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Offensive Coordinator David Blough

On QB Jayden Daniels having no interceptions but if that means he should make riskier plays:

"I think his superpower is how he protects a football. And you never wanna take that away from him. And at the same time, you go back and look at every snap and see where we can improve. So, whether it's changing how we're reading a concept or seeing something that might show up on tape, we try to evaluate everything as we go back and look at the, I guess, three and a half games he's gotten. So, you know, we're happy with where he's at. There's always room to improve. So, looking forward to continue that process."

On TE Chig Okonkwo being back and the production from the tight end group:

"He's playing at a high level right now. First and second down, he's been really rolling. We're trying to get him in space and he certainly has made the most of his opportunities. So, things that we saw on tape as we got him in free agency and then really even into OTAs, we're trying to highlight for him and certainly wanna get him involved more, all 60 minutes in the plan."

On WR Antonio Williams' progression so far as a rookie and stepping up in the absence WR Terry McLaurin:

"I think, you see his process refining, right? As you're a rookie and you come into this league, you continue to develop in so many different areas. And so, it's been route running and details and splits and then the ball finds him, right? That's what you can't deny about him. And, we're really happy with where he's at and he'll certainly get more of target share and snap count just by nature of the business with Terry's absence."

On RB Austin Ekeler jumping back in for the London game and how they prepped him quickly:

"He's a true professional. We're lucky we've got a bunch of guys just like that. As we move forward, his role continues to increase and we have to do a good job using him to his skillset too. So, the opportunities will continue to come for him and he'll be ready because he's worked really hard with [Running Backs] Coach [Anthony] Lynn and [Assistant Running Backs] Coach [Jesse] Madden to be able to pick it up with somewhat of a new system for him and be ready to play. And he'll be ready when his number's called."

On if he had to call out specifics for Ekeler before a play in London to stay on track since he was new to the system:

"No, he studied hard. We certainly, there were probably 15 or 20 plays out of a hundred play game plan that he was very specifically ready for, but every week he's continued to add more to his plate."

On if he worked with anybody during the bye week to get fresh eyes on his offense:

"We did a pretty deep dive as an offensive staff and kind of feel good about what we came back with. And, there have been some good changes that we've already seen going this week and trying

to just allow the guys to play faster and simplify a few things to let them go cut it loose. I'm excited to take some of the things that we learned to kind of push forward with it."

On what he's discussed with Daniels to help improve his urgency:

"Yeah, I think the introspective kind of reflection on myself is, I get an opportunity to kind of be the best caddy in the world for him. And how can I set him up for success as best as possible? And then, the challenge for him in a new system, new operation, is to go out there every time and be the best in the world at the things like the operation, the cadence, the shifts, the motions that take no talent, because he's certainly got that in him. Excited to continue over the next 11 weeks to just build on that and help him grow in that area."

On Daniels' comfortability with the new offensive system:

"Growing. You know, I would say it's growing from where it's been and the more times you get more reps in a system, the more time you say the words, the play calls, the formations, the personnels. He's gonna continue to get more comfortable. So, we expect right now in game seven, we'll expect significant improvement into game 10, and the same will be true into game 14 and game 17, and hopefully beyond that, you know? So we get to continue to refine our process as much as anything. You kind of look back and see where first I can improve, our staff can improve to help our players improve."

On his biggest takeaways so far on what's working and what's not:

"I think without giving too much away, there's some things we can do in personnel groupings to help just allow the players who are on the field to play a little bit faster. So communication improves, simplifying some things there. And then, the biggest hangup for us as a unit so far has been third and fourth down. We gotta be able to, when everybody knows we're gonna throw it, we gotta be able to hit our landmarks, protect, throw, catch, coach, play better. Coach and execute better at that point."

On being such a collaborative coach and if he had that quality previously as a player:

"I think, yeah, seeing how I would've liked things done in the past has certainly shaped our experience currently. And I've seen it done a bunch of different ways and have tried to pull from some of those best ways. And then it'd be foolish not to lean on [QB] Marcus [Mariota] or not to lean on, [OT] Laramy [Tunsil] or different guys who have been doing this at a really high level for a really long time to shape what we currently have now, and this 26th version of the commanders. So, we continue to refine it. That's the best part is it's collaborative, but we truly believe that a good idea knows no rank and we'll refine it as we see it today on Thursday, into next week, Sunday night, whatever we need to do to have success."

On Daniels working on getting out of the huddle faster:

"We've spent a lot of time, you know, refining that process. So, if it's simplifying the personnel names, the groupings, so that everybody's very clear to be able to line up and get out of the huddle, execute faster, we're trying to eliminate the things that have shot ourselves in the foot, from the shifts and penalty, illegal formation, the things that have kind of put us behind the sticks that have made those third downs tough. We're doing all that to eliminate that process and help Jayden and the group go play fast and physical like we like."

On the difficulty of being a play caller and not having everyone 100% comfortable with the new playbook:

“Yeah, we would love for it to be perfect right now. We know that's not the case. We knew it wouldn't be the case in April but we the best part about it is we get to go out there today and make it a little bit better. It should be better Sunday night, should be better going forward. And that's on us to, to be able to give them the answers to go make that happen.”

On the spotlight being on him as a quarterback compared to now as an offensive coordinator:

“I'm probably more naive than most would think in regard to that. So, I know it certainly happens, but we understand it's all certainly noise and it is a week to week league. Our players understand that. So, we try to focus on what our process is daily practice looks like today to go be able to put a good product on the field and something that we're proud of as we kind of hold it to our standards.”

On the success of the run game and working to strengthen blocks:

“Doing a deep dive on ourselves, man, it's so many different things together. And I think for our unit, we've talked a lot about the word trust, whether it's the center of trust in communication, the tackles and tight ends, trusting each other together on their combinations, the backs, trusting the tracks, the, the o-line, the quarterback, everybody tied together. So when we look at the run game, when we look at, you know, execution as a unit, we know it kind of comes back to trusting one another, and that's what we get to go out in an hour and a half or so and build, and hopefully, we get to see it come to life for the 60 minutes we get on Sunday.”

On the growth of success from the offense:

“You know, there's pieces, right? And there've been certainly quarters of excellent play. There have been halves of excellent play and, you know what's in there. And then there's been times where we've gotten in our own way and we have to go forward and continue to string 60, like, for the first time, really string 60 minutes of good football together as a unit. There's been excellent play at every spot at different points, but we know how interdependent the game is. We have to do it consistently.”

On what WR Van Jefferson brings to the team:

“I mentioned the word trust, and when I think about Van, that's the word that comes to my mind. Since he's been here, he's been a true pro. Everybody in this building trusts him. So, if he's needed on Sunday, we all trust him and know that he will be where he's supposed to be.”

On the number of penalties they've had and if he knows what the illegal shift rule is exactly:

“I have a full understanding, yes, but you know, we haven't been clean enough operationally to kind of nip that from occurring to us. Or so, you know, it's happened to u a good handful of times, and and so we have to, continue to clean up and refine our operation at the line of scrimmage. And I think every time we get to take the field, as long as we're correcting it, coaching it hard, players taking, it will continue to get better. , I think it has been made a point of emphasis, but if we're doing what we're supposed to be doing, we shouldn't see it show up against us.”

Good morning, Coach. Morning. How would you describe the personality of your offense? Uh, not systematically, but the guys.

On how he'd describe he personality of his offense:

“Personality of the group. I think you saw it in the second half. We truly believe you're never out of a fight. Like these guys, the efforts never dipped. We're gonna continue to challenge to bring the

execution up to the level of the fight. And that's what we've been preaching this week. And there's an urgency for us to do that at an all-time high. So, I think, that's where we're at right now, and we're gonna continue to refine the details as we go forward into this one.”

On this group's personality compared to past groups he's worked with:

“I think every team's different, you know, like the running back room looks different than it did last year. The O-line room looks different based on pieces that come in and out. So, it's about us finding, okay, how can we be explosive? How can we take care of the football? How can we put points on the board? And as coaches, you know, our staff's different, so it's up to us to figure that out to solve the problems we're running into.”

On the growth of the connections between Daniels and Williams:

“I do think it's growing. I think Antonio wants to refine his process and everybody who has seen him here has seen him wanting to be in the right spots, wanting to do what's right, wanting to get Jayden's feedback on how he sees the game. It's always a collaborative conversation between the quarterback and the pass catchers. So, I see it every day in practice, and then when you make the big plays, like he did the first time we played Philly and even into the kind of the crunch time on Monday night last week. Trust grows in that way as well. So, you just coach him hard and he'll continue to kinda respond to that well”

On where he thinks Daniels has progressed and what he wants to see more of from him:

“Yeah, full transparency, working out of the huddle, working personnel groupings, you know, a little bit longer play calls is somewhat of a first experience for him even in his third year. So there has been a lot of growth there and still so much good to come. And then I think,, as we continue to grow, as I continue to grow, I reflect on how can I communicate with him every time we're in a third down and every time we're in a two minute, how can we put ourselves in the best position possible to continue to have success because he has certainly been excellent.”