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## **Head Coach Dan Quinn**

### **Opening Statement:**

“What's happening, everybody? Alright, why don't I start, I'll give you just some players that will be out for the game, some that we're going to hold and others due to injury. So, I'll just give you a rundown of that. So, [LB Bobby] Wagner, [LB Von] Miller, [TE Zach] Ertz, [T Laremy] Tunsil, and the next crew is [G Sam] Cosmi and [T Brandon] Coleman, [WR Noah] Brown and [WR Terry] McLaurin, [QB Marcus] Mariota, [LB Jordan] Magee, [DE Javonte] Jean-Baptiste, and [CB] Jonathan Jones. And there you guys saw earlier today, the announcement regarding Terry off the PUP, that's good news. And that'll begin the return to play process for him and really it's similar to what a lot of those guys that I just spoke about and where they're at on their returns and doing walkthroughs and begin other parts of it. That's the Coleman's and Mariota's and Magee's and into that same space. So, just into that same trajectory. And so, we've got a real process in our return to play that we believe in. We know it works, and we'll hit all those steps as well. So, wanted to hit you up on that and then we can get rolling with the game and everything ready for it.”

### **On if McLaurin will be working out:**

“Yeah, that's all part of the PUP of returning to play.”

### **On if McLaurin has said he will participate:**

“Yeah, he's on the same trajectory as everybody else of doing the workouts and making good strides. So, that was why the move was made.”

### **On McLaurin coming off of PUP:**

“Yeah, it's really important. And so it was nice even during this past week, Coleman and McLaurin and Magee and Jean-Baptiste, all of them are beginning that process of getting some of the reps in the walkthroughs where it's at a different pace and we'll just hopefully hit that markers, then we hit the next and we hit the next. But yeah, it was good to have the guys included in the stuff.”

### **On assessing the offense without key players:**

“Yeah, that's just part of it. Sometimes as coaches we get frustrated, just like the players do on stuff. And so, look, all of us want everybody out there. Joe's [Defensive Coordinator Joe Whitt Jr.] in the same with Jordan Magee and Jean-Baptiste and that. And we love these guys, we know how hard they're working to get back and we just want them to get to that space. But as a coach, you learn to control the things that you can and we know that ramping up is taking place, so that's good. But in the space where other guys get their opportunities, I think that's important to recognize also. They've got to go take it when those ones aren't there and it is part of it, we know that. But we really want to get these guys all back going and doing our thing. So, I get that.”

### **On what he's looking for from the running back room:**

“Yeah, I've seen it as a deep group, number one, going into it. We think of guys who are the pass catchers coming out of the backfield, different styles of runs. So, we use the term A-back, B-back, meaning [RB]

Austin [Ekeler], where you're out on the edge and getting that and inside style of runs. So, it is a deep room of competitors. So, we're really looking forward to Monday and seeing some ops for the guys. So, it's been pretty cool to see them working through and the kick return side of things. I think running backs, it's as familiar with that position. It's more similar than it's not, and I think that's a big piece, not only for our running backs, but even around the league as you're looking at it. I think that's one of the things that we'll see that wasn't always the case with returners, with all respect to [Former Washington RB] Brian Mitchell who did everything. So, I think we'll see more of that as we're going."

**On any setbacks for RB Jacory Croskey-Merritt:**

"Nope, ready to roll more. Just making sure that he's doing well. We had a good, tough padded practice yesterday and that went well. So, we wanted to just kind of continue on that trajectory. So, it was more me than anybody else."

**On what activity McLaurin did today:**

"Sure, yeah. Yesterday had a big push on some days. So, there's some days that you go really as high as you can, then other days is low and even recovery work to go. So, for instance, two other players had high days today and off tomorrow and then that'll even continue into Monday into the game. So, it is a little bit by day. I think it was two or three at a peak high and then backed off today and then you're go again. So, all these markers we're trying to hit, and you can't go red line it every day, so you want to make sure, alright, on the days that we're really pushing it, that you really go there. And then the days that you work strength and recovery pieces, then you do that too."

**On if McLaurin coming off PUP has any correlation to progress in contract negotiations:**

"No, I would say, yeah, from the medical side, contract, definitely separate. This is about his getting ready to play, which is honestly awesome. And it's just cool to see him getting closer, because now you know, okay, steps are getting closer to return to being on the field. So, he's worked hard and just like the other guys have, they want to get back out there with the teammates and doing things. So, I get that, but we just have a real process. We're not going to miss the steps and put them out there before guys are ready to do their thing in all the different locations. So, that's where we're at."

**On if McLaurin coming off of PUP was a mutual decision:**

"Yeah, I think more often you just kind of follow the guidelines of how things are going and then you're ready for the next step. And so, he's really just putting into the same group of, although the other guys started training camp, they got injured, but now they're able to participate in the walkthroughs and that. So, that's also part of the return to play of getting back with the guys where you can do that. The PUP is really focused on rehab and then once you're leaving that think of it like, alright, I'm shifting the focus from rehab into returning to play. And I think if you could differentiate those, for you and for the readers, that helps, like okay, there's a shift that's beginning to take place. Doesn't mean you're back practicing and doing all that just yet, but it does mean steps are going forward."

**On McLaurin possibly playing during Week 1:**

"Yeah, there's markers to hit, but it gives you a runway to be able to do that and if you can continue to hit, you know, the decels the different ones for him and all of those guys are in the same boat right now and there'll be more into Monday and Tuesday and then a few days after that. You just kind of, if you can reach that one and I go for the next one and I go for the next one, but you don't go to this third one if you haven't hit number two yet."

**On expectations for QB Jayden Daniels Monday night:**

"For him and a lot of the guys that are going to get some of their first playing time, I would say it's a little bit customized, but we'd like to see a few series and we're excited to see the guys. They're excited to get

performing too, so we customized it a little bit and as a staff we'll visit some tonight and tomorrow, but no we're also excited to get the guys going. It's not going to be super long so I wouldn't like do like an extended popcorn break or something, but I'd be ready to be involved with it for sure.”

**On what he has seen from S Quan Martin and S Will Harris during camp:**

“Two of the players, and I'll get back to Will for a second, but two of the players that I pointed out in yesterday's team meeting was Quan and [S] Jeremy [Reaves]. I just felt like they have just been so consistently hitting their stride at a good level. Will has brought a very good dimension for us in covering and playing man to man. I love seeing the battles with him and Zach. There's leverage and working, they really, really challenge one another. I've grown to really appreciate the different skills that Will brings and how can we feature him and it's kind of the fun part as a coach of going through the camp, like in the OTAs you just get a little glimpse honestly, but it's not as physical, but to see the competitor and the roles we can put them in, I've been pleased. But our safety group is one of our spots that we're really proud of because of the work they put in. They have excellent standards. As a group, that's one of the spots, man. I love the way they work and the way they compete all. Will and Jeremy and Quan, like a number of them. We just added one this week in [S Daryl] D-Worl [Worley] and so we're excited to see him get into the game and to see where he's at as he's getting back into things. It's a good strong, tough group and I think safeties are more maneuverable, at this point in our game anyway. ‘How do you match up on this tight end or this back?’. These have to be deluxe athletes that can do different things. Excellent tacklers. We're very fortunate we put a lot of time and effort into that group, and I love where they are at collectively.”

**On the defensive line and DT Javon Kinlaw:**

“He's had a, I'm going to start backwards if that's okay. I've been so impressed by Kinlaw in this camp, kind of referring to Will Harris, you saw this glimpse in the spring, but honestly, you're seeing more drill work than anything. You're not padded, and you saw how hard he worked to get his body in great shape. I love that he's stacking days and being very, very intentional about the work that he is wanting to do and I want to get better at that, and I want to get better at that when his, you see this evidence of power and in strength and effort. I love the pocket that he's in and he's really worked in the defensive line wise. We got a deep crew and there's a lot of evaluations to go, especially in the interior. I'm excited from what I've seen from [DT] Eddie [Goldman]. I want to see more, I'm excited from [DT] Carl [Davis], I want to see more on these interior players, so it's been good to add guys to the mix. But Kinlaw, much like Harris, it's been impressive. It's been impressive to be on this group and finding their roles, you know, when you're onto a new one, think of, you know, when you're coming onto this new spot, you have got to find your space and do your thing. And they've done that.”

**On what McLaurin's return would mean to the team emotionally:**

“That's a great question. Honestly for Terry, as a teammate, they love him. That's a big deal to when the guys get back together but they love him, they love Brandon and Marcus and like all these guys we're, this is a really tight and connected team and Terry is very much, right in the middle of that as well. We're taking good steps for sure.”

**On McLaurin's ability to play in the final preseason game once he returns:**

“It would be hard at that spot based on how quick the turnaround is, from Monday to Saturday. Let's get back playing and then we'll have a better sense for that. I wouldn't rule anything out, but I think that'd probably be a little quicker than we should.”