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Offensive Coordinator Kliff Kingsbury

On if Head Coach Dan Quinn taking over defensive play calling has changed anything for him:

“It hasn't. We've been trying different ways to try and maximize the personnel and win games, but other than that, it hasn't changed our process or the routine.”

On if he's been able to do anything else besides football while in Madrid:

“Yeah. I mean, I know they've been out to dinners. I haven't done much early in the week. It's pretty much just trying to get game plan, get scripted up, but huge fan of the city, been here before on vacations, and so it's been awesome. I think there's probably three guys that have been here prior, so to everybody else, it's been a new experience, and it's been cool to see them enjoy it.”

On how challenging this year has been for him:

“Yeah, it's been interesting, there's no doubt. And I think it started in the spring, just trying to figure out who was going to be up, who was going to be playing, who was healthy. And so, as coaches, our job is to maximize who we have and try to score points and win games the best way we can. And so, as a staff it's been a unique experience, but I think every year you learn more and more about yourself as a coach, your team and kind of how you want to do things. And we're just kind of going through that this year.”

On preparing for this week's game without his top options and on the expansion of NFL football:

“Yeah, it's been a challenge, but I've been really proud of the guys that have stepped up. I thought last week some guys made plays for us that had just got here and are playing hard, playing with a great effort. We just gotta find a way to make a few more plays. But yeah, I actually played in NFL Europe, so that was an awesome experience. Gotta see some incredible plays I never would've gotten to. So, for our players to get a chance to do that and see the fanfare and just the excitement in the city, it's really special.”

On the offensive line:

“Yeah, it's been a good group. I think we've had the same starting lineup in for about three weeks straight, which has been nice. And I think each week we've gotten better as a unit. I think watching [T] Josh [Conerly Jr.] kind of come along has been really exciting. And then [G] Sam Cosmi getting his legs back has definitely improved, but that has been a consistent group for us this season and we've needed it.”

On RB Chris Rodriguez Jr.:

“Yeah, I think just consistency in his play. I mean, you guys see it anytime he's called upon to get it done, to get the tough yard, he gets it and he puts the ball in the right place. He always finds the hole and he's going to maximize his opportunities, and I think his teammates respect that. I know

the coaching staff does as well.”

On working with players on the mental aspect of the offense:

“Yeah, that's a great question. I think just consistency in our approach as a coach, you never want to get too high or too low and make sure they don't feel any sort of panic button or so full sell, ‘Hey, we're going to change all of this.’ It's just trying to get better each and every day and show those improvements no matter who's playing. And so, I think our group's done a nice job of just showing up every day as a pro and continuing to work hard.”

On fans coming out to Madrid to watch the team play:

“Yeah, the fan base has been phenomenal. I think it's one of the top ones in the NFL, if not the top, just the passion they have for the Commanders organization and the support. And I know a lot of people have this one circled on their calendars, and I've seen a bunch of fans in the streets, so it means a lot to us and we're definitely going to go out there and try to make them proud.”

On the team's preparation for the game in Madrid:

“Yeah, you just tried to get ahead before we left quite a bit, knowing that there'd be a lot of moving parts when we got here. But once you got here, it's been pretty much business and practice as usual, pretty similar schedule. And just gotta make sure you don't let the city and the new space be a distraction for you and just focus on the main thing, which is winning the game.”

On the philosophy behind playing mostly in pistol and shotgun formations:

“Yeah, I think there's a lot of different things that come into play, but I think with [QB] Jayden [Daniels] starting off, comfort level more than anything, we want to tailor offense to what he is used to, comfortable with and does the best. But you've seen certain teams have a lot of success under center, a lot of teams have had success in shotgun, so I don't think there's a right or wrong. I think it's playing to your personnel and maximizing what you want to do offensively.”

On if having the game in Spain can help the team:

“Yeah, I think it is a good change of scenery for us, going through the last month that we had. I think just to come together as a team on the road, playing in a new city, an awesome environment that'll be revved up. I think that'll be really good for us.”

On if he's looking forward to playing at Santiago Bernabéu Stadium:

“Yeah, I'm actually a big soccer fan, so really excited about that. To play where Mbappé [Real Madrid Forward Kylian Mbappé] and [Former Real Madrid Forward] Cristiano [Ronaldo] played will be pretty special for me personally. And then I know our team's excited about it as well.”

On the difficulties with injuries at wide receiver:

“Yeah, it's been a challenge, there's no doubt. Especially when you have a guy like Trey [WR Treyton Burks] who had worked really hard to rehab from an injury, to get his opportunity to make some plays and kind of develop with us to have a setback. But he'll be back and just allows other guys to get a chance. And so far, like I said, guys have stepped up when called upon. We just have to be more consistent as a complete offense to make the plays when they count.”