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## **Defensive Coordinator Jack Del Rio**

### **On Eagles QB Jalen Hurts:**

“He's always been very competitive. I think he's probably playing a little more polished at the position in terms of directing the offense and distributing the ball. They've done a great job surrounding him with playmakers and their offensive line is very talented and he's a good football player. So that's a good group.”

### **On where the defense is currently at:**

“Yeah, I think we're growing, developing. The last couple of weeks haven't gone exactly like we'd like there are some really good moments in each of the ball games and I think there's some things that we'll certainly learn from and do a lot better going forward. So, I like the group. The group is working really hard. I think we've had a good time kind of putting it all together. I expect us to play better football. From things that haven't gone well, you kind of teach, correct and move on. We are preparing for a very good team and we're looking forward to having them come into our place. Looking forward to playing really good football.”

### **On what moments stand out:**

“I mean, you can go either way. To me, there's some positive things that we want to build on. There are some things that we need to do better. We want to teach and coach and correct and move on from those things. Just keep growing. At this point, it's like, you recognize what was good or bad and you move on. We're in that phase now where it's prepare and then go out and compete. Moving on to next. It certainly hasn't gone exactly how we'd like, obviously. But there've been some good moments so we're going to build on the positive and teach where we need to and grow and move forward.”

### **On overcoming explosive plays:**

“I don't know, let's make it a two-week deal this year. I'd like to move on from that quickly.”

### **On anything he has noticed about explosive plays:**

“No one thing. Like I said, we acknowledge what hasn't gone the way you'd like. I don't think it benefits anyone to sit here and have a finger pointing session. We take ownership and we have moved on. We're getting ready for the next challenge.”

### **On what he does when a play doesn't go right:**

“I think you're re-asking what I've already really addressed. Things that didn't go right we're correcting and things that go right, we acknowledge. I think either way there's accountability and then we're moving on. So, right now we're preparing for the Eagles and we don't spend a lot of time, especially on a Thursday of game week, worrying about what was, it's more about preparing and then competing this weekend.”

### **On WR A.J. Brown and what he adds to the offense:**

“He does add to the offense. He's a big, strong, talented, wide receiver. Really a good football player. It's another weapon. I think their tight end's really good. I think their back's really good. I think they have a really big, strong, talented, offensive line. It's a good football team. We're looking forward to the challenge.”

**On the injuries to the defensive line:**

“Yeah, we're working on it. Guys are getting a lot of reps looking at different possibilities and trying to heal up best the guys that are a little nicked up. It's fluid process. I think, really in all the cases. I mean these other than Phil [Phidarian Mathis], these guys are coming back and hopefully soon to full strength. The challenge is as you prepare during the week to get some able bodies out there that are ready to go.”

**On CB Benjamin St-Juste:**

“Yeah, we like Kendall [Fuller] outside. Juice has been pretty solid inside. There are things that we'll continue to do better as he gains experience from playing in the position.”

**On CB William Jackson III:**

“I think he's done okay. I don't really want to sit and evaluate our players each week. I'm going to start nipping that a little bit. I mean our job is to prepare for the next opponent. We can talk a little bit, generally about things like that. I think overall, I think our group is playing well. I think Will's playing well. I think we're going to play better as we go. So that's where we are.”