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Head Coach Dan Quinn

Opening Statement:
“All right, what's up guys? Get rolling with you guys. We're gonna rule two players out. That'll be [C] Lucas Patrick and [TE] Colson Yankoff. And past that, we're ready to get rolling. Today I did want to acknowledge today being Veterans Day. And our team represents the nation's capital and our armed forces and I'm proud of the work our team does to support our military and their families. With that, let's get rolling.”

On if having new coordinators is contributing to growing pains as the team is trying to progress in a new system:
“I'd say we're all frustrated. We wanna get to the bottom of that and get the things correct that we want. So, I'd say our time on task, there might be new people, some of the situations, they're not that different and familiar. So, we've got to be able to nail these, honestly. That's where we are at the halfway point. And so, no excuses on that part. This is part of the gig and how we have to get it done and we have to get these done. And against this team, we've had plenty that have come down. I was kind of showing the team all the end of the games from 2024 against the [New York] Giants, 2025 in our last game. So, five of the last games against them have come down to the end where it's four-minute to get a first down or seven field goals and everything in between. So, I expect that kind of close game again.”

On an update on WR Treylon Burks:
“It was due to get him ready. He had a good full [day] yesterday to get all the speed. So, it was in preparation for him playing tomorrow night.”

On how TE Chig Okonkwo has played this season:
“Yeah, that's good. I would say, I always felt like the speed on the play action [was there]. What I probably didn't know is like, he also has very good hands. And there's been some tough, contested catches, that it wasn't like I don't think he can, but it's nice to know that was something that was a part of it. Early he wasn't as featured on the third down at all based on [WR] Stef [Stefon Diggs] and [WR Antonio] Tone [Williams] and [WR] Terry [McLaurin], obviously. And so that's kind of shifted too. So, I think we're finding that that's another part of the game to keep developing.”

On what about this week gives him encouragement for Thursday night’s game:
“Well, number one, I love the process that the players just completed. To have a day like today where there was zero incompletions for the offense and the detail of what the red zone's gonna look like. We had some more on the third down. So, it was condensed, but sometimes that forces a little bit more sharpness in some ways. And I like the process that the team went through. We'll do a couple more meetings now and then we'll hit the road. But I do like the process that we just went through to get ourself ready to go.”

On somewhat being able to limit New York Giants RB Cam Skattebo in the October game against the Giants says about the defense:
“I think that it's been a little bit of him too in that way, meaning there's some plays that's the next one, the next one, the next one. So, making sure staying consistent with that. I think there was a good third down run that he had that was converted, but that's what he did back, you know, like more cracks at it, more times. He's always been somebody that feels like he gets a little stronger as the game goes. So, didn't think it was a big scheme change in that way.”

On the tight ends outside of Okonkwo not being very involved in the passing game and on if he thinks that will change in the second half of the season:
“Yeah, I am. And I would like that to be more certainly, because we're utilizing some of those personnel groups of two tight ends and three tight ends to go. I do like the group a lot. But it is something that, yeah, we want to see continue to elevate higher, for sure.”