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Coach Nick Sirianni Weekday Press Conference



Q. So the practice window opened for Bryce Huff. What what's your anticipation for how quick he can get back out there?

NICK SIRIANNI: We'll see. We'll see how the week goes. We'll see however long it takes. Actually know the practice window opened up; we'll see how it goes.

Q. How much does it help though if he's able to come back? Obviously you guys been using...

NICK SIRIANNI: Yeah, we feel good about the guys that have been playing and the amount of snaps they've been playing. Chuck has done a good job as well and we have a lot of confidence in him.

Cross that bridge when we get there. Yeah, I mean, Bryce is a good player. You know, we look forward to getting him back. Just don't know when that quite will be quite yet.

Q. Before the injury he probably wasn't super thrilled with the way his season was going. What did you see from him? How did he handle that?

NICK SIRIANNI: I think he actually has been a good teammate for us. He's had moments of playing well. I thought he was really doing a good job and making some plays.

I'm thinking back to the Dallas game, big sack he had. I think it was the Dallas game, right? Big sack. He's been able to get pressure. We're excited when we're able to get him back. Excited to have him back in there and rolling.

Q. You guys are always intentional about treating each game the same, preparing the same way. One of your goals coming into this season was to win the division and you can this week. Has that been brought up, talked about as you guys prep?

NICK SIRIANNI: No. No. I know we're pretty boring. We're getting ready to go play this game. We know that if

we do win this game that will happen. Really all we can focus on is our preparation. Haven't really talked about that. We'll talk about that when we're able to put the hat on or the T-shirt on there. That's when we'll talk about that.

Q. What has Doug Nussmeier brought to the table working with Jalen this year?

NICK SIRIANNI: I think he's an outstanding coach who played the position at a very high level in the NFL, big time college football. So Doug has been a great coach for a long time, too, in college and professional football. Coached a lot of good players. Has been a coordinator.

So again, I just think he's done a really nice job of coaching Jalen and coaching the other guys. I think he's fit in really well with our staff. Obviously him and Kellen have a prior relationship, and, yeah, really pumped that he's on our staff. He's a heck of a football coach and person and he's doing a great job.

Q. ...specifically where he's made a difference with Jalen?

NICK SIRIANNI: I think, again, when our players perform, all that credit goes to the players, but the coaches are behind the scenes helping those guys out and trying to help them play to the best of their ability.

So of course I'm not going to get into the specifics of what that is, but Doug is just a really good coach; consistently focused on the details of his drop, of the fundamentals of how to play and throw and the drop, footwork that goes with it. So all these things.

I think Doug is just a bulldog and is always, all right, here. Any time there is an issue or mistake or a footwork mistake he's going to be on it. I know that's something they talk a lot about.

Q. In relation to the staff, may be a little early to talk about this, but the Jets interviewing for their GM position made me think about it. You guys are playing well enough some teams may enquire about some people on your staff, coordinators. Given the history of that, how have you approached that, kind of succession plans in order?



NICK SIRIANNI: Yeah, again, we have been through that before. You're constantly trying to develop the guys that aren't the coordinators to be able to step into those roles if that were something that would be called upon. Your eye is always out for other guys that could be in play for that as well.

You know, again, we get to that and you always have to focus on -- I know I always say, hey, focus on the time being, where you are, all these things, but there are things you do have to focus on and think about in which case some of those things happen.

Yeah, that's something that I wouldn't say is on my mind heavy right now but we always -- going into the year as the year progresses you have plans on what you think you might do if those things happen.

Q. You defense has the lowest blitz rate in the NFL, yet it's number one. From an offensive minded coach's point of view, how does it affect you when a defense doesn't blitz a lot?

NICK SIRIANNI: And is able to be as productive? Yeah, I mean, that's a huge advantage as far as our defense. I think what happens when you blitz, some things that happen, again, many different ways to be successful as a defense.

If you look at all the defenses that have been top 5, I mean, they're all going to have their different styles. One thing as an offense that you think about when a team blitzes is there is one less guy to tackle your skill players if you are passing in that case once you get the ball in their hands.

I think back to our Green Bay game. They brought a pressure. The guy missed a tackle. Then there was less people there to chase down AJ.

Then also, same thing as the run game. After you get through the first level, there is differently blitzes that you can really -- again, one less guy to tackle when you do that.

Yeah, I think we've been really good at stopping explosive plays as a defense. You know, that's part of it. And we've done a good job there of tackling and playing different coverages in the secondary.

So, yeah, many different reasons. A lot of different ways to be successful. Our defense has been playing really good so far.

Q. When you have a sustained stretch of success, do you have to handle things differently when it comes to

corrections when you have that...

NICK SIRIANNI: Say that one more time.

Q. When you have a sustained stretch of success do you have to change your messaging at all when it comes to corrections?

NICK SIRIANNI: No.

Q. Do you have it tweak things?

NICK SIRIANNI: No. I think when you are making corrections, I mean, the tape is very black and white, right? Either I didn't do my job or I did do my job with. That's as a player, that's as a coach.

Things that we focus so much on as coaches is to paint the picture very clear so that the job requirement is very clear, right? And so showing them different looks, different pictures, things like that. Hey, here is the job requirement on this. When you meet the standard, whether that's in situational football, whether that's on a play design, whether on a play design versus a certain look, offensively or defensively, when you meet the standard you point it out and say, hey, this really good.

When you don't meet the standard, you correct it. I think that's something that you do no matter what. I know that sometimes you can even be harder on guys after wins and through stretches there because you're constantly trying to -- everyone is trying to get better, so nothing really changes.

Again, it's kind of our core value as accountability, our job as coaches is to be very clear and to do the things we need to do. Then their job as players is to live up to this standard.

So we talk about that and our corrections to the coaches and players are the same off that.

Q. You didn't face Marshon Lattimore the first time with Washington. Did with new Orleans. Has that changed up after what you saw expanding their coverages and changing up coverages?

NICK SIRIANNI: Yeah, it's been one game with him in there. He's a really good football player. You know, we've played against him in the past with our games against the Saints. Really outstanding football player. Probably a little bit too little of film to be able to say, hey -- because again, just been one game and you can see different things.

But, yeah, he's a really good player that would allow him to

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do different things like that because of how good he's played as a pro. So we'll have to be ready for him. This is a good defense we're going against.

Q. Spoke Monday about player development. How do you do that during the season when so much of the week is game plan specific, and what's Barwin's player develop program behind the scenes for you guys?

NICK SIRIANNI: Yeah, little things we do extra, again, not getting too much into that, but we talk about having meetings with just the scout team players to prep them for practice specifically on they're jobs for that so we get good looks as an offense.

A product of that, too, or as a defense or offense, a product of that is you're spending extra time with them coaching those guys up. We always try to find time at the end of the week, because when you go and you watch the offensive tape after practice or the defensive tape, you're watching your plays. You're not going back sometimes in the film room and showing the scout team.

So we're finding extra time to be able to do that with those guys as coaches. You know, and then extra periods that we have. We always have extra walk-through periods with just developmental at guys. We always have extra periods at the end of the week. Seven-on-seven, one-on-ones, different things like that with the developmental guys and individual periods specialized with them.

Again, just trying to continue to develop the guys that aren't necessarily playing. I think Connor does a good job spending that extra time with these guys as well grading the tape in different ways maybe a little differently than the coaches look at it.

But, again, you're trying to develop guys as much as you can. Again, going back, recruit, retain, develop. That's something that has been stuck in my mind for a long time just with what I was taught.

Howie and his guys have done a great job getting guys in here, and then our job as coaches is to develop them. That's not just as coaches. But through all the different departments we have in this building. Bob and his staff developing them how to talk to you guys. Everybody has a little piece of that as far as how we develop.

It's truly an organizational -- cool thing about an organizational process.

Q. Vic said earlier in the season he likes to (indiscernible)

NICK SIRIANNI: It's cold this time of year.

Q. All coaches being prepared in your own ways. But that and other ways, how have you seen him and his thoroughness? In seems like in some ways he takes it to another level.

NICK SIRIANNI: Yeah, I just always see him pushing ways to get better. I mean, he's always watching tape. If he's not in the staff room watching tape with the guys or his staff, the defensive staff, he's in his room grinding out on tape and looking for anything that can give us an advantage. Again, anything that can give him an advantage to call the game, our guys an advantage to play the game.

And so really admire that because he's putting the guys in positions to succeed and also just trying to give them every little nugget. I really respect the way he grinds and goes about his business.

Q. In the five weeks since you last played the Commanders and Jayden Daniels, what have you seen from him specifically as far as where they are this year and how well he's...

NICK SIRIANNI: Yeah, he's super dynamic. Good passer. He's outstanding with the ball in his hands and creating. Got a lot of respect for him. Know we'll have to play him a couple times a year for a long time.

So just, again, just continue to see him get better as he sees different looks and things like that. I think they're doing a great job with him as coaches over there as well and adapting the offense around him.

Q. What did you think the Jalen's outfit the other night.

NICK SIRIANNI: He's always got really cool outfits on. I wish I could pull those off.

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