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QB Marcus Mariota

On the Madrid facility and on what the team can accomplish with this away game:

“Well, first and foremost, thank you to Real Madrid [CF] for having us. This is an incredible facility. To be here, to be a part of this, to be the inaugural game here in Madrid is a very special moment I think for all of us. With that being said, as a team, I think getting away, having an opportunity to really kind of hunker down together, it's been important, and it's been great. I think guys going to dinner, just little things like that, connecting, especially with where we are in the season, I think it's important just to kind of step away and I think it's been good for us.”

On any differences in how Head Coach Dan Quinn has used his time with the offense since taking over play calling:

“Not at all, honestly, and that's a credit to him because I think as a head coach now that you're taking some of those play calling duties over, you would think kind of firsthand that maybe he would, things would be a little different, but it's been very much the same and it's a credit to Dan and the defensive staff to allow that to happen and for us as an offense, it's been status quo and continue to work and build and I think we're excited to get things going and practice.”

On being a part of a historic moment for the league while remaining focused on the game:

“Yes, you got to find the happy medium, right? You want to be able to, one, really enjoy the moment, enjoy being in Madrid, have opportunities to experience this beautiful city. Also, we are here on business, and we have a job at hand, and I think what's been cool for us is we have a lot of veteran leadership guys that have played in London, that have done the overseas trip. So, we understand that there's opportunities to take some time away and to experience what Madrid has to offer, but also, we have guys that understand like, ‘Hey, there's times to hunker down and let's get things rolling and making sure that we're ready to roll.’”

On what he's learned through the adversity of the last few weeks:

“Well, I think for us it's learning that details, little things always matter. Regardless of the situation, circumstance in the game, understanding that maybe a third-down play halfway through the third quarter might not feel like a big moment, but it is. And I think helping our young guys understand that the margins in the NFL are so slim and every play matters so much. So, the more that we can help these young guys understand that I think bring them along, it'll help us out.”

On figuring out the rhythm of a game while having a rotating roster:

“Well, I think what we do such a good job of here is create reps for everybody, whether that's mental reps through walkthroughs, practice reps. So regardless [of] who's coming in I trust every single one of those guys. A lot of those guys have stepped up and made huge plays. So, the more that we just continue to function as an offense, eliminate some of the negative stuff, whether it's

pre-snap turnovers our guys outside will find ways to make plays, and I believe in those guys services.”

On what it means to be one of the two quarterbacks to play in Spain:

“Very, very honored and I don't take that very lightly and for us really. [Miami Dolphins QB] Tua [Tagovailoa] and myself, we grew up in the middle Pacific, far away from here [laughs], and the fact of the matter is that we get a chance to be a part of this game is very special. And I don't take that for granted at all. I do enjoy the experience. I do enjoy being away from the country and we're going to do our best to put out a great product and a great show, and I'm excited for the challenge on Sunday.”

On if he ever imagined he would play football internationally:

“Yeah, I think first and foremost, never in my wildest dreams would I have imagined I'd be sitting here today. And my parents are here with my brother, and we were just sitting down having dinner and we were just like, ‘This is wild.’ And my dad just was like, ‘It's unbelievable that we're sitting here today and you're playing football, and this game has brought us here.’ It's really awesome to see how the NFL is globalizing football, and creating opportunities in flag football as well, and just allowing more and more people across the world to experience this beautiful game that we love. So, it's a very cool moment and I'm excited to be a part of it. And yeah, I'm going to just kind of take it moment by moment.”

On his comments following the game against Detroit:

“Well, when it comes down to it, when you're not playing to the standard that we establish back in camp, it's important that guys hold that standard and hold the rest of the team up to that standard. And I mean, yeah, we're three and seven and that's not anywhere near where we want to be. And so, looking back on it, it's not from a lack of effort. I do think that there's opportunities for us to grow in little things, little details, but we talked about it on Monday as an offense. Guys are playing hard and when you're sitting at three and seven that's not always the case across the league. And so, I think what that shows is that our guys care and they want to make this right. And at the end of the day, how we do that is just finding ways to execute better, communicating maybe some of the game plan things that we don't like or things that we do like and trying to put our best foot forward so that in the end we win.”