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Head Coach Dan Quinn

Opening Statement:

“Thought maybe we'd get caught up on some of the injuries last night. So, I'll give you the updates that I have and then we'll get into some more tomorrow. So, let's start with [QB] Marcus [Mariota]. He had stitches on his right hand, and he is also dealing with a quad injury. Week 16, every team's dealing with stuff, but for guys like Marcus fighting hard we know how much he means to us as a leader, and so we're certainly disappointed for him. We'll see really day-to-day as it's going to go, and I'll give you updates through the week of where he is at. [T] Laremy Tunsil worked with the trainers today. We'll see as it gets closer to the game for him. Tomorrow will be more like a jogging through pace. [T/G] Brandon Coleman with the shin, we're hopeful that this can turn quickly and that he'd be available for the game. [G] Sam Cosmi is in the concussion protocol, and [DT Jer'Zhan] Johnny Newton has cleared concussion protocol. [WR] Jaylin Lane with his ankle, it would be tough for this Thursday and so we'll see what it looks like, but it would be a tough matchup for this week. So wanted to give you all that I had regarding the injuries, and glad to get started with you guys on the game and recap for that.”

On how many stitches Mariota got and on how he was hurt:

“I don't know the amount of stitches. The quad and the hand happened on the same play. It was [a] cleat that got to his hand on the top. But I don't know yet. It's swollen. I'd say we're going to, you know, call it day-to-day right now of where it's at both with the hand and with the quad. And so, let's see what tomorrow is, and the following day. Then I'd say by two days from now, we'll have a very good estimate of where he is at.”

On reviewing the footage of the fight:

“Yeah, good, great questions. I reviewed all the footage that I had, and I didn't see a lot. I think what I can say is that, man, I'm disappointed it came to punches. Neither team wants that. Our game's emotion filled, but you don't want to be emotional, so shouldn't happen. Both teams are definitely in the wrong for that. You know, you play good, hard, tough physical games, but that's what we want, both sides. And so, you don't want it to go past that. But I didn't find a lot, the broadcast didn't get extended on that, so I was hoping that I'd give you some more insights, but I looked through all the angles that I had and I just honestly didn't get a lot to go from on that. But what I do know is like, neither team wants that and it shouldn't happen. And when it gets to punches on both sides it's not what we want on either side.”

On what would happen if Mariota is unable to play Thursday:

“We would not consider playing [QB] Jayden [Daniels]. So, the first two options are the ones you were leading into of [QB] Josh [Johnson] and [QB] Sam [Hartman]. Would we consider somebody else coming in if he's not able to? Yeah, all those are on the table. That's something that [General Manager] Adam [Peters] and I are discussing tonight and we did today. But yeah, option A and B, as you had said, but not C.”

On missed tackles:

“Yeah, and I felt like more of them were honestly towards the end, which I was disappointed about. Like that's when it comes time to go finish and win it. And there was a lot that I liked and like give credit also to

[Philadelphia Eagles RB] Saquon [Barkley] and to others, but like rely on your technique in those spaces. You know, own your leverage, get down to the legs and finish on the tackle. And so, we drill that hard, we're going to continue to do that, but yeah, I thought it felt like at the end there were more the longer that it went. And so I want to make sure, man, like the first half, there's a lot that I liked and I thought, you know, towards the end of the third quarter and end of the fourth, I just felt like it had to stay tight, make sure you can stay in the fight and that's where I really felt like the game shifted to."

On challenging plays and the replay assist mechanism for the league:

"Yep. I'll start from the second part, first time from the spot that we were, we thought there's a good shot here that the shin and the knee hadn't hit before, so we thought this was worth a shot. There's been times you know, goes back to New York and gets over the replay assist – thought there'd be plenty of angles that were worthwhile to look at. So that was the reason behind it. We just thought the knee and the shin weren't down and it was worth the shot to go take it right there. These guys have played really well in the red zone, especially down low with the big guys they have. So, we thought it's worth a shot and that's why we did it."

On playing a game on Christmas:

"Yeah, I'm glad that you brought up now that I think it's honestly definitely something that we circled and we thought, man, what a cool opportunity for us and then also to have it at home. That's a big deal. And so yeah, this is definitely one, division game on Christmas, pretty cool environment, so if you can get some snow mixed into there, all that would be good with us."

On how being out of playoff contention affects playing on Christmas:

"Yeah, I couldn't agree with you more, the part of that, when you do circle those matchups, that's exactly what you're thinking – like this is going to be cool how it's all laid out, division games right here at the end between two games of Philadelphia with a Dallas [Cowboys] game in between. Like that's pretty cool. And so, what I can say is that playing these division games and they still mean a lot, they mean a lot to the players, the coaches and the fans. And so that part is still good, but not to the level that you wanted it to be, I think that's really accurate."

On players pushing to return from injury at this point in the season:

"Yeah, I think we've done all the push that we can to keep them going. And so, we're in a good space to find out who's available first. That's number one to say who can get into that spot and do their thing. Like I said, we'll have to wait and see on Cosmi being in the protocol, so I think it's more who's available at this spot. It's a short week and so, at this point we're tonight really digging in hard to say, 'Okay, who are we going to feature? How will we play them into the game plan?' Because we start again with the guys in the morning as far as the gameplan laying out for Dallas. So, we're really trying at this point to feature, not who's not there, but how are we going to go feature the ones that are available and ready to roll."

On his decision-making in the fourth quarter to punt versus going for it:

"Yeah, I think the first one was a little later on, maybe nine minutes and some change. I don't have the information right in front of who I can think back. And it was into that spot with three timeouts. I thought at that spot let's punt, see if we can get a stop, which the defense did get a punt and that would give us a field position shot to go. Obviously, if Marcus had still been in on the second one, I think that would've been more consideration to go. Looking back, I kind of thought, 'Okay, still have the timeouts, can still work into that space with the time to do it.' Obviously, we didn't get to stop. They had the long run and so that was really the reason behind it. The first one I thought too early and the second one, I think I could have flipped the coin to say, 'Okay, this is a better chance for us to go here than not.' Knowing that they're also hard to stop, we got a good one the series before. So, that'd been the one if I had another chance at it, I'd probably go the other way, the second fourth down."

On if some of the decisions made in the Eagles game were factoring in the team playing on a short week in Week 17:

“It's not as hard going into it in the moment. It's harder sometimes when there's some changes in personnel. Quarterback changing, that part is probably more difficult than the other. We may have featured some calls with Marcus into this spot to go. So, you study the opponents into those times on fourth downs, what has it been, where are you at? What would our call be? And so, we get a chance to practice those ones into that spot. So, oftentimes there could be sometimes in a game, ‘Hey, if we get to this distance, we're going to go.’ Well, you might've got a first down on the third or it wasn't quite long enough to go. And I'm certain that was the case on that fourth down, ‘Hey, if we get to three, we're going to go.’ We thought we had a good play for that. I think we might have even lost yards on a previous play, if I'm not mistaken. So, it was really based on the distance. We know we got a good play to go execute in that spot. And when it's not into that one, you have to quickly make a decision. Sometimes they work and sometimes goes the other way, but you do try to do a lot of it during the week and then when you get to that space, ‘Hey, this is what we're expecting, this is how we'll go after it.’”

On how difficult it would be to add a quarterback and have them play this Thursday:

“I think it'd be difficult at any spot, but I think we're looking, let's see where Marcus is, where are we looking for the next two games too. So, that was really kind of our thought behind the discussions of where we are. I would say difficult, not impossible, but definitely difficult. I think we just saw somebody do it last week or two weeks ago pretty quickly. Not on our team [laughs], but I did see it happening. I was pretty impressed by it.”

On how he thought the referees officiated the tush push:

“Well, I got to say we were expecting the play. It's funny, we talked about offside or alignments and those kinds of things as it pertains to the offense. So, I was pleased to see them call the false start. I think it's a really hard play for them to officiate from where they're standing. It almost seems like on the tush push, they may have to adjust where they stand and align. They sometimes seem like they're so far away for a play that everybody's in close. So, maybe that's in consideration for it, but it was good to see that it was called on that one because it's a difficult play to defend and it's difficult play to officiate. But it was good to see us get the stop on the first one. I think on the second one, they had jumped offsides, but it was definitely one that we had put some work in on for sure.”

On conversations with the team and Philadelphia Eagles Head Coach Nick Sirianni in preparation for Week 18:

“Yeah, definitely not the second one of whatever happens, happens. That's not what we want, or the other team either. It's not good for us. I don't want those punches thrown. Both teams want to play tough, want to have good battles. And I loved so much of the first half of the game of a physical game, but never where we're crossing the line on either team. So, we want it tough, we want it physical, but never to where somebody's getting jammed up on punches thrown, penalties, all of that. We can play tough, we can play physical and we can do it without punching. Both teams know that and that'll certainly be brought across to our team. I'll let Nick handle his team. But yeah, definitely not what we want. And both sides, that'll be a big emphasis for us, for sure.”