On he feels the offense is at starting the season:

"Feel good. Feel good. It's exciting. Obviously, we've put some good, some bad, some ugly out on tape and it's not been perfect, but I think I like where we're at. I like the mindset. I like the makeup. Definitely not perfect and we'll be building and growing as a team really every week, every time we step on the field. But the body of work we've had from OTAs the summer, training camp and then preseason games, I really like where we're at and I'm optimistic."

On facing Jacksonville to open the season:

"Yeah. I mean, it's a new team. It's a new team, their coach, you know, everybody's new down there. So, I try not to put too much stock into that. It's week one. It's at home. There's obviously a lot of emotions everybody will be feeling. I try and put that all behind me."

On his chemistry with TE Logan Thomas now that he's off the PUP list:

"Feeling good, feeling good. Just working through things. Everybody runs routes a little differently. Body language is always a little different, but I've also seen him on tape from last year as I'm learning the new plays and everything. So I am trying to see how he moves on tape and I think he's looking good. I'm excited to keep building that chemistry, but I think today was his first real team reps and all that. So that'll help this week to see extra practices we get, and then into next week I think we'll be on the same page."

On if he wants to take shorter throws and longer throws into the regular season:

"For sure. Yeah, there'll be plenty of time for both. I think pre-season, it's kind of just how it played out, but it is good. It is part of what we do in getting the ball to these guys in space, the backs, and the receivers. I think they're all dynamic with the ball in their hands. It's fun to see what they can do and also just play quick, play fast. We're going to call plenty of plays to push it down the field, but it's not always going to be there. So sometimes you got to take the check down. I'm super confident in each and everybody's ability if I do check it down that they're going to turn it into a big play."

On watching Offensive Coordinator Scott Turner transition from the booth to the sideline:

"Obviously I don't know Scott from prior, so I don't know what he is like up in the booth. But I do enjoy coming off the field and talking, [Quarterback Coach] [Ken] Zampese down there, the other quarterbacks, and Scott as well. Instead of having to get on the phone and 'Hey, what are we thinking next drive,' he's right there. We can bounce ideas back and forth. Obviously limited action in the preseason, but just seeing a glimpse of that kind of operation is cool. I think it's helpful for us. You'll have to ask him how he likes it. I don't know what it was like before, but I know he's excited to kind of be a part of the action and feel that kind of energy and atmosphere on the sideline, which will be cool for him."

On if he had an offensive coordinator on the sideline in North Dakota:

"It's a really good question. I've kind of seen some of both, but I love the sideline. I think you come off and you're trying to figure out what the heck they were doing. Trying to figure things out quickly. Having a set of eyes and somebody that you can talk through things and hash things out quickly, I think is really important. I think I've seen that over my career and I think that'll be the same here."

On how he heard about the attempted robbery on Robinson:

"I actually heard from a group text with the old lineman. We were texting each other and one of the guys sent it in the group. So the topic quickly changed, and I read just the headline. I called [Head] Coach [Ron] Rivera right away because I figured go straight to him. He would know he would know best. That's how I heard."

On how he compartmentalizes Ernie Zampese's passing and the attempted robbery on Robinson:

“It is sobering. We're so geared towards our job, everything revolves around football and it is our life. And I try to not put my identity fully in football. But you do give a lot, you give a lot and it's mentally and physically taxing. So to have moments that are real life moments, that aren't completely football, are completely unrelated to football. I think it gives you a sense of reality and makes you realize there is a much bigger picture and there's much more important things in life. I think it's cool that we can kind of rally around each other and be together. We do kind of have this slower period this week until we ramp back up next week. I think everybody can kind of hash through it on their own. I think it'll be cool to get Brian back in here and around the guys that I'm sure that'll be uplifting for him. And that's because he loves this place. He loves the ball. He always comes with energy. I think it's always a tough thing to navigate, but it's cool that we can be around each other and be together.”