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Defensive Coordinator Jack Del Rio

On DT Donovan Jeter:

“You have to, you have to ask the Scouts about what they like. He's learning as fast as he can, spending time getting him ready. That's what that is”

On his unit in Week 1:

“It was great to get a win. Yeah, good game. Good energy. There's some things we certainly wanna be cleaner with but at the end of the day, we made a play. We had to make in the two-minute drill. In fact, both two-minute drills were successful in not allowing points. That at led directly to the win.”

On why he calls blitzes a little bit more than others:

“Every week's a different week. Different challenges and specific plans are made for that specific opponent. We're gonna do everything we can to put our guys in position to be successful and help our team win.”

On S Darrick Forrest:

“I thought Derek did a great job. Played well. I think he played the whole game and the moment was not too big for him. He came up huge in big moments for us.”

On how he can help the defense moving forward:

We've prepared our guys. Feel like we've had a really productive offseason. Great commitment, effort and energy put into preparing for that opportunity. He's off to a good start. As a team, we got a win and put that behind us. Get ready for the challenges of the Lions and what they bring and getting him ready. I'm proud of him for taking advantage of his opportunity and making an impact when he got in there.”

On third-down success:

“Yeah, I think bottom line is we're looking to be a really good unit and really good units get off the field on third down. So, it's gonna be something we need to continue with.”

On if the blitzes are based on different personnel packages:

“I appreciate the attempted follow up. I'm not gonna spend a lot of time talking scheme. We had a plan for the Jags and, we'll put together a plan for the Lions. I don't think any two plans end up being exactly the same, but we're getting ready. We recognize the challenges. These guys put up a lot of points really the last two times they've been in their building. They rolled offensively last year, last game against the Packers and to open up against the Eagles. So, both good units they went against. They're doing some good things. They present some challenges and we're looking forward to meeting those challenges.”

On four guys rushing as one:

“Yeah, pleased with the effort and energy that's gone into that. Preparing to rush as a unit, as opposed to individual contractors. That's been an emphasis for us throughout the offseason. They're putting in the work,

they're playing off each other. They're playing fast, they're really working at it. It was a really good start. I think the effectiveness of the rush was much stronger than the sack total would indicate. Love the way they got after it.”

On Lions RB D’Andre Swift:

“As talented a player is in the league at that position. I think he's a very, very good runner, excellent contact balance, good speed. Understands how to set up blocks. He can make people miss; he can run away from people. I have a lot of respect for him.

On the Lions being favored in the game:

“I respect every opponent we go against. I encourage our guys to do the same. I think that's how we're looking at it. It's a good football team. I'm not really concerned about the betting line.”

On LB Jamin Davis:

“Jamin was just okay in the game. I think he practiced better throughout the offseason. It was just a so-so performance. I think he'll do better as the year goes on.”

On Jamin being matched up with the receivers on certain plays:

“Yeah, kind of a combination. Wouldn't want to live in that look. They got to it on a time or two and when we do get to it, we expect them to hold up. He didn't hold up very well in that situation. Gave up some big completions. We need him to be better and we need to do a little bit better job making sure we keep him out of some of those situations.”

On working with his son on the coaching staff:

“Well, other than the joy that I take in being able to see my son and because he has a grandson. I get to see them regularly. I think that's the biggest perk or positive thing. As a professional, I'm proud of the way that he's working and doing his job and preparing for the next opportunity to have his own room and have a coaching career. He's doing a great job. He's a good worker and I think he's done a nice job. As a dad, it's great to have family around.”

On some teams that have a rule about having a son on a staff:

“It doesn't make sense. Good coaches are good coaches. I think you look to have good coaches. I think he is a good coach.”

On if there is anything more he would like to see out of Jamin Davis:

“I said plenty. I gave you guys plenty there. I mean, he's gotta play better. He didn't play very well last week. I know he expects to play better. He'll be challenged to play better.”

On having a lot of confidence in him this offseason:

“I saw a lot of good things this offseason and kind of surprised me that he didn't play better in the opener.”

On publicly communicating his thoughts about Jamin’s play:

“No. You guys can make it whatever you wanna make it. I said what I had to say. I'm trying to be honest. I'm not burying a guy. I'm being fair. I think he's worked really hard. I think he prepared to play better than he did in the opener. We expect him to play better going forward.”

On getting his guys ready this season:

“Yeah, no, we need to get ready, understand the challenges and get ready. That's it. Every week, you're

gonna make corrections from the previous game, whether you're doing it with a smile on your face or having to get over whatever may have occurred in a bad way. We did it with a smile, but 24-hour rule kicked in long ago and we're moving on to the next game. We need to be cleaner, better and more efficient and continue to do some of the things we did real well. I thought we played with great intent. I think throughout the game, there was tremendous energy and effort, a strong will and I think that showed in the first game. We need to see it in week two.”

On DT Daron Payne:

“Sensational. I think he was an excellent football player. Another guy that's had a tremendous offseason. I thought he was dominant in the first game.”