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Offensive Coordinator Scott Turner

On if there are any adjustments going from QB Carson Wentz to QB Taylor Heinicke:

"Yeah, I mean, the offense is still the offense, but there's stuff that'll be more suited to Taylor and kind of his skills and the things he does well. We still wanna be balanced. We still wanna spread the ball around all those types of things, but it's not like you're gonna majorly change everything, but there will be some subtle differences."

On what it is about Heinicke that makes his teammates and fans gravitate towards him:

"I think people just appreciate his toughness and just kind of that durability and that never say die attitude, both with his story, as well as just the way he plays the game. Kind of plays with an edge. Can be a little reckless at times, I guess. I think people just like that energy that he brings both his teammates. I mean his teammates know it doesn't take long to figure out, he's gonna give you everything he's got. He lays it out there and people respect that and rally around that."

On what he saw in his self-scout over the weekend:

"I mean, there's a lot to look at. Number one, like we've talked about this before, negative plays have killed us, have killed drives, which essentially that's possessions and keeps us from scoring points, moving the ball. That was the one thing we had to look at. Third downs, gotta be better on third downs. That's the same thing, it keeps you off the field. We gotta get to better third downs. We got in way too many third and longs and then when we get in third and manageable, we gotta convert. We gotta play a complete game. Like, there's been games like last week where we ran the ball well, but then we didn't do a good job in the passing game. Dallas game, same deal. Tennessee game, we're throwing the ball and down the field, we had some decent looks to run the ball and we didn't capitalize. We got a play game where we can do both and that's basically that'll help us, help us move, help us be more successful consistently."

On what he can apply of what he's learned with a new quarterback:

"I still think a lot of the issues or a lot of the things that happen, both good or bad, it's not necessarily a quarterback, you know, a lot of it's just is some things that we had where there's breakdowns up front, some scheme things where we could get to a better play, so you can always apply that. We did self-scout over this weekend, but we, we do it constantly. Obviously had a little bit more time this past weekend."

On the process of using multiple running backs:

"I think that the good thing about like having backs that you like is that you can kind of play the fresh guy. If one guy's rolling you can stick with him, but if they need to blow you don't feel, you don't feel like he has to push through something, you can get fresh legs. I think we didn't have a lot of plays in the first half. B-Rob [Brian Robinson] was rolling and then we got Antonio [Gibson] and he was fresh, and I think he was ready to get in there. He didn't know why he wasn't playing as much at the first half so he wanted to say, 'Hey, you know, here I am basically and he gave us a little bit of juice, made a couple big plays. Those guys have a little bit of a different skill set as we know but when they're fresh and the defense is tired, it adds a dynamic."

On what he thought of TE Cole Turner's performance in Chicago:

"You could see him getting better, more comfortable from one week to the next. Just playing faster. That's the biggest thing when you're a young player understanding the speed of the game and when you try to feel your way through everything it doesn't work out, you just gotta go, let it go. If you make mistakes, you gotta learn from them, move on but you could see him getting more comfortable and playing at a better game speed."

On WR Jahan Dotson reaggravating his hamstring:

"He was limited. We're gonna get the injury report after this. I kind of came straight here to you guys. I mean you guys saw it. I think we're gonna have to evaluate that and see what happens from there."

On how Heinicke's mobility can help the offense:

"I don't know necessarily. I mean, it'll help the offense just because he'll be able to scramble, he runs. You see the things that he did to get himself out of, out of some trouble. Ultimately, he's gonna have to stand in there and make throws which he can do as well but I think it always helps when a guy can scramble and move around a little bit."

On facing Packers LB Rashan Gary:

"Yeah, I mean, he's one of those guys. I mean, they got a couple guys like that up front, but those guys that you gotta know where they're at. Don't wanna leave him one on one a ton. I was with Rashan my year at Michigan he was there and he's a guy that's just kept getting better and better since he's been in the league and he's playing at a very high level. Obviously played well against us last year, but he's playing as good as he ever as he ever has right now. So, someone that we gotta know where he is at and you can't have let him wreck the game."

On if Heinicke being a mobile quarterback affects the offensive line:

"It doesn't necessarily affect them. Like they're not gonna block any differently. Sometimes maybe the only thing is they got to, and they're going to the whistle, but they gotta understand they gotta maintain their blocks and stay in front of their guys because Taylor might hold onto the ball a little more, buy a little bit more time back there. Again, we're telling Taylor to get the ball out, but there's sometimes where he might extend some plays some. I think they're gonna approach the game the same way though. They're not gonna think, 'Hey, he's gonna run around, we can block, we got a little easier.' Or anything like that. They gotta block the guy in front of them."

On what he has seen from RB Brian Robinson Jr. and on how remarkable it is that he has been able to come back from his injury and take over the main running back position:

"It's not so much what I see the offense needs, it's just what he's shown us over time. He's a force in there. He makes guys tackle him, he moves a pile forward, brings some physicality. He's an easy guy to give the ball to. And I think he's just getting better and better and he's gonna continue to improve as he gets more touches and as he gets more comfortable playing in the league. I mean, it's just kind of the type of game that was on Thursday Night. It was kind of a grind it out type of game and he was doing a good job of getting those tough yards. So, we stayed with him there and as we said, [RB] Antonio [Gibson] came in and gave us a little bit of a burst and was productive as well. But, that was good to see [Robinson Jr.] do that."

On how he wants to balance the running back snaps going forward:

"Yeah, I mean I think there's probably gonna be some times that come up where it's the other way where we say, 'Hey, we wish we got Brian a little bit more involved.' I mean a lot of that is flow of the game. If Antonio

was in there and he's rolling, you're gonna stick with him. You're gonna stick with him, and that's when you have two backs. I mean, obviously Antonio's been a thousand-yard rusher in this league. We think a lot of Brian. So, you want those guys to always want more. And like you said, there's only one ball so I think it's gonna be a little back and forth."

On if not being able to sustain drives is a factor in not getting everyone as involved as he'd like:

"Yeah, for sure. I mean, I think you know I'd like Terry to have more catches. I'd like those guys to have more carries. We gotta stay on the field and that's what I talked to when Sam [Fortier] was asking about the self-scout stuff. I mean a lot of that is third downs. We gotta be better on third downs, have less of 'em. Either get first downs or first and second down and then convert on third downs. That is gonna give us more play so we can get more of everyone involved."

On if he has seen a difference in Heinicke this year compared to last year:

"I think the more you play, the more experience you have, it's gonna build confidence. I think just the confidence of knowing, 'Hey, I've started 15 games in this league or 17 total, but 15 games in one season.' And then kind of being able to step back and watch and see someone else do it. I think it's all a learning experience. I mean, you look at any starter in this league, they've all been better the longer that they've played. Whether they're a backup or a first round pick, whatever. I mean, guys that stick in the league. And I think just all the things he went through, all the experiences he had is only gonna help him as he plays this week."

On how he feels the offense has handled the cover zero blitzes:

"Yeah, I think for the most part we've done a nice job. The Bears got us obviously the first third down. That's gonna happen. Hats off to them. They did something that they really have not done before and it was on a short week, and they got us. We'll do a better job handling those things going forward. And if you look over the last few years, we have -- it's just that they got us."

On if Heinicke has the freedom to audible out of plays at the line of scrimmage:

"Yeah, it's not so much freedom to just go ahead and change the play. But there are certain things that he can get in. But it's no different like what he's able to do based off what Carson [can do]. There's no difference as far as the operation is concerned."