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## **Head Coach Dan Quinn**

### **Opening Statement:**

“Let's, we'll get rocking. Hit you on a few roster moves first to get the day started. [CB Jonathan] Jon Jones to I.R. he'll miss some time with his hamstring injury. The good news is he will return, but that's tough for now. But we will get him back. Another familiar face to some that we signed [DE] Preston Smith, who was here from 2015-18, and we've been visiting about him for a while, so we're really pumped to have him here with us. And another brand new guy, but on the beat in here. So [The Washington Post Reporter] Tashan Reed, any questions about the Raiders we're going to direct them right to you, so you'll take all those today. So welcome man and part of the crew. So, all that said, let's get started today and bring it on.”

### **On the plan for QB Jadyen Daniels throughout the week:**

“Sure. So, Jayden had a good rehab session today. He also threw out on the field. He won't practice today. And then as we get into Friday, I'll give you an assessment of where we're at as far as after we go through practice on Friday.”

### **On holding Daniels back from doing too much too soon:**

“Yeah, we're going through that process, like that's him as a competitor, but we also recognize the importance of the person, the player, what he means to the franchise. So, we're also going to be smart, not just fast in this assessment, but yeah, this is a player that's absolutely wanting to do everything all the time. So, it was a good start to the week for us. Throwing the movements at the position. I know we've talked a little bit about return to play, but there are position specific skills that you do for each one, so he hit those today, which was a good start. And then, like I said, I'll give you the final update on Friday.”

### **On needing to see him practice on the field with the team before feeling like Daniels is game ready:**

“Yeah, I would. It's important – timing, reps, the movements, but it was a good first step to it. But yeah, we'd have to get some reps for sure.”

### **On T Josh Conerly Jr.'s performance and on the performance of the offensive line overall:**

“Yeah, I think we want to stick to the competition is the essential theme in what we do. If I'm looking at two games, there's things that I also liked in the opening game, we ran the ball well and effectively into that space. So yeah, we got things to improve on for sure. Not just at one spot, but at a number of them and we plan on doing that.”

### **On if playing against Green Bay Packers DE Micah Parsons helped prepare the team for Las Vegas Raiders DE Maxx Crosby:**

“Yeah, not so easy guys. Yeah, he is an absolute savage of a player. I love watching him, the energy, the effort, the skill of it. Somebody that I just respect a lot. And so, his game, the way he plays, the style, so overall we let all play better than we did in our last performance and that's what we certainly plan on doing. But yeah, he has garnered that kind of attention for sure.”

**On expectations for QB Marcus Mariota:**

“Yeah, if called upon, we would certainly expect Marcus to deliver and the fashion that he does, he has been like a real standard as a Commander. Player, teammate in elite ways. And so, each player that we would feature, they'd be featured in not exactly the same way, although mobility for him and Jayden and you know, kind of coming up in similar styles but not exactly the same also. So, for all the guys we have ways that we'd feature them and how we would play if called upon and that's what we'll do. But yeah, we have like the utmost confidence in him.”

**On signing Smith and on his future role here:**

“We've actually discussed Preston for a while. Edge, he's strong, proven pass rush ability. We like his size too. And so, with [DE] Deatrich [Wise Jr.] being injured and if we had another chance to add another person to that group. It seemed like the fit. And so, I've followed him for a long time. I feel like it's one of those players I've known but didn't have a chance to coach and always have wanted to. And so, when he was able to come in for the workout and be here, it just felt like a good fit. He saw him hanging out with [Former Washington LB and Pass Rush Specialist] Kerrigan for them playing some years together and having that person, ‘Okay, this is what we do here, this is how it's going’. I'm hopeful that Ryan can help on that onboarding process. But there's a veteran guy who will get up to speed quick. You can tell he's a bright guy, but you can tell he really worked hard to get himself in shape to be ready for the op when it came. And he had a few of them.”

**On what he's learned from Las Vegas Raider Head Coach Pete Carroll:**

“We've gone against each other a number of times over the last, I guess 10 years or so. What did I learn, man a lot. And he helped me grow. He helped me develop. Like most times when you get to help bring someone along. Confidence, belief. So, I'd been a defensive line coach for a long time and I'd left for one year, two, excuse me, two years to go to [University of] Florida, brought me back as the DC and so that's the type of confidence and belief for him. I think like his rock-solid philosophy, that's such an important thing that you need as a head coach. Sometimes as a play caller, you're just this unit just thing. But as the head coach, man, you're, it's everything. And so, two of the very best that I've been around in instilling a philosophy was Pete and [Former University of Alabama Head Coach] Nick Saban and they both, everybody knew how you get down and what's required and what it's about. And so that was such an important time for me and also doing it in your own authentic way. I'd certainly learned a lot from him, but I would think it's more in my flavor of how I do it, but it was certainly a really important part for me.”

**On what makes Crosby effective and on if there are adjustments to account for him:**

“I think the first two things that come to mind when I think of him, this is like elite, elite effort and like, ‘Okay, yeah, I've heard that a lot’, but I'm saying it's at the upper range of it where he can, his stamina to go hard over and over again. He's got great bend, and by that I mean he can slip and slide in between a tight end, a tackle and then the skill work of it, he loves pass rush like [OLB] Von Miller. And so, for those two, kind of doing the pass rush summit, there's a level of studying and preparation, instincts I would say are a big part of that. But man do I love the first step quickness and just the absolute dog of a competitor. Sometimes you don't win on the first move and you have to stay relentless and that has absolutely been part of his career.”

**On the importance of following through on takeaways:**

“Yeah, I thought, and I'm glad you asked that because it's such an important part of what we do in the [New York] Giants game. I thought the defense took some shots. We had maybe a few chance on that one. There was one that got called back on a penalty on [S] Quan's [Martin] interception. Thought another one, [S Jeremy] Reavo [Reaves] might have forced one. We didn't get it, but there was some good, I thought [DT Javon] JK [Kinlaw] had a real violent shot at it, not so much in Green Bay to where we had our chances to go get it. But you do have to take them, takeaways, not something you're just going to

give to you. So, we have to be mindful of one game. It didn't go our way in terms of getting them, but I thought the attitude and intention of taking them was there. And the second one, we didn't meet the mark, so it's a really important part of it. I thought in the Giant game, almost one with [LB] Nick Bellore on special teams, by the covering, the hitting and that's another phase that we kind of count the think of the covering on punts and the covering of kicks as like a defensive phase to it. The returns as like an offensive phase of taking care of it, but it's really important and we know it helps us win. You can't be reckless to just take a shot at the ball and not tackle and hit, but we have to improve in that spot.”

**On what the team can take from last week to help this week:**

“We talk about it a lot, it's going to come on the adversity side. I was pleased that we stayed in the fight because it didn't feel as close even at the fourth quarter to be in it. I wasn't surprised that we were, that we're tough, but you have to apply those lessons. What didn't you like? How do we go about it? It didn't feel the same energy and just flying all over the tape and finishing and fast. And so those are the ones that you have to acknowledge and say, ‘Man, this wasn't to the standard that we all set for one another.’ Not saying we were soft or any of that, just there's a level that we want to get it to and that's when we really hit our strides. It's going to happen, the injury is part of it, the loss is part of it, but you also learn to stand and fight and that's a good skill to know and we got a lot of guys that are down for that.”

**On how the team can ramp up competition in practice:**

“Just what you said, the competition. So, at a practice today we'll have some just good on good that we do. We don't do that in the short weeks where it slowed down, but the first week we did it, so we'll do some competitions on Wednesday, just not scripted. Like today we'll have a third down competition, tomorrow we have a red zone one and that helps a lot because it's unscripted, it's looks, you talk, you communicate. Sometimes it's trying out a new play, sometimes it's working through the kinks. So, it is part of what we do, but out on the practice field that's where you get better and it's such an important part of what we do. So, we're really pumped to get back out. Never a good idea to take a loss and take a whole bunch of days in between. So, we're ready to get back in this game.”

**On his vision for RB Chase Edmonds:**

“No, we definitely have a vision for it, how long that takes, we'll see. But getting into the system here, he came in and did a really good job in the workout. So, we brought a few running backs in to take a look and see where it was. We wanted to find out, swings, pass game, catching, movements, what that looked like. But it'll take a few weeks to see where we stand on that, but we're pumped with the backs. [RB] Chris [Rodriguez] is certainly ready to get back into action for him, but we're pumped to have Chase here as well and I'm still learning him. [Offensive Coordinator] Kliff [Kingsbury] had a chance to work with him before, but yeah, it's good to have him here.”

**On WR Noah Brown's return to play timeline:**

“He was kind of in the Jayden spot where I'm saying, I'm working him through to see where he is. He won't practice today, but I'm more encouraged than I was maybe when we spoke Monday that it's hopefully turning sooner than later. And so, that's what's kind of where we're with [TE] John [Bates], where we at and so we'll have a better assessment probably for Friday.”

**On Brown's injury history:**

“Yeah, he's an elite competitor and you don't want any of these guys to have anything that they go through. Sometimes we know there's re-injuries after an injury. That's no big state secret, but I love the competitor, love what he stands for. I think once we get him through this, we're going to get him to the other side of that. And for instance, the one last year was so rare of an injury that you can't chalk that up to a soft tissue or those things. So, I'm just excited to get him back out there and get going again. He's one of our most competitive guys and adds a lot to us.”

**On an update for Bates:**

“Yeah, we all know how John's so rare in that way on the blocking side, so it wouldn't be in exactly the same way. You don't just plug and play into that spot. I feel like we're pretty diverse in how we would have to go after it, but it would be something that would be difficult in that spot. We'll see where we look like by Friday. Like I said, as I'm going through with John, I'm in that same spot of where are we? We're going to make good decisions for the guys and they're working hard, having the extra time is helpful, meaning a longer time in between the two games. But there's a couple that I'm still in the wait and see mode and position specific work. Then we'll get into tomorrow, today we're going to be indoors, many did things through the walkthrough and then see where we are tomorrow. So, I'm still on a wait and see with a couple guys.”

**On what he's seen from Las Vegas this season and on Las Vegas Raiders QB Geno Smith:**

“There's a lot to like, they have obviously talking about Geno, he's got one of the strongest arms, can absolutely rip the ball. I think they got a really good tight end group. They've got speed and route runners at receiver. I think an excellent running back, especially in terms of breaking tackle. So, when you put all those together, run game, tight ends, receivers, strong arm quarterback, you can see that's what I thought of first. And then on the D-side I like the ends, the rushers that they have. [Las Vegas Raiders DE Malcolm] Koonce is back, they've got veteran, strong linebackers that are inside, a safety that we know well in [Las Vega Raiders S Jeremy] Chinn who's just down in the box and tackling well. So, when you look at them you see, okay, featuring players identity, style, attitude and a lot to like in terms of who they are and certainly with the running back and the tight end. These are some really talented guys who are young guys just kind of on their way up. So, we'll hands full.”