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Offensive Coordinator Kliff Kingsbury

On what he's seen from WR Terry McLaurin since he's returned to practice:

"He's been great, consummate professional as you can imagine, and is in really good shape. And the connection with him and [QB] Jayden [Daniels] that was built last year has seemed really good so far. So, we'll kind of see how the game goes, but been really impressed by the way he showed up and the way he is operated so far."

On his usage of WR Deebo Samuel Sr. and on if it's changed throughout training camp and the preseason:

"The only thing was just his skill as a receiver. You'd seen him in so many different roles and different things. I mean, he's really good as a receiver, if he just played receiver and we didn't have the other stuff, the screens and different stuff that he's become known for you would be really impressed. And I guess I hadn't studied him enough to know just how dynamic of a receiver and how skilled and polished he was at that position. So, to see that has been awesome and I think [Wide Receivers Coach] Bobby Engram's done a tremendous job kind of building that relationship and they have a good thing going."

On going with a hot hand at running back during a game:

"I think there's something to that. We have four guys that we feel really comfortable operating in really all phases of the game and that's a great feeling as a play caller. And so, I think all four have shown what we needed them to show this camp to have all the faith in the world that any of them can go out there and execute at a high level."

On big shot plays being pre-planned versus an in the moment decision:

"Yeah, a lot of it is I would say player base. If you're getting the information from them, we got this or got that, that to me is always the trump card if it's going to work or not. Even if you don't think it's a good idea, if they believe in it, they usually make it work. And so, I think I get a lot of my information from those guys, the quarterbacks, receivers, 'Hey, they're playing like this. I think we can hit this,' and kind of take it from there. We have a great offensive coaching staff as well that has a lot of information, a lot of guys who have been former play callers, which really helps me at the same time. We're getting lots of information throughout the game that helps me in determining when to take those shots and kind of what is the best shot to take."

On play calling for the versatile players on offense:

"Yeah, it's huge. The NFL is about finding matchups and mismatches and trying to take advantage of them. So, having been in Arizona, I had to watch that for four years with [San Francisco 49ers RB] Christian [McCaffrey] and [RB] Austin [Ekeler]. And it's tough when you don't know what the personnel group is and who's out there and what they're doing and who's a receiver and who's a running back and so that can definitely be a unique challenge to a defense."

On conversations and walkthroughs with Daniels:

“Yeah, I think just the comfort level. He's very open now to, ‘I like this, I don't like that.’ And I think when you're a rookie, it's kind of like, ‘Yeah, I'll do it. Whatever you call it, I got it.’ And now I think we're really on the same page as far as what we want to get accomplished and if there's something you don't like or there's a concept that's not working or not clicking or we don't think this guy can do it, then we'll throw it out. So, I just think the back and forth has grown a lot with us getting to know each other more and him understanding now it's your show. I'm just along for the ride, so let's set it up the way you want.”

On how Daniels has handled the increased attention:

“Yeah, he's been phenomenal. I mean, all the conversations are still, he wants to talk about football and how do we get better and how does he get better. And so, that hasn't changed at all from that perspective.”

On what makes TE John Bates a great blocker:

“That's a great question. I think just the passion, determination to do it. He takes pride in that role. He could easily catch a lot more footballs than he does, I think he would in most offenses, but you have one of the great pass catching tight ends in the league alongside him and that takes away some of those targets. But just he has a want to, a will, a desire and there's nobody more respected in our locker room than John Bates because of that. I mean, we show those clips of him blocking endline every week and it's one of our offenses favorite thing to watch. It's how he gets after it up there. And so, he's definitely gained a lot of big fans and respect within this organization because of the way he plays.”

On WR Noah Brown drawing pass interference penalties:

“Yeah, he's one of the better route runners and technicians I've seen. I think he is so good at the top of routes and with his feet coming in and out of stuff that he gets up on guys and surprises them because he's so smooth in and out of transitions. And last year I thought he was really coming on, having a tremendous season and then obviously the injury, but he's been great in camp and so I'm excited to watch him play this year.”

On the test New York's defensive front poses:

“Yeah, it's as good as we'll see, I have a feeling. With those guys they've invested a lot in that group and, and rightfully so and they're very good. I think [New York Giants DT Dexter] Lawrence is one of the premier players, defensive players in the league. There's no doubt. I mean, he's a game wrecker if you don't have a plan for him each and every snap and then the edge guys, I've always had a tremendous amount of respect for [New York Giants DE Brian] Burns and his style of play and kind of the relentless effort he plays with. And then [New York Giants Kayvon DE] Thibodeaux, a top pick and [New York Giants LB] Abdul [Carter] now. So, the front seven is as challenging as we'll face. And so, we're going to have to be prepared and know it's going to be a knockdown, drag out type game just like they were last year. It came down to the wire in both games last year and our team understands that.”

On how surprised he is to see the attention RB Jacory Croskey-Merritt is receiving:

“Yeah, it's been interesting. He's the guy who, I have a ton of respect for his journey. There's no doubt. To stay at Arizona and just rep on practice squad every day when you're in college, I wouldn't have done that. I would've got a job or done something else. I don't like football as much as he does

apparently. So, for him to do that, go to an All-star game and then just kind of earn the reps and he can't get enough. He wants to know about it, wants to practice, he's always trying to get to the front of the line. And so that's been really cool to see. We'll see how it all goes, but yeah, it's a big hype train for old Bill.”

On what he’s looking forward to about Week 1:

“Really just getting this unit together and seeing how we play as a group. I liked the additions we made. I loved how we practice and how we've worked and the connection the guys have, but you just never know until you get out there. And it's a great challenge. I think [New York Giants Defensive Coordinator] Shane Bowen does a tremendous job on defense and with those pieces they added, it should be a heck of a challenge for us to see kind of where we're at.”

On if he calls Croskey-Merritt “Bill”:

“I do, yeah. True story, I thought Coach Lynn [Running Back Coach/Run Game Coordinator Anthony Lynn] had lost his mind because I didn't know his name was Bill, or he went by Bill and Jacory can't be any farther from Bill. So, I was talking to the coaches being like, ‘Hey, did y'all talk to the rookies?’ And he's like, ‘Yeah, I talked to Bill earlier.’ And I'm like, dude, we have left the reservation. And then we found out that he goes by Bill, randomly.”