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On WR Terry McLaurin's trade request:

"I heard a quote from [LB] Bobby [Wagner] that says, you gotta pay your own bills before you pay someone else's kind of thing. So, I have to focus on what I have to do. 17 [McLaurin] knows I love and support him. That's my guy, I wish him the best, but right now I have to come out here and I have a job to do, and so I have to focus on that but he's got my support. He knows we love him."

On if this team is better equipped to handle McLaurin's situation compared to the past:

"Yeah, I mean, we're just a bunch of group of guys that understand that at the end of the day we all have a job to do. We all have a responsibility to each other to come out here and bring our best self out here. And so, understanding that, that's kind of just the understanding of it all."

On the core group on special teams:

"Yeah, man, I always say some people only pay attention to the main guys that get the recognition, but it takes all 11, right? Percy's [S Percy Butler] been pivotal since he's been here, hasn't got a lot of talk but he's one of those dudes that has always showed up and always made plays when he is out there. So, it takes a village out there to go and compete and get the job done. He's one of those guys along with some of the younger guys that are coming along. Kain's [LB Kain Medrano] coming along really well. He's going to be a really good player, Bill's [RB Jacory Croskey-Merritt] going to be a really good player out there for us as well. So, these are young guys that are kind of taking after what the vets are saying and kind of just running with it because the standard is the standard with that group."

On the change with the organization over the last few seasons:

"Oh, man, it's been a blessing. You go through every phase of organization. I've been through three team names, it's two owners, this is my third coaching staff. So, I've kind of seen the evolution of this place. And it's just been a blessing to just be a part of this journey while I'm on my own journey. So, it's so cool to just see the fruits of the labor of the guys that have been here before, that worked hard, that didn't really get to see it, I was very fortunate and blessed enough to be one of those guys that was here before and kind of see the fruits of the labor that came after. So, I'm so grateful and thankful."

On differences between the team this year compared to the past:

"It's a new year. I think the biggest thing, and I don't like talking about last year because it doesn't matter anymore, but you saw what the possibilities were when you have a great group of guys that go out there and compete every day. So, we keep the core guys still the same and now you just get to build off of it. You don't have to rebuild, you got the same fundamental guys that have been here, and you've added new key pieces. And you just kind of bring them along to the standard of what it is that we expect here. And so, you just go out there and compete. And so it's exciting now to just go out there and see everybody putting their best foot forward each day and kind of stacking days

because those pay you back in September or October, November, December and that playoff football, that's when it matters.”

On areas of growth in this game and on his comfortability with the install:

“I think the biggest thing for me is that the game has just slowed down so much for me, even in from last year to this year. I was coming off a knee injury and everything was just kind of going really fast. I was trying to prove myself to a new staff and a new front office. And this year I just came in with the confidence that all I have to do is be me and at the end of the day this is a game, and I get to come out here and have fun every day and compete. And so, I've just been out here flying around, looking at the different things that officers are showing formation wise, split wise, okay, who's on the ball? Where's my deep threats, when I'm at safety. And just kind of going out there and just trusting what I see. I think that's the big thing with guys, they might see something, but they don't necessarily trust what they're seeing. You got the instincts for a reason, so you gotta use him.”

On QB Jayden Daniels' growth and leadership:

“He's the same kid, man. No matter how high it's been for him, all the great things that have happened for him, he's still even keeled. He's got that just cool demeanor to him and I think that's the best part about him, because he doesn't let the highs get too high or the lows get too low. Adversity comes in this game, it's inevitable, injuries happen, things don't always roll your way, but he's still the same person every day. And I think that's what makes them special.”

On Head Coach Dan Quinn being a culture driver:

“He's a leader of men, first off. When you have somebody that understands what it's like to be in the shoes and in the lens of the player as he says, that's already a plus. That's somebody that you can always go to. I've went to Coach Q and asked him, ‘Hey, where can I be better in these areas? What part of my leadership role can I be better in?’ It's just that constant feedback. He's always trying to sharpen the tool as he says, toolbox. And so, that's somebody that you always can go to and get the honest truth. And so, when you have that as a player, that's all you ask for. And so, culture-wise, you just got a bunch of guys that want to win and want to do whatever it takes to win, and that's what they care about. So, when you have that, you have a selfless building. It's not really about one person, it's about the collective. And so, we have that in this building. You asked me to go do whatever, I'm going to go do it because I know if that helps the team, that's what matters.”

On when the culture started to click:

“Oh yeah, man, we got a group of men that we sat down and we talked about what we expected out of ourselves and the group. So, if I come to you and I say, ‘Hey, that's not really it.’ I'm not attacking you personally, that's just a standard that we set. And so, we all sat down as men, and we talked and we made something that we hold ourselves to. And so going into a new year, now it's just bringing new tools that we've had, new pieces that we've added, and getting them along speed of what we expect.”