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QB Jayden Daniels

On how his arm feels and how he's feeling being back out at practice:

"It feels good. It feels good to be back and, you know, just taking it day by day."

On if he's surprised by how quickly he has been able to possibly return to play:

"What you think? No? [Laugh] Nah. I'm not surprised. No, everything I, I went through, everybody said I'd be good to go if I'm able to go out there on Sunday, but again, just taking it day by day."

On if he thinks he'll be ready for Sunday:

"Just taking it day by day."

On how he felt when the injury happened:

"Frustrated just because like I felt like I was in my groove and my rhythm and everything and then that happened. But other than that, really not too many emotions. I was, I think I was pretty chill. I mean, back there I was just really just chilling."

On if going through the injury in the public eye has affected him:

"Nah, not, not really. Really just be focused on what I gotta focus on. Rehabbing, went through the whole thing and seeing the specialist and going from there."

On what he told himself after the injury:

"I don't think I told myself anything. I was like, honestly, like when it happened and I was really kinda just chilling, watching the game, cheering on the guys in the back. But from there it was really just, you know, I got through this once I could get through it again, just go in there and make sure everything is straight. Make sure, nothing's too crazy or anything and pray for the best."

On the decision not to have surgery:

"I love football. I play football and I mean, I get paid to play football, so I owe it to my teammates and stuff like that to everybody's hurting, something's wrong with somebody on this team. So, I just feel like just for me, just being a leader, being a guy, just going out there and giving my shot, giving my shot to go out there and play and obviously protect myself, stuff like that. But, I just love football. I have a passion for it."

On how his functionality and strength in his arm have felt at practice:

"I mean, it feels good and it's gonna be an adjustment period, but it just feels good to go back out there and really just play football again."

On if working with the brace affects his play negatively:

"Nah, not really. It's just getting used to it. It's pretty much it."

On if he has full range of motion and if that matters in his non-throwing arm:

"Yeah. I mean, nah. I mean, full range, like, all the way in flexion and extension. Nah, not extension. Just per the doctors, but flexion for sure."

On if the brace changes the way he has to throw the ball, hands the ball off or change his play in any way:

"Nope."

On what QB Marcus Mariota means to the team:

"I think making him captain speaks to how he means to everybody on the team. But personally, to me, obviously Marcus means a lot. Grew up, and he hates when I say this, but grew up a fan of Marcus, obviously at Oregon and in Tennessee and stuff like that. But just being around him, just the type of person he is and how much he shows that he cares about me and wants me to be at my best and anything I need, he's really out there for me. So, that was like a no-brainer for me."

On the importance of being with the team internationally whether he plays or not:

"It was like, regardless of like what I'm going through, it's always good to show for your team. You know, and never know what, what impact I could have. But just to be out here, I didn't get to experience this last year just to be overseas and be able to experience the atmosphere, like how I will on Sunday, you know. So, really just going out there and really just enjoying the time out here."

On what London soccer team he roots for:

"Chelsea."

On if he notices a difference when playing on a soccer field:

"Nah, I don't. But I would just say obviously the surface is more slick and stuff like that, so your foot in and everything, but, no, I do not notice it."

On if he needs to mentally prepare himself to be prepared to play:

"Yeah, I do, for sure. And we'll go from there, you know, it's day by day, but for sure you gotta mentally prepare myself to play."

On if he has concerns about falling or re-injury:

"No, that's what the brace is for, so if I had that concerns, then I would've got surgery."

On if he's considering surgery in the offseason:

"I mean, I gotta wait till after the season and see what the doctors say and everything and make the decision that's best for me."

On if there was a conversation about him wearing a brace before the season started:

"No, there wasn't a conversation before, so."

On if this brace is different than the one he wore last year and if the team is handling his injury differently this year:

"Yeah, I would say it's different because I have an opportunity to come back quick, sooner than I did last year. And the brace is different because I can't extend my arm all the way, so yeah."

On when Arizona State came to London:

“It was dope to see the game. And obviously I'm less, you know, I'm alumni there and everything like that. So, it was dope to see them and enjoy this atmosphere and then now we get to experience it too.”

On how he would convince a soccer fan to play football:

“I don't know. I have to see like where his, the eagerness is and then I think probably show him a couple highlights and stuff like that try to convince him that way.”

On the long-term impact of his injury and re-injury:

“That's what the brace is for. And then, obviously you have those conversations and when the people that I need to have those conversations with and if the surgery needed to be ASAP, then you gotta do what's best for me. But obviously we have those conversations and I'm blessed enough to go back out there on the practice field, but that's most definitely what the brace was for, so no really concern at this moment.”