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Q. Tanner did pretty well. What are your thoughts on him and his limited action?

KELLEN MOORE: Yeah, really cool opportunity for Tanner to have that chance, and showed his preparation he's gone through each and every week throughout the season.

It's the fun challenging aspect of being a backup quarterback, because you never know when your opportunity is going to present itself. For him to take advantage of it, you can tell by the response everyone is fired up for him.

Q. Throughout the year are you able to evaluate him even though he's not really running your offense?

KELLEN MOORE: You do your best. Nick does an awesome job with the schedule, giving a lot of the developmental opportunities for guys throughout the roster, not just the quarterback position. Even in walk-through settings where we can have them practice plays in the game plan and kind of put them in those situations and steal some good-on-good as far as developmental guys competing on certain days of the week.

All those opportunities count, and those guys take advantage of them.

Q. As far as backup quarterback, was that the dream performance for a backup quarterback?

KELLEN MOORE: Not a bad stat line there for Tanner. You know, I thought at the end of the day for Kenny and Tanner to prepare and put themselves in position to be successful this past Sunday, I thought they both did an excellent job.

Q. (Regarding Saquon.)

KELLEN MOORE: Saquon, I think obviously the consistency that he plays with is obviously incredible. I think he's just an A+ teammate. One of the all-time best

I've been around. I think the whole group really embraced him.

Q. How much of your postseason planning is done at this point in terms of...

KELLEN MOORE: For post-season games? I think right now we're focused on the Giants. Obviously as we go through this you're constantly in self-scout mode. As the week progresses naturally your eyes are -- some of the preparation work for who may be the opponents, a lot of that is more on position coaches and whatnot as we prepare for this game.

We'll just make the adjustments as we go.

Q. Why is Saquon one of the best teammates you've ever been around?

KELLEN MOORE: I think just has tons of fun, brings a smile to everyone's face. Just the way he plays the game, I think guys have a ton of fun playing with him. I think the teammate that he is what makes him really special.

There is times where Kenny makes a play and he gets it down in the red zone, and the number one guy who wants Kenny to score is Saquon. That's real and that's authentic. That os everything Saquon is about.

It's been fun to be around him.

Q. ...the play on Sunday, what's the most important aspect of practice that week from your standpoint?

KELLEN MOORE: Yeah, I think this week is really about the Giants, focusing on that. We'll let the week play itself out. We're not there yet as far as how the whole thing will go down.

As you go through it you understand there are a lot of different circumstances. We want to prepare the best way we can for this week for the Giants. Whoever ends up playing, if it's starters, it's starters, if it's backups, it's backups.

You put together a good plan and be excited to go play.

Q. Do you change that once you figure out if the stars

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or backups are playing, how you prepare for certain guys?

KELLEN MOORE: Yeah, prepare very similar to a traditional week. Obviously we understand that if adjustments are made, adjustments may need to be made in the game plan having those contingencies if adjustments are made roster-wise.

We'll let it play out. That's the big part of it, is just be flexible with the game plan and see where it takes us.

Q. How special is the relationship between Saquon and the O-line? Seems like they work together so well on the field; super close off the field. Saquon is always giving them credit. Can't talk to him without him mentioning them. Just the way they all work together.

KELLEN MOORE: Yeah, and I think that's what makes this whole group special. This team is very well connected. Very connected. Very much enjoying everyone else's successes. That's what makes this group special, makes it really fun. The O-line and Saquon are great examples.

Throughout this team, you know, you see guys each and every week celebrating other people. When AJ makes big plays, Smitty is celebrating him. When Smitty makes a couple plays, AJ is right there with him. Jalen is right there with those guys. Really cool group.

Q. Nick has spoken in the past about preparing his assistants to be become head coaches and kind of clueing them in on the decisions that come across his desk. What's something you've learned about that role working with Nick this year that maybe you did not know in the past or that is more highlighted this year?

KELLEN MOORE: Nick just does an excellent job each and every week preparing the team. His messaging is excellent. Really awesome just the way he leads our team, and he does an excellent job throughout the week preparing us and putting ourselves in situations.

When Nick does an excellent job, especially for him and I as far as our roles, you know, just teaming up when we go through game plan processes and also situational football, just because there are so many situations that come up throughout every week and throughout the season across the NFL.

He just does such an awesome job of us being able to go through those weeks, each and every week as a staff, sometimes just myself, him, John, Kevin, some of the situational football guys, just going through all the different

things that come up throughout the league.

As many times as you prepare there will be something every week in the NFL that you haven't fully discussed or maybe contingency, adjustment to an original plan.

So he does an awesome job continuing to prepare and evolve that way.

Q. The moment Saquon got the 2K, I think you were one of the first people to congratulate him. What was that moment like from your perspective?

KELLEN MOORE: Really cool opportunity. So many people are a part of that thing, as Saquon certainly embraced. I think guys really wanted to get to that opportunity, and so for that drive, we ran the ball almost exclusively, and I think guys were finishing and taking care of business.

So it was a really cool moment.

Q. With Saquon so near to Dickerson's record now, curious, as someone who holds records in college, how important are those to you looking back in your career? What do you think goes into that significance for a player who is near it and may not have the opportunity to do it?

KELLEN MOORE: Certainly there is a lot of records in sports. You know, there is a lot of opportunities for all of our guys to accomplish certain things, and they understand there is ultimately big goals that everyone has aspirations for collectively.

Those things a lot of times take care of themselves and present themselves. If you keep playing really good football more opportunities present themselves. Certainly what Saquon has done this year and our group collectively has been really, really special.

See how this week plays out. I think our guys would embrace whatever the outcome ultimately comes.

Q. When it comes to team goals versus individual goals, how is this franchise different than others you've been in? What is the philosophy when it comes to that?

KELLEN MOORE: That's a great question. I think at the end of the day this group, what makes it really special is just the element of everyone embracing every other person's opportunity except for their own.

I think that's what is really cool about this group. They

embrace each other and understand we play in a lot of different games and styles. Sometimes we just grind it out and maybe the pass opportunities aren't there as much, and then maybe another week we end up throwing the ball a number of times.

So the guys collectively embrace each other and the opportunities. Everyone understands ultimately where the ultimate goal is, and also that if you just stick with the path with this group, good things will happen to you individually as well.

Q. ...some added pressure on this drive to help Saquon?

KELLEN MOORE: Certainly we wanted to run the football. You know, objectively, certainly for Saquon, but also for the circumstance of the game it was going to be a, all right, let's grind this thing out. It's fourth quarter. Got an opportunity to take advantage of being in kind of that grind-it-out mode. Our guys were on the same page, ready to roll.

Q. (Indiscernible.)

KELLEN MOORE: No.

Q. When Kenny was in there, obviously he had a full week to prepare, unlike the week before in Washington. Were you able to see a big difference in the way he played compared to obviously the first time against Washington?

KELLEN MOORE: Thought Kenny did an excellent job. Did a really good job. A lot of things that go into the position as far as the run game mechanics and some of the protection stuff. Thought he did really, really good job. Made just some really good decisions. Obviously we start a little bit slow unfortunately and so I got to do a better job there.

I thought he got in the groove and did some big time plays. I thought the move and getting the ball out to granted being big time catch by Grant, the red zone, the throw to Smitty with the protection adjustment and all the things he did within that play was excellent.

And then to score and make that throw to Smitty right before half was a big time throw. There is trust, anticipation with that throw. I thought Kenny did a really good job.

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