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Head Coach Dan Quinn

Opening Statement:

“Alright, I’ll hit you on the captains first and kind of the theme I had with these guys was intentional, consistent, tough and opportunity and delivering. And so, on offense, it’ll be [WR] Luke McCaffrey, on defense it’ll be [DT Javon] Kinlaw and on special teams [DE] Jake Martin. So, three guys I thought represent that. So, team had a strong week of practice, all week had a chance to look at everything, what we liked, what we wanted to evaluate, and dug in hard on that in all three phases. So, we’re excited to go play.”

On status updates for WR Terry McLaurin and WR Deebo Samuel Sr.:

“Terry and Deebo both have had good weeks and man, we’re excited to get them back on the field.”

On if they will play Monday:

“Yes. I’ll also go through players we’ll rule out will be [QB] Jayden [Daniels] and yesterday [TE] Colson Yankoff injured his hamstring. So, both of those guys will be out. Colson was the one that just injured yesterday and checked [him out] today.”

On DT Daron Payne:

“Yeah, he is dealing with a toe that’s bothered him. So just kind of working through that to get him into that spot but I’ll know more over the next day and a half.”

On what he’s seen from the team this week:

“Just the intensity of going against one another at practice. And you’ve heard me say it, but to find the attitude to get one another better. I felt that and every good, tough practice has that where guys are battling and digging for it and going against each other. But that’s what I felt and saw. It’s not a stat or a specific numeric thing, but it is the good-on-good going against each other. We did that more than normal. So, it had a lot of value going into the week and it’s felt strong, competitive, tough for three days in a row and I know I like that and it was good to see that from them.”

On what it means for the offense to have McLaurin and Samuel Sr. back:

“They add a lot. I think in different ways and so much of their games are similar but different. In other words, where on some of the deep plays with Terry on play passes and over routes and things that are shots down the field where Deebo has some catch and run as well to it. So, they both run all of the routes in the system but just being in there and how they can make plays, it’s definitely a big deal. That also affects other parts of the offense and running game and other things to go with it. So, matchups, yeah, I’m excited to get these guys back into the mix and they are too because missing and not being in it, it’s hard. And so, they’re excited.”

On what he’s learned about the roster so far this season:

“Yeah, you don’t know where your depth is until you’re tested, right? And I think one of the spots that I felt like now is there, and I think some of it’s due to Luke and to [WR] Jaylin [Lane], is at receiver because when you get tested, are you ready when that opportunity comes? I felt like that would be an example of

those two. It wasn't a surprise, I knew what we had with [QB] Marcus [Mariota] from that side just kind of going back through the offense and where we've been banged up on. On the defensive side with three ends, that's I guess different because it went in layers down and we're still in the middle of that to go but I do know that I like the way the guys are — attitude and going and you do gain from it. It's not ideal at all, but there is experience that that happens, and you do find out a lot. Through the years there's definitely been people that I've coached when the opportunity came and like, okay, that was the time he started playing and making an impact and then it carries over. Not always in the same year, but knowing, okay, we have one there, you don't look for that. It kind of changes the trajectory of their careers because they establish it. And so, I think all of it matters.”

On who is the signal caller when LB Bobby Wagner isn't on the field:

“[LB] Jordan Magee, yep. Jordan would be the next one.”

On Kansas City going away for training camp and on how much that correlates to success:

“Yeah, I think it helps. I do also like try to modify that so to speak, if we can take some trips together. I think the year before we had two, so we made them into four days. So, that's an eight-day span to go, this year to New England for a longer stretch. So, I do think that helps to go away and do some of that. So, if you can go away, another alternative is doing some of the scrimmages and that type of thing. I think those are your two best options to go about it. With the renovations here, going away to scrimmage against some other teams was the best option for us.”

On what he emphasized in practice during the week:

“Yeah, I thought at the high level of things the turnover margin, for us to be sitting in the minus here, that shows we have not turned the corner on some things. So, because that affects both sides and the explosive plays, us creating them, us limiting them and playing faster. Those would be the things that I drill down on from the high-level, top down that affects both offense and defense. Playing faster has to do with volume, it has to do with processing speed, things that we can really execute and haul on both phases. So, those would be the three things that came out of a lot of the studies.”

On if the communication in the secondary has improved:

“Yes and quite honestly, I'm glad that you brought that up. It already has been better on some things. So, on the explosives that early, I thought the communication wasn't as good, but I thought the staff and the players have kind of hit onto that to make it better. Some calls are now limited in terms of volume, less and doing it better but it wasn't communication related in the last two games from a standpoint of limiting those. I do feel like that's gotten better, for sure. Not to be confused with good enough, but I wanted to make sure I was clear on that, that they have adapted in that space.”

On conversations with players this week:

“It wasn't difficult. You don't go at it in a way that makes it, but we've got a lot of good guys. So, I think the first thing is like, ‘Hey, I got some things I think can make us better and initially what's the response?’ ‘Yeah, I want to know, I want to find out more.’ And it could mean a technique that you're playing or not. It could mean a certain style. So, sometimes the smallest tweaks don't mean it can't have a bigger result. And so yeah, the best of the best, if there's something that they can do to do it better, any of us would want to know that, the feedback, but it doesn't have to come at them where they're not receiving it, right? Because if they're not, then the feedback was all for bullshit if they're not going to apply it. And I also wanted that from them, if there was a certain technique or call or something that could change, I also wanted that feedback to make sure that it's a two-way street in terms of us playing good, the execution is players and coaches and I want to make sure I was clear with them on that too.”

On the current state of the brotherhood:

“I think when it's going really well, that's the time that you don't lean in on it and you don't find out a lot. It's the times that it gets the hardest that you lean in on it together. And what I've seen from practice, I'm pleased knowing that this is the things I was calling on for the week. Would I be able to see that? Would we be able to deliver on that? And so, during the week, there's brutal honesty that goes with it. And I want to see them respond. And if a team or a person doesn't, then you have red flags to say, okay, you hit the big emergency break, and nothing happened. You want to see players and people respond. And so, what I saw was a response and consistency would take care of things to go up and up and up. And so, that's what I'm looking for from the team because over the last two weeks it certainly hasn't been to the standard that we want. So, we address it, we say it, but I also want to see the response and the first part that I could see was at practice. And so, for three days I've liked what I've seen. Now that has to carry into the ball game for us to play faster, more consistent and more to capture our style that we want to be.”

On making sure the staff stays proactive as opposed to reactive:

“Yeah, I think a number of ways and the first one is as the leaders you have to be in front and you have to set the course of what's going to do and what needs to change. But you also have to be the one that is ready to adapt when you need to. Second part of that, I think as adversity comes you want to see the response and the changes that you put in to say, are these changes being effective? This is how we're going to go about something, this is the change that we're going to make. Those are the things that are at the front of my mind. Yeah, I think the emotion part of it is that happens to me and probably to most people postgame, right? You want to dig in and then eventually it's like, okay, digging in for the purpose of finding the solutions. It's one thing to, go, ‘Here's what happened.’ And the next part underneath that is to say, ‘Here's what we're going to do about it.’ And I think that's the part that you want to see and how they respond to that. Just [expletive] about it or talking about it doesn't change it in the way that you want to. So, that's my space to say, alright, and this is what we're actually going to do. So, that's why I was referring to Candi's question, to see the response at practice of what we were calling on. Okay, that's a good sign. And tightness and adversity that can cause that with people. I've seen it and I've told that to everybody. Wanting it badly and coaches tighter, players tighter and that's the opposite of playing free and aggressive and fast. And so how do you eliminate that? You work at first the mindset, but the techniques. And sometimes if that's less volume to play faster and more, sometimes we use the word free. It's not like recess [laughs], but there is a block that can take place that if you're not ready that, ‘Hey man, it has to be clear minded to attack and focus where you cannot take long to process.’ So, that's part of where I was at for the week.”

On battling a player like Kansas City Chiefs DT Chris Jones and on the mental battle when facing a player like Jones:

“Yeah, because playing against a player like him, there's going to be plays where he'll win the down. You're going to win the down. And that's part of ball and playing against good players, whether it's defensive line, defensive end, any of the spots, receiver or quarterback, et cetera. But you do have to account to say, ‘Hey man, and there's going to be battles and matchups that you're going to win on this too.’ So, he's rare in terms of size and length and speed for a big guy. You want to make sure where he is at, what looks can you have, but he's been pretty accustomed to that through his career. He's one of the people that you have to circle during the week to say, this is a player that can really affect the game. They've got a nice system with different fronts, pressures, design and so he's a big part of that for sure just in terms of the play style.”

On injuries this season and on if anything has felt different in that area this season:

“I think the early part of the season, maybe just the volume of them. Oftentimes it's, ‘Okay, one here and one there.’ But I think the volume of the early part was probably the most challenging to put it together. If you have time, you can kind of space it out to organize how we'll align, how we play. You can't call it in

quite the same way. And so, I think that sometimes can be a challenging part as well, but I think the volume early probably made it different than most times that you go through it. What I mean by volume, the amount of them.”