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QB Jayden Daniels

On when he knew he was ready to get back out:

"I felt good and was able to practice last week, give myself opportunities to go out there and play on Sunday."

On his points of emphasis for the week:

"Reps. Reps with the brace it's a part of me for right now, so just gotta get used to it."

On being in a third and eight situation where he needs to take action to get to the marker but also knows it might put him at risk:

"Is it a four quarter? Yeah. I mean, four quarter we gotta do something to win, right?"

On if they did anything different in practice now that he's wearing the brace:

"Nah. Yeah, nah, I can't really. I mean, there's ways you could talk about different ways of protecting myself. But I don't, I don't get hit in practice, so I wouldn't know till Sunday."

On how he felt seeing QB Marcus Mariota get hurt in Week 4's game knowing he wasn't able to go in himself:

"Yeah, I mean, as a competitor, you wanna go out there and help your team win. And that was an unfortunate circumstance just the way the game was going and how Marcus was playing up to that point. And you never wanna see anybody deal with injuries like that. I felt for him in that sense because obviously I was going through the same thing and fortunately that was the same one that he was dealing with earlier. So, it's just unfortunate. But, at that point it was like I was just shifting all my focus and the energy into uplifting [QB] Athan [Kaliakmanis] and making sure that he can go out there and play free and just giving him those things that I see. Not trying to overdo too much but just help him out as any way I can."

On the week to week versus we have to get a win mentality moving forward:

"I mean, this week is the game that we have, so obviously we wanna get a win and we got a tough divisional opponent coming in and we know what's at stake, but you just gotta go out there and take it day by day, play by play and try to execute to the best of our abilities."

On what gave him the confidence that he can recover and be himself when playing again:

"It's my non-throwing arm, so, I think as long as I got the right one to tack, you know, I think I can, I'll be all right."

On his confidence in the offense going into Week 5:

“Super confident. I mean, you know, just putting in the countless hours of work and preparation, I just go out there and give myself the best opportunity to perform to the best of my abilities on Sunday. So, you know, just taking it day by day, really.”

On how he's feeling mentally, spiritually and emotionally returning from his injury:

“I'm straight, honestly. I'm good. I was kinda, last year was a different thing for me. This time I kinda just knew what was at stake, went to all the different specialists and heard the opinions and, you know, kinda based my decision off there. Prayed about it, made sure I'm making the best decision. I was at peace with it.”

On anything he learned from last year's game vs. Minnesota when he reinjured his elbow:

“Nah. Just go out there and play ball. Nah, not really.”

On how it feels practicing with the brace on:

“Nah, I mean, just trying to get used to it. Like I said, it's just kinda a part of me now, so, you know, for the time being, as long as I'm on that field, so just getting used to it, trying to find the different ways where it's most comfortable and I'm not really just thinking about. I'm just out there playing.”

On using some running back techniques as he carries the ball in certain plays:

“I ain't carried the ball yet, so we'll see. But yeah, we talked about it.”

On if he has a different mental approach this time around playing with the brace:

“Hell yeah, I wanna play football, so it's a part of me, so gotta go out there and body and embrace it.”

On if the brace is more comfortable:

“We still trying to figure out the most comfortable way for me to go out there and not play, so still making critiques and everything to it, trying to find the best way for it.”

On how it feels different this year than last year when he injured it:

“I mean, yeah, I went through the process, and it wasn't, you know, the end of everything. Like I said, I was blessed enough to, you know, still be allowed to play this game and, you know, I'm just gonna go out there and brace it. I'm gonna brace the brace, not really worry too much about it and go out there and just be the best version of myself.”

On if he thinks the tight ends not being very involved in plays yet and if he finds that to be an issue:

“The guy's open gets the ball. You know, we had, you can see we dealt with a lot of different injuries and, you know, stuff like that up to this point. Where people are in and out of the lineup and stuff like that. And obviously, I think teams do a good job of covering our tight ends too. So, these other guys, one-on-one outside and they win too, but we just out here just playing point guard, trying to get the ball to the open guy.”