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Q. Kellen, when you don't know exactly how mobile Jalen will be going into a game, how much does that change the game planning aspect?

KELLEN MOORE: Same game plan formula. Obviously like any players on our team, if you have to make adjustments as weeks progress or games progress, you do. It's a very similar plan.

Q. Kellen, we talked a lot about the passing game. You keep winning games, but 65 net yards I assume is not the goal?

KELLEN MOORE: Not ideal.

Q. How do you look at it when you come out of a game like that?

KELLEN MOORE: I think you got to evaluate it in a big picture perspective. Obviously when at the look through every detail of it, I think obviously too many sacks on our end. I focus on how can I help this process and put ourself in better situations with some of the playcalling. Some of those situations obviously I'm going to dig really deep into.

I thought we protected the football. We made some plays in some situational football when we needed to. You know, gave ourself a chance to win.

Q. What was last week like for you? It's week where you're prepping for a divisional playoff game and have three head coaching interviews.

KELLEN MOORE: What was that like? It's really the same process we normally take. Nothing changes on our preparation for a game.

You know, I miss a fourth grade basketball game on Friday night; that's about it. Other than that, it's the same process.

Q. After Jalen's injury there were two sacks where he

took deep drops and then he -- the safety and the second down sack on the last drive. Why were those the play calls there when he wasn't moving as well clearly?

KELLEN MOORE: Yeah, those are two situational calls certainly I'll dig really deep into. If you're in that situation again do you probably give yourself a better opportunity? Certainly I lean that way, you know, just going back through it, everything being backed up and playing that situation out.

Then in the four-minute offense we had had some success on some movements and obviously they played that one really, really well.

Q. Last time you played the Commanders when Jalen went out they obvious in the second half (indiscernible)out on stopping Saquon. Why were they successful in your mind, and given the situation with his knee, how much are you worried they maybe try to pull the same thing?

KELLEN MOORE: They did a really good job. They were really gap sound. I thought they did a really good job fitting the gaps. They did a really good job with their pressure plan, having enough presentations. I thought they really changed up their variety and did an excellent job.

Obviously we felt like we were close on some; not able to hit. They finished it off.

Q. The safety, when you're evaluating that, obviously there is a lot at play there, protection, the defense they played, the call, and Jalen's decision making. If you could get as granular as you can, how do you assign I'm not saying blame, but evaluate that and say this is what should have happened ideally?

KELLEN MOORE: Yeah, that one is on me. That one is simply on me. Chasing a particular look that's more traditional in the open field, and we were backed up. Hey, I'll call something different in that situation based off just the way it played out.

Q. 100% on you?

KELLEN MOORE: Yeah.



Q. You would say, hey, you know what, should have gone to Dallas there to get ready of the ball?

KELLEN MOORE: There are things within it, but my number one focus is to put the guys in the best position to be successful, and didn't feel like I did.

Q. Jalen's 44-yard touchdown early in the game, obviously it was a zone read with Saquon, does that kind of show just if Jalen is a threat running just how much defenses have to account for that? What makes him tougher, Jalen and Saquon, tough together?

KELLEN MOORE: The combination of Jalen and Saquon is really, really powerful. They do an excellent job of having the threat of both of them. Jalen does an excellent job making decisions. He has to make decisions a lot of times in those runs whether to hand it or keep it. He does an excellent job.

I thought that was really, really cool play. Great decision by him. Offensive line landed, kind of pinned it, Jordan led the way, and the receivers did a good job with their perimeter blocking.

Q. Obviously there are pass plays that you call where you're hoping for an explosive to come out of it. Are there run plays with Saquon where you're thinking that could get us an explosive?

KELLEN MOORE: Certainly there's variables that that may increase the odds. Sometime there are some anticipated probably a little bit more dirty runs and some runs that you're trying to chase something big.

Obviously most runs, if not almost all of them, you're certainly trying to block the first and second level. If it gets to the third level, usually that's where the big plays happen.

Q. How big has it been getting Dallas back, especially the last two games?

KELLEN MOORE: Dallas has done an incredible job in the run game; certainly want to highlight how important he has been in the run game. Just done a great job there and obviously made some plays in the passing game. Seems like we need a play and he happens to be there.

Q. A lot of times when you see the top tier cornerbacks people tend to shy away. In the last matchup you guys really attacked Marshon Lattimore, especially deep. What was the decision process behind that?

KELLEN MOORE: He's obviously one of the best corners in this league. He does a really, really good job. Obviously will be a challenge for us. You know, obviously one game some things happened; doesn't mean it's going to happen the same way.

Obviously a guy that playing against New Orleans over the years has obviously had huge impact on games and does a really good job. We're well aware of that.

Q. Washington's defensive physicality, is it more than other teams?

KELLEN MOORE: They're really well coached. Know Dan and Joe really well. They do an excellent job with that group. They play fast, physical, confident. That's the secret sauce. They do an excellent job and you can tell they're all aligned and in sync on defense. They are not going to give you freebies and easy things. They are going to make you earn it.

Q. Anything about DeVonta and AJ's willingness...

KELLEN MOORE: It's really a testament to the team players they are. They're blocking for each other, for the quarterback game, for the running back run game. They just do an excellent job. It's big time.

Q. You've been around a lot of good offensive lines in Dallas and now here. What does this group mean to you as a coordinator, just as the group as a whole?

KELLEN MOORE: Yeah, this group is incredible. Awesome people first and foremost. They work really, really hard. They're aligned and work well together. Obviously I think they certainly bring the physical tone and mentality to our entire football team. They set the foundation. We lean on those guys certainly a lot.

Q. Said it would be a similar process to making adjustments based on like Hurts' mobility and how he's feeling throughout the week as it would any other injured player. What information are you taking into account? How much is consulting with the player directly, the medical staff when you're making those kinds of adjustments?

KELLEN MOORE: Yeah, that stuff is always going to lean on the medical and the player. Obviously those guys go through their process and it's just communicated from them to the coaching staff. So plenty of conversations as the week progresses. It's mid-to late January. A lot of guys are banged up. It's not just to do with Jalen. There are plenty of guys going through stuff. That's how these weeks are.

Q. You guys managed to (indiscernible) pretty well all season. Why were the Rams more successful?

KELLEN MOORE: Really, really good rush. They're doing an excellent job. I thought some of their games and movements just as you get later into a progression where the DNs kind of loop back around and made some plays. Obviously doing an excellent job with it. It was a challenge for us, so credit to them.

Q. You look at passing yards; how would you describe Jalen's game on Sunday?

KELLEN MOORE: I thought Jalen just played a really clean game as far as protected the football, ran it really, really well, made some really good situational throws.

Obviously some stats can be perceived as not "wow" perspective. I thought he did a good job giving us a chance to win that game and put us in a really good position.

Q. You had success under center, play-action bootleg there. I think that was the last under center pass of the game. Was there a reason you went away from it there after?

KELLEN MOORE: I think we got a variety of things within the game plan. Sometimes tying the run game and the pass game together, you know, certainly we have different opportunities for those.

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