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Offensive Coordinator Kliff Kingsbury

On what was supposed to happen on the play QB Jayden Daniels was injured on:

“Yeah. [Head Coach] DQ [Dan Quinn], you know, covered that on Monday, so unfortunate part of our game but he's been working really hard to get back as soon as possible and that's kind of where it's at.”

On his conversations with Daniels and how he's seen Daniels process the injury:

“Yeah, he hates to lose and he hates not playing, so that's a tough combination for him. But he's been attacking the rehab and like I said, I expect him to be back as soon as he possibly can.”

On remaining efficient in the run game:

“Yeah, I think it's a combination of getting behind early where you abandon it at some point, you know, around the third quarter you're trying to catch up, which hasn't helped. And then, just trying to find the right matchups, the right personnel groupings, different things to take advantage of maximize your personnel. We got to do a good job of that. I feel like the guys that we're asking to step up and play have gotten a better feel for the offense at this point and should be able to start making some, some strides that'll help us, you know, not only in the run game in the past game as well.”

On if players are doing too much too soon in the beginning of games:

“Yeah, I think all of us are pressing a little bit. Yeah. You, you definitely feel that, you know, we got to take what's blocked. I thought that's one thing [RB Chris] C-Rod [Rodriguez Jr.] did a really nice job when he came in. We got to take what's blocked and then the big plays will come, but I think as an entire offense we're pressing and we've got to just make the routine plays and allow those big plays to happen.”

On success down field last season versus this season:

“Yeah, I think, you know, we had really good rapport last year with those guys that were out there playing and we're able to connect on a bunch of those throws and we haven't hit him this year like we did and I think that's just how the game goes sometimes.”

On using Rodriguez Jr. to get more explosive plays in the backfield:

“Yeah, I think, you know, you go through flows of the season and different guys kind of are called upon to do different things and every time we've asked C-Rod to step up, he's played at a high level and so he did that once again but that's an area, like I said, I think we've got to be able to get what's blocked and then when we have a chance to make a big one, we got to take advantage of that as well.”

On what needs to change before facing the Detroit Lions on Sunday:

“We got to finish drives continue to, you know, hurt ourselves in critical moments, whether it's a third down that we convert, get called back, fourth down, we convert, get called back, you know, the turnovers keep haunting us. So, I think those are areas that keep showing up week in and week out and it's, you know, I think it starts at practice obviously. So, we're trying to tie some things up there and making sure that the accountability is there in practice when we're repping treating it like a game and making sure that when those situations arise in practice, that, you know, it's a game mentality.”

On facing the Lions:

“Yeah, they're an aggressive defense. Play a lot of man coverage, get down to your face and you know, [Detroit Lion Defensive Coordinator] Coach [Kelvin] Sheppard has played a really high level this year. I've been really impressed with what they do. 97 [Detroit Lions DE Aidan Hutchinson] is as dominant players, there isn't a league and they got a bunch of pro bowlers flying around on that side of the ball, so it'll be a, a huge challenge.”

On how losing RB Austin Ekeler to injury has affected what he wants for the offense:

“Yeah, I mean, he had a great year for us last year, dynamic pass catcher, very explosive, you know, make people miss in space, so that was definitely an element that helped. But we've had other guys that, you know, we've brought in that we think can fill those roles. We just got to get them going.”

On the challenge of dealing with new receivers during the season:

“Yeah, I think just building a rapport with the quarterback and getting the amount of reps you'd like to get, you know, that's, that's hard this time of year when you have some injuries and you're tapering back some of the reps. It's just hard to get time on task together. So that's the biggest thing. The guys have come in and done a good job studying, working hard, extra meetings, all that. It's just getting the timing down on the field, full speed. Not a ton of reps to go.”

On how Daniels missing games and coming back in affected his play:

“Yeah, I think when you haven't practiced a ton with a certain group of guys, you're always going to, you know, there's going to be some trust, you're trying to figure things out, kind of in game. And that's always tough to kind of solve that when you're playing against a really good defense. But I thought he battled, like he always does, made a bunch of plays for us, kept us in. We just weren't able to convert when we needed to.”

On how the amount of single man coverages and man coverage has impacted the pass game:

“You got to be able to try and take advantage of your matchups when you can, when they are going to go single high and play man coverage and so far we haven't really been able to attack that or make them pay like you need to if they're going to do that. And so that's something we've been working on and hopefully we can improve.”

On WR Jaylin Lane and beating man coverage:

“Yeah, it's a work in progress. There's no doubt. For a young player in college, you see a bunch of zone coverage, particularly in the slot. So, he's still developing in that area, but he's been game, anytime we put him out there, he's up for the challenge and we just got to keep growing with him.”

On LB Frankie Luvu's fine and sending plays to the league to review:

“Yeah, we'll point out plays that we felt could have been fouls, but you know I just want all guys to be protected equally. It's a bit subjective it feels like, but I understand the game is as well.”