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## **Offensive Coordinator Kliff Kingsbury**

### **On what getting WR Terry McLaurin and WR Noah Brown back means for the offense and what he is hoping to see Sunday:**

“Yeah, we'll see how the week goes. If those guys can make it back this week it would be great, but at some point I expect to have them back and I mean, they're two high-end players for us. You know, I think the way teams play us. I think the way they have to try to defend us will change when you have options like that outside and just their professionalism, the way they work in practice, the playmaking ability, it will definitely give us a, a boost that we need.”

### **On the importance of seeing what the returning players can do all together:**

“Yeah, we just want to, you know, maximize who we are as an offense. I think there's been moments where we move the ball, but we're not scoring enough points and we need to find a way to enhance that. And that's certainly a good way to get some of your best players back on the field. And then playing at a high level.”

### **On the Denver Broncos pass rushing:**

“Yeah, it's, I mean, historically on pace to be one of the best ever, you know, when you're talking in number of sacks, so just a relentless play style. Very talented players, you know, whether it's outside guys, whether it's [DL] Zach [Allen] inside Dre [Greenlaw], like they're loaded and you know, the way they are just really relentless in their pass rush. I think, you can tell that it's a unselfish nature with which they play. [Denver Broncos Defensive Coordinator] Vance [Joseph] is in a great job creating one-on-ones in his scheme that lets those guys pin their ears back and, and hunt. So, it's a tough challenge like trying to figure out how to block them in every play. It's been a, been a long week.”

### **On the possibility of Denver Broncos CB Pat Surtain II returning:**

“He's one of the dominant, you know, corners in the leads. There's not many I'd say that are shut down guys, if you will and he's one of them, so if he's going to play into the boundary or travel, you got to know where he is at. And he's one of those guys that can kind of eliminate one of your options on each and every play. And, and just even in the run game, he'll stick his nose in there. So, I've been really impressed by his play style and if he's back, it's definitely a plus for them.”

### **On needing to see more from younger players to prepare for next season while still using veterans:**

“Right. Yeah, I think that's always the fine line you walk in this profession, but you know, we just overall as an organization, we just need to play better football and that's our focus right now. And so, whoever that is that will lead us to that is who's going to be out there. And I think, you know, you'll have those discussions I think week to week as, ‘Hey, what does this look like? Who's the best players we need out there right now?’ but you do, you have to figure out like, are we trying to

continue to, you know, win play at a high level or you reach a point at some point where you need to see what you got. And I think we're still in it at this point and so we got to put our best players out there and try to win games.”

**On WR Jaylin Lane and WR Treyton Burks:**

“Yeah, they've made plays when they needed to. There's some plays they like to have back obviously, but very conscientious, hardworking players that you could see with development, the way they work, the professionalism, they got a chance to have a nice role in this league. And so that is exciting to see some of those young guys when they had their number called make plays.”

**On the emotional impact of having QB Jayden Daniels and McLaurin back:**

“Yeah, I think it just lifts up everybody. The way they carry themselves, the way they practice, the way they approach the game. Just their communication on the field, the way they talk to young players and ‘hey, you could try this on this play’, that it lifts everybody up. And so, I think all of us feel a boost to see some of your best players back on the field and the level of practice, the level of execution, I mean, when those guys are out there, guys don't want to let them down either. It's that type of character that these guys possess, so they're leaders and guys want to make plays for them and want to play good for them. And so, it's definitely helped us as a unit offensively having those guys back around.”

**On conversations with Daniels about the process of returning:**

“Yeah, he is wanting to be out there as soon as possible, there's no doubt. But he also understands, you know, he's got to get healthy and be a hundred percent so he can play his style and the way he wants to play. And so, I think we've done a nice job of working with him to do that. And as soon as he's ready I'm sure he'll be out there.”

**On working through communication issues between McLaurin and QB Marcus Mariota:**

“Yeah, I think just as many walkthrough reps as we could get when he wasn't able to go full speed, I think that's been really good. Just getting him more dialed back into the offense and a comfort level and so far, I've seen that. I think having him away for a while was tough, but he's been able to walk through with us, really stay in tune with the offense the last few weeks and I feel good about where he is at.”

**On how his previous experience on Hard Knocks can help:**

“I talked to the guys, I mean, we had a tough year the year they did it with us. I mean, you hardly know they're around and they don't try to make you look bad and never have, never will, and we get final say. So, just be yourself. I think it's a cool thing to highlight some of the players we have, their stories and kind of the type of people they are. So, it can be a positive as long as you let it be.”

**On how Daniels can learn to play the game safely:**

“Yeah, it's a learned behavior, there's no doubt. And in this league you to survive, there's certain hits you have to try to avoid and you have to take some stuff off your body if you can, at that position. And so, I think that's just the more he plays, the more comfortable he'll get and being able to do that. But he's played a certain style his entire life. He's been relatively healthy his entire life and football career. And so, I think it's just a learned behavior. The more reps he gets, the more live game reps he gets, he'll figure that out and know kind of when the party's over and know where when to protect himself.”

**On RB Jacory Croskey-Merritt:**

“Yeah, I think just overall as an offense we have to play better. I think if we're able to get some of these outside guys back, that'll help open some things up. There's no doubt teams have been pack in the middle and kind of challenging us in some different ways, but Bill's [Croskey-Merritt] right on track to where you want to be. He is a young player that's still ascending and figuring the game out. So, he's just going to keep working hard and I'm sure that that number will go back up.”

**On his responsibility as a play caller to protect Daniels:**

“Yeah, I don't ever call it in a way to try and protect that. So, I think that's when you get yourself in trouble. It's just us being on the same page with how he's going to play and being smart. Like I said, we can talk about it all we want, but when he is out there, he's got to understand you're carrying the entire organization with you anytime you're out there. And to air on the side of caution, if there is a hit you can take off your body. But I'm going to call it like I call it, try to call it a way that plays in his favor and the way he likes to play and then we kind of go from there.”

**On if he has a sense of what the offense can look like at full strength:**

“I don't. I know it looks a lot better at practice when they're out there, obviously guys that flying around and have done it at a very high level in this league. And so, we'll see. We're all just trying to maximize who we are with this group before this thing's over and see what we can become.”

**On T Josh Conerly Jr.:**

“It is, yeah, he's had a bunch of [tough matchups] but that's life as a rookie in the NFL. And just continued to grow and compete. I've been really proud of the physicality and the run game, been proud of the resiliency. He had some tough matchups early, going through that streak of those three guys and came through it and got better each week. And so, there's another huge challenge with their rushers and just continue to fight and learn and I think everything he's doing is right on track. It's just, there's going to be some tough moments as a rookie.”