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Head Coach Dan Quinn

Opening Statement:

"I know after the game, we kind of inquired about some of the injuries. So, [QB] Marcus [Mariota] was the one we wanted to find out more about. So, he does have a right knee MCL sprain. That'll knock him out for the rest of the preseason. Optimistic that he'll be ready for the start of the regular season. Two other updates on a good note. There's good progress on [TE] John Bates and [C] Nick Allegretti, and they will both work back into practice on Tuesday. So, lots to discuss on the game. We also have two padded practices this week in this block, so glad to get rolling with you guys."

On concern for Mariota being ready for the regular season and if they will bring in someone new at quarterback:

"So, the answer to both, we're optimistic that for the regular season at the start that he'll be ready at that time. And at this time, no, we don't anticipate anybody else coming in. It'll allow more reps over the next couple weeks with [QB] Sam [Hartman] and [QB] Athan [Kaliakmanis] in that spot."

On CB Trey Amos:

"No update. So, with Trey, he is continuing the rehab on his ankle. He's dealing with soreness. It's not like a re-aggravation of the injury, but he's not there yet in terms of, like, fully back and going on it. So, he'll be in the same space. You'll see him out doing stuff to the side, working in that spot, but he won't be fully able to participate this week."

On if Mariota's injury affects Quinn's plans for QB Jayden Daniels this preseason:

"Yeah. I definitely thinking that was like a question on the top of my head, and I was staying in the block this week, really before we get into the preparation for that as far as the game goes. So not right now, it doesn't. I recognize the question for sure, but right now, we're kinda going into these two days as still like a training camp mode that'll be Tuesday and Wednesday and big padded stuff. So as far as, like, how much and starters and what we do, some of it will depend on what I'm seeing on Tuesday and Wednesday. So, we got a bunch of situations that I'm trying to work through. Two minutes, four minutes, some goal line stuff. So, this is kinda like our most heightened training camp block coming up, so I'm excited to see that. But we haven't gotten in terms of like planning of the game yet, of that part."

On Amos having one training camp day and on concern surrounding his level of preparation coming into the new season:

"Yeah. I'm optimistic, but you're right about the practice piece. As we're coming back with Nick Allegretti, he had six reps in practice one and was injured. So, I'm excited for him to get back to practice and we all need it. And so, that'll be an important piece for Trey, too, to get back to saying, 'Okay, not only just the movements, the skills, the conditioning.' So, yeah, there's certainly concern. He's working hard, but with these next two and a half weeks, I would say, those would be important to see the progress, to say, 'Okay, ramping up hard, almost there, into that spot.' And so, maybe in a

week's or so time, I'll have a better estimate to say, 'Okay, they do this return to play, which I love following, but I need to see each of the steps made.'"

On LB Sonny Styles and LB Leo Chenal's performances in the game:

"Yeah, so I thought with both of them, we didn't blitz neither a lot, but I like how square [they were]. The games are kinda like Leo's spot, man. Like, he's physical, he's square, he's a good tackler. I wasn't pleased at all with the defense overall on the first drive. I thought it was, like an explosive pass and just too leaky. Specifically for those two, just their command, their presence inside. I feel good with these two because of their physicality and size. So, I'm excited to get them some more work as we're heading into Tuesday and Wednesday for the linemen, the linebackers, the safeties, the running backs. Having two big, padded practices back-to-back will be a good test for us. It's also a week to get more plays for them, and I want more reps, and they're kind of building that resilience even up a little higher this week. So, the line of scrimmage week, I would say is at hand. But they didn't get a lot of action. But with the two of them, I'm pleased with what I've seen up to now."

On the importance of getting Allegretti and Daniels on the same page as soon as possible:

"Yeah, it's for sure super important. Not just for he and Jay, but for the two guards next to him, the identification, the calls. So, he's been doing the walkthroughs in the evenings, but that's just not the same. And so, those reps will be important. We won't give him, like 50 plays right off the bat. We'll work him back into a ramp-up as he's returning to play. But it is super important just to make sure the communication, the calls, all of that comes together. So, that's the goal, man. Now, start stacking days with he and Jay together."

On replicating game-level snaps between Allegretti and Daniels in practice:

"I think you can replicate it in practice because we've shown that you can do that, the different looks. The games are the best in terms of evaluation. It's the highest level of it. But you for sure can replicate it as best you can in the practices, for sure."

On Daniels situation with LSU and his No. 5 jersey and on if he has spoken with Daniels about the situation:

"I haven't followed it a lot, but I know he addressed it. Yeah, of course, obviously checked in with him like you do. But honestly, like man, is he throwing a great camp. But like I said, I haven't followed a lot. I know he addressed it. I thought that was on point. But for him, the things that I see are just like quintessential Jayden in terms of the camp and what it looks like and where he's at. So, it's nice to see him already starting a connection with [WR] Stef [Stefon Diggs] and [WR] Terry [McLaurin] and [TE] Chig [Okonkwo] and some of the others, just some extra work post practices and getting into that space. So, no, he's been great here inside the building, for sure."

On the wide receivers:

"Yeah, thought I felt like the speed right off the bat with, [WR] Treyton [Burks] and [WR] Dyami [Brown], like, you feel the energy for that. I wish we would've had an op on the first play pass that was a down the field shot. We ended up throwing it to Trey. There was an opportunity to hit it back to Dyami if Marcus had to have that one again. But past that, we thought it was good to see, like, even in cover three some over routes. There was one from AK [QB Athan Kaliakmanis] to I think it was [WR] Jacoby Jones. There was a good rip, I thought at the end of the half, to [WR] Jaylin [Lane], ended, like, different location. I thought they did a nice job of spreading everybody around. Probably would've liked to have seen even more, from the tight end group, to see more catches

down the field seam and burst. But I thought they did a good job of spreading it all the way around with the guys.”

On RB Jeremy McNichols:

“Yep. So, Jeremy, he'll be out for a few weeks. He's got a pretty good quad injury, so he will not be back in for this week. You'll see him off to the side, working some rehab into that spot, but he's got a pretty good quad injury that'll take a few weeks, for sure.”

On what he wants to see from RB Kaytron Allen with McNichols sidelined:

“Yeah, so coming off of the game we kinda saw outside, you saw even some special teams on the return side, you know, with [RB] Robert [Henry Jr.]. But the more time on task for them, I think is good. For Kaytron, I thought the inside runs, like, any running back after a game, I was honestly a little pleased that he felt like he left some out there. So, like, ‘Nah, I didn't play the perfect game.’ So, it was good to know that, like, these are the mistakes, this is what I wanna see differently. For him, coming out of the backfield, he's got excellent hands, and there was a play with him coming out of the backfield that he'd like to have that catch because you see him with his hands and they're very secure. So, I know that's one thing for sure he wants to hit on. I was pleased to see Robert Henry in pass protection. And sometimes as a running back, that can be a difficult thing to get down early. And so, on one of the long passes, he had a good protection of the player off the edge, and so I thought those were good flashes. And I just didn't see any flinch in the two of them for their first games. And so, pretty cool if both of them get a touchdown to get the thing started. So, lots of work ahead. I like that they're in shape. I like that we leaned on them for carries and playtime, and there was no flinch in that.”

On his confidence in Styles:

“I've never once thought anything other than that, honestly, because of way back from the very beginning I felt like somebody who was really detailed and paid attention to it, wants to find it. If you asked him, he didn't get downhill enough, didn't take a shot when it was there. But he gets great depth in the zones. I think that's gonna be one of the things that perhaps his safety background helps where you might see an inside backer, they're at six yards, seven yards. He gets deep, man. And so, those are the things that I like. In the weeks ahead, I wanna see the blitzing. You even see it at practice. We'll have some one-on-ones with backs and backers. So, I think that's another part of his game that he and Leo and [LB] Frankie [Luvu] all have. So, that's kind of a good thing, you know, as a defensive play caller here, ‘Okay, I've got this one, he can show, blitz the other.’ So, that's something. We know Frankie has that as part of his game, so I wanna see a little bit more of that as the practices go. But for the first time out, like real command, and ready to play.”

On the penalties in the game:

“It's the pre-snap ones that I want to make sure, like come to hell or high water we got. We had actually one flinch by, I think it was [C] Matt [Gulbin] on a PAT we missed, ended up making it harder, and he made it. I think it was [K] Drew [Stevens]. We also had another false start on one with [G] Tanoa [Togiai]. The post-snap ones I like, that's part of it. I get that. But the discipline ones, I wanna make sure let's get that part really in order. I'm glad that the officials were here because I think them being in the meetings is an absolute advantage. ‘This is what I saw, that's why I would've thrown it. Can you get your hands inside here?’ So, we've got work to do in that space, but as far as the operation, two-minute at the end of the half, four-minute at the end of the half, using the clock, there was no delays of that space, so I thought that was a step in the right direction.”

On the center position group:

“Yeah, I think both guys are really starting to make a move. I thought Matt had a nice practice, had a nice game. He was clean. He can get to the second level. Pass protection was strong. [C] Julian’s [Good-Jones] really stepped in from like, midway through practice one. And so, he's got a bunch of work up until this point. So, over the next two weeks, or maybe two and a half weeks, we'll call it, I'd like to see what that rotation looks like with the three of these guys. I'll also probably work Matt at some guard at some point. Just from the interior side, that's something that kinda goes with the position interior, you know, three spots. So, whether that's this week or the next week, I'll work a little bit of Gulbin in that space at some point too, just to make sure he has all the value at all the spots. But I like where they're at. I like both he and Julian competing, and I'm excited to get Nick back and get him into this.”

On who has stepped up on special teams:

“Two that just popped into my mind when you're talking about it, it would be [S] Percy [Butler] and [S] T.O. [Tyler Owens]. I feel like their presence, their playmaking ability for sure is there with it. [CB] Antonio Hamilton's another one that goes. And then we made [LB] Ale [Kaho] a captain in this game. And I feel like his play style, the way he's improving, I think he's somebody that's ready to step into another leadership spot. But right now, I'd say it's more from the group, as opposed to one. But I do like that group. I think there's some heavy hitters there. They wanna be challenged. And even as new standards are emerging to see a good tackle by [CB Darius] Rush, a good tackle by [CB Fred] Davis on special teams. So, we're leaning on some of those to see what the guys have and what a cool prove it ground on special teams for some of these guys to throw their hat in the ranks and, man I want in. I want a part of it. And so, to me, there's no better way than to demonstrate that through beating a vice and going down to be a part of a tackle. Like, that's a big deal.”

On continuing to have a high performing special teams unit with key players being added to the defensive unit:

“Yeah, for sure [S] Jeremy [Reaves] will heavily, whether his role's significantly more on defense, he'll still have a role on teams for sure. Whether that's two units of how we cover, what we're doing. So that'll be part of it. And then on the other part, I'm excited to see what other roles emerge. You kinda talked about Nick, and he was certainly one of our team leaders, especially on the team side. So, we'll see how some of these linebackers are developing, whether it's [LB Kain] Medrano and Ale into that space. Both of them have good speed to get down and cover. I'm excited to find out more. Like, [TE Colson] Yankoff has certainly been one. I probably should have listed that one as well of a guy who's taking on more into that space. [LB] Jordan Magee is another one. So, I'd say there's probably three or four guys that are ready to take, like an elevated leadership spot on the team side. And I would think Magee, Yankoff, Ale, Kain. Those are, those are a few that come to mind.”