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Head Coach Dan Quinn

Opening Statement:

“First thing I thought heading into today and for the week, like obviously this game doesn't have the magnitude that we hoped it would have when the schedule came out. But at the same time, we also recognize it's a really important opportunity for a lot of guys on our roster. And so, we don't take that lightly. Additionally, we did place [C] Tyler Biadasz on IR today. He had a knee and an ankle injury in the last game. And so, as a result signed [C/G] Julian Good-Jones. And so, I wanted to give you as much of the injury updates as I could and two guys I think will be long shots, not practicing today, will be [QB] Marcus Mariota with his quad and [T] Laremy [Tunsil] with his oblique. So glad to open up to you guys as we get rocking. But I wanted to give you all the info I had before we got going.”

On Mariota's odds of playing on Sunday:

“Think it's doubtful as we sit today, but it's still Wednesday. But with this quad and if he can accelerate and stop and start and do those things, that would be a difference. He's not able to do that today. So, let's see what the next two days bring.”

On what he did differently to prepare for winning time moments this year:

“Yeah, we certainly emphasized it hard and in some instances harder in some ways. But when you don't nail it, you want to dig deep and certainly reflectively, I'll look back as we're looking at that about a number of other things as well, in all three phases and how do we incorporate more, train more doing that? It's such an important piece to what we're doing and it's kind of the essence of winning and losing, you know, and these got to have it moments, how are you going to respond and play? And so, it's like even in the meeting today to say that was part of the message of doing right, so when this finishing time comes that you're able to go deliver.”

On what it would take to know LB Jordan Magee is ready for inside linebacker:

“Yeah. The part that you want to do is like how do you train somebody into that space? And some of it is, in practice you have a number of them that can have it on, so they're hearing my communication. So, what we would never want is on the first time you heard it, like, ‘Oh, that's what Dan sounds like or that's what it sounds like.’ And so, you go through that process in the practice. So, when he takes his reps in the practice, when if he was with the second or the third group, it's the same exact process that I would do with [LB Bobby] Wags [Wagner], ‘Hey, this down in distance, remind this player alert for this.’ So, there's a little bit of directing that comes of it. Think if you were a quarterback in the huddle and you want to give one more reminder before you broke out to somebody, you would tell them that that's sometimes what I'm telling that person to do into that spot and then going in, you want to find out did they do it in college and signals and now it'll be different I suppose because that's been an additional thing that they're doing that we haven't done before. But just the leading part of it, I think that's the big thing, the vocal part of it. Doesn't mean you have to be loud and rah rah, but you have to be somebody that can take command, that can

give information quickly. And not all linebackers can do that. There's been times where I've had safeties more into that space that in fact had the green dot. We've done it with the linebackers here, and other teams, I've done it with the safety a bit as well.”

On what he saw from Magee that has given him that confidence:

“I think the traits I saw first as the ball player, you know, number one, the speed, him being square at linebacker, his closing ability. [General Manager] Adam [Peters] has a cool ranking service of like, as you get into this part of the draft, like who's the one person that you want on your team? And he asked all the scouts before the day even began and he was the first one of that group that like he did, he said it, he said it. And so, I thought that's a pretty good sign about the traits that were shown about him. It's harder to know in the process. I see him calling it, leading it, doing those things, but if you get on the board, you see his football acumen, then you could see that we'll develop him into that.”

On T Brandon Coleman's growth:

“Yeah, we had a good talk yesterday. I'm glad you brought up Brandon about the timing and the information. And so, he did start the first two games at left guard and that timing's different. He missed a good bit of training camp in terms of the punch timing and where to go. And so then, being out, [G] Chris [Paul] jumped in and then we started moving him at other spots including like a jumbo tight end. So, I think what he's shown, and he has learned a lot here in year two, one about himself like this is a resilient guy that can do a lot of things based on his athleticism, him learning and going through the hard moments. It sucks when you're going through it, but you also gain some confidence knowing there's a number of things I can do. We saw him snap at full and practice the other day and said, you know, like makes it look easy and that type of athleticism. But I think it's the resilience that he's shown this year when it hasn't gone right, that you still find the lessons in it.”

On DT Daron Payne's growth this season:

“Yeah, I'm not going to go all the way into later on and we will get plenty of time to hit onto that, but from the very beginning, Daron I thought really came in making his mark. From offseason through training camp to go, I always feel a stoutness at the line of scrimmage. Whether it's holding a double team, getting knocked back, he's got quickness and movement. So, I've been pleased with a number of things I've seen from him.”

On if the Philadelphia Eagles resting starters changes the magnitude of the game for the team:

“Not for us. By no means are we at full strength nor are most teams in the NFL during Week 18, but what I do love is the number of guys that are like really like hungry for this opportunity, chance to compete together. We had so many players miss time that they want a chance to express themselves and to prove it. And so, when you miss games and stretches of games, man, like you're hungry for that competition, you're hungry for that space. And so, in our league, like we practice way more than we play and they want to be able to go play and I love that about our guys. So, we had a hard battle with them two weeks ago and I expect another hard battle Sunday and you know, that's kind of how I see it.”

On if he acknowledges with the team that the season is coming to an end next week:

“I think it's fair to acknowledge it also and acknowledge that it's different, but also the process that we have to go through to get ourselves completely ready, that has to be consistent. And so, I

wanted to talk about both the difficult part that no team's the same year to year. And so, for some players, opportunity to go do it together, that's a big deal. And a football brotherhood is different and it's close and they connect. And so, I want to acknowledge that, that not every team's the same year to year, but of all the unseen work and long rehab times, of the things that go unseen that's not unseen by me. I notice it, I see it, I like to acknowledge it, but it is different. But I just pushed them, man, let's throw a hell of a week and play in a style and a finish that we'd all really like. So, that was really the messaging behind it.”

On his pregame message this weekend:

“Yeah, I think just honestly the opportunity to go compete. This group has been hungry to go do that. And so, there are some chances for others that are here that weren't there earlier. And so, I like seeing some of those guys taking their shot, making plays, doing things for themselves to express it. I also like seeing some of the guys who have come back who missed time and, man, they're here to prove it. So, I think there'll be a lot of excitement. There'll be a good intensity about us heading into it. But also, yeah, definitely bittersweet because it didn't go like we wanted to, but that's the circumstances and you fight your way through it and you get a chance to compete together, man, you let it rip and go for it in a big way.”

On quantifying the loss of DE Dorance Armstrong and on a rehab update for Armstrong:

“Yeah, DA, he's such a unique player. He can play inside, he can play outside and we can feature him over different spots. That's when he can really come to life with his game. Rehab wise, he's doing well and so he is here, he is putting in that work with the training staff here. So, I got a chance to visit with some just last week for extended time. And so, to see him doing this well, made me happy, man. We definitely miss him. Guys like he and [DE Deatrich] Wise provide totally different skillsets, but a lot to our team. And so, just being here and being around some of the guys that helps quite a bit.”

On the emphasis to limit pre-snap penalties and on the team's execution:

“Yeah, I would say it's between that and the ball, the turnover margin for us. I would say then those were the two that's not quite improved in the way that we need to, to play winning football. And so, and you've heard me say this before, I get when there's a physical foul and it's a grab, you don't like them, but I understand that's a quick call. I thought there was a call on [S] Jeremy Reaves in the end zone the other day, would do exactly like I would coach him to do of hitting somebody through the strike zone with your shoulder and you can still get called for a foul. That's just like, man, the game goes fast. How could anybody get every call right? But the ones that we can control at the line of scrimmage, that's a big deal and we definitely harped on certain ones to go. And Brandon's had a couple in the last couple games. So, those are some things, man, like this, we have to get it right. We worked hard on the cadence piece. I thought, alright, got better, then it went down again. And so, it's one of those things that always needs the attention. And as far as the turnover margin and that one obviously is the most disappointing one for us. The emphasis of how we want to go after it and take care of it and that needs a lot of work.”

On knowing a player is ready for a bigger role:

“Yeah, I get the insight of the practice too. And the one thing that's been good, having a chance to make your mark and for those that have been around the league enough, there's a development that goes into special teams that does carry over. And so, for me, I've seen that take place for him, the physicality, the technique. And so, on the defensive side I think he's [LB Kain Medrano] got a unique skillset based on his speed and his length. And it's interesting you brought him up, I had a

meeting with him yesterday to say, 'You can make the play there and over there I want you to really stretch yourself to see how far your range can go,' because he's learned it, he's picking up things quickly. He's one of the first backups that would go in into that space and I like what we've seen. The development on special teams has been a big part of that, showing the willingness to learn it. But I thought linebacker wise, [LB] Ale [Kaho] is one, Kain's one that are making their mark on that side that I think carries over onto the defensive side. And additionally, we put these guys into practice that are not part of just look teams, that they're getting those meaningful reps that they have to demonstrate that. And if they don't, they don't get any more of those reps. So, it's show you got it, show you can develop and I've been pleased with the two of them so far."