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Head Coach Dan Quinn

Opening Statement

"First I want to give condolences to the family of [Former Chicago Bears Head Coach] Mike Ditka. What a great competitor through the Bears, playing, coaching, and so condolences to them. It's good to be back home for our team. Players are throwing a good week in terms of getting back to it, and it's like, we can't wait to get rolling. It's not lost on me. A lot of names on our injury report. I'll give you a full list at four o'clock, but I do have a few updates. [QB] Jayden [Daniels], [G] Sam Cosmi, and [RB] Rachaad White are all good to go. And that's a big deal. Unfortunately, [WR Stefon] Stef Diggs will be out. And [WR] Terry [McLaurin] I thought looked really good today, so we'll decide as we get closer to the game. Today, that was excellent to have him back out on the field. Outside of those, I won't have any other injury updates, but I wanted to give you the information that I had and I can share that with you. So, let's get rolling."

On if the weather could affect the decision on if McLaurin will play on Sunday:

"Yeah, right now it doesn't. Going through just everything for practice and getting back to it, but it's not something right now that is under evaluation for that."

On the boost that having Daniels back will give the team:

"Command at the line, that's one for sure. The play making ability, the third and fourth downs, using his legs, all of those are part of what makes him special in that way. But I love the accuracy that he throws with and a good job obviously taking care of the ball. That's gonna be premium in this game."

On if there will be any changes for QB Athan Kaliakmanis or QB Sam Hartman with Daniels being back:

"Yeah. We got a lot still to figure out roster-wise, you know, through this afternoon and there, but we will work through all of that over the next day or so."

On juggling the roster given the number of injuries:

"Yeah, there's always a way. And so, the puzzle is like the first part at the beginning of the week when you're trying to put all the puzzle out and see where it goes. And then as the week gets closer, you know how it's coming together. So, that's the space that we're at today, that we can dig in on and put it together in a way that is the best for just this week. And it's not unusual, but certain weeks have more than others, and this just happens to be one that has more."

On how Diggs got injured:

"Yeah, I didn't ask him the specific play. He was able to finish the game, but I tell you about this competitor, man. He's rare. And, he was pushing it hard, you know, to get back out and as we get

into next week, I'm optimistic he'll throw a great week too. But I don't have a specific play [that it happened on].”

On if he is perplexed by the number of injuries and on if he thinks the team is out of shape:

“I do, and I also know let's get ready to game plan and go. Lots of visits with the medical [team], mine are quick, shorter. It's just this, this, and then who's available. How do we get down? Frustrating, yes. Looking into it as hard as we can, also yes. And don't have any answers on that topic yet. But they are in excellent shape, so that was not one, that part we can rule off.”

On improving on pre-snap penalties in practice:

“Yeah, we've done a number of things. The first one was the officials to bring back. I also went around the league to show specific pre-snap ones in the other games from week four, special teams and offensively and defensively. So, just constantly trying to push to educate that. We had too many on Wednesday at practice and yesterday, you saw the attention and detail that I was looking for to find it. So, that's a big deal for me to get those corrected. And, it has to come from the players, and it was like, ‘Okay, I'm glad they got the message and I'm glad they're putting the extra time in.’ Offenses are creative and shifting and motioning. That's not just us. That's around the league. So, the extra seconds on, you know, it's getting called very closely. I wanna make sure we're doing everything we can to have zero hiccups.”

On the New York Giants defense:

“Yeah, it is definitely a trenches game, you know, on both sides. I thought [New York Giants Defensive Coordinator] Dennard [Wilson]’s done a nice job with their unit. They've got speed out on the edges. They've got big guys inside, linebacker play. I've been impressed by what I've seen from them. And as you're going back and forth, different packages, you know, run game premium for sure on both sides and classic line of scrimmage football day might be some good football weather as well. And either if it's not, we're still gonna have a line of scrimmage game.”

On the decision to release RB Kaytron Allen:

“Yeah, releasing players, it's difficult for sure. And sometimes, just where you are on the roster, those are some of the decisions that you have to make and it can be difficult. We hope we get a chance to work with him again. We like the development of where he can take it to. But it's hard sometimes, that's just how it goes.”

On White working his way back from a shoulder injury:

“Yeah, there's a specific part you'll have to look it up. It was a two-minute at the end of the half and it was before [K] Drew [Stevens] kicked a field goal. And it's an important one because if we stop there, the clock stops also and, you know, could kick it where they have a chance to, if Drew makes it, go back the other way. And so, for him, just having the awareness, I gotta get up, come on. He's reached out to his buddy, ‘Get up, get out.’ He's demonstrated a lot of toughness, a lot of commitment, and that I saw kinda early in the time here with him. I've been very impressed by him. I know he and Jayden have a long relationship, and he was one of the early ones talking about him and I've come to know this is an excellent competitor. And little moments like that, that don't show up on the stat sheet. The people inside the locker room wall certainly notice plays like that.”

On if C/G Lucas Patrick is now the starting center:

“Yes.”

On what the decision-making process is like for roster moves and if GM Adam Peters has the final say on the roster:

“Yeah, Adam does. We collaborate on what we need, you know, especially in a week like this, that there's some extra discussions that we have, not just in the mornings, but now in the afternoons and the evenings as well some days. But yeah, that's Adam, and I'm leaning with him as hard as I can whenever he needs it.”

On what happens if the coaches have a different opinion than the front office on the roster:

“Yeah, if something like that came up, we would talk it through, you know. We haven't had a scenario like that. Like Adam's as completely supportive as you can imagine, especially in season. What do we think? What do we need? Like he's almost the other side to show that kind of support.”

On the challenges of needing to change the roster recently given the injuries:

“I think it's unfortunate, but it's part of the gig of playing, especially inside. Who can play center, who can play two positions, who can play guard, teams – [T/G Andrew] Wylie play right tackle, left. So, you try to do as much contingency planning as you can, and when that comes up, at least, you know, you've repped that, you've worked that. So, you hope those don't come, but you hope in the plan you wanna make sure you put guys into spots and then when that moment comes, they're ready to deliver. And that might be a guy like [LB Kain] Medrano when we had the unfortunate injury with [LB] Leo [Chenal], with [LB] Frankie [Luvu] already having been out. This is the space for him, for him to go again and go nail it.”

On what's been impressive about Patrick's performance since he's come in:

“Yeah. Speaking of personnel, I brought it up to Adam and to [Assistant GM] Lance [Newmark]. I thought after a training camp signing, I believe in week two, and to have a contribution that quickly, that's significant. He is a pro's pro of coming in, communication, calls. That group specifically has excellent connection. So, for somebody to come in new, it wasn't, ‘Okay, he's new.’ It was leaning in to help get him up to speed. So, I've certainly been impressed by what I've seen so far, the professionalism, the detail that he goes to. He's been an excellent in-season edition and when you have players like that, that adds value, man. It just sticks out to you in that way.”

On how confident he is going up against the Giants offense with someone like WR Malik Nabers:

“Yeah. The best of the best can move him around into different locations and I've seen them game plan and he's done that really throughout his career. I can remember like our first game playing outside, inside. That's a good matchup for a player to be able to go to different locations and likely are certainly able to do that. They had touchdowns where they were both from the same position, but touchdowns on different plays. So having awareness of premium players like that, it's a really big deal.”

On if they've talked about injury prevention at all:

“The people are working extremely hard to find to the reason of fact, as you're going through it. They put a lot of time in to get these guys back. But yes, that's on the front of our minds to dig in and they are. I can't provide any insights yet, but it's certainly something that's ongoing and hard at work to find. If there is any potential spot to make sure they can adjust it, we're going to. But as it sits today, I don't have one specific item that's, ‘Okay, if we stop doing this, X will happen.’ Not yet.”