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Head Coach Dan Quinn

Opening Statement:

“Good afternoon. We'll go practice, just kind of give you updates with the team. We'll practice today and tomorrow here. Then we'll go to Baltimore Wednesday morning. We're looking forward to working with [Baltimore Ravens Head Coach] Jesse [Minter] and his team. Good program and we're ready to get rolling with that. On the injury front it's good to see [DT] Tim Settle back today and at Baltimore. He's been out for a minute and [RB] Rachaad White, you'll see him back on the field doing some individual sessions today. The rest of the crew who missed the Detroit [Lions] game will continue with their return to football programs in hopes of getting some of them back for next week's practices. And those are the updates, so I'm glad to kick it off.”

On adding a practice to the schedule today:

“Yeah, just going through it, we just felt like this was a good chance to throw three more days in a row. It'll feature today's group more of the ones as far as the reps go. And yeah, I thought it was the right call to make”

On if he added his practice because of something he saw in the game against the Lions:

“I didn't love all that I saw from an identity standpoint, but it wasn't like a knee jerk reaction to that, but just kinda of where I wanna keep working with the guys, some new people in a couple locations, so I thought it was important to rep those if we could today, rep it again tomorrow, and then work it into practice Wednesday and into the game. So little bit of kinda leaning into the week to make sure we can feature some guys into some spots. I wanted to look at a couple of different locations of some people, and we'll do a little bit of that this week too.”

On the expectations of DE Deatrich Wise coming off the PUP list before the season begins:

“I wouldn't say before. That's not where we're at. He had a good evaluation recently. He's certainly getting closer, but they haven't given us a timeframe to say, ‘Hey, next week, it's in that space.’ The next evaluation for him will be next week, and then after that, we'll get into where the season goes. He looks good. I'm pleased with the work that he's put in. For him, this has been a long rehab. It's a serious injury. And so, to see him on the other side of that, knowing the light at the end of the tunnel is nearby, that's exciting, but I haven't got like a timeframe that's, ‘Hey, by this date, you know, we can go.’”

On the decision of who will wear the Green Dot:

“It's still ongoing. [LB] Frankie [Luvu] and [LB] Sonny [Styles] are the ones that we will decide between. We'll also rotate a few guys in and out. So, both of them at some point will have it if one comes out and [LB] Leo [Chenal] comes in, so there'll be some of that to go for sure. So, they would be the two main that we will lean in on the game.”

On Detroit Lions QB Joshua Dobbs touchdown play during the game:

“A good zone read for him and he's got that ability like [QB] Jayden [Daniels] to hand it off and pull it. So, on that particular one, on that option, they read the defensive end. So, if the defensive end closes, he pulls it. So, on that particular one, we'd love [OLB] Josh [Josephs] to wait it out. And then we were in man-to-man behind, so once it's handed off and we're out of pass, get off your man and everybody get back to it. So, I get it could be a first down, but to have it be a touchdown was certainly disappointing. But it would start with Josh and then just backside pursuit and speed to finish. But he made a good play, too.”

On improving the fundamentals:

“What I told the team was, I said a lot of that, what I saw, that wasn't us. And that bothered me. And so today is our time to get to the truth, what, why? So, I took a long time. I went through a lot of plays. And I didn't feel like we played complementary football. I said that felt in disarray. Just a week ago, I loved how we finished a two-minute at the end of the half and a four-minute to finish the game. And in this particular game, we had a chance for a two-minute at the end of the half. We had a tackle for loss, a completion, and a sack, and then in a four-minute, we had our chances to stop, and they converted on a fourth down. And so, those were the part, and like I said, the penalties were on the return game. The field position was tough. So, that's where I felt in disarray. I loved how we started with two takeaways and then to not capitalize and get points off the second one. Those were the things that I wanted to really highlight into it. So, that's what I want to get cleaned up.”

On the safety room:

“So I thought when you're watching every day at practice, which you guys are, I felt like at safety there's a competition at receiver. I felt it where, ‘Okay, you see a player make a play this day and a player make that one.’ And so, on that particular one, [S Tyler] Owens was playing the nickel position. And sometimes we do that with three safeties. So, we blitzed him from the nickel back position. He's a good blitzer, just you see that same type of speed and hitting as a special teams player. So, we featured him in that way. There's been different guys, honestly, make plays on different days, so that's what I'm definitely looking for. But to see [S] Quan [Martin] really express himself over the last two games and a number of practices, you can feel his comfort level in the system coming together. And he's been such a selfless teammate, so it's not surprising to see him putting the work in and seeing the rewards from that”

On the run game difference between the first and second preseason game:

“I really was hoping to lean into that to see that. I didn't see us just quite on time. There were times you see, you know, one time in this part of the line getting off the ball, the tight ends were late. Downfield not finishing in all the spaces. So, it wasn't just a running back or one person here. There were plenty of times I thought, ‘All right, nine are right. These two are wrong. 10 are right, this one's wrong.’ It just didn't feel as connected as I hoped I'd see in the run game. [We] had one that was an outside toss play early at the two minute at the end of the half, a tackle for a loss. Those were things that we know we can get [RB] Robert [Henry Jr.] or a player out on the edge. And to have that happen, that was disappointing.”

On a status update on RB Jacory Croskey-Merritt:

“I do. Bill's in the same space he was in for this last game, so you'll see him working off to the side with the trainers today and into this week. And he'll be with a number of guys that we hope to get into practices next week. That'd be Saturday [evaluation] for Tuesday, Wednesday. Yeah.”

On swapping QB Athan Kaliakmanis and QB Sam Hartman multiple times instead of giving each a half of the game:

“We did that in the first game and here was the thought behind it. We had a lot of discussions about it because I'd asked both [Offensive Coordinator David] Blough and [Assistant Quarterbacks Coach] Danny Etling. They've got a lot of experience in that space as both of them were backup quarterbacks and successful at it. And we came to the conclusion that oftentimes that's how the backup quarterback comes into a game, into a series. We thought, let's go with that assumption that going into the game as the backup, you didn't have set up time and different looks, and we wanted the same evaluation with the same receivers against the same defense as often as we could. So, that was our rationale behind it. And we haven't gone all the way into the game. We're kinda like locked in on today, tomorrow, and Wednesday. But I thought, it's not as easy for them, but quite honestly, we're not trying to make it easy. You know? Like, how can it be stressful? That's part of their role. Can they adapt and come in and work with new people in different spaces? That was the rationale behind it.”

On figuring out center and if he feels they have the talent they need on the current roster:

“We do, but we still have work to do there, honestly. [We] wanna see where [C] Matt [Gublin] is, get him some more snaps. He played a little bit of guard this week and we worked him some there in the game. I'm sure you saw that. And we'll work him back exclusively at center into this game and this practice this week. We're still working with [C] Nick [Allegretti]. He's not there yet, coming back from his injury. Between the three of them, we're still in the process of evaluating what's the best way for us to go. That'd be one of the spots that I'm still digging in on and still looking.”

On if the joint practice with Baltimore will be as intense as Miami's and how that affects Daniels and whether he'll play in the third preseason game:

“I'll go back to the first one. I see next week as the tapering. So this week, still at a really heightened space for us. The purpose being we're trying everything we can to help us prepare some of the longer drives, the longer spaces in preparation for the season. You probably saw some of that in camp. It went from six play drives, eight plays, to 10, to 12. Last week and this week is really kind of the crescendo of that. Then we'll begin tapering, have some practices next week, and then they have a block off. I still feel like we're up in the higher zone today, tomorrow, Wednesday, and then into the game. Then we'll do some practices next week, and that's the spot that will begin, but not yet. As far as Jayden goes, we haven't gone there with the game but having the joint's a big deal for us.”

On the linebacker room with Kain Medrano, Jordan Magee and Ale Kaho:

“Sure. And, yeah, Jordan's doing well. He's certainly close. I was very excited. You always feel Jordan's speed and intensity on the field. Even, like the play that he got injured on against Miami, kind of next play came back in, stayed out, made a nice play again. So, I always feel that urgency from him. He's clearly one of our special teams leaders now going into year three. With Kain and Ale, it's nice to see, like, in a whole year's time, I can vividly remember Ale really making a move during this week last year, all the teams, all the plays. And to see their experience come through, that's a big deal for us. I'm not gonna say they're interchangeable, but on special teams, they kind of play some of the same spots. Defensively, we lean more to Kain guarding tight ends, using some of that length of him but I'm pleased with both of them and where they're at.”

On which players have exemplified the competition throughout this camp:

“Yeah, that's a good question, Ben. There's been quite a few. I'll start, maybe on the offensive side.

On the offensive line, I really felt [G] Sam Cosmi has really had himself quite a camp. He and [T Josh] Conerly [Jr.], I know Josh worked hard to get bigger and stronger, and so that came from the off season, but you still had to put all the work in, in that space. [G] Chris Paul and [T] Brandon Coleman, both of them have taken a lot of reps, albeit at guard early on before LT [T Laremy Tunsil] suffered his injury. But those four at the line, Ben, I thought have really exemplified that. [TE] Chig [Okonkwo] taken a lot of reps at tight end. I feel like he's comfortable with the group into that space. The receivers, I could list a number of them. [WR] Jayin Lane is probably one that comes to mind because it could also be I see the jump that's taken place with him. He's a better route runner. He's in crazy shape. He's making more plays maybe than he would've last year at a slot where we said, 'Okay, let's start him at returner and see where it can end up.' Now, a threat on both sides. On the defensive side, I feel like [LB Frankie] Luvu is one that's been active in that spot. And then I love that work that both corners have put in. [CB] Amik [Robertson] and [CB] Mike Sainristil. I felt like they're just down for the battle. They're ready for it every day. They love to compete. So those are a few that popped into mind."

On what he needs to see from C Julian Good-Jones and C Matt Gulbin moving forward:

"Yeah, good news, I feel comfortable system-wise. And you know how important it is to direct everything up front. This is the call, this is where we're going. So, with both of them, I feel good knowledge of the system of where they're at. Julian's somebody that's been here to work and put in, so I felt his strength there. I wanna see really good protection in the middle of the line, especially blitz stunts, and we'll get a good look at that. Our defense does it. Baltimore does it. So, between Wednesday and Friday, those are two more nice chances to get some good looks. Good news for us, both of them are heady, smart players, what to go, where to look for it and so now let's battle it out some more. With Nick [Allegretti] being, not set back, but injured, we'll work him back in when we can. But this week will be kind of devoted to Matt and Julian as we're working through those two spots."