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Opening Statement:

“Thank you guys for being here. Appreciate it. Just wanted to make a statement real quickly before opening it up to you guys. But, just reflecting on August and it's a really long month in this league, both as a personnel department and as an organization. And just now that it's over and now thinking back on it, I think it's important to highlight some of the good work done by a lot of people in this organization. Both in personnel and just across the organization. You have training camp and all that that encompasses. You have multiple joint practices along the way. In personnel, we have our preseason scouting process. We have our college scouting process starting. We have a ton of player workouts over the course of the month, and then obviously we have our own self-scout and kind of assessment of our team as we go along the way. And then it concludes with some really tough decisions and some tough conversations. So, it's a long month. Mentally, it's a long month, physically. And to have a great month, it takes a lot of hard work from a lot of really good people. When you think about, closest to me is obviously the personnel department, [Director of Player Personnel] David [Blackburn], [Director of Pro Scouting] Chris [White], [Director of College Scouting Ryan] Kess [Kessenich], [Senior Personnel Executive] Demitrius [Washington], all of our pro scouts, all of our college scouts, our scouting assistants do a tremendous amount of long nights and hard work during this. So, everybody really embraces the grind of August and I think in our department, everybody really stepped up and did a great job. Along the way, you have our football solutions team that are always adjusting on the fly for us, creating new portals and mechanisms that we always dream up along the way. Our football administration team does a great job of handling all of our asks and demands and making sure that we're within compliance and football operations does a great job of all the logistics involved with our training camp and all the moving parts, our medical team, our video team, our equipment staff, security, culinary, coaches, and of course our players. So, there's a tremendous amount of work that happens and it takes great dedication and commitment from everybody. So, I think we had a great August and just wanted to make sure to highlight those people and all the work that was done. So, with that, I'll open it up to you guys.”

On what he saw in C Matt Gulbin and what goes into comparing the players on the team to other available players in the league:

“With Matt, going back to the draft process, we were really excited to get him where we did, and just liked a lot of the things about him, both physically and in terms of like the football character and the makeup of the player. I think over the course of the summer and over the course of training camp, we saw development in Matt. We saw growth in Matt and really excited with where he's at currently and what we project him to develop into. In terms of comparing Matt or comparing anybody on our team to what's out there or what's being on the other 31 teams, that process is very in-depth. Our scouts do a great job of monitoring all the preseason games. We have a very in-depth process where we have a real-time board that every option is populated. We have real time reports

after each game, weeks one, weeks two, weeks three. So, in the end, we compare what's out there in the league to what we have. See if we think something makes sense, every position really. And in the end, we looked at a lot of different options on the interior and we felt good about where we're at"

On OLB Joshua Josephs:

"Yeah we were excited to get Josh, and we saw a lot of what we hoped to see when we drafted him. We saw that length. We saw the heavy hands at the point of attack. We saw the eyes past the blocks and just the instincts for plays that are coming at him. We saw a talented rusher with room to really grow in that phase as well in terms of developing further moves. And so, I've been very pleased with the progress that Josh has made and what he's shown us. And I think we organizationally feel very good about where he is in his development."

On QB Sam Hartman:

"Well, Sam, I think, took another step forward this year in camp. I thought he, last year, I felt like he had some hard luck in the games where there were some plays that didn't quite connect and were just barely missed. And just I felt like last year he just hit a streak of bad luck during camp and during the games. I felt like this year, we saw growth in him over the summer as a passer. I thought he really embraced some of the new scheme and some of the new play development. And really did see him take a step forward in his progression and kind of his growth as a passer."

On if he has a good sense of the team's cornerstone players:

"Yeah, I feel like every year we're adding a couple, I guess you call them like foundational pieces or that kind of bedrock of your team. And I feel like every year we keep adding to that. And I feel like we have a pretty good sense of who those players are and you start to really think about building around them and building with them. I feel like we have a really good sense of who those players are and kind of those fixtures, I guess you would call them."

On if he feels like the roster depth and practice squad is strong compared to other teams in the league:

"Yeah, I feel great about our roster. I feel great about our 70 guys that are here or whatever that number is. You know, we always say that's our top 70 guys. Feel really good about that group. Feel great about the practice squad that we've been able to assemble, the players that we were able to keep. We added four external guys this morning. And, we'll continue to add to that as we see fit. But I guess to answer your question, yes, I feel really good about the depth of our roster and that group. It's kind of a mix of developmental players and experienced players that we feel like can help us."

On if they first learned about WR Jaden Bradley at the team's local workout:

"That wasn't the first time we learned about him. You know, obviously had known about him at UNLV a little bit and had seen him play to some degree. I think that exposure really helped him in our eyes. It was a really good day for him at that event. And it kind of solidified that we thought he'd be a really good player for us to stay in contact with and see what we can get in terms of development from him."

On how much time a player needs in order for the team to feel comfortable giving them game snaps:

"I think every player's different, honestly. I think it's hard to say, 'This is how many player X needs to get ready.' I think some of it is based on experience, some of it is based on what their track

[record] has been to that moment. Some guys play a lot more in college than others. Some guys have a ton of experience in the NFL when they get here. I think every player's a little bit different. I think as an organization, we have to look at that, every organization really specifically and not just have a general, 'Okay, he needs this many days to get ready, he needs this many practices.' I think every player's a little bit different. So, I think you just take every situation and assess it."

On projecting a player's ability to move to another position like C/G Nick Allegretti:

"We've seen him enough at the center [spot] over the years and have a good feel for him in that role. I think you go first of all, you look at, do you think the guy can handle it mentally and do you think the guy can kind of be all that center brings with it in terms of responsibility and duties. And Nick is absolutely that guy in terms of intelligence and leadership and toughness. He's what it's all about when you talk about an offensive lineman. So, I think we have great confidence in who he is and we've seen enough of him both here and prior to feel confident that he could do that."

On communication between the front office and coaching staff:

"It's a little bit of both. We do meet with them. We have meetings kind of periodically throughout training camp and then Adam [Peters] and I will sit in some of the film meetings with them and talk through position groups and talk through that side of the ball. There are meetings that are formal and there are also informal at practice in the halls where you're talking through how things are. They're clearly obviously very involved and it's been a great collaboration, honestly. They both are really impressive guys and both very good to work with, you know, cooperative. And we're all trying to accomplish the same goal. So they've been really impressive."

On WR Antonio Williams' readiness as a rookie:

"I think he's been very impressive, honestly. I feel like it's been steady growth over from early May to today. I think we've seen steady, constant growth from him. Very excited about the athlete and the overall skillset. I would say that he has a certain maturity to his game that a lot of rookies don't have and feel like he's very ready to contribute."

On discussing a release with a veteran:

"I mean, it kind of goes back to the prior, every situation's a little bit different and every player's a little bit different. How you assess how to handle that situation is different for every guy, honestly. Really, it's not an easy conversation to have. It's not an easy decision to make. And you try to always think about what's best for the player and how to do what's best for him in every situation."

On gauging interest after cutdowns of potential new players and the time crunch there:

"I guess it, it probably, I feel like it really ramps up, the conversation and the dialogue really ramps up as you get into those couple days prior to cutdown. I guess it probably slows down to some degree, but I think you're always, we don't close up shop, you know? You're always open and the dialogue's pretty constant. I would say that it does in those three or four days prior to cutdown really ramp up and we had tremendous dialogue around the league and a lot of really substantive conversations. But to answer your question, it probably does taper off a little bit once the dust settles on cutdown, but you're always kind of, you always have feelers out and you're always kind of having those conversations year round."

On when he realized G Tanoa Togiai can make an impact on the 53-man roster:

"I guess probably over the course of August. We were excited about what we were seeing from him over the summer but I just felt like really in August when he got the pads on and we started really

hitting people and playing games that his size and physicality and what he brings to the field really started to come to light even more than maybe it does in the spring when you're doing phase two, phase three, and not a lot of like, sometimes size doesn't show up as much in those events, you know? So, I would say over the course of August, during the preseason, he really started to show us a lot of positives."

On OC David Blough's scheme and evaluating the offensive line fits in the system:

"I think it's certainly a consideration always. You wanna get players that are gonna have the best ability, the best chance to succeed in what you're doing. So yeah, I think it's always on our minds. Is this guy gonna be able to reach his maximum potential with what we do? You know, it's always a consideration."

On evaluating a practice squad player:

"I think you can get a practical, good sense of what the future might hold for that player and what maybe he can contribute in the near term as well. Those guys get good work during the season and they're an important part of what we do. And I feel like you see guys over the course of 17, 18 weeks, 20 weeks, whatever, really start to develop, really start to get comfortable, really start to mature as players. So, I think you, over the course of a year, especially when you spend a lot of time with a guy, if you have him the whole year or you have a long term relationship with him in that role. I do see guys develop and I do think we do get a good sense of where they are in their, kind of in their trajectory."

On signing two tight ends and if that was due to any concerns with TE Ben Sinnott's injury:

"No, just players that we had interest in and wanted to work with. It really had nothing to do with the four guys on our 53. Really just guys that we liked on film that we wanted to spend some time with."

On processing what they already have on the team versus what they need to bring:

"Whenever you encounter an injury, I think the first thing you do is you assess where we are internally, like what do we have, what are our external options, do they make sense to see if that can help us? And sometimes you feel like we're okay, and sometimes you feel like, hey, we probably do need to go out and see if this guy can make us better. Let's bring this group in and see if we feel like this group can help us. Again, it's every situation, you know, some rooms are, um, really deep and some rooms you feel like you need to maybe see if there's more out there, but, um, every situation's a little bit different and you just kind of take them day by day."

On if they weigh players' performances equally:

"I wouldn't say it's like equally balanced, but I think every day, depending on what you're doing, there are some times where we have a really spirited practice where it's one versus ones. Some of those joint practices were really important to see new matchups and, so I think it's hard to be more important than a game, obviously, but I think every day is really important in the big picture. I wouldn't say that one is way different than another. I think they're all really strongly considered and weighed."