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QB Jayden Daniels

On having WR Deebo Samuel Sr. this season:

"I would just say obviously as a playmaker, it kind of just spoke for itself when we traded for him. Everything he did in San Fran[cisco], he's doing that here. So, we find ways to just to get him the ball and let him make plays. And as a person, I mean, he's very down to earth, super chill. So, people like being around him."

On the hail mary last season and on the game against Chicago last season:

"I don't know. I don't want to talk about it. I just leave that, last year speaks about itself."

On when he noticed RB Jacory Croskey-Merritt's talent:

"I mean, you could see some of the cuts that he made throughout camp, but it's kind of hard when you not getting hit or tackled. So, seeing him able to run in the preseason and things like that, we knew that he had something to him and I'm glad that he gets to show it each and every week."

On if he had rust to shake off early in the game against Los Angeles:

"I mean, I just wasn't hitting a couple throws, that's it. So, I guess you could say rust, I guess you could say I was missing throws, but we won the game at the end of the day."

On what Head Coach Dan Quinn meant when he told the team to raise its level:

"I mean, DQ has a standard that he set throughout this organization and it's our job to hold people accountable to it, especially as leaders. So, I guess that's what he meant in a way but we also had to play better, start faster and finish strong."

On potentially having WR Noah Brown back for Monday's game:

"I mean, just another play playmaker, another weapon that can make tough contested catches to get open. So, if he's back out there, we would love to have him, but other guys have been stepping up in his absence."

On sliding and knowing when to get down against Los Angeles:

"Just playing football at the end of the day, live to see another down, but also you gotta go out there and still play football and be myself."

On the other quarterbacks in his draft class and on Chicago Bears QB Caleb Williams:

"He's been doing his thing, so I always keep up with football in general. So, he's been doing his thing and we got our hands full coming up on Monday night with him and his offense is just the whole team in general."

On if it matters that Williams was drafted number one and he was drafted number two:

“No, he got drafted, number one, I got drafted two. Nothing we could do to change that.”

On WR Luke McCaffrey:

“Yeah, I mean just his growth as a receiver another year. He was a former quarterback, so that transition wasn't where he played receiver majority of his life. So, he also sees it through the eyes of a QB, so that's another good thing for him. And he puts in the work man, he put in the work this offseason, it's showing off, he's making big plays when we need him to. So, super happy for Luke.”

On when he knew he had good chemistry with Samuel Sr.:

“I mean, you kind of see all the work that we put in throughout the offseason and training camp. We're hitting a couple passes here and there, but I mean, it kind of just looks like completing the ball to him, him catching it, we're moving the chains to get first downs.”

On why he doesn't like to look into the past:

“I mean that hail mary isn't going to help us win a game on Monday. So, what's the point?”

On how McCaffrey has grown as a route runner:

“Yeah, more definitive, getting in out his break, timing purposes also. It's kind of things that he gotta learn as he, like I said, his transition from quarterback to receiver is not easy. So, he's been doing a great job of really honing on his own skills and getting better and finding different ways to get better.”

On if his connection with Samuel Sr. has grown with more reps:

“Yeah, I mean time is everything, time is of the essence. So, for us it's like, man, the more we talk, the more we hang out in the locker room, guys get closer, you start completing some passes on and off the field and you talk about different things so you can see it through the eyes of me and he's doing a great job. So, super happy he's on our team.”

On the balance of wanting to win every game and knowing the team's best football might be ahead of them:

“Yeah, I mean I gotta control what I can control and do what I could do on the field and put the offense in the best situation to execute at a high level. And that's kind of why I look at, I don't look at the outcome of things, but you gotta be process oriented instead of result oriented. So, at the end of the day if you do the right process and you execute, you might look up and you might like the result of the game.”

On his expectation for the atmosphere on Monday:

“It'll be the first Monday night that I experienced at home. So, hopefully we're packed out, everybody's out there in the black and we show the home crowd advantage.”

On the keys against Chicago:

“Yeah, I mean it's relatively the same players on defense from last year. Those guys were flying around to the ball, tackling, making good plays on the football. So, we got our hands full in that aspect but also, they got play makers all around the field, so we're going to have to convert on third down. I know they're a very good third down defense. They get after the quarterback, so they create turnover also. So, you gotta be and play clean football, but it should be fun.”

On his excitement level to play in primetime games:

“I mean, I treat every game as a big game because you never know when it might be your last. So, you go out there, I mean, I guess you could say the time really doesn't matter over here in the organization, but we're super excited. We don't treat this game differently than another game. At the end of the day, we take them one week at a time and the team that we're playing that week is a big game for us.”