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Offensive Coordinator Kliff Kingsbury

On if the offense ever found a rhythm he was hoping for this season:

“I just think it's been a different style than we all anticipated playing, and so, just to consistently get into a groove hasn't been there. But I like the effort. I mean, we've had times where we've moved the football and done some positive things. Guys are playing hard. We just haven't consistently played in a rhythm that we would've liked to.”

On if it is challenging to shift from his original offensive plan for the season:

“Yeah, I think that's always a challenge. That's, that's part of being in this league. Whether it's injuries or just other situations that arise, you got to be able to adapt and adjust and, um, try to find ways to win games ultimately, regardless of stats or anything of that nature. And, so yeah, it's been, it's been a challenge, but like I said, I've been really appreciative of our players' effort, their buy-in. They showed up every week, worked really hard. It just hasn't gone our way on some of these, these games this year.”

On preparation plans with the quarterback position changes:

“Yeah, that makes it tough. It's, it's a challenging, week when you play on a short week regardless, and then not knowing exactly who's going to be out there. We really just focus on us and concepts that we're comfortable with and have done and I think that's the biggest deal is making sure that whoever's playing has a game plan. They feel very confident, have booked reps on it at some point in the season or in training camp and can go out there and, and execute at a high level on a short week.”

On QB Josh Johnson's abilities:

“Yeah, I think, you know, just his football mind, having played in so many different systems and booked so many different reps and different games and different spaces and having to come in and play in championship games without getting reps. I think all those things have allowed him to play with a really calm mind. He's a very accurate player and the ball tends to go to the right spot when he is in there.”

On his process of trying to get QB Jeff Driskel up to speed:

“Luckily with him, you know, having been here last year, it's a little bit of a great saving grace for us. He has a good knowledge of our base stuff and how to operate in, and so really just giving him, ‘Hey, he's, here's the concepts I'm thinking if you need to play and, you show me the ones you're really comfortable with and we'll take out the ones you're not’. And so, we kind of, it's been a lot easier that way than having somebody who's foreign to the system.”

On how he will do his own self-evaluation given the unexpected challenges of the season:

“Yeah that's tough. I think you just have to focus on fundamentals, techniques, details, style of

play, things of that nature, more than actual scheme because the scheme isn't exactly what I anticipated us looking like, you know, to start the year and how I thought we'd be playing football, but this is where we're at and there's definitely areas that, that we can improve and you know, the details and the operation and things of that nature. I think that's what you got to focus on, how you can be better in that throughout the spring and going into training camp next year.”

On pursuing head coaching positions:

“Yeah we'll see how that, that plays out but you know, today, just trying to get one of these quarterbacks ready to play on a short week.”

On playing Driskel versus QB Sam Hartman:

“Yeah, Sam's done a great job. I think just having a guy on a short week particularly that's played in NFL games before is comfortable with our system was really why that we felt good about bringing him in the way we've had the quarterback injuries. We won another body, a guy who's played, and that was really it. I don't think it'd be fair, you know, to ask Sam to start on a short week having not getting many reps where you're not going to get live reps going into a game. And I think that is what it came down to.”

On Johnson's journey in the NFL:

“Yeah, he's really unflappable. You know, I was a guy that bounced around a little bit, not to that extent and I wasn't as good as he is, but I think just listening to the different coaches when he tells stories of different coaches he's worked with, the different schemes he's played in. I mean, he has such a wealth of football knowledge and there's not a situation as a quarterback that he hasn't been in. And so, I think when you're coaching him and you're talking through different concepts, you know, he has thoughts on it. He's been in it before. He's, it may have been called eight different names and different systems he's played in, but he's probably rep it in a game at a time or two. And so that, that makes it fun for me to just kind of be on that journey with him, after it's been 20 years of learning and being coached.”