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Head Coach Dan Quinn

Opening Statement:

“All right. Good to see everybody. We can get rolling here. I thought first thing I'd give you some updates regarding [QB] Jayden [Daniels] and where we're at. So, he did re-aggravate his elbow injury in the game. No structural setbacks. However, through the medical evaluations over the last couple days, including this morning doctors advised us to withhold him this Sunday. And so, [QB] Marcus [Mariota] will start and we're really bummed for Jayden. Like he is working incredibly hard to get back on the field with his guys. And so tough, tough deal. He is absolutely going for it. So, wanted to get that out as we got started, and glad to open up to you guys and get rolling as we get ready for the [New York] Giants.”

On when he anticipates Daniels returning:

“Well, I know that's why I wanted to come out with that to start. He's going to be out this week. He'll practice as we're going in a limited fashion. But let's see where we're at next week. We're always going to make the best decisions for him, you know, for the team, and what the medical opinions are. So we kind of just wanted to give you that information today and then we can work into next week, next week.”

On if he's gotten the impact he's needed from the 2024 draft picks this year:

“Yeah, I think I don't want to do like an end of year assessment, you know, like as we're going this week, but it's really important over the next weeks of what we can do, what we can get done. And so, all of, you know, last year's class, this year's class, when we get our chances to go make your mark, you've got to be able to go do that. So, we can visit on that postseason, but I think right now I'm just kind of really worried about them developing and playing well in this game.”

On when the re-aggravation was discovered:

“Yeah, the imaging was good, so there's no structural setbacks but just like most players, you talk to him on a Sunday and then again what Monday feels like and not quite the same of swelling or strength and those things to go into it. So, it was confirmed, no structural in the evaluation at the game. And then again, this week.”

On the development of the offensive line:

“Yeah, it's hard to like not see the body of the game [laughs]. It really is because there was a lot that I liked about our offensive line, you know, 13 days ago or whatever. So having [G] Sam [Cosmi] come back and find continuity with [T] Josh [Conerly Jr.], these guys are going to play a lot of football together. And so I think that's like a good step, where that continuity takes place at the receiver spot. It's not just plug and play and like the continuity's important. And so having, you know, [WR] Noah [Brown] and [WR] Terry [McLaurin] and [WR] Deebo [Samuel Sr.] and [WR] Trey [Burks] back into the whole practice, full speed reps, that definitely, it's a big deal for us. And as we move forward over these next weeks, like I think we'll continue to see the benefit of that moving forward.”

On Daniels' diving technique at the end of plays:

“No, it's a great question and it's a common one. So, there's two different ways that you can give yourself up. If you're diving, they begin the spot where it is and it's, you know, rolled to a side and dive that way.

Either way the protection is there, you're giving yourself up with a dive or with a slide. So, both of them are techniques and just a matter of where you're at, what you feel more comfortable with. But it's pretty common both ways. When you're giving yourself up, if you're not and you're straining for yards, just you know, straight away, then that's a whole different topic. But as far as like the play's over, you know, I'm going to slide or dive, those are both effective ways to do it. And sometimes it's to one side, this way to my left, that way. And that's pretty common for a lot of the QBs.”

On what led to the re-aggravation:

“Landing, landing on it, like full on.”

On if Daniels dislocated his elbow again:

“No. No structural setbacks at all. So just sometimes the heavy hit of something can, you know, because it's a re-aggravation but no setback, so there's no dislocation of that. The structural part is good, but obviously like the one thing you don't want to do is like land directly on it. And so, what's that Murphy's Law or something like that? [laughs] Like the one thing that can't happen. And so, yeah, there's no structural setback, so I wanted to make sure I was super clear on that.”

On Daniels chasing down a player after the interception:

“Fortunately it's not a scenario we're in a lot with him. So, I am super thankful for that and yeah, like it's not something that we practice a whole lot or techniques of that. And so you get blocked, you know, some as a person that's going after, but like the guy's a competitive player and we're not going to live our whole life scared. I can promise you that, but we're going to do everything and all the time, like great decisions for him, for the team and where we're at. But yeah, I'm fortunate we don't talk about a play like that a lot.”

On using TE Ben Sinnott more due to TE Zach Ertz's injury:

“Yeah, I think that's a good evaluation by you and like Ben, like behind the scenes as not necessarily behind the scenes, but in the practice, the work that he's put in and Zach's made a big impact on that. Him and [TE Colson] Yankoff, both are like guys we see ascending and developing, we feel his speed, we feel his energy to go do that. So, it is that moment where you do have more chances, you know when an injury takes place. So yeah, you're accurate on that and we're looking forward to that for him. Don't like the circumstance of how it happened, but when it does and you take advantage of it, it's a big deal.”

On the playing time Daniels is missing affecting his development:

“Yeah, any player it's really important. And at quarterback, the reps, you know, are significant because they're just, there's like so many things that happen on a play where it can go, what's the check, what's the look? It's different than maybe a technique at another spot. So, I think most quarterbacks would say that there's a lot of value in the reps that they get and what they do. And some are practiced, some aren't. It's the scrambles, keep my eyes down field. It's the, this coverage that can go to a certain look. So, all of those are valuable for sure.”

On the offensive line being a highlight of the season:

“Yes and there's a number of things that I like. Certainly, especially in the run game, you know, some of the combination blocks that you've seen, and especially on the left side with [T] Laremy [Tunsil] and [G] Chris [Paul] on some of the double teams and down blocks have been significant. So, to see that part elevate that that'd be accurate and we want to constantly challenge them and again, higher to take it. But yeah, it's definitely one of the parts that they've – especially since Sam has come back, you know, remained healthy and that's a big deal. Like, there's a lot of positions that coach said never say we're all set at and it is offensive line, corners and rushers. And so, to have those guys stay healthy and getting the

continuity together, it's a big deal.”

On the benefit to Daniels sitting out the rest of the season:

“I recognize the question. It's an easy one to go and we haven't really gone down that road yet to decide. He's out this week and he's working hard to get back, but as far as what decisions are ahead, we just haven't gotten down that road. He is working incredibly hard to get back with the guys. So yeah, we're really bummed. He got re-aggravated on this specific injury. Going into it, thought he had a good week, there were things to improve upon into the game to get started, but we haven't gone down all the way yet. We just kind of went through the first evaluations this week to get ready to play. So, I'll have a better update as we're moving forward.”

On making sure the team doesn't check out with four games to play:

“I think there's a lot to play for. And we talked about this being a four-game division tournament here for us, beginning in the Meadowlands. And so, when you have a career worst performance, you get back up off the mat, and you swing first. That's what competitors and battling for it do. So, that's what I expect to see from our team, how we go after it, the style and the attitude that we want to do that together. So, that's what I'm expecting to see fully this week. And that game, a lot that we had to address and didn't like, but I certainly don't think that's anything that's indicative of what's ahead.”

On why it was important for Daniels to play against Minnesota:

“Yeah, there's so much to gain from playing and I think Howard was saying that earlier about reps and at that point we were probably talking about 30 percent of the season to go and to gain experience. And so, all of that matters in your development. We're looking to keep developing him for a really long time. And so, if there was a chance to improve over these next games ahead, we were going to go after that as hard as we could knowing that it would pay dividends in the future. And so, when you have a setback like that happened, obviously, we're bummed for him, we're bummed for us, and that's the one thing you didn't want to happen, happen. So, now we'll move into this week, Marcus will be the starter, but we're pleased with where it was going into the game, him coming back and being ready.”

On if he uses this game as a measuring stick for young players facing a team for the second time:

“It's definitely one of the things that we discussed to say, where were you here in September and where are you now? And I think that, talking about [T] Josh [Conerly Jr.] specifically, he's the ideal person to talk about that, first NFL game going. And so, you have to travel that journey a little bit the first year of the up's and down's to go. And so yeah, there's a side that to say, I want to show it again. And when it's a pretty long, extended time between that, that's a big deal. And so, sometimes they're close like the two Philadelphia ones are. So, getting to redo it again. After that one, you get to look at that game a lot. So, okay, where am I at. For the veterans, you can now go through that game, last year's game. So, it adds value and a player learns, ‘Okay, I'm starting to get what division means, why they say you know each other well. Okay, I literally just saw myself playing these guys and now I get to see it again.’ So, it's the first step of understanding division football.”

On if Daniels said there was discomfort on Monday which led to more testing:

“No, we knew there was going to be testing from the re-aggravation, but yeah, if you ask any player what you feel like in-game to postgame to Monday, it's usually significantly different.”

On if Daniels' previous injuries played a factor in holding him out the rest of the game:

“It didn't weigh on me. Just where we were in the game, it wasn't going like we wanted and I thought this is the best call right here. And so, it wasn't a difficult one that I wrestled with in that spot. Like I said, we're just going to make the best decision for him and the team. So, they did the evaluation, it was correct. There weren't any structural setbacks. He wasn't happy about it, but I thought, hey, this is the

best decision right now and I'll continue to do that, whether it was him or anybody else in that spot.”

On what keeping Daniels out of the game says about the position the team is in:

“It was specific to the game. Specific to the game. It may have been 17-0, but it didn't feel like 17-0 to me.”

On last year's turnover margin compared to this year's turnover margin:

“I would say there was things I liked better about last year's turnover margin because we ended in the plus. And so, I'll push back a little bit on that. This year, couldn't agree with you more.”

On contributing factors to the team's turnover margin:

“Like most things, it's not just one specific one. Defensively, certainly to hit the quarterback more, that's oftentimes where some fumbles can come and you get more recovery of fumble chances. So, that's one spot. We started playing a little bit more vision zone over the last few weeks to see if we could come make some collisions, knock a few balls out on the ones that are caught even though they're caught in front. Could we go get the contact and create some hits in that way? And then when you have vision on the quarterback, oftentimes you can see the throw, break on it better. So, we've worked on that. It didn't come to fruition in last week's game. I felt we had a couple chances to do that, we missed one. I thought a couple ones towards the sideline, can you go make your plays? The interception [LB] Bobby [Wagner] had a week ago was in a zone where he was able to see it and go break on it. Offensively, it's been a number of things. There's been fumbles and interceptions, obviously. So, the fumbles are the ones easiest to say, okay, what was the cause? Where was the player coming from? How did we have ball security? Was it tight enough? And then from the interceptions, you want to look at it to say, was the read there, was something forced? Was there a tip ball? Those are the things that I generally look at. And so, you could have a quarterback, maybe has 10 on the year, and say, okay, that seems high. And then all of a sudden this tip, where they weren't necessarily onto him. So, those are a little more specific. As far as us going into that spot, like I was talking about earlier with Jayden, I thought he's been somebody who's been proven a good decision maker with the ball. And I think we'll continue to see that from him, but creating them is the best way to get in the plus because you don't want to rely on just, ‘Hey, we got great ball security, but we're not taking out anybody.’ You'll stay around the lower number. So, the more you get, the better your chances are to going in the plus and that part for us, not making them or missing the chances at it, that's a big deal.”

On if he likes ending the season with four straight divisional games:

“I do. I don't know if I've had that. I thought about that before, is there a time where I can remember I had four consecutive. I like how the league set that up. It's competitive, it's tough where you're at and early on sometimes it's nice to start with one where it's right off the bat, everybody's attention's ready. But in this instance, familiar opponents, going for it four weeks in a row. A couple of them are in shorter weeks. I think there's a lot of value in that and we'll be ready to fight.”