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Offensive Coordinator Scott Turner

On what he could have done better against the Cowboys:

"I mean, honestly, I felt like we were able to move the ball when we didn't have the penalties. We would move the ball and then we put ourselves behind the sticks and that's a really, I mean any defense is tough to overcome that, but that's a very tough defense to overcome. You get yourself in second and 22, those situations. We had seven penalties, those took place on five drives. And, you know, all those drives ended in four of them ended into punts, and one of them ended in a field goal where we were down inside the 20, backed up and had to get a field goal. So, when you play a defense of that caliber and you commit to running the ball, you cannot have the negative plays. And we can't have negative plays anyways, but especially against a team like that when you're playing on the road. So that's something that we have to clean up. I mean, we talked about the negative plays the week before they came in the form of sacks. All this week they were penalties, so it's just, you know, those are things that we have to eliminate. Obviously, it's hard enough as it is, so when you make those mistakes and make it harder on yourself, it's not a good recipe."

On his formations correlating to the type of play:

"I mean that's something that you look at yourself scouting as a game goes. When it's inside the game, you don't want to be that heavy, but we were having success with the under-center run. Actually, our two passes were not very successful that we ran from under center. So that's something that, you know, we looked at during the week and you never want to have, you know, tendencies like that, especially as the year unfolds. But you know, we were aware of it, but we didn't really want to go away from it because we were for the most part blocking them well up front when we didn't get the holding calls."

On how RB Brian Robinson Jr. will help the offense:

"Yeah, I mean, he's a good player, really good back. I mean, you guys are able to see what he can do in the preseason or over the summer during training camp. We're excited to get him back, the trainers and the doctors will make the decision on when he is actually able to play. You know, that might be this Sunday we're still kind of waiting and seeing him. He looked great at practice. He's not going to come in and just carry the ball 30 times. Like obviously it's his first time ever playing in the NFL too. He's a rookie, so there's going to be a period of kind of getting him going. But I think we're all excited. I mean, we're excited about the personal aspect of the story. Just such an amazing thing for him to come back after what he's been through. But as a player, you know, he's going to give us some juice and that physical presence and just a good all-around back."

On if RB Brian Robinson will help in play action:

"Yeah, I think that helps. I think he helps the overall offense. It's another quality player that the defense has to account for. We talked about it last week with the play action numbers. I mean, we've had some negative plays and that just kills your efficiency, especially when you're this early into the season. I expect those just to increase and do better as the season goes on. And we just have to, like I said, eliminate those negative

plays. We've had some sacks on play actions which has really hurt that.”

On if there were times last week that he wished QB Carson Wentz changed plays at the line:

“It’s not a lot. I mean we do have some plays where he can adjust not necessarily the play, but maybe he's adjusting protections. Most of the time we're getting to the line we're trying to run plays, get off fast. There wasn't a lot, you know what I mean of him changing the plays. We had some plays, you know, just like any game that I'd like to have back. We had some plays where we had some missed assignments, that caused some negative issues or maybe caused an overexaggeration, which was a hold or penalty, stuff like that. But no, there wasn't anything where we thought we could have changed the play outright.”

On the offensive line injuries:

“Yeah, and we tried to do some of those things with getting the ball out quick, obviously running the ball, you know, take some pressure off of them. There's always things that we're gonna look to helping certain guys, understanding our matchups with what the defense is showing us, and then who do we want to help based on those matchups. Those are always things that things that you look at but this is part of the league. I mean, guys get hurt and other guys have to step up and we gotta make it work with the guys we have. No one's, no one feels sorry for you.

On if he worries about shotgun versus under center is becoming too predictable :

“I think at some point, yeah you do. Within one game, I don't necessarily, especially when we had 5.3 yards of carry that that wasn't the issue, you know, running the ball or them knowing that we were running the ball. We need to improve the play action pass like we just talked about so some of that could be some under center collection pass. Like I said, the two passes that we ran, those weren't good. So, you know, we gotta make sure we're doing a better job in those instances anyways but yeah, over the course of the season, like those are things that you absolutely look at and we look at those week by week. That one single game I don't take as much account to it because of the way it was going and then yeah, in gun, we threw the ball more. A lot of times those are, I don't know if you guys are looking first or second down just overall or as the game goes on, you know what I mean? We are down, so you're gonna be in gun, you're gonna throw, you know, so that one's not as worrisome to me.”

On WR Cam Sims and WR Dyami Brown:

“Cam's been here since before me, but as long as I've been here got a lot of faith in Cam. I thought Dyami had a good camp and he'll be ready to go if we need 'em. We'll see on those guys. I think we'll get one of 'em back. I don't know if we'll get 'em both back for the game. Curtis [Samuel] is dealing with a little bit of illness and Jahan, but that's still a touch and go. We're not sure on those guys, but they're gonna be close for the game.”

On T Saadiq Charles playing right guard:

“You know, Saadiq brings some athleticism. I don't know if you noticed them on some of those screens, you know, getting out, doing a nice job on those. He's a guy that played for us last year. He started three different spots, both guards and right tackle, and then he played some snaps at left tackle. So, he's a versatile player. He can play garden tackle. He's played and kind of played well for the spots and then he's had an injury or something, something where he gets dinged up. So, I anticipate, he'll be able to stay healthy and he'll play well. I thought he did a nice job when he got in there for the most part against Dallas.”

On QB Carson Wentz's first intentional grounding against Dallas:

“We've talked about that. The first one, you know, you break the pocket and you're out there and you get a chance to throw the ball away. Get it thrown away, and we can get the second 10 or even if it's not, whatever

get to the next down, and don't take a negative. Those are all just kind of moments that teach moments that we work through there."

On if he thinks the team is marrying the run and pass together successfully:

"I think that's a week-by-week thing. I mean, sometimes it won't necessarily look the same within a game, but maybe we'll run a play action that looks like a run we ran the week before or vice versa. That's something you're always trying to work towards. Situationally, sometimes it's a passing situation, it's not as important. But, in those true first-and-10, second-and-short, we try to do a good job of marrying those things and that's something we always are working towards."

On what he can do to improve the play-action passing game:

"Yeah, I mean you just look at kind of what are the different run actions that you're using. I mean, that's something that you can look at. We've looked at that depending on what run you're faking, what style of run, and that's what you're talking about, marrying it with the runs that we have run. And that's something that we have to do and make sure that we're matching the things up with what we do well in the run game. Like you said, making it look the same and then making sure we got the right guys doing the right things."

On what he can do to fix the amount of penalties the offensive line had on Sunday:

"Yeah, you talk about that. I mean, you just talk about being smart. When it's holding, keeping your hands inside. I mean, we had some issues where we had a double team and maybe one guy left too early, now someone's left out to dry and they get a penalty called on them. So making sure that we're playing assignment football because a lot of that is what led to the penalties. It's really just about knowing the details of your job and then making sure you're doing that play-in and play-out and when you do that, you eliminate negative plays and you eliminate the penalties. Yeah, sometimes the defense is going to make a play and we can live with that, but it's hard when you're doing it to yourself."

On why he thinks defenses are playing more two-high safety looks:

"I think teams are playing pass first defense and they're willing to give up some plays in the run game. They're trying to limit explosives. I think that's really what it is. And they want to limit explosives. If they're going to play pass first and then you're going to dare teams to pass and they continue pass and then they're going to try to create negative plays because they're playing pass first defense. I think that's just a general answer, a philosophy answer that's one of the ways I see it."

On if he thinks defenses look at coordinators and quarterbacks as not being patient enough to steer clear of the long plays when they're not there:

"Yeah, I mean I think there's a little bit of that. That they're just like, 'Hey, maybe we'll give up some runs and then eventually we'll hit it right.' So I think it's kind of that game of chicken or whatever that we play back and forth with the coordinators."