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Head Coach Dan Quinn

Opening Statement:

“Wanted to start off with some news on Terry. He tore his patellar tendon. He’ll get surgery and he’s going to miss the rest of the season. So, had a chance to speak with him last night on the plane and again after testing today and man I’m gutted for him. He’s a captain and one of our real leaders. And so, we’re all here to support him. That was certainly tough news. I’ll fill you in a little bit on team meeting and what I discussed with the team. They’re still continuing to go through the game now to close the chapter on San Francisco and I also gave a quick assessment from the first six that haven’t gone as planned. And have had a season of adversity in six games and so the reset, the response is what I’m most looking forward to. But I’d also say as a staff, you can bet, that as a staff and as a team, we’ll work our ass off to become more decisive, more exacting and stronger in the execution, we need that. This week as a bye is a chance for you to look even more closely at why we’re in this situation and like how we’re gonna do things to absolutely get our way out of it. So, for a stretch last night we saw the way, and now for me how do we sustain for four quarters of football? And that’s a must. So, with all that said, glad to open it up to you.”

On injury updates on DT Javon Kinlaw and WR Treyton Burks:

“I don’t have those yet with the late return. Some of the imaging is still going on. So, on Monday, I can give you some of the updates there and potentially some people working back as well. But I wanted to give you the update on Terry.”

On the significance of McLaurin being out for the season and if the wide receiver room is stable enough to absorb the loss:

“I haven’t gotten that far down the road yet, but man, he brings a lot, on and off the field. And I felt him in so many unique ways this season from training camp to in season and like for him to even like start the game like he did, I thought was significant. So, we do have a deep crew at that position, and we’ll lean in on a number of the guys to find some of the unique roles that Terry does.”

On WR Van Jefferson or WR Jaden Bradley potentially being signed from the practice squad:

“Yeah. Van would be somebody like we’ve already done once and I agree that he had an excellent camp to go. And Jaden as well, you feel some of the deep plays with Jaden, and that’s some of the unique things that Terry has as well. Burks has some of that, [WR] Dyami [Brown] has some of that. And so, probably to follow up, there are guys who have the over-the-top speed. Terry’s superpower is really on the contested catches. And that’s one of the things that makes him excellent. But it’s a big hit and we’ll lean on a number of guys.”

On the importance of the team having a strong performance in the second half of the game:

“Yes and I was surprised we started as slowly as we did. I loved the week. I liked where we set ourselves up to go and just to come out and not have the first half that we wanted was certainly

disappointing. It felt worse at the half than what it was. And let's get back into it. From about the middle of the third quarter on, I liked the switch. I liked the aggressiveness of what I had saw. It was interesting, defensively I've been starting fast. This is just the opposite of where the second half was so much stronger. And I'm excited to see our team get in sync for the whole time. When I've seen it in spurts, I saw it in a half last night. And to me, that's when we're gonna be at our best. There was parts of that in Seattle and parts of that in many other games. But man, truly, that's, like, to me, that's the secret sauce. That's what I'm digging into as hard as I can to make sure that stays consistent the whole way through, man."

On what he saw from the offensive line throughout the game and if they have their set group for the rest of the season:

"Yeah, I wouldn't say that. I thought this performance was below the standard that we've set for ourself at offensive line. And that's gonna continue to look and find the right combination. So, I wasn't pleased. With the standard that we have set for our group, and I don't think we met that yesterday. I thought we left ourselves short."

On what specifically he wants to see improve the most from the offensive line:

"No. I wouldn't say there was one. I would say the pass blocking probably always shows up more if there's a hit or a sack to go. But if you're really in sync it's both of them. And moving people off the line of scrimmage, establishing that in the pass protection game, some of it's splits, pickup, some of it could be just a stunt or just pure, pocket presence. And so, to miss too many times on that, I wasn't pleased with that."

On his evaluation of Offensive Coordinator David Blough so far through six games:

"Yeah. So, a couple things that I like and couple things that, as we're heading into this bye, what do we wanna dig into? I think that's an important part. I like where we're at with our taking care of the football. It sounds like, 'Okay, yeah, no shit.' But it's a really big deal. And so, for us, the only way you get in the plus is creating them on defense and taking care of it. I am very much looking forward to finding more things that we can absolutely hang our hat on day in, day out, over and over. And so, the more that [QB] Jayden's [Daniels] back, the more we can get into that flow, I am excited to see that. I like that we have a package that can work at the line of scrimmage of getting in and out of some plays. But overall, I'd love to see more explosive plays from us. When we hit those we're hard to deal with."

On what changes he's looking to make now:

"Yeah, I think you wanna just dig deep to find what are some answers? And some of them as long as we're going through the whole process, we get to this tweak that could be something smaller, what makes us more decisive? What makes us more exacting in things? And sometimes that can mean streamlining to say, 'These are the eight things, 10 things that we're gonna, like hit over and over.' And if we do that, that's what I'm looking forward to over these next few days to make sure this is moving forward and hang our hat onto these. And as the first part of the season goes, there's some trial and some error, but now that we're this far along, no more trial. This is how we wanna get down."

On what he's looking for to maintain consistency with the defense:

"Yeah, I think number one, it always like it's the pre-snap, can you win at that? And that can mean urgency, call selection, and getting these guys cleats in the grass to go play decisively and fast. So, that's number one at the top of my list to make sure all the calls that we have are able to go and do that. Third down can be a bigger menu, both sides. Offense is check, defense is more, but on the

first and second downs that's what I'd like to see. I'm like a lot of what I've seen in the run game, but overall, too many explosives for me in the pass game to make consistently good defense quarter after quarter, drive after drive. So, we're gonna work really hard to eliminate as many of those as we can. And a lot of those are in the passing game, and if we get better in our pre-snap, that could be disguise, that could be just call communication or front, back, forward. We're gonna dig in on that hard."

On if players will lose reps if mistakes keep occurring:

"100 percent. And that's part of having responsibility and accountability as a teammate, as a coach, and so making sure this is how we say we're gonna do it, and this is how it has to be done. And that would be no different than any other time, but that has to be established, and it is here. So, if that is what's required, then that will be what is done."

On what it means to have the team back him up and support him as their coach:

"Well, first off, this is a special group. They are resilient, they are tough, and they also know as bad, as difficult and frustrated as we are, there's also a golden opportunity this year in our division, and it's gonna take the whole year. And so, I think they know that, and they're gonna fight their ass off every time to make sure, we're gonna give ourself the best chance to do that. It's my job as the coach to set the whole thing to say environment, strategy of how to go about taking that on after this bye, and I'm very much looking forward to doing it with these guys. Like, I absolutely believe in them."

On their strength on turnover margin but it not translating to wins:

"Yeah, I think it really attributes to kinda like what we were saying earlier. I saw two quarters of what that can look like of complementary football together, and man, do we need this whole thing nailed down together? And that's really the whole group being in sync, you know? Get a stop, field position, the change. You know, we had one takeaway yesterday. I think we had three or four in a punt. So that's what I'm looking for to make sure, like not just doing your job, but knowing everything that we're doing together is to help our team run at its most optimum level. And the turnover margin's a big piece of that, and we're not backing off of that one bit. I know that tide will turn once I see the whole game executed at the level that we like."

On what the bye week consists of in evaluating where they're at as a team:

"Yeah obviously, different things. What do you need to work? What do we need to go through? We do need one physically to heal up, but also mentally too, to make sure there's a reset that can take place. And we need that to happen, and sometimes taking a step back can be exactly what you need. You're in the thick of it. As a team, as a coach, and a player, like our times together are really intense. And so, when we get those moments to breathe and then take a step back, what do you wanna focus on coming back? It's important. I think most people say, 'Oh, this is just when we needed the bye to happen.' Well, in this case, in this year, this is one that we need knowing what's ahead."

On if he feels a major change is needed or smaller tweaks:

"Yeah, I think it feels smaller to me, only because we've been digging in. We had a little bit of an extra day last Monday that we spent quite a bit of time on that. So, I've been pushing that envelope with the staff to get us a little more streamlined, a little more, you know, things that we can nail at a big spot. I would say it's more tweaks, but after I go through there's gonna be some things that will look different when we come back. It's not gonna be a new system, it's not gonna be new plays, but

I do think you'll feel the systems be more precise.”

On assessing the team this week and the difficult conversations he might have:

“Yeah, I think you wanna get a root at, ‘Okay, what things need changing, what needs things need to stay the same?’ And as you're going through that, sometimes it may feel a little more streamlined to execute better, and then we can add on more as we go. Other times, it might mean expanding a certain part of your package to be a little bit more diverse or less predictable. And so, not one is exactly the same, but what I do know is that I don't just rely on just this stat or this number, like what does the film tell us? You might have played something just right and they beat you and that's okay, or if you don't have enough reps at something, that could show on the film. So, it's a pretty deep dive to make sure that if we're gonna run these things, this is what excellence is needed.”

On their strong practices not carrying over into gametime success:

“Yeah, and as I'm looking for the practice, first off, there's some KPIs that I'm looking for, where are we at on the football and takeaways and what's our tackling and breaking tackles? I do dig into the fundamentals quite a bit. I also wanna make sure from an assignment standpoint, you know, how many were correct or incorrect, what technique or a scheme change. So, when it gets into the game, what do you do when the picture changes? And I think that's a big part of playing and coaching to say, ‘Okay, this is how they had played it in a certain week. This is how it's changing now.’ So, I think that's the next step as a team to adjust when it needs adjusting, stay consistent with what you're doing, but it's not gonna always look like the last game. I think that's kind of the fun of coaching that you're ready for the adjusting. I think early on in my coaching career, I wanted it to go just so. Now you kind of expect, ‘Okay, this is different. Here's the adversity. I've been kind of waiting on it,’ and then you're ready to adjust.”

On Daniels' decision on that fourth down to throw the ball away and on his play overall:

“Yeah, I talked to him. I'll go work backwards. On the penalty, even when you know there's a penalty, you still take your shot, man, to go throw it, complete it. You don't know if it's gonna get picked up. So that was what I expressed to him and as he's going through seasons and learning, these are all the ones that I don't wanna wait till the next day to talk to him about, like, you hit right into the moment where we're gonna hit. I thought, like most things with him, there's some plays that you said, that's an incredible throw. And there's other ones I'd love him to stay through the look to go. I knew in this game that with the team speed, this was gonna be a more scramble to throw game against San Francisco. They played more zone, they'd be back deeper to go. So I was hoping to see more of that, but as he's growing into it, more reps with David, more into the system. I'm expecting, you know, his out-of-pocket plays to continue. For him to run keepers off our play action game, that's a big part of things for us, and I'm looking forward to seeing him continue to develop with that. He always can make some throws that just kinda leaves you thinking, ‘Man, there it is. There's only a few guys that can make that throw or that play,’ and he can do that. But I'm looking forward to working with him as we're gonna grow through it. And part of this self-scout is looking to see the things and communicate with him too, to say, ‘All right, these are things that we wanna do more of, and these are things potentially to do less of.’”