

TRANSCRIPTIONS



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Day two. What did you think of the two practices in general?

“I was happy with them. It’s good to get different looks, go against two different schemes on both sides of the ball and the special teams. You know, we got through fairly healthy. I know there were a few things that happened today that we’ll have to check on when we get in there. But, I was happy about the new looks, competition. No fights today, so we were happy.”

What did you make of T Mike McGlinchey against Houston Texans DE J.J. Watt?

“I thought it was good work for him. I think he battled. Definitely lost some and definitely won some, so it was a good start for him.”

What do these two practices do for QB Jimmy Garoppolo, where he’s not able to play much in the exhibition season but gets to go against another team for two days here?

“To me, it’s most important because you get different coverages. You go against our defense, you’re going against cover three about 90-percent of the time. So, it’s nice to get some different looks, some more two-shell defenses, some clouds, some quarters, things like that and you see a ton in the air, so it’s good work.”

There’s some guys that got back into practice this week like LB Fred Warner. We saw G Joshua Garnett working with the first team today. Have you decided on preseason availability for those guys?

“Yeah, a lot is going to depend on how they looked on film today. All of those guys you just mentioned, everyone on the team but especially those guys you mentioned, they’re battling to find a roster spot. If they do find a roster spot, to see where they are on the depth chart. Hopefully they got through today healthy because the healthier they are the more opportunities we’ll give them in the game.”

RB Jeremy McNichols seemed to get all, if not most, of the run with the ones. Why shake that up? Are you looking for somebody from that group to sort of break out?

“No. We just try to get a look at everyone. You try to give everyone their opportunity. We have had guys down and other guys like [RB] Joe [Williams] and [RB] Raheem [Mostert], they have gotten more opportunities with the one offensive line. Then, going

against one defenses. So, we wanted to give all of the running backs as well as you can, time with the one O-Line. Also, you want to see them go against some NFL defenses. Sometimes those twos and threes aren't quite NFL defenses yet."

Are you enjoying this Texas heat?

"I'd like to say I was used to it, but I'm not. You can't get used to this. It's tough."

What is the plan for working RB Alfred Morris in?

"We just got him back. He didn't do OTAs or training camp anywhere. He did a good job in practice yesterday. I expect to see him a little bit in the game. We'll watch the film when we get off. We haven't decided exactly. I would assume he'll get a little bit more in the third game than this game."

Do you expect G Jonathan Cooper to play Saturday?

"I do expect Coop to play, yes."

How has he looked?

"He's made it through two practices. We've upped his reps each day. It's hard for me to really isolate on O-Line out at practice. It was a big practice for him today, so I'll see it when I watch the tape. But, the healthier he looks, the more reps he'll get in the game."

Is QB Jimmy Garoppolo on par for where you want him to be at this point in the preseason training camp, getting ready for the season? Is he at where you want him to be right now?

"I mean, you want everyone to be perfect. So, my answer will never be yes. But yeah, he's been working his tail off. He's been going through this process. We've been through the install completely. Now, we're starting to ice it a little bit on coverages we're going against. But, I've been really happy with him."

Did Joshua Garnett look healthy?

"He looked good on tape yesterday. He definitely looked healthy yesterday. The test will be after fatigue sets in. Today was his second day in a row. We upped his reps, so I'm looking forward to watching the tape when I get in."

Is it fair to say that Saturday will be a fairly big day in terms of where things stand with the right guard battle?

"Yeah, just as big as it was today. Every day that we put on pads and go against someone it's all equal."

Did S Terrell Williams Jr. leave with a leg injury?

"Yeah. Something with his knee. I don't know the severity of it yet. They're going to check him here after. But it looked like he did it in one-on-ones. It saw he hit the cement over there. I don't know exactly what happened."

How has he been coming along? What's that backup strong safety spot been like?

“We’ve got a battle there. We’ve got a lot of those guys working. I know [S] Chancellor [James] got a lot of the reps coming off of that injury from last year. He got a lot of reps in the game. I know Williams is going to get some, too. With him going down, some of our issues we have we might have to look to bring someone else in. But, I’ve got to figure out how hurt these guys are, especially losing [S] Marcell [Harris] yesterday, too.”

Is Joe Williams healthy? He didn’t seem to get tons of snaps.

“No, he’s healthy. We just gave him and Raheem a lot more last week. Now, we want to give Jeremy a little more this week to find out exactly what he is. We brought in the new guy with Alf and we’re trying to get him used to it. It’s nothing against either of those guys. We’re trying to evaluate everyone and there’s only a certain amount of plays and reps to give us a chance to make a hard decision.”

Will you probably play Jimmy and the starters a little bit more this game maybe?

“Maybe a little more. I see it pretty similar to the first game. We’ll feel it out. But, he’ll probably go a little more. I wouldn’t expect much more.”