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## **Quarterback Carson Wentz**

### **On if this Week 1 feels any different than others in his past:**

“Not really. I mean, its new place, new team, new everything to some extent, a new routine. I guess you could say, you know, schedule's always just a little variance here and there, but at the same time, it's still week one, a lot of excitement, jitters, all that, you know, all that fun stuff this week. So, it's fun to get kind of get back into the routine of game week.”

### **On where he feels the team has made the most progress:**

“I think just actually putting it together on the field and I think we're by no means there either. But I think just coming in right away, trying to learn everything and then learn each other and camp building that chemistry and everything I think has gotten, I think it's come a long way, um, throughout camp, which I think is important to be able to get those reps, get on the field, get the practice in, mostly be healthy with most a lot of our guys for the most part I think was important. And I think that chemistry has been building throughout camp. By no means I think we've arrived or anything. And I look forward to us continuing to build and grow together out on the field on Sunday and each week just get a little bit better and get one step closer.”

### **On his process on evaluating himself each game:**

“It's a good question. I think it's in the NFL things happen fast turnarounds fast. So, the process is very expedited. I always watch the film the night of the game, whether we're traveling back or sitting in my bed with my wife or whatever, like I'm always got to finish watching the game before I go to bed. And then we we'll come in and kind of go through it again with the coaches. And then it's pretty much turn the page. You got a hash out the things that you can fix and don't dwell on it at the same time and just trying to get better, but it's pretty fast and furious once week one hits. It's just go, go, go, go, go. And you feel that sense of urgency right away on Monday when you watch the tape. And then you're already talking about the next opponent, so it's quick, but you got to be mindful of it so that you can't let things slip too much.”

### **On if he focuses more on stats or film for review:**

“Yeah, it's pretty much all film. Stats are going to lie to you. Sometimes they're going to tell the truth sometimes and you can't get caught up in the results on that end. You just, what could I have done better? Where could I be more accurate or better decision making all those things? And it's truly strictly on the film.”

### **On if most of offensive growth happens during camp or the regular season:**

“Yeah, the growth happens on the field in the game, you know. I think you do everything you can to be prepared and I feel that we are very prepared. So I don't want to say by any means that we're not prepared for that, but I do think that growth, that natural growth of coming together within a game with understanding

how we're going to call a game and how coaches wants to attack a defense, all of those things kind of finally come to fruition on a Sunday. And then from there it's okay, let's build it from here type of thing. And so I think once we're out there on Sunday afternoon, that's when we'll start to see what we're made of, see where we're at and then keep building from there.”

**On development with WR Terry McLaurin:**

“I feel good. Feel good with what he brings to the table. He makes my life easy a lot. I can already tell that. So, I look forward to seeing that live on a Sunday and just seeing what he can do down the field with the ball in his hands, underneath all of those things. And I definitely feel good with the chemistry there.”

**On what Head Coach Doug Pederson meant to him as a young QB:**

“He meant a lot with the kind of whirlwind that year was learning. I was the starter eight days before the season, all those things. He meant a lot. I thought he was a great coach, great guy, fun to be around, meant a lot over the years. Went through a lot of good and some of the bad, obviously all together, but it means a lot to me.”

**On Head Coach Ron Rivera picking his brain on Head Coach Doug Pedersons offense:**

“Yeah, I mean, obviously it's an offense I know a lot about, and I've been around and been involved with. So, there's some of that, there's always some of that kind of everywhere you go, but I think this week will be fun to compete against him to see him and not just Sam there's other familiar faces on that side of the ball that I've worked with in the past. So, it'll be fun to compete against them.”

**On being the face of the new era for the Commanders:**

“Think it's just cool. I think we talk about football, football, football, football, so you can lose sight of some of those things. But at the same time, I think it's cool to be involved in something new and that's what we look forward to you know, going out there with a new sense of a mission, so to speak and a new purpose, to some extent, but I think guys are excited for it. Guys are excited for week one and you can kind of get lost in those things, knowing, hey, this is football, this is week one. We got to go win a game. But hopefully we put a good product out there and give people something to cheer about.”

**On what it is about a Doug Pederson coached team that makes them hard to play against:**

“Yeah, I mean, I think he always has a very offensive mind coach. Great coach. A lot of respect for him over the years and so it'll be interesting to see what they do, obviously it's different a different defensive coordinator. It's some different pieces over there, but I know he'll have his guys ready. I always felt ready when I played for him. I know his offense will be ready to do some good things. I'm confident in our defense at the same time, but like I said, it'll be fun to compete against them.”

**On what he can tell his teammates about facing Doug Pederson:**

“Nah, I can't tell you all those things.”

**On if it means anything playing Jacksonville with how it ended last season:**

"Yeah, I mean, I think it's obviously makes for a fun story and all that but for me, it's week one. It's week one. It's another football game. Last year was last year. It was a different team. I was with a different team. They were coached by a different coach. A lot of new things. So for me, this is an entirely new script that we're starting off and hopefully starting the right way."

**On chemistry with the wide receivers:**

"Yeah, I think every year's been different for me. I think in Philly, I mean, there was a lot of carryover at times. Last year, I had no training camp. I had an injury, so, I'm thankful that I got to be out there. Got to be out there practicing and learning the guys. Learning how they get in and outta breaks and routes and route discipline and all those things and get to talk ball in a different way because I'm out there firsthand. So, I think for me, every year's been a little bit different. I've been very encouraged by the guys this year. A lot of young guys, but a lot of eagerness to get better, to learn, to keep growing together and so it's been fun to get out there on the practice field and I look forward to that continuing to carry over into the game."

**On signs that the offense is starting to click:**

"Yeah, I mean, obviously putting up points is obviously first and foremost, but I think almost everywhere I've been the offense goes a lot has to do with the offensive line. You know, I have so much confidence in these guys and their ability to protect, to open up holes in the run game and I'm grateful for them. I'm looking forward to playing behind those guys. I think a offensive front versus a defensive front is an often overlooked battle that I think you can kind of tell how the game's going with who's winning those battles in the trenches and I look forward to seeing our guys compete down there."

**On if he felt he had a better chance to show the team who he is compared to previous years:**

"Yeah, I think that's fair. I think everybody would probably agree with that because it is no protocols. No this, that, and the other and we're actually able to sit and have lunch together and we're able to actually go to each other's house and go out to eat and go do relatively normal things. The things that make this game fun, honestly. Building those relationships. Building that chemistry. So yeah, I think without a doubt, it's been a little bit different, a little bit more normalized so to speak and that's been a fun part of it for me."

**On if there is a key to starting fast:**

"I wish there was a foolproof method for that. Been a part of places where we do start fast and somewhere we don't. You know, I think for us this week, there's a lot of unknown over there with the new defense coordinator, new pieces, a lot of new position players over there. So, we're gonna put our best foot forward and we're confident in what we're gonna call. I'll let Coach [Scott] Turner kind of handle that, but it might not be perfect early. We gotta figure out what they're gonna do. Just like they're gonna try and figure out what we're trying to do and every game every week is gonna be different. Our goal is to come out and start fast, to convert third downs, to stay on the field, all of those things, but every week's different but I'm confident that that Coach Turner will put us in the right place to succeed and we just gotta execute."