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Head Coach Dan Quinn

Opening Statement

“Well, I spoke with the team and with the coaches today, and honestly just furious about our execution in the crucial moments of the game. We work really hard on these and it didn't look like that yesterday. And I'm pissed about it. So, I'll take you through overtime. We wanted to use some clock after getting into field goal range. There had been four kicks that had been missed in the game. So, burning some time is the smart call as you kick near the end of the game. With about 56 seconds, we hand it off to [RB] Rachaad White, and it took entirely too long from there on to execute our strategy from subbing, to clock awareness, to clocking the ball. And what I told the team and the coaches is it was a breakdown that can't happen. And our time today as the team was spent on the how and the why and making sure that it never does again. So, yesterday's ending was the biggest example, but we've got a lot of shit to clean up on from yesterday's game. And trust me, everyone in this building starting with me feels that urgency. So, let's open it up with questions.”

On what role he had on the headset and if having a first-time play caller in Offensive Coordinator David Blough factored into the miscommunication:

“It starts with me first off. No doubt about it. And so, in that scenario where you're calling at the start of a drive, in any two-minute drive, you talk about timeouts, you talk about field position, kick lines, distances that you need to get to. And so, it needs to be communicated then from me to David, who has last words with [QB] Jayden [Daniels] on each down, not just, you know, a start of a drive. And so, when there's that time, you wanna get to where the next one, we're able to clock and kick. And so, those are the ones in subbing and too slow with that. That's like – our execution was just off and that's more frustrating, honestly, when you put a lot of time into that moment and then not to have that come through, we're pissed.”

On if he's worried that the loss will affect the relationship between the players and coaches:

“I don't. I don't and the team meeting today, those are the examples that I know. And I know how tough our team is. And so, I got that across. The resilience, the toughness, they're able to handle adversity. We've got to get our execution nailed down. We have to, to be the team that we can be and we're capable of being. And that was the message that was loud and clear today. That has to be A, number one, top of the pile.”

On knowing how this league goes when there is losing and on his communication with the team's ownership after the game:

“I do know how the league goes. I'm well aware of that. [Managing Partner] Josh [Harris] and I, we talk regularly, before games, after games, after good games, after tough games. And that's a normal process for us. And trust me, no one is pleased with this outcome and where we're at. But the part that we do have those hard conversations, we're honest about where we're at and what we need to

fix and what we need to work on. And so, I like having that communication with him.”

On what the call on the headset to Daniels was on the final play:

“Yeah, just a play [that] if you execute it quickly, then you can get back on the ball and clock it. So, the execution of subbing and the slowness of that to go is entirely too long. Hindsight, don't sub, we can get back on the ball with the same group and do the same outcome, but it wasn't anything unorthodox or unusual. Our execution as an entire group in that 56 seconds down to when we weren't able to get it clocked, that's not the play selection, but yet the execution of all of it.”

On the team having softer coverage in the fourth quarter and DT Daron Payne dropping back in coverage during the New York Giants TE Isaiah Likely's fumble in the end zone:

“Yep. He's supposed to actually on that one. So, on a zero blitz, sometimes you'll have guys who will pop out and they're helpful for underneath crossers. So, it wouldn't show up on that play. That was a down the field throw to Likely, but it is effective when people are running man-to-man and pick routes that you have somebody inside. So that, Daron was right on point in the right space at the right location. Yeah, you wanna have a mix of zones where you have eyes on the quarterback and you wanna have some where you're matching. And I mean matching, it doesn't mean you're all man-to-man all the time, but you stay closely connected. And having the balance of both, is what you need. And in this game, just being able to close the door, man, and finish it out, that's really important to us. And I liked how for the most part, the game started defensively. I liked how even like Daron at the end finishing, getting the ball out in overtime, but there's spots in the middleman and in the end of the third and in the fourth of allowing touchdowns. Those are the things that when I'm speaking about our execution, the end of the game play is the one that's the glaring one from the game, but there's a number of spots in the fourth quarter that we thought offensively, defensively teams, like these are our chances to close the door,”

On his awareness of the outside noise:

“I know there's a lot when you get a lot of texts from people, but I'm not shut off to it, for sure. Look, everybody's, I'm right there in the middle of it. I know what the team is capable of so that, like, sometimes you can even be more knowing that there's an execution that we missed. Being an outfielder and you drop a fly ball with somebody on third base, and you want this execution to be what we work at, what we emphasize during the week. So look, man, my number one responsibility is [to] help the players and the coaches be at their best. And when we don't, I'm about it too, so that's where I'm at.”

On when the team works on game situations in practice:

“We do it on Wednesdays, before and in practice. Thursday at the end of practice, mostly a two-minute at the end of the game, some four-minute as well. And then we also do quite a bit on Saturday. So at least three of the four days we're doing some. And I also do one at a team meeting where on a Friday or a Saturday that I'll go around the league pointing out highlights of things that went about. So oftentimes you don't see some of the other games when you're playing and coaching. So, it gives me a chance to show what took place around the league from a game management standpoint. And we do penalties at that time too.”

On if the players knew on the last play that they didn't have any timeouts left:

“Yeah, I agree that the urgency in a lot of spaces wasn't to the spot. And I want to make sure that, you know, we may say what distances and kick lines at the start of it, and I'm the one that starts that communication, but it has to be everybody top down all the way through. From each play, this

is what we're gonna do next. So, we're talking a little bit ahead of the call. 'Hey, on the next one, we're gonna clock. The next one must out of bounds.' So having the conversations in the huddle, that's a big deal. And it definitely looked like the urgency of what I expected from us in that spot wasn't there, so that's the part that pisses you off the most."

On when they communicate that there are no timeouts left in situations like that:

"You do before the play, but not before the snap. So the headset does cut off, you know, at a certain time. So, you have time before, but not during or when it gets close to."

On how close he felt in the last play they were to winning and what happened:

"Yeah. The urgency to get in has to be way faster, you know, if we're going to sub. And what I said earlier was, this is one we don't need to sub and take the time to go back and forth with that. So, to get another yard or two, that's fine, we can go and clock it, but just the execution of this long in, this long out, onto the line, not nearly good enough, man."

On if Offensive Coordinator David Blough makes the play call in those final play moments:

"Yes. But again, all of that comes through me about what we can and can't do and give the guidelines. But yeah, Dave's the one that calls it, but I wanna make sure I'm clear on my guidelines too, so that's what this. A breakdown in a lot of ways. So, starts with me first."

On how he'll prevent yesterday's play to tie the game from becoming the defining moment of their season:

"Yeah. It's a good question. I don't catastrophize things, but I do wanna make sure that I don't minimize things either. And there are plenty of things for us to improve upon in this game and not just the last play. And so, I wanna make sure I'm always emphasizing that to the team about what we're capable of, what we need to work on. But by no small margin, it was the execution, man. And that's what I want us as players and coaches to absolutely drill down, nail it, because when you have this, it gives a bad taste in your mouth. And you wanna, like in our team meeting today, we laid out the plan of how to go play our best at San Francisco. I do wanna make sure I'm expressing what we're teaching, but at the same time, also point to what we need to get done."

On what he wants to say to fans who have lost confidence in him as a coach:

"Yeah, I'm just as pissed too. Like this is a really hard loss, man. And I have a lot of faith in who we are as an organization, ownership, coaching, players, so I'm very much looking forward to getting back on the field Monday night."

On if there was an option to throw a pass down the field on the final play:

"If you had more time on the clock, it would be, yeah. So, under normal circumstances from 56 seconds down to that, if you had 25, 26, yeah, that'd be in a good spot. When you have less than that, then everything gets trickled down where you would have less. But yeah, you're on it. If you had more time, all that's viable. When you have less, everything gets compounded."

On if any injuries came out of that game and on if WR Stefon Diggs or S Nick Cross have any injury updates:

"Yeah, I'll give you a better update on Thursday for this week. But I am encouraged based on what I'm hearing from medical reports, of the rehab of how it's going. But I'll give you a better update when I get to Thursday about what practices look like with them."

On if everyone finished the game with no injuries at all:

“[OLB] Javonte Jean-Baptiste hurt his pec and we're trying to still gain information on that.”

On how they're working to avoid pre-snap penalties:

“Yeah, the pre-snap ones, that's it. And we had three false starts in the game. So, we're working through cadence, changing plays, and we're gonna continue to work that. We'll continue with the extra official on the line of scrimmage plays. I can fight through an aggressive foul. There was, you know, a face mask. And I don't want them. I don't. I wanna make that clear too. But it's the pre-snap ones that I wanted to make sure we could eliminate. And so, to have three, this number, it has to go down. So that's part of our execution to make sure this is the call, this is the cadence, and make sure the discipline is right on those two.”

On if headset communication is recorded to review after a game:

“We don't do specifically that. We do write up and then go back and review conversations, situations, the film, and the R&D department goes along with that. As far as the communication to go, I wanna make sure that's up for me, you know, at the top. This is what's happening, this is what we need to get done, and we'll continue to work really hard on that. We definitely have ways to simulate it. That's one way we have and will continue to do.”

On if someone replaced Washington Commanders former Senior Vice President of Football Initiatives Dave Gardi:

“Yep. We actually split it into two roles. So, we hired Kevin Brown from the NFL from Dave's background on replay and officiating. So, Kevin had been a replay official and we worked hard to find that side of the replacement. And then on the coaching and game management and analytics side, Connor Nickol, who was here. This will be going into his fourth season here, has worked closely with the offense and with David [Blough and Dave Gardi], assists with that. So, we divided it into two areas of expertise.”