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## **Head Coach Dan Quinn**

### **On McLaurin being present:**

“Yeah, he had, just based on how the calendar went from like big work in yesterday, so not today, different than last weekend. So that’s how it did. Kinda the way that his workouts fell with the game and the calendar. But yeah, it was awesome to have him here today as well.”

### **On RB Jacory “Bill” Croskey-Merritt not playing and his shoulder recovery:**

“We just like wanted to use all the caution we could to make sure that he's hitting it good and at that spot. I think we all recognize it's a pretty physical spot and so it's a deep crew for us at that position. So, we thought we haven't seen enough from [RB Kazmier] Kaz [Allen] and [RB Demetric] Felt [Felton] in some of those ways, and though by design we said, ‘okay, let's feature them more today’.”

### **On WR Noah Brown’s pregame workout and his future return:**

“Yeah, I was really encouraged by what I saw today too. He is such a competitor, so like to see him full speed, making all the stops, you've heard me use the word like decel, how aggressively he can stop and that's what makes playing the position so unique. Not just the speed to get over top, but all of it. But he really looked like himself today and so I asked him afterwards where he was at and how he was feeling. He really felt strong, and the workout looked really strong too.”

### **On the ability to assess receivers under QB Sam Hartman’s performance:**

“You really have to look at, okay, from the receiver spot, where was the route? Like for instance, there was a time last week that [WR] Luke [McCaffrey] absolutely got on top of somebody on a deep route. Now we didn't throw it that way and so maybe we didn't take the attempt to him, but you felt the speed of him absolutely. Going forward. So I would say it's, are you in the right spot doing the right route? And if the ball doesn't go your way, I think that's more difficult than if you are getting covered, you got beat and the ball wasn't able to go your way because of getting guarded in that way. So, it is a good question. I don't think it hampers the receiver unless there was an errand throw or a decision not to go to the correct read. But, as far as the routes and the physicality and going to do things, there's always good things to hit on that way.”

### **On what he’s learned about Magee:**

“I think the word I think of when I think of Jordan is resilience. This is a really hardened, tough competitor. When the injuries can happen, you can see on some it can be ugh, just, not again or here we go. But not this guy. Like he is just built differently. He's very mentally hardened in that way. And so for him, we weren't going to let him miss one step, in his way on the way back. And I was very excited to see him play and get rolling today, like he's worked hard to get back. I knew that he would, but it was still excellent to see him [DE] Javontae [John-Baptiste] out there, [T] Brandon Coleman. So we had some guys that were on the way back. I was pleased that they got some extra work today, [CB Trey] Amos, so there were some that were, as we got into some work last week, can we get them some into the game? And so even sometimes five or six plays, it's worth it, the pre-game getting out there, getting ready. I was pleased to see it with those four. But Jordan especially.”

**On S Jeremy Reaves conversing with the team on the sidelines:**

“I love the guy. He is a like absolute warrior and Commander, like through and through. He's also now he's established himself as a leader because of the high standards that he holds himself to. And now seeing him bring others along as a leader, that's a really big deal. And so not too many years ago he earned his way on the team, on special teams and making plays. And so to see him live that life fully and now adding, you know, more roles on defense, that's a really big deal. But I think just the love of football, the love of his teammates, those are a few things that stick out to me. But I'd heard him say, like he was coaching somebody up before I even, you know, got to the sideline today.”

**On Coleman advocating to play today:**

“I think it really speaks to like the readiness and a mindset to say, ‘Hey, I know, you know, regular season here is coming and I need this work’. And so that takes a lot of self-awareness because probably the easy narrative is to say back off and, and not, and so for him to advocate, ‘hey, it, it's strong enough, it's ready’. So that's why we did the pregame to see how he felt. And we'll always make the right decisions for the players, but I trust them too. And to say, ‘Hey, I need this work and I want to get ready’. Like I know what that's like and some I'll have to protect them from themselves. That's the Noah Browns of the world. Like, no, no, you're not going to go. Even though he would no matter what. But there's others that like, I really trust, ‘hey, I got to get some, doesn't have to be the whole thing, but I'd like some’ and I believe in them too.”