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Head Coach Dan Quinn

Opening Statement:

“Good to see you guys. Man, we're pumped to be here and get rolling with everybody. Thought I give a quick shout out to Vrabs [New England Patriots Head Coach Mike Vrabel], to [New England Patriots Executive Vice President of Player Personnel] Eliot [Wolf], the Kraft's and just guys organization. So, man, we're pumped to be here and getting rolling with these guys. So, give you a couple updates. I said the other day we had seven guys that are not on the trip, two on PUP, that was [G] Sam [Cosmi] and [WR] Terry [McLaurin] and five others had various injuries. Not long term, so we're going to hold them out and reassess them into next week. That's [QB] Marcus [Mariota], [WR] Noah Brown, [LB] Jordan Magee, [T] Brandon Coleman, and [DE] Javonte [Jean-Baptiste]. So, just want to give you those updates. I said I'd give that to you the other day. And having a joint practice and a game, it's good for us, for [General Manager] Adam [Peters] and myself for a lot of reasons. The first one is evaluations, there'll be some that'll play a lot in the practice and none in the game. There'll be another crew of players that'll play some at practice and some in the game. And then there'll be another group of players that'll play limited here today and a lot in the game. So, the goal over those two sessions, how many evaluations can you get as opposed to one that gets a bunch here and a bunch in the game. Can we spread some of those out? So, by the time we get into the weekend, man, we got a lot of tape to look at and a lot of guys that put in this spot. So, wanted to give you the big picture stuff on some guys that were out. I'll give you a better assessment when we get back home where they're at. There's nothing long term injury wise for them and then kind of give you our philosophy of the joint practice leading into the game. So, all that said, let's get rocking with you guys.”

On his level of concern with Mariota's injury:

“The concern level's low. I'm anticipating coming into next week to see where he is at. I think we're seven to 10 days, something to that spot. So, the concern level's low.”

On what he's seen from Brown:

“You know what we did with Noah coming back over the summer from the knee, just making sure we don't miss one step so we almost reset it just to make sure he's not missing one part of it. And he's chomping at the bit to go. Again, I see a little bit like Marcus in this instance, early August we're trying to really extend this ramp up, the strength, the movements. As a wide receiver, some of the biggest things is your deceleration, your ability to go stop. That sometimes can put the most stress onto things and so we'll work hard at that just to make sure there's pain-free in every way we do that. So, he's closed for sure.”

On what he's hoping to see from QB Jayden Daniels today and on how his philosophy for Daniels in the preseason has changed from last season:

“Yeah, for he and a lot of other guys it's a lot different. However, we'll kind of get to the game, get through the practice and go to that. He'll play a lot today though, and I think that's important. It's different looks, different system, different calls. So, it's an important step and it's a good one for him. So, we're excited for he and for a couple of guys, hey man, new looks, different things. When you're going against the same

kind of looks all the time, even though there's different installs, there's still a real advantage. That's why we're pumped to be up here with the guys.”

On Mariota’s injury:

“Just a lower leg strain, but he's going to be, hopefully as we assess into next week, in good shape. This was really one to say, man, let's make sure we're not dealing with it back and forth. So, it's more of a place to, let's get him all the way back.”

On what he wants to see from his starters and veterans in the preseason:

“Yeah, I think you want to customize it no matter what and who needs what, where it's at. There's a lot of guys that I'm excited to see both today and into the game. Certainly the rookies, their first preseason game is always a cool one. They've been looking forward to playing in the NFL. This is their chance to go do that. I'll remind them you have been playing against other really good NFL players the whole time, but it is customized by how much reps you get here. But there's guys I want to feature and the guys I want to see. I want to see linebackers tackle, I want to see people guard one another. So, there's definitely things that I want to see.”

On the message to players fighting for a roster spot:

“Yeah, expect the expected, knowing like, hey, these are the things you can control. So, sometimes you can see when a guy's ramping up for something that's really important they can tighten up or feel some kind of way, I've gotta do extra. And sometimes over trying can be the worst thing. And so, man, stay in that pocket of the training you've been doing and then let it rip here. That way you don't feel that tightness to go and I have to do this or I have to that. Man, you gotta be yourself fully turned up and that'll be plenty. So, that's the message that we share but man, stay right in that pocket of the things that we've seen.”

On if joint practice performances mean more compared to other training camp practices

“We don't talk about in terms of like weighted or not, but it is another evaluation and against different guys. So, they all count and especially the padded practices for certain positions, they just have more value I would say. So, those are probably the ones that are weighted.”

On getting rookies acclimated to the NFL:

“More so, in two sessions how many reps would be like a good number? Say can we push them into this threshold for today? And then another one for the game for Friday. So, you don't want to go crazy on today and then you put somebody at risk. So, for the rookies, they won't take all the ones today for the guys that are playing in different amounts. So, we try to just customize it. We went through the roster person by person, ‘Hey man, I'm hoping to get this guy about 20 some today and then we'll go 25 in the game. This guy maybe 10 here, over 30 in the game.’ So, you just try to balance it out best you can. Good news is today as we're getting here and getting started, speaking with their coaches and staff we got a good practice and we're ready to really get it on.”

On WR Deebo Samuel and Offensive Coordinator Kliff Kingsbury’s relationship:

“He's a fun guy to coach, Deebo is. I knew the player, but you didn't know who the man was. And so, great work ethic, easy to coach. And so, for him and Kliff, he's also pretty easy to find those plays that makes him so unique. You've seen some of them and there'll be some things that people haven't seen, of how we'll feature him so that that relationship's growing strong.”

On DE Deatrich Wise Jr. and CB Jonathan Jones:

“Yeah, I think it started for me a really high level of professionalism. These are two guys that really bring a good standard to our team. There's a number of players on our team that have those kinds of standards like Jonathan and Deatrich. I think of players like [LB] Nick Bellore or [S] Jeremy Reeves and I could go on

and on about players, but you'd be surprised when all these players have these really high standards and they're around one another, things just start to lift. They're able to affect some of the younger players who are learning their way. So, they've been excellent for us. They're not brought here to coach, they're brought here to play and we need them, but they do have really high standards about how they do things and how they do business. I'd spoken to them, it'll feel weird today. Most of us have been on another team or bend it back to that spot. So, expect it to feel weird and then go do your thing. So, they both did excellent work during their time here and I brought that up even with some of our coaches who did great work here. [Special Teams Coordinator Larry] Izzo and [Personnel Analyst] Wes [Welker] and same thing with Adam [Peters], all those guys put significant time into here and did great work and Jonathan and Deatrich are right that conversation as well.”

On Wise Jr. and Jones’ performance on the field:

“The speed with Jonathan, it's so evident. Although he's a veteran man, the guy can absolutely fly, so sometimes you see a change in that. And so, for him, the speed of staying attached, playing man-to-man, that was a big deal. For Deatrich, it was really at the padded times. You want to see, this is a strong man, and so could we ask him to do those things, play really square and do that. So, we've been super pumped with both of them.”

On how he plans to rotate the running backs today:

“Yeah, both. We'll try to do some and some as often as we can.”