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Offensive Coordinator Kliff Kingsbury

On what he's seen from QB Marcus Mariota this week:

"Yeah, I mean, he's been tremendous, really. I think going back to last year, it was a tough spot this last week. We didn't play very good overall and he, we were down big, you know, he had one throw he'd liked to have back, but just his command of the offense, the way he leads, the way he prepares, the way he's played in the games has been really good. So, not much will change. We'll try to do stuff that he likes specific to him and try to tailor the game plan to that. But other than that, we'll just cut it loose and let it go."

On if he is happy with where the team when it comes to the number of attempts per game this season:

"Yeah, I think it's just game to game. You know, I'm pretty big on, 'hey, let's see what we're effective in that week and see if we can exploit it the best we can'. But, I've been impressed with the run game. We had not as much success last week and they did a lot of things to try and stop that and got to tip your hat to Dallas [Cowboys], but, we can always get better, but I like the efficiency with which we've run the ball so far."

On how getting WR Terry McLaurin and WR Deebo Samuel Sr. back this week would help the offense:

"Yeah, that always helps. There's no doubt there's certain coverages that teams aren't willing to play when you have guys like that on the field. And so, they can definitely help, open things up if they're able to go."

On going up against the Kansas City Chiefs DT Chris Jones:

"There's certain game records, that we will recognize as staff early in the week and be like, 'hey, how are we going to handle it this week?' and then try to put a good plan in place. He's one of those guys. I think the thing most impressive about him is just the kind of big moments he has, he tends to step up in fourth downs or fourth quarters or overtime and when they really need to play, he's the guy that makes it. And so, it's hard to prepare for that, but he is a tremendous player and we will try to have the best plan in place we can to try and slow him down if possible."

On if Jones moving around as much as he does adds a challenge to his offensive plan:

"It's definitely a challenge. There's no doubt. I think that's a credited coach Spags [Kansas City Chiefs Defensive Coordinator Steve Spagnuolo] and his defensive staff to be able to maximize him by moving to different spots. And so, you never know on each play where he is going to be. So, you can't just set anything in stone, 'hey, this is how we're going to handle him'. You got to have answers for a bunch of different fronts and looks."

On what QB Jayden Daniels is like when he's unable to practice and play:

“Yeah, he's an awesome teammate. I mean, he loves football. So, he's definitely a resource to these guys. You can tell he wants to be playing, there's no doubt. I mean, he can't hide that, but he's a tremendous teammate. He still puts the work in, still leads and so that's been good to see.”

On what has contributed to poor performance on third down:

“Yeah, you know, a number of things, but starts with a game planning play calling, like I've said, we got to have a good better plan in place to, to execute on that down a distance and then just consistency and trust and being able to block the right people. I mean, it's, there's not one thing we went down and did the breakdowns, it's just kind of an inconsistency overall on that down a distance. And that's contributed to us getting down, I think, early and not being able to score the points that, you know, we had a chance to score this season.”

On T/G Sam Cosmi and what he saw from the offensive line now that he's back:

“Yeah, I thought, you know, up and down it's going to take him a while to get his legs and his wind back fully, but anytime you have a player of his caliber back in your lineup, he had some really nice plays and some plays he'd like to have back, but he brings a lot to our offenses physicality, his toughness up front. And I think the more we play together, the more we practice together with that unit, I think they'll continue to ascend and continue to play at a higher level.”

On the performance of the four running backs so far:

“Yeah, they've played at a high level. The running backs are all contributing and kind of give you something different as far as their skillset and their best trait and so I think it's been a good combination of those three guys and it'll hopefully just get better.”

On if this is his second time preparing to play against Kansas City Chiefs QB Patrick Mahomes:

“It is yeah.”

On what he has learned about Mahomes throughout his career:

“Yeah, just the competitive stamina is unbelievable. When you look at every year he started, they've been to at least the AFC championship, they played in all the Sunday nights, the Monday nights. So, the tougher schedule played all the first-place schedules. And just to be able to do that each year and get up for those games and have that level of consistency is just incredible. I think that's what I've been most impressed. Obviously, the humility, the type of person he is, everybody knows just phenomenal human being, but just the competitive stamina each year to just saddleback up and do it over and over and over and playing these big games and find ways to win has just been incredible.”

On adjusting to players being out this season:

“No, I think it's comes with the territory. I mean, it's always a battle of attrition throughout the NFL season, and so it's kind of how you can continue to maximize who you have and putting them in positions to be successful. And so, we've shown some signs that we have a chance to be a pretty good offense. I just think consistency and being able to protect the football has held us back so far.”

On concern around McLaurin getting back up to speed after missing playing time:

“Yeah, I think it's never easy when you have an extended amount of time off. Just building the rapport with the quarterback, any of the new wrinkles we put in the offense, things of that nature.”

But I expect him to pick back up quickly once he is out there full time. I think being in year two of the system, he at least had a pretty solid understanding of it. And so now it's just about getting his legs back in his win back and just getting a lot more reps for the quarterbacks.”

On expectations for the second half of the season once injured players return:

“Yeah, no, I pretty glass half full type mentality, so I expect us to continue to improve, but I just, the biggest deal to me is just the turnover margin has been really bad and in this league that's the number one indicator of success and so we have to improve there. And then just consistency third down, if we can stay on the field will help and then just play in, play out, making the routine plays. I feel like we'll have some good plays and then we'll string it together, some bad ones and that's not who we've been and we have to try to improve upon that.”