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Head Coach Dan Quinn

Opening Statement:

“We can get rolling. First things I had hit with the team this afternoon in our team meeting. It was our ‘tell the truth Monday’ and start off just by saying like, for us the scars are hard, but they also, the lessons are, they're deep. And one thing I liked, man, our team showed a lot of resilience and a lot of fight. Excellent, and I would say we recaptured some of that and that was needed. I felt the energy they displayed for one another, I felt it on the field, on the sideline. It was there all night and that was a good deal. These moments matter; these close fights matter. Afterwards in the locker room, man, this was like two teams throwing blows back and forth to one another and those are the fights that matter. You love being in them. And I thought although the two-point conversion didn't go our way, a lot of the other winning time moments did. And I thought that was a big part. You know, in this game we played some complimentary football, had some punts, had some field positions. So, there were some things about it that I like not to be confused. You know, I hate the result. So, all that to say ready to get started with you guys and any questions you want to start with.”

On Quarterbacks Coach Tavita Pritchard leaving and the plan moving forward:

“[Assistant Quarterbacks Coach] David Blough will take the responsibilities of Tavita for the rest of the regular season and like definitely have been prepared for, you know, this at this position or at others. Knowing that, you know, when opportunities are there for a guy to elevate, like Tavita, we've got a good succession plan in place and David would be a big part of that.”

On QB Jayden Daniels and how much more he needs to see from him before he plays again:

“Yeah, part of his, it's a little different at the position because of it's not the normal contact like a linebacker or a running back, so it's more of the functional contact. Think of stiff arm on a bag, think of diving on the ground. So, there's more functional movements that he'll go through. He did some of that today and he'll do more of that during the week. So, the practice portion for him throwing, ripped a bunch today and threw it hard, it's the functional movement that he'll continue to work with. So, some of that actually will be in individual and you know, working to the side. But we will, we'll continue to work that part and that's the step that we need to see from the, I'd say a functional evaluation, functional contact and it's not traditional in the sense of like taking a hit.”

On the offensive line's performance this season:

“Yeah, let's start just first with the game. I think that you know with going in, I thought this is a team that really has, you know, kind showed who they can be, you know, from the pass rush standpoint. So, we thought going in this would be some runs and the play action passing game. I thought that was the real key to it if we could even have some runs that weren't, you know, there might be a zero or a one yard and then stay with it to have some of the run actions come to life. And so, I thought that was the biggest thing, but I was pleased with the pass protection in the game. It

just felt like they were up for the challenge is a very good pass rushing unit blitzing as well. And I thought the running backs protected well. So that part, I was pleased with.”

On the five offensive linemen up front:

“Yeah, I thought, it might have been [T/G] Sam's [Cosmi] best game, so that was good. That I would feel like, bigger comp, I'm talking about across the board for them to go. I think they hadn't played talented guys. He knows that all the time, but I just thought their stunts, their blitz package, that part was good. I felt like him and [T] Josh [Conerly Jr.] have felt more cohesive and like that continuity is helping because now they've been in that rhythm good bit together. [G] Chris [Paul] and [T] Laremy [Tunsil] had quite a bit of reps together, but now the fact that you know, the combinations with Sam and Josh, that's a big deal and I thought, [C Tyler] Biadasz also, were ones on the past protection side, maybe Sam and Josh and Tyler. I thought some of their best, you know, jobs in past protection.”

On if Daniels has been cleared for contact:

“Yep, not yet. He's still going through that process of the functional testing and so I'll have a better sense as we go through the week probably in terms of like the game it'll be all the way till Friday, quite honestly because the practice portions that'll be ongoing in terms of like the evaluation and the movements and the contact. So, he has not been for all the way through all the testing yet.”

On what has he learned about QB Marcus Mariota this season:

“Yeah, that's a good question. I've known the leadership, but yesterday like when it's time to like, you know, will the team to go do that, that's really what I saw. I thought, you know, the play passes and you know, using his arm, using his legs to go, I thought that came through, but in some of the winning time moments, just throwing absolute dimes, I thought it was like a warrior performance at quarterback and sometimes those are hits and you stay in, you make them. But I had known who the leader was but that solidified, you know, just an absolute man, like put it on me kind of performance to go find a way.”

On S Will Harris:

“Yeah, it was man, it was good to have Will and [WR] Terry [McLaurin] back into it. I thought, I knew Will would tackle. This guy's a tough competitor and that part was good. I liked the disguise that he had and I thought that was going to be a big part for us in this game because we changed some of the looks post snap and going in practice, he was on it going in and that just kind of carried into the game. I like [S] Jeremy [Reaves] and [S] Quan [Martin] and him, and moving those guys into some different spaces. But I thought it was a good first outing for not being, you know, in it for a good while. That was a good start and he was conditioned, he was ready to go. I thought that was a big first step.”

On Reaves special teams' performance improving since he doesn't have to do as much on defense:

“I did and I think it's important, because we knew it was going to be a good matchup teams wise as well. And so, to see him covering not just on punt where he is the pp and that's a big job, but on kickoff and having his space, he's exceptional at some of the special teams jobs. So, we found his way, still made his mark, on the defensive side. But I liked the balance of where he was at in this game because he can impact both units and that's a big deal for us when we add him and [LB Nick] Bellore and [S Tyler] Owens and [S Percy] Butler. Now you feel this speed and this energy takeoff.

He's one of our fastest players and so where do those speeds show up? A lot of long plays, you know, fourth downs, kickoffs, kickoff returns. So that's where I feel him the most.”

On areas of improvement he wants to see from the defense:

“Yeah, I thought we made just the one takeaway. I thought that's one spot. I didn't think there was a lot of chances for other ones. On one the sack, I thought the ball came out, but he went right back to them. But, just finishing on some of those runs, see if we can force some fumbles, that's a big deal for us. We're still trying to dig into, you know, like pass rush and keep improving upon that. But you know, creating more ways to take the ball away, you know, create a short field, give the offensive advantage that to me is a big deal.”

On getting younger players more snaps versus playing veterans:

“Yeah, I think you want to see the balance of both. It's winning now, which like these moments matter. Although we're not going to have a winning record, that doesn't mean that you're not creating like winning habits and standards and fundamentals. But a guy like [WR Treyton] Burks, I know he is not, you know, a first-year player, but he is new to us. And so, to see him take his space and go seeing [LB Jordan] Magee extended reps, I do want to see both winning now seeing those guys perform, but also the development of some others. We got our first look at [DE] T.J. [Maguranyanga], we got our, you know, first experience at some of those guys, so that's an important piece too but I get where you're coming and we're going to try to thread that needle of both and I think it's important to do that.”

On how the team can build on last night's performance:

“Yeah, it's you want to take the next step, right? That's the deal because you asked any player or coach, there's no moral victory here. There's not a way to go but what I did see, were we better than the team a week before? And that was the challenge to say, can we level it up from the team that played Miami in Madrid? And I said in one week's time we did that. We found things to improve upon. We found spaces to go. And that's the challenge, man, can we go dig in for that again and if we can, that's the goal, man. Can we stack and get better and better? And so, that's what we'll dig on these five weeks. That's where we're trying to go for it, man. I loved being in this fight the whole way through. You could feel the energy, sideline all the way through. It felt more complimentary. We didn't make it on offense, we punted, we put them back, we got a stop, got field position. Those were things that felt more like we recaptured. And I think that's an important piece. So, maybe that's some of those things or what I would take from it. Ultimately, we got to go win it but I did feel like it was a step in the right directions on some of those things.”

On if he's found this rhythm in play calling:

“It definitely took into the second week. I feel much more settled in week two, the week one version and then added in the trip to Spain. I thought all of that space with the guys; it took me probably till gameday till I felt comfortable in that. And then this week we found a great structure. Joe's [Defensive Coordinator Joe Whitt Jr.] been incredibly supportive to help and assist and we kind of found our rhythm together quickly. We had plenty of experience doing that before together and so I certainly appreciated him stepping into that space with me as well. So, it took probably two weeks to finally capture the flow and the rhythm of it. Team meetings, defensive meetings, that type of thing but I feel in a good space today.”

On the offensive performance in opponent territory yesterday:

“Yeah, that's a big piece, right? We had said when we got down to the red zone, we were scoring, it

was that spot crossing midfield to go. We even punted on some of these where we might've stalled on some, but seeing us, I thought commitment in the run game, the play action pass, I thought those were some things that were a big piece of that. Doesn't mean you're going to make all of them and get down into the red zone, but seeing us, long drives in this game, that was a big deal for us. 10 plays, 11 plays, I think at the end of regulation might have been like 18 plays. And so, that's a big deal when you put that onto a defense because then that pass rush isn't as effective as the eighth, ninth, 10th play of a drive go. So, having them be extended, that was a big deal.”

On utilizing more defensive pressure moving forward:

“Yeah, I think it's by the game. What do you need to see for the quarterback? Sometimes the disguise can be the most effective way to disrupt the QB. And what I mean by that is, let's say it was a young QB and you played all man-to-man. Well, he knew where the ball was, where the coverage was. If you're playing, I'm not talking about [Denver Broncos QB Bo] Nix, I'm talking about just in football life, other times being disruptive, showing one thing before the snap, showing something else after the snap that can be disruptive. And he hadn't got sacked a lot this season. And so, sometimes winning would be disrupting, moving outside the pocket, getting the person to move. Other times it's literally about getting the hit, getting the sack. And so, I think it depends a little bit by game, but yeah, when we can take our shot, we will. I want to be bold, but making sure we're not the explosive, that's a big deal and I want to make sure we're leveling that and finding our space to do that better so we can play smart competitively tough. But yeah, I'll dig into anything to find the right balance.”

On if someone will take over as Assistant Quarterbacks Coach:

“Yeah, it'll actually will be as we goes through the whole season, David will take on the responsibilities of Tavita as we're going to go. It's a position that from a league standpoint we'll go through all the proper protocols that we need. But we're excited about David Blough, this a this is a really cool op and hit for him to go. [Offensive Pass Game Coordinator/Assistant Head Coach] Brian Johnson will also lean in on some of the responsibilities. So, we kind of split up some of the things that Tavita did, and Brian will pick up some of that gap as well, Brian Johnson I'm talking about.”

On if there will be a new Assistant Quarterbacks Coach:

“Not in season. Not in season.”

On if McLaurin will be a full go this week:

“I'm not sure yet, but I was encouraged by it. I thought the way that it went during the week last week, he pushed it really hard. Wednesday, Thursday, we backed off Friday, and it allowed him to go. And you're right, the first half was somewhat limited. And then as the game progressed, there weren't lots of possessions back and forth. Both teams were able to do some drive. So, to see him in those most critical moments, I think that was the big push to say can we find those spaces where he has got to be able to be available. And so, he was absolutely ready for that challenge. So, I thought that was a good sign. There were no setbacks from yesterday. So, that's also a good sign. And yeah, that's the goal that you want to get. Can we take the next, can we take the next and we're also encouraged, hopefully there'll be some more guys on that way back as well. As we get into practice, it's [WR] Noah [Brown] and that part of receiver as well. So, we're making progress, man.”

On if there is a world where he will continue calling defensive plays next season:

“I think, yeah, there's a possibility of that. As we're going through it, I'm finding a battle rhythm to

go, so I'm not sure where I'm at on that yet. I haven't discussed or gone down that road too far yet but yeah, I would say that's a possibility.”

On the wide receiver room:

“Yeah, it's a great topic because I do like to see where it's going with certain guys and now adding Terry back in and Treyton took on a bigger role. I thought, I didn't really get a good view of his catch until watching it late last night because, man, that was unbelievable. And so, I thought it was in the far sideline from where I'm at, so I didn't get a chance to see that view. But moments like that, seeing [Wide Receivers Coach] Bobby [Engram] and [Offensive Assistant] Andre Coleman and you know what? The other players too and making sure they're looking after one another and making that as lots of early mornings to get to that spot. [WR] Jacoby Jones has been in, [WR] Ja'Corey [Brooks] had been in, different people, [Former WR] Robbie Chosen, [WR] Chris Moore, all the way down the line. So, finding some continuity, that's been challenging. But I was really pleased with seeing some of the guys make some big plays and especially as the game wore on, especially in the second half.”