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Opening Statement:
"We will have to kind of fill you on the next two days, we're having a lot of fun. Today's going to be a jog through. We broke the team up into two. We have a burgundy team, a gold team, talking about players, coaches, staff, strength and conditioning, equipment training, like you name it and part of it is developing leaders. There will be different play callers as we're going through it, but it's also about competing, different looks, different matchups and tomorrow we'll have a burgundy and gold game. We will start at 9:30[a.m.]. We'll play a second quarter, try to work some situations in, we'll also work on some fourth quarter stuff to work some situations. In your mind, think of a joint practice, but it's just one team. Like splitting the teams up different sidelines and then go into it. I'll hit you up with injuries for tomorrow. Who will participate and who won't. With all that said, get it rocking with you guys."

On T Laremy Tunsil getting hurt in practice yesterday:
"He's doing well. He was hoping to come back but we'll have a better sense, he'll do something today and then heading into tomorrow we anticipate him being able to go. Some of that, when that happens, 'hey, let's be smart, let's wait and assess it, make sure the strength's good', but we're encouraged by end of tomorrow."

On CB Jonathan Jones abilities:
"He's such a cool person to talk about. He's got his entire world squared away off the field, on the field and I think it's not surprising to see why he has had the on the field success, just by the way he handles himself. He is a true pros pro. If there's something he is not sure of, he's going to ask [Defensive Pass Game Coordinator] Jason [Simmons] or [Defensive Backs Coach] Tommy [Donatell] or [Defensive Coordinator] Joe [Whitt Jr.] specifically. We've played him both inside at the slot, we call that the star here. He's played both that position and outside. We like that he has patience to play the ball down the field. Giving that insight to the other players, sharing that information, that's a big deal and I like that on this team. There's a lot of people that want to help one another, look after one another, teach them in different ways. Jonathan's right there doing that. When you're first onto a team, it's, you're finding your ways to how to do that and I thought he's done a remarkable job of that."

On CB Trey Amos' performance in the pre-season opener:
"I would say at the line of scrimmage, that's where I really feel his length and he's patient and alright, what does that mean where he can use this length where it's harder for somebody to get on top of him because he can stay down. Sometimes you'll see a player wanting to go down to press and then not feel confident and then leave and it's like, 'well, don't go down in the first place to do that'. With him down the field, he's got confidence, he can track somebody. There was a play, I don't know if you saw, it was like a corner route yesterday where he was able to defend but he didn't foul. I thought sometimes just playing through the hands at the last moment I see the

experience come in with him and it just shows up. I love that [CB] Mike [Sainristil] has a role in helping develop him along with [CB Marshon] 'Shon [Lattimore] and the others, but he's really standing strong on his own. He's been impressive for us. He loves playing man to man and being down and to be able to guard people. We do that some and he's playing to his strengths."

On concern with QB Marcus Mariota's absence in camp:
"I'll fill you in all those tomorrow. When it's higher or a longer time out, there's always more. When it's a long-term one, obviously I have the most concerns, but I wish he was out here all the time, but I know that he's able to throw, he is working to the side and that we're getting closer. We're just not there yet."

On his thought on creating the 53-man roster:
"You try to do it in totality. In our next personnel meeting, it will include the New England [Patriots] game, but also what have you seen up to camp? You want some days where you can talk through them, but you also need some space. 'Where is he at today? What do you want to see more of?'. You don't separate them all the way, you want to make it as comprehensive as you can. They just happen to have more time, more exposure in the games but you want to do it as the whole thing."

On the team scrimmage and his history with doing it:
"I've been very excited about this. In the summer you're thinking about some things to do and I recognized there was a longer than normal gap between our first preseason game and our second preseason game. I thought this is the ideal time to do it. I love the staff who the make-up is, what they are. I also thought of them to say, let's split them, on the sides to do that. Some different play callers. We've got a great succession plan in place for when people do get big opportunities to do things. This is an example of trying to say, we're going to develop you here while you're here and you have to go through those solve problems, figured out onto the sideline to do that. Then for the players, just it still comes back to competing. Different plays, different ways, how you're featuring guys. It's an important two days. It's a fun two days. Then we'll kind of get back into a routine on Thursday of kind of a leading up into our game against Cincinnati [Bengals]. We'll have some days where we're just competing against ourselves, but we'll get back into more traditional ones. These two days for us, it's a lot of fun because it's a break from the rhythm, a break from the norm and you know, just for two days, man, it's against each other and having fun with it."

On injuries on the offensive line affecting the group overall:
"Yeah, there's concern. I like the group though and it starts with communication. 'What does the guard tackle say on a combination block? What's the center and the guard? What's the tight end? How is that going?'. That that part's just a regular standard, boom, this is how we do it, what you're missing on when you're not all the way together. Sometimes it's the non-verbal cues that you're just, when you're working side by side with somebody, we've all been there. You just kind of step into a rhythm together. You have to be really intentional about those communications they spend, obviously the meeting times together even when they're injured, but being in the moment when it happens really quickly, that's a big deal and we'll continue to work hard to find our spaces to do it. It does happen a lot, where not very often, I don't know many through the league you guys would know throughout a whole season, how many times does you know one line play the whole time?. Not that often. Especially as the extended games. Going through ones like now and today and where different people are in and different voices, I don't mind it. I'd welcome it because it allows different chances and you do want to find out who can shine in those spots, John, because they may not be a starter and they know that. But I can also show, I can be a backup with limited reps

with that person and still produce at a high level. There's an opportunity, but you do have to go take it."

On approaching roster moves and waiving DB Dominque Hampton:
"It's a hard part of it, but yes, we did make that, that move today and when you go through in it, we were talking about, it's comprehensive of details to go and sometimes you take it as far as you can try to give as much support to all the guys as we can, but if it's not going to fit we'd rather give him a chance to go see if he can do his thing somewhere else. We got high regard for Dom, we absolutely loved working with him, but if it wasn't going to fit for us, then we want to certainly go give him a chance to go do that. Sometimes it's a little easier now than later."

On signing veteran linebackers and bringing in LB Luke Riley:
"I don't know if it was experience necessarily. We just thought it was time. Going into it, [LB] Kain [Medrano] and [LB] Ale [Kaho] and [LB] Kam [Arnold] as younger players to go. [LB] Nick [Bellore] is more on the special team side. We don't give him a lot of reps, so we just felt like we needed another player, so we brought some guys in yesterday at linebacker and at had some other spots too, and we felt like this was the best spot."

On not bringing in more wide receivers to give the current receivers more runs:
"It's definitely the first one, but one thing I, like I said the other day with [General Manager] Adam [Peters] and his staff, we're always going to compete and keep digging in to find if there's a fit that's good for us. We're going to look into it but we do like the chances and things we're seeing, but you do have to push it and allow that space to happen. We want to continue to do that."

On Medrano and WR Jaylin Lane's preseason game performance:
"Let's start with Jaylin first. What I like, we wanted to, 'could we get a couple pump returns, could we get, you know, some of the team things involved for him', it was nice to see that man he's really comfortable in the offense and on special teams, heading into pre-season game one. I think that's an important part because this group of rookies has really put good work in to get themselves ready to play where you're not overthinking or playing it slow. He's been all that we thought coming into it and he's, although we were thinking punt returner first, he's developing on the offensive side. Probably at a faster rate as well and then on the Kain side, he's played inside backer, we put him on the edge. Some we blitz them a little bit, so we're still digging into it. We've played a lot of man to man with him on the tight ends. We love seeing what he can do that way with his size. It's been good battles with [TE Colson] Yankoff and [TE John] Bates and some others in the passing game. It's been nice to see the versatility that he provides and we're going to continue to push him to find those spots to say, 'all right, these are the things that he does best, how can we feature him?'"

On the importance of preseason:
"There's a lot and I, I honestly love it. I really do. There's so many things. We could talk a long time on this one. There's the development of the youngest players who need the most experience. That's like, let's put that in like, you know, category a first game, usually you see trying too hard. I've been waiting so long to do it and then it, they get back to it, okay, it's just football. I've been doing that and it kind of settles down into it. And usually you see like the pre-season game one to game two, feeling more comfortable. I also love, um, for the players that may not be in the starting roles to show, very rarely is every position group playing, you know, all the way through with, you know, as a clean season. But it's that demonstrated ability like to see it in the game and certain positions are even more valuable than others for that evaluation like a running back or an offensive or defensive

lineman because it is in more control here. ‘Where did the guy make the tackle or not? Is he able to full on blitz pick up or not?’. Those help because it gives you demonstrated evaluation in that spot. Then for the guys that will play a lot. It is important to get the full speed timing, the connections down, the communication, it just kind of heightens up some. To me there's like three different buckets of players. The first-year players who are going into the NFL, the players who are fighting for roster spots, as backups and developmental. Then for the guys that are going to play a lot and some starters to say ‘okay, this is an important part of it to get your timing and your readiness really together’. Three different spots. That's why we try to customize it, which it can be a little tricky to do that. ‘Who needs what?” We try to give a lot of practice time to some players and then not as much to others and then a lot of games and then this week it won't be exactly the same as well. I try to do it on an individual basis as much as I can to think of each player's readiness and also what do we need to see from them.”

On second-year players and DT Johnny Newton’s growth:
“I'm excited for a number of the guys that are going into the second spots. We had two that had some injuries that have slowed them down, not long term but in the short term with [LB] Jordan Magee and [DE] Javontae [Jean-Baptiste] as well. All three of them are, you feel this energy that's taking place. Some of it's the knowledge, okay, I'm not just relying on that talent. Now I've got skills to go with it. I think that's what you're seeing with Johnny. He was always quick for a 300-pound guy, this guy's quick off the ball and now you're seeing the hand use the skill that goes with that and that's oftentimes why that big jump takes place. It's like now this person's talented and then you add the skill work to it, they take off and he would be an example of that. [CB] Mikey [Sainristil] has that. It's nice to see some of those guys making that move, but Johnny specifically, I've really felt like the improvement as a pass rusher.”