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Head Coach Dan Quinn

Opening Statement:

“Alright, good to see everybody. We'll get rocking. I'll hit normally like we do with the captains for this week's game. Offensively it's going to be [TE] John Bates and defensively, [LB] Bobby Wagner, and on special teams [P] Tress Way and man do these guys lead in different ways, but the examples of professionals and standards. I felt, kind of, excuse me, talked to you earlier about this week of standards and elite and day after day after day. And I think there was a purpose behind, you know, why I chose these three, you know, of those kind of standards all the time. So after a bye week, there's been a lot of time between Madrid and Sunday night and want to be able to show our improvement as a team. The thing we've worked hard on. We've thrown a really good week so far and that's got to carry over into the game. So, we'll get rolling with you guys. We're going to rule out [QB] Jayden [Daniels] had very good progress. I'd call it a great first step. Haven't been cleared for the contact to get into that spot, so give you an update next week. Also excited to see [WR] Terry [McLaurin], 17 back out. He's worked hard also, so it's been a long stretch, you know, for him. So, getting him back out there, that's a big deal. So, let's get rolling.”

On S Will Harris:

“Will also had a really good week. Three full days, full speed, as far as activations and such go we'll do all that tomorrow.”

On what having McLaurin back means for the offense:

“Well, I think a number of things. One we can start building back that continuity, you know, with Terry. You know, as part of it, I'm excited. Obviously for the deep ball that's like Terry's, you know, superpower of tracking the deep balls to go, but there's screens, there's intermediate routes. He's a very good route runner. So, there's an energy that goes with that. And so yeah, we're excited, we're excited to get back. He's worked hard and so to see that come back after some frustrating days and hard conversations and quiet moments to work hard and get back it's a big deal.”

On WR Noah Brown:

“Yeah, for Noah, he'll be out Jayden and Noah and [DE] Drake Jackson, those three will be out.”

On the way the defense played in Madrid:

“I definitely liked the urgency first of the team quickly aligned to really go for it and set it. Miami [Dolphins] with the shifts and the motions had, you know, traditionally been a team that can cause problems with that, where they can gain a leverage because of the speed of the motion. That was one I was wanting to see. I was wanting to see us play, you know, down the red zone so we could, you know, play square and tough. I wanted to see the inside guys, could they affect the QB? What I want to see improving are our shots to go win on the takeaways, but that was a few of the things that I really liked. I felt the physicality, and I really enjoyed that because when you're going what you want to see it and feel it, and you make a big play and you see that happen. There was an

energy, a Commander energy that I thought they brought into some of those big fourth down stops the next step creating some ops for the offense too. That's something that we have to just improve on. We really do.”

On WR Treyton Burks performance with the team:

“In the short time that I've gotten to know him, I've sensed first like a hungry competitor and uh, and we've seen that a lot where somebody needs a fresh start, a fresh space, a new outlook, and sometimes a new space to go do that and express who they are as a player. What I've since learned is the competitor, I'm ready for that, I'm ready for that. He was, you know, so much is I'll do the kickoff return, I want to punt return. Like you feel his energy of wanting to prove it and I think that's a good thing. What I've also learned, just the size, you know, for him, like when you're around him, like, man, this is a big receiver and so that's different. And I think having that kind of versatility is a big deal. But I like if there was a hunger index, his is really high and I liked that about him.”

On what he's seen from the Denver Broncos:

“Yeah, a lot. I thought defensively, I really thought their front drives a lot. They have playmakers at all the spots. Linebackers certainly at safety and at corner. And so, when you have them at all the levels, that's a big deal. I like how they jump off the ball defensively and swarm. So that's the challenge, you know, when they're at the line of scrimmage, can you find ways to, you know, get some plays offensively? I thought through the years of going against [Denver Broncos Head] Coach [Sean] Peyton, there's been a lot of things to defend and so offensive you can see in year two with [Denver Broncos QB] Bo [Nix] an expanded, you know, level of that. Obviously, the speed, the playmakers at receiver I've always thought they've had an excellent screen game. I thought, you know, through the years, that's one of the things I've, you know, from going against them was a hard, you know, thing to defend. I like the backs and the quarterback, you know, is making plays, legs, arms, throws. So, it's a good challenge. They've got good special teams players we do as well. So, like, it's one of these matchups as a coach. Yeah, that's a good, then it's there like all, and I've been obviously pointing them out, you know, to the players and, and the meetings all week and but those are, those are a few of the things right there. But all the groups have good matchups in this game. I think you guys will see those, ‘Hey man, these two guys are battling this group and this group is battling’. And so, that'll start from the first play of the game, you know, whether it's kickoff or kickoff return, both units well coached and they'll be battling too, but through experience play callers for them with Sean and [Denver Broncos Special Teams Coordinator/Assistant Head Coach] Darren [Rizzi] and with VJ [Denver Broncos Defensive Coordinator Vance Joseph]. So, good matchup for us.”

On T Josh Conerly Jr. skills being tested playing the Broncos:

“Yeah, for sure it's a test, no question. Like it'd be hard pressed, not just for him, but for all the guys. I thought they'd done a nice job, not just with the four-man rush, but you know, blitzing the inside backers a safety, who's a fantastic instinctive blitz play maker to go. So, it'll be everybody in the protection. But yes, I would say, yeah, matchup wise, this is, this is a good one. And they got guys that can rip and go and so for sure it's a big test.”

On playing the running backs off of each other as opposed to them each having a distinct role:

“That's a good question. I would say sometimes it can be a hot hand. Okay, guys feeling it and going other times, okay, better in a certain play or a certain scenario. But that kind of has leveled out as it's, you know, moved forward. Protection wise, I think [RB] Jeremy [McNichols] was always, you know, one and then [RB] Chris [Rodriguez Jr.] and [RB Jacory] Bill [Croskey-Merritt], you know,

leveling up, you know, to go into that, that's a big piece of it too. Denver's, you know, have been challenging, you know, in the run game, so it'll have, there'll be some runs that are smaller and you got to break through on a good blitz to see if you can get a longer one. But I'm comfortable using all three but it's still more like on a hot hand or what's a matchup or you know, how can you feature somebody, you know, on a certain play that might have been at an empty or on a goal line. So there's some featuring, it's not just like, you take this, the next one's take this, but not as much as it was earlier probably. I did an excellent job there of saying nothing, so I just wanted like, I just wanted like give myself a pat on the back right there. I totally recognized after I said it, I was like, 'I really nailed that one right there'."

On what he's seen from Brown during his recovery journey:

"Yeah, there's definitely been some dark moments and this a guy who's dealt with a lot in terms of the injury part of things and battled back through things. He is really a resilient just person. So, he's had unusual injuries, you know, even in his past. But it's nice knowing that the, the light at the end of the tunnel is it's more clearly now when you're really far away it's harder. And so, to see him, you know, really, you know, putting in the work at practice, you know, he's definitely very close. So that's a good sign. The frustration's still there, but not maybe the darkness and the anger and, you know, that goes with when you have an injury and then re-injure it. You know, like those are things that like, ugh. And so, to see him knowing that he's closer, that that's a big deal for us. He's one of our very best competitors."

On what led the team to sign K Jake Moody:

"Well, Adam had a lot more experience with Jake. They were together during, in San Francisco, so they had, you know, some history obviously, you know, scouting him, you know, coming out of Michigan knew where it was and we actually, he kicked against us in a game this season and so because I was going to ask him, have you ever kicked here? And I was like, oh. Yeah, of course he's kicked here <laugh>. You know, it was about wind and night and that, and so, but it was time that we had to make a move, you know, and so regarding with [K] Matt [Gay], so I think it was in totality of, 'Hey man, these are the ones we got to do' and we just felt like this was the best option for the team now and like he's ready to go. So, it was good to get a full weekend with him of the practice and go on big win day yesterday to hit. So, yeah, he's ready to get rolling."

On defensive play calling when facing pass heavy teams:

"Yeah, it's absolutely the balance and the first part of the game plan, you want to know who is somebody that could wreck the game with a play and you want to find out how are they making their explosive plays whether it's a pass some or catch and run meaning, alright, this guy is fantastic on a screen that he can take the small pass and go big. Or as a person that's vertical, say this is a player that you have to stay on top of. And so, that's where the game planning starts during the week. And then you want to find out, okay, are there matchups that we could feel vulnerable to? Or you want to lean to somebody? And so, that's how it kind of begins. But as far as just in pass, if you had your choice that you'd much prefer to four-man rush and see if you could hit the QB and get them moving that way because now there's more coverage to go, but when you don't, you have to be a little bit more creative. Sometimes zero, sometimes simulated pressure, which means you're still going to bring four just from different neighborhoods. And sometimes that can be effective, but it's a little bit of a crapshoot because if the person gets blocked, it could be a person that you don't want on a big guy, a nickel on a tackle, those are not matchups you're like, man, we feel really good about that. Those are not ones you do. So, you just try to take your shots, be strategic in those, and make sure you tackle well because if it's catch and runs that are causing big plays you can drill

down on those.”

On if play calling is personnel driven:

“Yes. Very much so.”

On playing CB Mike Sainristil on the outside more:

“It's definitely possible. It's a good question and it's definitely possible. I'll have fresh eyes for it. I know that's where he'll be right now. It's funny, started in, moved out, started in, moved out. So, I think what I'll do is afterwards kind of take a two-year assessment to say, alright, where's the best thing moving forward? We're fortunate that he has the versatility to do that because when you're at just one spot it does make it more challenging, but yeah, it's possible.”

On helping players through dark moments:

“Yeah, I do. And I like just to, usually one-on-one, it's a hard space to be in. You can feel disconnected in a lot of ways. The team goes away on a trip and you're staying back to work out on a Saturday and a Sunday. You go overseas for a game and you're not able to do enough work so you're here doing things. Those are ones where you can feel a disconnect. Or a person like [S] Will Harris on a surgery where there's not much to do for a couple weeks, those can be spaces. So, I just try to have the conversations and check in from the neck up, not as the ball player but as the man and see where he is at and how's that going? Because it's hard and these guys are real competitors, so usually you get the good, I'm doing good. Okay, what else? And let's talk some more. And oftentimes I'm no problem with awkward silence for a while. Tell me some more and just wait them out. But then on their way back and to see somebody like Terry at practice yesterday made some good plays. And so, when you get to show that on a meeting and today it goes a long way because as a coach, you're a little bit more familiar with the journey of what they're doing in rehab. I'm the one that sees the videos that when they're on field seven and no one's there, but their teammates don't see that. They know there's a lot of unseen work that goes into it, but we know it's part of it. It sucks, but I think it's probably harder for the person that's had multiple and now you don't want to get into, here we go again, here we go again. That's the harder one. The first time, okay, checklist, what's next? What's the next marker? What's the next thing? And if you can tell somebody, get to here by this week and get to there, makes it a little short-term goal, get to here man, get to there. Then we'll take the next one. Sometimes when you're all the way messed up and your ankles swollen or, man, how the hell is this going to work? So, you just get off crutches, get to the next space.”

On what he likes about Sainristil playing outside:

“It's a good question. Sometimes there's ideal traits that you want to play on the line, you want to play press. And then there's other players that really can fit in any scheme because of instincts or playmaking ability. And so, with Mike, I know it was ironic that he dropped the interception in Miami. There's probably the person I would pick to be in a spot to catch the ball and a punt. Of all the guys that have probably the best hands, he'd be probably the one I'd go to him, pick him. And sometimes the size I would say can, it's not just that. If there's a playmaking ability that can put somebody at a trait that's higher, then I think it's worth doing it. That would be an exception. I think what you don't want is a team full of exceptions to say now it's this and that but you better have some demonstrated stuff to you that says, yeah, I know it's not the ideal size. For Mike, he's better playing off where he has vision and can use these instincts and the quickness to go. And so, sometimes that's why you think nickel because you're off more than you're down. And so, you can play corner from off, lots of people do it and play it well then, you're into a quarterback read, it's a

three step, is it five step? How do I transition? So, there's training that goes with it, but he's capable of doing that for sure. [CB] Jon Jones another example of a smaller person who's made it inside and outside. So, if you don't have the playmaking abilities, you got no shot. But if you do, then I think alright, you don't have to have just these specific traits. There's receivers that have played really well that didn't run four-four. They just had something else, this route running this ball skills were crazy, I remember one of the most competitive receivers I remember coaching against was [Former NFL WR] Anquan Bolden. And I think coming out he had a terrible time, but he was just such a competitor. As a defensive coach, I was like, man, I was first coming into the NFL. I was like, I respect this dude and what he looks like. So, that's what I think.”