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Head Coach Dan Quinn

Opening Statement:

“All right, what's up everybody? Let's get rolling. So, for us, we are now back into a new block of training camp. This will be a big push for us because next week, [we go] into a joint practice. Today, tomorrow, and Thursday, is a good us versus us into it. You'll see some fourth down emphasis for a competition. You'll see more two-minute work, but there's a lot to do. New systems and us having the fans here today and tomorrow [is a] big deal for us. I know you may have some questions regarding the game Saturday. I'll go through a couple, two, three days and then give you the information then. But we got work to do to get us into camp mode for the next couple days.”

On if the run game is where he wants it to be at this point:

“I would say on both sides of the line, not yet. And that's to be expected. It does make a significant impact on the padded days where we get more reps and so tomorrow you'll see even more of that. But we're making progress. The combinations, the speed off the ball, we're not where we will be, but I would say in terms of the targeting of where we're going to, who's blocking who, we're making progress.”

On improving the run game by shuffling the line a bit:

“Not as much of that. I haven't evaluated by the personnel, more just the technique, the combinations of that. I wouldn't say there's a lot of errors, just the timing and the speed of it. That's really what I want to see more of.”

On what's going on with RB Jerome Ford with the move to IR:

“Yeah, he had a hamstring injury from the game.”

On RB Kaytron Allen and RB Robert Henry Jr.:

“I like a number of things. They're different in terms of play style, but they're both eager in terms of how they want to do things. Can they make an impact on special teams? So, seeing Rob on the return side, seeing Kaytron as a lead blocker and the kickoff return side, I thought they've made an improvement in pass protection. So that's the stuff. And although Kaytron had a drop, I thought in the game, he's got really good hands. He's demonstrated [that]. Both of them can catch. That's a big deal because now they're well-rounded guys. They've got pass protection down. They both got good hands coming out of the backfield. So there's more reps and getting them a chance to go do it.”

On if QB Marcus Mariota will be able to practice at all soon:

“Not this week. I don't know at what part of camp. Not this week and likely not next week, off to the side, that type of thing. As far as a timeline past that, I don't think it would be before then.”

On releasing K Jake Moody and how K Drew Stevens has impressed him:

"I thought this was a good competition all the way back from the spring when we had them here. We kicked just about every day from the spring and two out of three days in these blocks for training camp. And both guys, I thought, have had productive days, but I thought Drew established himself. Thought he's kicking it pure and clean. It is important for him to have the next two games where he gets all the kicks, all the moments. It was just a good competition. I thought [he] earned it. And so, we're moving forward."

On CB Rasul Douglas's ability to pick up a defense in a short amount of time:

"That part I didn't realize early. I had conversations with him about playing and getting into it and we talked some of the coverages and techniques he played. So, I would imagine that has something to do with it. When you've got experience, okay, we might've called this technique here or something, here something different. He's certainly able to pick it up quickly. I would say the edges, the corners, that allows some of the techniques. All places, not the same, but similar ones. He's done a good job with that, but that was not part of the discussion that we had. So no, that's good to know. I'm not surprised that he's been able to do that before."

On Douglas' coverage abilities:

"I feel like much like a big receiver, his size at corner. You'll see some one-on-ones as we're going through today. Because of his length, he can maybe get to some spaces that others don't. I think he's got good patience on the ball that goes down the field. So, I'm excited to see him grow into it. He's got an opportunity here to go dig in and battle, and so I've been pleased with what I've seen so far."

On DT Ricky Barber's performance in the preseason game:

"He got a lot of plays, Ricky did. It's been a deep group that he's been a part of, but I liked seeing him get on the edge as a pass rush. For him, we're playing him a lot at three-technique where he can penetrate and use some of his quickness. You've probably seen he's bigger and stronger, so you could tell through the offseason he put the work in. I'm encouraged by what I've seen by Ricky, especially his ability to go affect the QB. When you're in that position, and you got quickness, that's a really important deal."

On what they want to correct defensively after the preseason game:

"I just didn't love the urgency that we played with. It just wasn't as downhill and aggressive like I saw from the practice. I wanted to see more of that. Third downs, obviously, allowed a conversion. It just didn't feel as violent and as strong as I'd like to see from the unit overall. And then offensive, I didn't love the way we started the second half. We had a real chance to do some things. We scored, got a stop. Then having the ball to go back, man, like, could've went up big into that space and had to punt. So those are two points of emphasis for sure. Starting both halves being aggressive."

On CB Mike Sainristil:

"I think his willingness and ready to compete. Kind of what I see from him and [CB] Amik [Robertson] together. Sometimes there's people at the same position that kind of feed off one another, and I definitely feel that from them. It's been nice to see that with [OLB Odafe] Oweh and [OLB K'Lavon Chaisson] KC in some ways and [DE Charles] Omenihu. So, I'm excited to see [OLB Dorance Armstrong] DA get back into that group as well. He's getting into some practice now, which is a big deal for us, getting fully back into it. I think when you have some of those guys at the same spot and they battle off one another and bring some energy to one another, that's it. But at the core of it, I would say man, they love to compete."

On if a defensive position group stood out to him:

"I would say I certainly liked the second and third quarter. I thought the corners and their ability to cover down the field. I give credit, it was a nice catch on [CB Antonio] Hamilton in the early part of the game. But after that, I thought the rush and the coverage kind of came together. Interior-wise, [DT] Byron [Coward] had some good push, and I thought that caused some of the interceptions that we saw in the second half. The one to [LB] Ale [Kaho], the one to [S] Malik [Spencer], so I would say I liked seeing that balance in the fourth quarter of guys really going to battle for it. I would say the rush and the cover towards the end of the game was something that I was impressed with, especially the interior guys, Ricky and Byron."

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 [Togia'i]. 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 if he's comfortable with QB Jayden Daniels playing zero preseason snaps:

"Yes. I'd be comfortable with him and other veterans that have played to go, but we haven't decided in terms of will we or won't we. We had a joint [practice] last week. You got a lot of reps. He'll get a lot today and tomorrow going against our defense, so I'll have a better sense for where everybody is before we make any of those decisions. But he's thrown an incredible training camp. His accuracy, his command of it. A new system, you wouldn't feel like that for him, but I've been certainly impressed by what I've seen so far by him."