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QB Jayden Daniels

On WR Terry McLaurin being out for the season and how they'll adjust:

"I'll answer your second question first. On the field is just next man up mentality. It's an unfortunate circumstance, the situation that we're in. You never want to deal with injuries and I know how hard Terry worked to get back from what he was dealing with last year and to have countless conversations with him. And obviously it sucks and that's just what he has to deal with right now, adversity. But I just think to the locker room to everybody, it's a blow, because Terry, just his energy, his presence, his leadership, just what he means to this organization. Having him deal with that is, it's gonna sting for a little bit, but you know, we gotta hold it down while he's gone."

On WR Antonio Williams' growth so far:

"I think he's still learning, week in and week out. It's still so much for him to learn, so much to grow for his game and the best reps that you could get out there over the playing time. So, he's gonna continue to fail, he's gonna continue to succeed and grow, and I'm excited for him and his future."

On having RB Austin Ekeler back and the value he brings:

"I just think that he's seen a lot of ball. His decisiveness, being a veteran and just his quickness out the backfield. He's sudden and he's very decisive within his route. So, he helps out and just the leadership thing, whether it's protection and run schemes and stuff like that. He just understands the whole concept of things."

On his comfortability with the new offense:

"I think my comfort level is there. I think I still have room to grow and improve within the scheme and how we wanna attack, play in and play out. You know, having myself and everybody on the same page so we could execute the play at hand. So, I think it's still room to grow for me."

On specific areas he wants to improve in:

"I just think the over-communication within the scheme of everybody being on the same page from the o-line to myself to tight ends, receivers, backs, make sure everybody's on the same page and everybody kinda understanding the full picture of things, and not their individual route or anything like that. Understand this concept or this play, this route versus this coverage could potentially get this route open and everybody just being on that same page included."

On how much more he feels is on his plate now with the new offense:

"I'd say just having the urgency, from myself and obviously everybody else, the subbing and stuff like that. The urgency in and out the huddle is kind of the biggest thing for me where I could grow even more, just getting up to the line of scrimmage and giving us more time to go out there and dissect and have an idea what the defense is presenting and what they're doing. And I think that's

kind of just the biggest thing, like the communication in and out the huddle.”

On where they’re looking to tweak things offensively:

“Just my urgency in and out the huddle.”

On what was discussed during the bye week between him and Offensive Coordinator David Blough and Head Coach Dan Quinn:

“I would say the biggest thing, the first thing that pops in my mind is we sat down and, how fast can we sub and, you know, the play call and obviously that helps with my process of getting in and out the huddle. I think that's kind of the biggest thing and I gotta be better when I get the play call of going up there and be able to paint the picture for everybody. They gotta do their job too, so everybody has to do their job, right? But I say that's kinda like the biggest thing that we talked about.”

On how collaborative and constructive conversations with Blough tend to go:

“he's very receptive to anything I talk about. He's always constantly asks me, ‘Do I like this? What don't I like? What do I like?’. And that's kinda just the relationship that we built. Obviously, he's the first-time coordinator, but he's been here for three years, so we built that rapport over these three years. So, we know that we both have a common goal. We wanna win and we wanna go put our best foot forward.”

On if being in the spotlight feels different this year than in the past:

“Nah, I mean, just not really the biggest fan and I've never been the biggest fan of being in the spotlight. It's always about the team and not really myself. And I never wanna put that on myself, but now it's just something I just gotta deal with and I don't, I really, I'm not gonna say I don't really care. Obviously, everybody has an opinion, but it doesn't change my process, doesn't change my routine and who I know myself to be and who I am as a competitor, as a person and human being in this locker room.”

On criticism around his play style and needing to be more aggressive against the San Francisco 49ers:

“I mean, everybody's gonna have their opinion and stuff and there's stuff I could've been better at and I didn't play a perfect game at all. And I'm not one to say I went out there, I played the most perfect game and I didn't miss anything [and] I don't have no room to grow or improve. So, I'm constantly always my biggest critic, win, lose, or draw, you know, after a game. If I have a great game or have a bad game, I'm always my biggest critic is always plays I felt like I left out there and there's plays that I made and you just try to minimize that gap.”

On how working under center has been going for him and improvements that need to be made in certain situations under center:

“Yeah, I'm comfortable running and it's all on me. I gotta push off and get away from center, so, you know, it's on me.”

On maintaining a positive outlook in tough situations:

“I mean, to our benefit we still have an opportunity to shift our season and try to win a division. And you gotta not really look at that, but you gotta take it day by day and kinda have that optimistic mindset of you're gonna go out there once one gets wrong, hopefully a lot more follow. So, you just gotta take the process day by day and not really try to focus on the outcome. We know what's out

there, like, we're not blind to that, but it's just day by day and as soon as you start thinking about that and you get out of your process, your routine, that's where you kinda get all messed up."

On if this Sunday's game has more weight than usual:

"For sure. Yeah, for sure."

On how he would describe the current identity and personality of the team:

"I think identity, like, we're never out to fight. I would think that we fight to the end. People are just gonna go out there and compete, right? But I just think we gotta do better of playing. I said this after the game, we gotta do better of putting a complete game together and we have yet to do that."