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Head Coach Dan Quinn

Opening Statement:

“I'll start off with some [injury] updates. [WR] Trey[lon] Burks will be working back into practice as we get started today. [DT] Javon Kinlaw is not trending as fast as we had hoped, so he'll continue to work rehab with his knee. Give you some updates as I get through the week, but not for today. And then on a good sense, [QB] Marcus Mariota and [DE] Charles Omenihu will be back at practice and working into today. So those are some of the updates I have. And as far as the bye, I thought it was a much needed reset in a lot of ways. We did a self-scout in all three phases separately, and then that's up to me to also do one collectively, you know on our complementary football. So coming out of that, I like our fight and our intensity to match our levels of execution and play like we're capable of for all four quarters. There's been this half and that half. I know there's always ebbs and flows of the game and talked about that to the team, but specifically what needs to get done to go win the game. And I'm really excited to get rolling with the guys today and ready to get rolling with you as well. So, if you wanna kick it off, we'll get rolling.”

On why they brought on Steve Wilks and if they considered bringing someone in on the offensive side too:

“Yeah, on the offensive side, we felt we had, with [Offensive Pass Game Coordinator] David [Raih]'s role as a pass game coordinator, that would be something that he would assist with in terms of the game plan. I've been pleased with what I've seen there. As far as, on the defensive side, it was something [Defensive Coordinator] Daronte [Jones] and I had discussed some during training camp as we got there. And then it took a little while. There's a number of candidates that we like and you can imagine some guys that wanna help and be a part of things. So just took a little while, and Steve has some responsibility still that he works toward the end of the week. To have him with us and coaching on the early part of the weeks, I thought that just made too much sense, good football coach and allowing him to be a part of stuff at the beginning of the week when we're game planning was the easiest fit as there could be.”

On losing some experienced coaches last season and on if bringing in Wilks was in part to address that:

“It was something that we had discussed early on with Daronte as we were in training camp. We were talking about a couple guys who could add value and be the right fit for him and for us. So, Steve was the name we kept coming back to in terms of how he would add value. It's not so uncommon for this role to be used for a number of teams. And I'd done it before as well, where somebody might help get ahead on some ideas and some thoughts. I thought this was the appropriate time to put it into action, but it'd been a name and someone that we've been in contact with for a few weeks.”

On making sure CB Trey Amos doesn't feel like there's added pressure on him:

“First off, man, was it awesome to have him back playing. You got from the time going through the

spring, getting himself ready for training camp and then only to be out there for maybe a day or a day and a half or something quick to have a re-injury, that can take a toll on you. So to see him, I'm telling you, one of the coolest things was there was no flinch in this competitor. And it's easy to drift when you're gonna be out for an extended period, and there just wasn't. That's why he was able to really step in and play quickly, just because he wouldn't allow that drift to take place. And I'm certainly proud of him for that. But no, nobody has to put the cape on. We have to play like we're capable of, for sure. But it definitely is a big deal for him to be back. We were close the week prior, but we knew, man, we want him back from here on. And we took a good first step with that."

On his thoughts on people saying Daniels isn't taking enough risks to make big plays in the passing game:

"I think in certain games it is accurate to that. That's kind of the blessing and the curse of when do I scramble? When do I move out? When do I go? So, I think those are fair comparisons when you see a window like, 'Hey, man, this is the time to go let it rip.' One of the things I appreciate from Jay is he puts the ball in the right location when it's contested or when it's not. And certainly, on some of the deep ball shots, I think that's one of the sweet spots for him in terms of where he can throw. But, if you're putting the whole thing together, I think, let's call it the three games or so, three and a half games, which ones did we like, which ones do we wanna improve on, and where we're growing. I think that's true with Jay, that's true with David [Blough], ourself, kinda offensively, these are the things we like and these are the things that now we get to go tweak to move forward. There's no more trial and error. This is how we gotta go get it done. But with Jayden, I think always like his accuracy. As far as contested throws, that a lot of times happens on the man-to-mans, the pressures when you're trying to deny the ball. It's something that we all work at hard. But yeah, I think if you're looking at the whole body of work, when's your shot, when isn't? That's what comes to my mind first."

On having time as a team to decompress during the Bye Week while also self-scouting:

"Yeah, the first part, I'm not ready to yet. You wanna keep diving in, you find this rhythm that you wanna stay into. So, before you get to take the big picture, I think you wanna close the chapter on the game first. That's important. Like, you can't just look ahead and 'All right, what did we like? Why was the first half better than the second half? You know, what moments did we like? What ones do we want?' Then I think that's when you shift. And so, from the big picture, after you get the two or three things that you wanna emphasize, what are the action items that you do to put those in place? And some may be a communication issue that you're wanting to trim down and take away things to make it more streamlined and more effective. Something might be relative to a certain coverage that, we're gonna play this X amount of times to get it right, or out it goes. And so those are some of the decisions that you make because it's not all numerical. You wanna look at the context of the film. In other words, a dropped ball could look like a defensive win if you just put up this type of cover three or this type of cover two, but was it effective? No, there was a miss. And same thing on your offensive side too. Like having touchdowns called back for penalties, that sucks. It doesn't mean that the scheme was bad. Honestly, they were big calls to get made. So that's part of what the big deep dive is. Can be and you have to dig into the plays to go and then find out, all right, what needs more cohesion, what needs to be pushed to the side? And like most coaches say it came at the right time, but in this instance it did for us. We certainly know what's ahead over the next three games and all of them in the conference and two of them are in the division. So, our focus right now is just on Philadelphia. We call it a bonus Monday and a little bit of the stuff we get to apply and then get a jumpstart on our process."

On the energy of the team coming back from the Bye Week:

“Yeah, I think it was heavy the first few games, some adversity for sure. But, carrying that heaviness into after the game and discussing it of where you wanna get to we were all disappointed, obviously, about having some games go the other way. Then it turns into what do we need to do? And there's certainly players I kept up with over the last few days, by call or by text. And so, I think there was energy, optimism to kinda get started again. And although it was needed, some guys have been playing as tough as you can imagine, but it was needed at this time for us, for sure.”

On what gives him the belief that there's hope for the rest of the season:

“Yeah. I think one, you have to demonstrate it, but belief is really powerful. You know that, you've heard me talk about it. Some more powerful than even knowing, but knowing that you're capable of doing these things. And so, my belief in them as a group is really strong. I've seen the practice habits, and that's why knowing that we've been in every game and just, I haven't loved all four quarters together, that's what we're chasing, and that's what I'm certain we're gonna get after. And when we do that, beginning this week I think that will really show what we're made of and why we can be an excellent football team. But it'll take the whole thing. It'll take the whole time, like, knowing this, this stretch of two division and the conference games on a Thursday night, it'll test us, but we're ready for it.”

On WR Stefon Diggs' health and if his workload will change with WR Terry McLaurin out for the season:

“Stef is doing well. Workload shouldn't change as much. I think it'll be others that would climb up more. [WR] Antonio [Williams] is one that you'd see getting more targets to go. So, we'll look through the week as we're gonna go, but I like Stef, especially on the options, the third downs, the things that he can do. And so, I would say the natural progression is probably Antonio some more, not necessarily the same spot, but a higher volume.”

On observations of the offensive line over the break and on changes he wants to make:

“Yeah, I think more strategy than personnel as we're going through that topic. Especially in the run game, how do we utilize all of it more? And that could mean all 11, the blocking tight ends, receivers, the quarterbacks carrying out fakes, all of it. But I wanna make sure, more than anything, that the finishing of run plays, that's noticeable to you in the weeks ahead, downfield blocking, the finishing at the pile, moving the pile forward, the two-yard run that can turn into four. Those are the ones that I wanna make sure not every run is gonna go clean and big, but trust in our tracks that we're on, and then finishing blocks down field, those are two specific ones that I've really got my mind ready to watch it.”

On an injury update on RB Jacory Croskey-Merritt:

“Yeah, so onto the groin for him. It's something that he's gonna continue to work through, and because of the injuries we had with his groin, we're gonna make sure that this thing is fully healthy and fully strong to be able to really get going. So that's what we're looking forward to for him. But in the meantime [with him being on Reserve/Injured], with [RB Austin] Ek [Ekeler] and having [RB] J-Mac [Jeremy McNichols] back and then obviously in working with [RB] Rachaad [White], that'll be the future for this week.”