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Head Coach Ron Rivera

On how they will approach this week with the Monday Night Game:

“We'll give the guys Monday and Tuesday off. We'll bring them in on Wednesday. We'll do a half day of work, we'll do a review of the game and then we'll do a basic introduction. And then what we'll do is Thursday, Friday, and Saturday will be our typical Wednesday, Thursday, Friday with Sunday being our typical Saturday, we'll travel Sunday afternoon and we'll play Monday night.”

On the penalty to DT Jon Ridgeway:

“I don't agree with the call. I went and looked at it and looked at it and looked at it and looked at it and there was, I mean, he didn't hit him with his shoulder pads and didn't hit him with the helmet. He crossed over and caught him with his hip. He was going into the gap.”

On the teaching point there:

“Well, the purpose is because when you get across the center and he turns with you, it opens up the crease. So the guy in the other gap got a chance to get through it.”

On if he will bring that up to the league:

Oh, very much so. I'm gonna ask for an explanation of that just so we know. I mean, he didn't hit him with his helmet. He didn't hit him with his shoulder pads. He ripped across and caught him with his hip going across. I mean, if he had hit him with his helmet or shoulder pads, I would not have an issue with it. But as you go through and look at it, you don't see him rip his helmet or his shoulder pads.

On QB Carson Wentz:

“He's progressing well. In the meantime what he's doing is he's keeping himself in football shape by going through some drills and some techniques seeking the football shape.”

On DE Chase Young and if the long week helps him have a chance to play:

“It could. I mean, again, all just depends on how he's progressing and his conditioning.”

On QB Taylor Heinicke and his development:

Well, I mean, it all just depends on the perception. I mean, that seems to be one of the big things is everybody's perception on stuff. Truth of the matter is for the most part Taylor played well, had some opportunity. One thing you'd like to see him do is take what's in front of him as opposed to a couple times he tried to try to make a big play. Should have gone ahead and taken what was given to him. Unfortunately, a great example is he tried to throw the deeper ball to Logan [Thomas] and unfortunately threw it off his back foot and sailed it when he could have taken, he had his primary read with a pivot and he was open and unfortunately he tried to throw the deeper ball. Now if he throws the ball going into the throw and not going backwards, that ball doesn't sail on him. He's got a chance to hit Logan. So, that was unfortunate, but that's a little indicative of him. I mean, you're gonna get those kind of shots and when he makes them, everybody gets excited. We all do. And when he doesn't, unfortunately this was one of the things that got us.”

On how Heinicke is developing as a quarterback:

"That wasn't a talent limitation play, You know, in all honesty, I mean, that was unfortunately he threw it off his back with his back leg what you would like to see him step into the throw as opposed to having his weight back. Because if he steps into it, the ball stays down and comes into Logan [Thomas]. If you see it, he's leaning back and that's why the ball is sails. Also, because his primary read was he had a pivot underneath that you would like to see him throw that. It's one of those things, if he makes the throw, everybody thinks, God, what a great throw and nobody worries about him not throwing the pivot and unfortunately, you know, we had the interception and you sit there and say, Oh, take the pivot. That's one of those things that as a guy goes through it, you want him to take the I don't wanna call it the sure thing, but you want him to make the throw to the pivot."

On CB Benjamin St-Juste's performance and if it was designed for him to cover Vikings WR Justin Jefferson:

"Well, for the most part it was the design. It was to try and match him up on him. They had a really good basket. It really did. Jefferson's a special player and we felt pretty good about Benjamin's opportunities and he made a couple of plays that helped us. Jefferson got a couple plays that got us. I thought he fought and battled his butt off and did the best he could and the truth of matters, we feel pretty comfortable and pretty good about him. I don't agree necessarily agree with the pass interference called on him. I'm asking for an explanation and interpretation, just so we can go forward with it."

On if there was anything on the St-Juste penalty that could have been interpreted as interference:

"I struggle with the whole term hand fighting because we don't have it in the glossary, in the rule book. There's no real true definition of it, so it's all about interpretation. There were a couple things. When you watch as the route develops, Jefferson tries to use his hands to get a little separation and Benjamin reaches back and punches him with his, and then when they both stop and turn, they've both got their hands on each other. And then when the ball gets thrown, it's thrown really towards Benjamin more than, toward towards Jefferson. You know what I mean? Cause it hit Benjamin, I believe on the left side, which was away from, from Jefferson. So, again, it's how the play interpreted and that's kind of what I'm asking for in terms of the explanation."

On starting CB Danny Johnson over CB Rachad Wildgoose:

"We thought it would be a good mix up, a good change. Danny's a guy that continues to battle and earns opportunities and he's been practicing really well. Rachad had a tough game last week against Indianapolis and we thought maybe giving Danny an opportunity to step up and play and see how it goes and thought Danny did some good things. There's a couple things that Danny's got to be a little bit better at. One thing is he lost his leverage on one particular play, but for the most part I thought he played pretty well."

On if he expects the CB Danny Johnson and G Trai Turner to start going forward:

"We'll see. Again, it's about when we finish grading the play of the game and we talk about it, we'll see how they all did. I got an idea, I got an opportunity to watch the tape this morning, got up early and went in real early so I can get all that out of the way. I'm going to listen to the coaches, and we'll go from there. "

On what stood out after reviewing the tape:

"Some guys didn't play as well as we need them to. We missed some opportunities on both sides of the ball. Like I said, there were a couple third downs early in the game defensively that we had a chance to get off the field. Unfortunately we didn't and that was disappointing. Offensively, we got to understand, we gotta take what they give us because that's what'll create the opportunities later in the game."

On how he would evaluate the team up until this point in the season and on the growth he has seen from the team:

"Well, I like where the guys are. We're playing physical. We're running the ball physically. I think Taylor's brought a little bit of a spark. It's feast or famine at times with him. But, he's done the things that you need to do to give yourselves an opportunity. I like what we've done defensively. For the most part we really have improved in terms of our third down defense. We've done some pretty good things in the red zone as far as limiting scores. I think we've seen some growth as a football team. I like where the special teams are. We see some dynamic play, and the really neat thing is we're playing one game at a time as we're getting focused. We'll get this outta the way and then we'll start focusing in for Philadelphia."

On how he operates the team while there are rumors about ownership exploring a sale of the franchise:

"Well, we just stick to business as usual. I mean, that's the only way you can do it. If you try to do it any other way, then you're not giving yourselves the full opportunity. And that's one thing that I will say that I've been assured is that this is about us doing business as usual and we'll focus in on only what we can control and that's the game, and what's happening daily. So we'll stay focused on that and we'll go from there."