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Offensive Coordinator Kliff Kingsbury

On the biggest change from QB Jayden Daniels:

“Yeah, I think just the treating each practice, each rep like a game. Full speed, whether it's carrying out his fakes, moving around to throw the ball away. It's each practice rep he's getting, he's making it like a game, which that'll be a big, big help as we get into the season and as he continues to practice that way throughout the season.”

On things he can do now to make sure Daniels and WR Terry McLaurin are on the same page when the season starts:

“Yeah, I mean there hasn't been a ton of contact with him. He's been here but he's been working with the trainers, so until he gets back on the grass, that's when we'll start building that back up.”

On what he can do before McLaurin starts to practice:

“Yeah, I think that's one of those deals, there's just time on task and luckily what they had last year to build a lot of rapport and chemistry. And Terry understands our system going into year two, so that should expedite the process. But to me, it's time on task together on the grass is really the only way that you can continue to build.”

On the performance against New England:

“Yeah, you try to improve in some areas, no matter who's going out there, who's starting, who's playing, you want to be more efficient. I think the turnovers were not good. I thought we had a chance to make some plays early in that game that we did not and then it snowballed a little bit. Guys started pressing, but when guys have their opportunities, they gotta make plays so hopefully we cleaned up some things and I think the ball security is probably the biggest issue. To turn it over twice, that can't happen in any game.”

On the interior line depth:

“Yeah, I think they've done a nice job stepping up. [G] Julian Good-Jones and [G] Chris Paul. We moved [T Andrew] Wylie in some, he's shown his versatility. [G] Nick Allegretti started last year, has done a nice job and so we'll see how it shakes out when [T/G] Brandon [Coleman] and [G] Sam [Cosmi] get back, but it was good to have those guys get that type of rep and us to be able to move some guys around and see how it would function if something did happen.”

On the running back room:

“Yeah, I mentioned it the first time we talked. I think all six or seven guys in there have a place in this league. They all have dynamic traits, all have things to do really well and guys when they had their opportunity have played at a high level, especially last year when C-Rod [RB Chris Rodriguez Jr.] got his chance. J-Mac [RB Jeremy McNichols] – Kaz [RB Kazmeir Allen] has shown some good stuff. Obviously, everybody's talked about Bill [RB Jacory Croskey-Merritt]. So, it's a deep group

and we just gotta see how it shakes out.”

On offensive balance:

“Yeah, to me it's basically about how can we be most effective against that defense on that day. I think that's what it comes down to, whether we've gotta run it 70 times and throw it 20 or vice versa. It's the balance to be the best offense you can be versus that defense, that scheme, that personnel group that day is what it is to me. I don't think you can go and saying, ‘Hey, we're going to run it 25 times and throw it 25 times.’ Defenses change, personnel changes, guys get injured, maybe their personnel changes and so you just have to be willing to do what you do best on that certain day.”

On RB Brian Robinson Jr.:

“Yeah, he's continued to progress. He's a guy that when you put the pads on and you really practice full speed is when he really shows up. I thought he had his best practice against New England when we did the competition versus them before the game. And just a guy who keeps getting better in our system, I think he understands it more and is more and more comfortable.”

On how the offense is coming together:

“Yeah, I think that's a work in progress, there's no doubt. I don't think until we get some of these other pieces back, we're going to know exactly what we are. We've had some good opportunities to see other guys get work in these positions, but when you don't have your kind of projected top two outside receivers, both of your projected inside pieces at guard, it's not going to really give you the chance to gel or really build that relationship until you get everybody else on the grass. So, that's something we have to get to over the next three weeks.”

On the wide receiver room:

“Yeah, still a work in progress. Some guys are taking advantage of the opportunities and some have not. And that's what we wanted to see without Terry and [WR] Noah [Brown] getting much. We know what [WR] Deebo [Samuel Sr.] is and then there's a lot of guys that are trying to earn a roster spot and so that competition has been good, but I think there's still a lot to show over the next three weeks.”

On Daniels' play recall ability:

“No, I wish I could take credit for that, that's God-given. We'll go out to walkthroughs, and I'll screw up a play and he'll nail it. So, he's a lot more cerebral on that stuff than I am. I think he just has one of those photographic memories the first time we install it, first time we say it, he can tell you where everybody's going, what they're doing, their job, and so that's a God-given thing, not a coaching thing.”

On Daniels having more responsibility in the offense:

“Yeah, I think just organically really controlling the entire process, mastering the system, he's done a great job, so he's seeing things pre-snap, getting us into different things that maybe he wouldn't have seen last year when it was moving a little bit faster for him. But you definitely see particularly the protections really taking pride in getting us slid the right way. And then a lot of the checks that we have in our offense, trying to get us into our best matchup, get us into our best pass play, best run play verses certain looks. He's been all over those this whole camp, so that's a big jump from just trying to execute the play call to really seeing it and getting us in the best situation most times.”

On how much work he is getting with McLaurin in the classroom:

“I think, not as much as we would if he was full go, there's no doubt. But I think, like I said, I'm huge on walkthroughs, on practice, things like that because until you get on the grass and actually do it and feel the timing, feel the depths of routes and things of that nature, I don't know exactly how much you can get out of that. I think we're kind of at that point to where we need to start getting those guys, when they're available out there and gelling and seeing where we are as an offense.”

On what Personnel Analyst Wes Welker does for the team:

“He does a lot. I thought DQ had a great thought on that. [General Manger] Adam [Peters] had a great thought on that. He's helping the defense a lot, bringing an offensive perspective into their room, and then obviously just as a tool for any of the current players and receivers to just bump ideas off of for me to use for ideas. He's kind of a jack of all trades for us right now, but a guy that's competitive and can share that type of wisdom. Those types of stories, the things he's been through, [and sharing that] with our current team. He's been an incredible addition to us.”

On if he's seen Daniels change following his success as a rookie:

“I have not. I mean, he's very laid back, still treats people tremendously well, very attentive in meetings, wants to be great, gets earlier and earlier on his walkthroughs. If anything, I've seen pretty much his overall routine and process improve greatly from year one to year two.”

On what he's learned about Defensive Coordinator Joe Whitt Jr.:

“Very, very competitive. I mean, he wants to win every drill. Fully invested, guy works his tail off. He's up here all hours of the day. Then I like the fact that he's not afraid to adapt to his personnel and last year some injuries, things that happened, trades, he was able to kind of adjust and keep going. And the same with this year. It's like always evolving and it's been really fun to compete against his defense and the challenge of it, but just him as a man, the competitive drive, the leadership, the work ethic, it definitely has impacted me just watching him on a daily basis.”

On what he looks for in a quarterback like Kansas City Chiefs Quarterback Patrick Mahomes and Daniels:

“I mean, it's a bunch of stuff. I think those are two guys that anybody could've said, ‘Hey, they're going to be really good’. It wasn't Patrick when you watch his high school film was like unique to anything I've ever seen. He just had an incredible vision of the field. It didn't look like a guy who'd been brought up playing the position in all the different camps and quarterback tutors, but he just, he led, and he moved the football and with Jayden, just watching him in college, his ability to progress was very unique to a lot of college kids. You can set it up in college, a lot of times you get them to their first read and they'll cut it loose. But his ability with all his natural running ability to stay in the pocket, progress through, the touch pass is the accuracy. It was just unique to most of the players that I've ever scouted.”