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QB Jayden Daniels

On what he's learned over the last few weeks:

"Been tough, obviously as a competitor you want to go out there and help your team in any way possible. So, kind of being sidelined for this past couple weeks was super tough but DQ [Head Coach Dan Quinn] and my team always, obviously, was there for me because they knew how much it meant to me. And I tried to return that same energy and I think I was able to do that."

On where he watched the game on Sunday and on his thoughts on the game:

"Yeah, it was a tough one. Wish we could have pulled out the win. I was cheering from my couch in the comfort of my own home."

On if he expects to play on Sunday:

"I guess we'll have to see a Sunday."

On if he plans to wear a brace when he plays:

"I guess we gotta see on Sunday."

On if he likes wearing a brace:

"Yes, I'm not the biggest fan of it, but if that's what I have to wear then I'll do anything possible but we'll see on Sunday."

On how badly he wants to play:

"I wanted to get back out there two weeks ago, so yeah. If I have the opportunity, I would love to go out there and play."

On how tough it is to lose when playing versus when not playing:

"Same way, both tough to endure as a competitor, so nobody likes losing at all. Oh, also the Mets lost, did not make the playoffs. So, that's probably the biggest thing that brought a smile to my face this past weekend. They had the opportunity, played the Marlins to clinch a playoff spot, but they lost and so did the Reds. So, I hope you guys have been watching the Dodgers. I have, and Charlie has too because his team is not in the playoffs."

On what it would mean to go back in play in the Los Angeles area:

"It would mean the world. I plan on having a lot of people attend the game, so that is the hometown and be able to play back in my hometown as a pro, it would mean everything."

On when he felt like he was back to himself:

"I mean, if you let me talk, I would've want to play two weeks ago, but I guess in their eyes, probably this past weekend is when I started feeling like myself."

On how he felt at practice and on if everything felt good:

“Like I said, I feel like I could do that two weeks ago, so but I don't make those call.”

On if he thought he could play two weeks ago or felt like he could play two weeks ago:

“I mean, if you put your mind to a lot of things, you could do anything. But no, I, I felt good out there and yeah that's the plan.”

On how he's approaching the game against Los Angeles:

“Yeah, I think you kind of just focus on us. And obviously they're coming off a bad taste in their mouth too, so we know we're going to get their best game and they're going back home. We're going on the road, so we haven't played that played the best on the road, so kind of just focus on ourselves and going out there and having fun and cutting it loose.”

On what it is about playing on the road this year compared to last:

“I mean, each year is different, even though it's only my second year, kind of figure that out but that's kind of what the first month of football is for. More games are lost than won in the first month. So, now it's kind of settling in and you gotta execute at a high level, especially on the road. We don't have the luxury, even though our fans travel great, to have our home fans and be in our home area. So, we gotta bring our own juice and our own energy.”

On if his knee feels better now than it did a few weeks ago:

“I plan on going out there on Sunday, so yeah.”

On how his friendship with LB Bobby Wagner and on both being from California:

“I think that's kind of the icebreaker. We're both from the same area. We both have the same area code on our phone, the 909. So, that was kind of just the icebreaker and then you kind of just figure out little things from there.”

On what he's seen from the offense the last two weeks:

“Yeah, running the ball really well. A lot of guys are stepping up and contributing, even though we kind of dealt with a little injury bug, so a lot of guys been stepping up. Even from the running back room, you got [TE] Ben [Sinnott] that's been stepping up, [TE Colson] Yankoff, so all those other guys, [T] Trent Scott. So, obviously the biggest person [QB] Marcus [Mariota], so they've been doing their thing and they kind of all just executed at a high level. But yeah, we're kind of creating some explosive plays and getting guys back. So, we'll build on from that.”

On what he's learned while not playing:

“I'd probably say that God works in mysterious ways. So, I think he kind of had a plan for everything, so it was obviously just trusting his plan and go back and rehab and hopefully I was to get back to this point and I get to play in front of my home crowd.”

On adjustments the offense needs to make to get back to last season's success:

“I mean, just focus on us and guys going out and making plays, me make throws and we get this thing back rolling.”

On if he viewed anything a different way by watching from afar:

“Yeah, I mean, kind of being up there, being up top you obviously see everything so I don't really

look at it from that perspective, like, 'Oh, why didn't probably Marcus throw this ball here?' Or anything like that. You gotta look through it through the eyes of the line of the fire. So, it wasn't anything, I was looking at it differently. Obviously, you see what they're doing and you can say the ball should be going here, but other than that I was just up there just kind of just cheering on my team."

On how he's progressed with diagnosing coverages:

"I mean, that kind of just goes with experience. You get some games under your belt, you kind of understand what teams are trying to do in different pressures and you kind of just look at different things of body language tendencies and stuff like that. So, I'm still learning, but that's kind of where the growth I took from year one to year two and I'm still trying to learn even more."

On what he looks at post-snap to try and diagnose a coverage:

"I would say it just depends on the concept and where you think you're trying to go with the football. You got different keys as far as safeties. They say safeties tell the truth, corners lie. So, you kind of just trying to figure out different things within the box and the structure of the defense. And obviously it ties into your film study and who the defense coordinator is."

On if he'll be extra cautious if he's able to play on Sunday:

"I just think it's that balance. You find that balance, obviously you want to be able to be available for the rest of the games, but you gotta be smart and that's kind of what we talked about. Just live to see another down, but just know if the game is on the line, I'm going to do whatever it takes to win so that that's a different circumstance too."