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Head Coach Dan Quinn

Opening Statement:

“Alright. I thought after going through it last night and again this morning, a lot to clean up. But one thing, man, that I really appreciate was kind of the attack tone and nature of the defense, especially down in the low red zone. Coming off of last season there were some things we really wanted to improve on and trust and believe that every coach and player was trying to elevate that part of it. And I know it's just a first glimpse, but I'm excited to see them grow as a defense and see where we can take it. I talked to you about identity and how we play is the most important thing, that's even over the what we play, meaning a call. So, that becomes identity, but you gotta really do it over and over again. So, I was pleased to see that and glad to get it rocking with you guys, whether you want to hit on the game or Green Bay, ready to get rolling.”

On WR Deebo Samuel Sr.'s impact on the game:

“Yeah, it was about what I expected because it was touches on kickoff return and runs and passes and so we missed the connection also on I think one of the deep over routes. So, that's one of the things that he's just awesome at. And so, making sure we nail those two where it goes. But I think he was probably everywhere near around 10 touches somewhere into that space, so I thought that's a good start to things for sure.”

On RB Jacory Croskey Merritt's performance:

“Just, I think the readiness to go and play. He's really put the time in to go and so I thought he's got a lot of reps with the guys going through it. So, I thought just readiness, everybody's a little nervous for that first game that you get to go play. And so, for him, you could feel he was really prepared, really ready and it wasn't too big, that was really cool to see.”

On the blocking downfield during Samuel Sr.'s touchdown run:

“Yeah, I would definitely want [T] Laremy [Tunsil] being my bodyguard, meaning the way out front, onto that play. You saw [C Tyler] Biadasz, I think it might have been Bill [Croskey-Merritt] out in front, but that's the type of thing that can make difficult to defend because defending the wide parts of the field as well as down the field shots, that's what makes defending an offense difficult when it's laterally and down the field. So, to be able to get the edge, there's some certain things you gotta do. I think it was a good down block by [TE John] Bates I'm sure to pin a defensive end inside. So, having the different schemes and he just has a unique way about him, and we have a couple players that have some uniqueness to them. I thought [RB Austin] Ekeler has some of that uniqueness when he gets the ball and can make things happen, but it was very cool to see that.”

On Samuel Sr. making plays on kick returns and on if there is a worry he could get hurt:

“I try not, I wouldn't put him in if I felt like that would be the case because I do know it's some game breaking plays, but if we can be the best at that, then I think that's a really big opt to do it. It's definitely different than it was just two years ago. They're closer, it's different. It's a more effective way, I think with the kick and the kick returns. We're still learning it and growing but I do feel like he's the type of person

that can be a game breaker at it.”

On his reaction to the trade involving Green Bay Packers LB Micah Parsons:

“I was surprised that he was traded, and I had an absolute blast coaching him. So, he brings out the mad scientist in you to see, ‘Alright, what if he was here and how would you feature him? And what about over here?’ He was a player that could learn things really quickly, but I was surprised that he went out outside the division, I would say.”

On the toughest part of preparing for Parsons:

“Speed. In Dallas he was one of our fastest players, so that's the hardest thing to simulate for an offensive tackle to see the first couple, two or three steps. It's not at a speed that you can simulate in a practice rep. So, that would be like early on I think there's been some rushes that he could surprise some people if you haven't faced him, knowing that he can really jump off the ball.”

On the penalties for Sunday's game and on cleaning up the mistakes:

“Yeah, you want to show them all, first off. The ones that are physical and look at it, for instance, a roughing. Can we lower our hands so that wouldn't happen? Those ones you just coach your way through. The ones that are the pre-snap ones, we had an aligned offside on offense, we had a false start. I do like when I see people come back and show resilience. For instance, Austin [Ekeler] had an offside and came back to make an epic conversion. [TE] Zach [Ertz] had an offside, came back to make a good touchdown catch. So, I don't like them and I show them to try to coach us out of them, especially the pre-snap ones. But I do like seeing resilience for people, even if it's a drop pass. I thought [WR] Jaylin Lane kind of showed that as well. There's a drop and he came back to make a conversion later. Those are things I'm looking for in the game as well, but for sure to have to be lapped in penalties two to one, not what we're looking for, man.”

On what the mood after the game says about the team:

“I would say, man, it's a really close and connected team and so yeah, they have really high standards from within the locker room of how we want to go perform. There's going to be mistakes, especially early in the season, it's how quickly can you get back to being right and you want to continue to build on that to go. So, I expected some mistakes, I expected some of that to happen on this tackle or a foul, but we want to eliminate them, man, you're not going to play the perfect game. So, I did like where, ‘Hey, you fought back and go.’ I hated the way we finished the half where we didn't get points. I loved the way we finished the game in a winning time moment to take all the air out of the clock and that that was a big deal for us. So, in most games there's things you want to do better and do differently, it's nice to have a game under our belt, ‘Hey, these are the lessons, how are we going to get grow from them?’ And we like doing that and talking about them as well.”

On the message to the team this week:

“Yeah, we really have a plan for how we want to go after the games, whether it's short or long or night or day and all of those. So, as far as the speed, you don't see a lot of that in practice this week with the quick turnaround. So, you try to manage that on the early days and you start building it up as you get closer to the game. But we did have some time before we began our Giants prep to begin on Green Bay. We didn't do any of that with the players, so that'll be their first exposure today in their mind. Today is like a Wednesday, tomorrow's like a Thursday and the next day is like a Friday. So, we just speed up the learning for them but there's a process to go through. We know what it looks like, how to get there and now it's time to go put it into effect.”

On Biadasz and DE Deatrich Wise Jr.'s game performances:

“I thought from a line of scrimmage standpoint, this was going to be the game. We would really have to

test and push and see where we could go. And so, Tyler probably has, not the hardest matchup, it's a hard matchup in a different way. They've got guys that can fly and really rush outside, but [New York Giants T] Dexter [Lawrence II] provides a whole other challenge just because he's got strength, he's got quickness to go and so that'll call on you to really play well. But I thought Ty led the whole thing in front, the calls, the movements to go and then on the other side with Wise, I thought he made a really good first impression as a Commander. He's tough man. He's square, he is strong, all the things that we saw in practice, but the play that probably sticks out to me the most was on down in the red zone. There was a quick throw out to [New York Giants WR Malik] Nabers. [S] Quan [Martin] came up to make a tackle. He didn't get it, but you really saw Wise just hauling out of the stack and making a tackle that's finishing, that's effort. So that was like my favorite play for him from the game.”

On the end of the first half sequence and the penalty:

“Yeah, so in that space, on the first one we want to make sure when we're getting close you can get two plays off for sure. And then as it gets closer between a third down and a first down, what we would've preferred to do in that scenario is to go clock it. And then if you have a first down, do it quickly. And if it goes into where it's going to be, a third downplay, you can do it a little more slowly knowing that's going to be the last play of the half. So, we just missed it, and it was a bummer for us to leave three points there. We've worked some scenarios similar to that one, but not that exact one. But yeah, we just missed it, man, and that that falls on me not having the guys ready to go execute at that spot.”

On knowing how WR Terry McLaurin and WR Noah Brown would play given time missed:

“We had a plan for what we would do with them and knowing that Terry was able to do more than Noah was going into it. So that was part of the reasoning with [WR] Chris [Moore]. But it was good to see Terry looked comfortable and back in his normal routine and he was about as close to full as you can get and so it was really cool to see him back into it. We didn't get to hit it on the big one, which I thought would've just lit the place on fire, to have a 80 yarder, but we didn't hit it and I thought we were just off on a couple of plays that we could have broke some and we didn't. So, we got work to do.”

On the quarterback and safeties game performance:

“I like it, stingy. That is exactly how I felt. I knew we would be challenged. The [New York Giants] quarterback Russ [Russell Wilson] is just fantastic at throwing deep ball, so we knew that's part of going against them that, and especially with Nabers and [New York Giants WR Wan'Dale] Robinson who've got real speed to get outside [New York Giants WR Darius] Slayton as well. So that was going to be the challenge and so I was pleased to see him battle and go for it. I know we had one foul, I believe with [CB] Trey [Amos]. I'm one like those ones we'll coach our way through as we're going to learn, but I was pleased to see them. I thought there was a really good tackle also by [S] Will [Harris] that was really square and made a third and one or a third down and two, and the team ended up winning the next play. So that tackle, there wasn't any yards after the contact I thought. Just a really good tackling demonstration. So, in our first time all together I thought the tackling was on point. I thought the DBs, and the corners specifically really took to the challenge of what was going to happen on the outside.”

On performance highs going into game against the Green Bay Packers:

“I would say down in the low red zone, I thought that we got that right defensively and I liked our physicality knowing that we really wanted to attack our line of scrimmage. We've put a lot of work into that spot on both sides, so I thought in the run game on both sides, in our first time at it, we hit a lot of the marks that we wanted to, and I think we'll continue to grow in that area. Each opponent's a little bit different, but I was pleased to see on both sides, on the line of scrimmage in the run game how we would go about it.”

On his impression of T Josh Conerly Jr. and preparing to compete against Parsons:

“Yeah, there's definitely things that you can pull when you're going from like first time to the next one to go. And it's kind of why you see like honestly the rookies grow fast because they're able to apply the lessons from one to the next and Josh is pretty fortunate man to see like him on the sideline and in between series he's visiting with [G/T Andrew] Wylie so you're just, not backing off of the brotherhood to him to help him in any way and then as you get into the next opponent, you look, you study, you watch it, and then that's how you just keep reloading it. So, he's learning that process really, even as we're going through, like, how do you go about preparing for a game? You know, like the difference between like watching film and studying film, you hear coaches say, ‘Hey, watch the film’, like what they hell does that mean? [laugh]. It's what are you looking for specifically, what's the thing that the tell, what are you trying to find? What can you measure against it? So learning how to do those things, that helps because you're finding out what a player's strengths are and you know yours, and then try like hell to not put yourself in a spot that allows him to use his strengths against you and as an offensive lineman or any player in that sport you don't want to fight any fait fights. You want to make sure you have the right leverage, the right techniques and to beat that player. So, it's really important.”

On if working with fast players has benefited Conerly:

“Yeah, you can get better for sure. You can. And it does matter. Like [New York Giants LB Brian] Burns is a excellent rusher and we see like you said, [LB] Von [Miller] here and practice and he, all those reps, they just count man, they, you just keep putting it into the, to the whole thing. And then that's where like the experience comes. That's also life in the NFL as a tackle, like the matchups, the people. And so, you grow, you fight and you know what, he got beat some too, and that's part of growing and learning and all right, he blocked really well a lot of times too. There was some excellent protection and then there's times you get beat and that happens and then you get back up, you go do it again and you know, kind of pointing to the resilience piece of people at that spot, you know, that's really important too.”

On defensive performance of this game:

“I would say like we wanted to make sure that the line of scrimmage, we could play tough, we could play square, there's lots of things that we're going to work on and continue to and the run game was first and foremost to make sure could we play square, could we play strong, could we make sure that part was happening? And then we'll keep improving as it goes. New York's been somebody that's been able to run it and with Russ he's got mobility. We weren't pleased that he was able to scramble a few times for the first downs, but we were pleased with the aggressive nature that the guys played with. But, yeah, there's, there's plenty we can, we can dig in on and that's what we'll do.”