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Head Coach Pete Carroll

Head Coach Pete Carroll: "I thought this was a really good, hard fought game from start to finish, and we had some things that we needed to correct from the practice that we had, and we did. We played the running game very much more impactful than we did in the practice. The adjustments that the coaches made have worked out well. The players were able to adapt this in a couple days' time against a really formidable running team that loves to run the football. I thought we did that really well. It was a terrific game back and forth the whole time. I like that the first group got down in the first two times they had the chance to score points. Geno [Smith] did just fine. [Ashton] Jeanty looked tough as hell and had a couple of really nice plays, bounced back from the big hit. I don't know if the other guy did, but he did, and it was impressive I thought. We know Brock [Bowers] can do some stuff. He made a great play on the catch he made too, which was fun. So all in all, we got a lot better today and played a good solid game all the way through. Two turnovers again, in this ball game we gave the football back, and that's unfortunate. Nice job by Daniel [Carlson] today kicking the ball too, that was great. I know he'd hit the game if he had a shot. I think it was a good step forward."

On Ashton Jeanty's third-and-long run conversion and his confidence in the offense to run the ball on third down...

Carroll: "Yeah, it certainly does. Chip [Kelly] had a call that he called to give him a chance, believing that he could do it, and the guys up front could take advantage. They're getting pass rush in loads right there, so you have to adjust your blocking, but we did a really nice job. The way he [Ashton Jeanty] hits the line of scrimmage, he gives you a feel, and I was really fired up about that. Everybody was on the sidelines as well with him getting his first touchdown, that helps us all."

On his assessment of the starting offensive line...

Carroll: "Yeah, we're seeing them in practice make progress, and I thought they carried it to the game, which was great. We were able to protect Geno [Smith] and run the ball a little bit in the first half, and it felt like we had reason to be confident, and that they were doing the job. I think Jordan Meredith has done a really good job. And way back, if you remember, that was the competition that we were really focused on to see how that would go. I think he's really taking that thing over. JPJ [Jackson Powers-Johnson] is battling it at the guard spot, and we know we got a physical guy that's fired up, and that helps us out as well. So the moves, I think, are well chosen, and I think we're going to benefit from it."

On the depth of the defensive line and their performance against the 49ers...

Carroll: "These guys are really battling, and it is a battle that is not settled yet. I think Robbie [Rob Leonard] did a really nice job of making sure that we got a lot of film of everybody and keep moving. I really don't have the conclusion for you on that. I don't want to at this point. I just want to keep getting the reps and they'll do it again next week, and they'll make their pitch for the depth chart order and all that. We'll see what happens, but we like the guys. It's a big group, very active. They're athletic, they move well, they play hard. We just need to see what we're going to zero in on, and competition goes up."



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On if he's concerned with Aidan O'Connell's turnovers...

Carroll: "It wasn't a decision that he makes in practice. He made one there. The guy was really covered well, and he threw the ball to him on breakout, and that's not one that we see him do much. But you know, it's unfortunate."

On how valuable these close late game situations are in the preseason...

Carroll: "I don't think there's any doubt how valuable those are. All of those situations and all of the times that we get to go back, reinforce the things that we've been teaching about situational football, are happening, and we had a mayday kick again. I hadn't had one in 20 years. We had back-to-back weeks we're ready to mayday the field goal team on the field, run out there and kick it before the clock runs out. We didn't have to today, but it's just really important. It's important to feel what it feels like to be in close games and to hang onto it, and the finish part of the game is something I take great pride in, and have always about how you do it, how you get it done, and how you execute down the stretch. And so we have a mentality about it, and we're trying. We're seeing it come to life on both sides of the football. We have to execute and do right and outlast the team that you're playing. And give credit to those guys. They did a nice job today."

On Kyu Blu Kelly's emergence on defense...

Carroll: "I can't give you much on what happened in the game today until I see the film, but he's had about 10 days now of really competitive practices and played well against the 49ers. Played well last week. He's just making a real bid for the playtime. I mean it's like, we didn't see that in the springtime, and we didn't see it even in early camp. And then it's like the switch went on, and he's taken off. I'm really fired up for him, man. Those kinds of stories, I love to see guys come out of a backup situation and then work their way through and start to make a statement. We started him today, and he finally deserved to start today. I want to see what he looks like with first group out there."

On the deep passing attempts to Dont'e Thornton Jr. and if it's good to get it on film...

Carroll: "No. A positive is when you catch it. But we're trying to get a feel for him. Geno's [Smith] just trying to sync it up and didn't get right. We didn't quite match it up right. There's a couple things I have thoughts about that, but I want to see the film again. But we're trying to use them in the end."

Quarterback Geno Smith

On his thoughts on how the ones played today...

Geno Smith: "I mean, I thought we had some good plays and we had some plays that we could have improved on. I mean, that's the reason for preseason. I think we got to continue to compete to get better, and I think this is going to be a big week for us coming up. We had two games to see where we are, so now we get a chance to really just improve on the things that we need to improve. Man, there's a lot of room for improvement, and we got a long ways to go, and so I'm looking forward to getting back to work."



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On his chemistry with Dont'e Thornton Jr. ...

Smith: "Man, I think all of those guys, we all got to get better as a group. It's about what we do collectively and how we play as 11. And so like I said, man, to put up points on the first two drives, that's good. We started fast, but overall, I think we can still get a lot better, and that's what we're reaching for, that's what we're searching for."

On how Ashton Jeanty's performance affects the team...

Smith: "Man, it fires me up just seeing him the way that he runs. He's running through people, and he's not shying away from contact. I think he's going to be a really special player, like I've always said, and I think he's just got to keep working. There's a lot of things that he can get better at as well, but to see him in space with the ball in his hands and how dynamic he is, it was great to see."

On how balanced he envisions the offense being...

Smith: "Yeah, we want to be balanced, but the ball goes where the defense dictates. I'm just out there reading the defense and trying to find the open guy. So there's a lot of great players on this offense. We have a ton of weapons, and so if each guy can touch the ball, especially early, get everyone involved, it really helps the team. So I think that was pretty good."

On his thoughts about the flow of the offense...

Smith: "Yeah, I thought our tempo was good. I thought we got in and out of the huddle, we had to take a timeout one time down there. Obviously, don't want to do that, but overall, I thought we had a really good tempo, good pace to us. I thought that the line protected great. I mean, there's been two games I haven't been touched once. And so those are things that I'm really happy about. But like I said, there's a lot of things to improve on, and so we got to get to work and really, really hone in on getting better."

On how the 28-yard reception by Brock Bowers on the first offensive play set the tone early on...

Smith: "That set the tone for sure. What a great catch it was. We kind of knew that was going to be a play going in to start, and if I get a safety on him, or anybody on him one-on-one, I want to take that opportunity. So he made a great catch. Got us all fired up. It's good to see him have that moment for himself. But like I said, we got to keep getting better."

On the overthrow to Dont'e Thornton Jr. ...

Smith: "Yeah, I just got to hit him, man, hit him in the hands. Those are ones that I don't miss. And he did a great job. Had a great release on that play. And I got to hit him, to hit him in the hands, and everyone will go crazy, but those are things we can improve on. We'll get back to working on timing and make sure that we hit those in the future."

On his thoughts about how Ashton Jeanty bounced back from last week...

Smith: "Yeah, he's super tough. Ashton [Jeanty] is a tough, tough runner, and I think the best thing that Ashton does is that he's not shying away from contact. Sometimes you get got, I don't think he got got today. I think he took a hit, bounced right back up and delivered the blow on the next one and that's the type of runner he is. That's the guy we saw in college. But to see it up close and personal, man, it's hard for those guys to tackle him, so he's just got to keep being himself and everything will be fine."



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On how important it is to come away with points on every drive...

Smith: "Yeah, I want to score. Yeah. I want to score. Every time we touch the ball, I expect to score points, and especially seven, so when we get the ball down there, especially on the one-yard line and inside the five, inside the red zone, we got to put up seven points, give our give our team the lead. And so it was good to see him [Ashton Jeanty]. He dropped the shoulder, got in there. I didn't do much. It was all his work, and so it's good to see him get that first touchdown."

Defensive End Maxx Crosby

On Jeremy Chinn's interception...

Maxx Crosby: "It was awesome. [Jeremy] Chinn has had an incredible camp, and seeing him going out there and making plays, and just the guys in general making plays is incredible always. So yeah, big shoutout to him."

On the defensive improving in the preseason game after their joint practice...

Crosby: "Coach [Kyle] Shanahan does a great job of running the football, so they had a couple little plays that got leaky in practice, so we wanted to fix those up and I feel like we did that."

On the team's tackling performance this week...

Crosby: "Yeah, it was better, for sure. I got to watch the film first, but I think we did a better job, no doubt about it. It's just something we got to emphasize. I know the first game, first preseason game, you can't really replicate that type of tempo and really tackling until you go out there and do it. I feel like we made it a focal point in stopping the run, tackling better, and we did that."

On playing close games in the preseason and how that might benefit younger players...

Crosby: "Yeah, we know there's going to be some close games. That's the NFL. It's always going to come down to tight, tight football games and who can finish and execute in big moments. That's something that Coach [Pete] Carroll talks about often, and we've already had two of them already. You just got to find ways to keep executing at the highest level when the stakes are highest."

On if the defensive line is one of the deepest groups he's been apart of...

Crosby: "Yeah, we have a ton of talent. There's a lot of guys that are trying to prove themselves and continue to get better. That's what it's all about. Competition brings the best out of you, and I feel like you have a lot of guys that play the game at a high level. They just got to continue moving and moving in the right direction, and I feel like they're doing that for sure."

On his reaction to Ashton Jeanty's 13-yard run in the first quarter...

Crosby: "Yeah, it was crazy. Ashton [Jeanty] is a top 10 pick for a reason, so getting to see him get a little more breathing room in the backfield was awesome. He definitely runs the ball with an emphasis for sure. It was a hell of a run, and you just see him every day show up and get better. I love what that kid's doing."



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On if Ashton Jeanty let the NFL know that he has arrived with that run...

Crosby: "Yeah, 'I'm here' moment. No, he does it all the time, the way he runs the ball, he's so compact and strong and twitchy in the hole. That's why he had so much success with Boise State, so we're really excited about him and we're looking forward to him being a big part of what we're doing."

On what he makes of his back to back tackles for loss in a preseason game...

Crosby: "For sure. It's tough. You come into preseason, and I know I have one drive, and it's like, 'I got to go make a play.' And sometimes you press and little, and it's not exactly what you want. So the first game, they told me I was getting three plays, and then I ended up playing a couple more, and then I'm done. First time getting back on the field, and then today I felt even better, and being able to go and make some impact plays was awesome, just being out there with the guys, it's what it's all about. But now it's getting closer and closer to the real thing, so definitely excited."

Running Back Ashton Jeanty

On the dropped shoulder hit against Deommodore Lenoir...

Ashton Jeanty: "Feels great. That's just my mentality as a runner, just to set the tone early in the game."

On getting seven yards on a third and five...

Jeanty: "Yeah, definitely. Chip [Kelly] as an OC, trusting me with the ball in my hands on a longer third down right there. So, in the back of my mind is to continue to gain that trust that I can go get those yards."

On earning his "I'm here" moment in the NFL...

Jeanty: "Yeah, it was definitely. Definitely today, for sure. And it takes time as a rookie to kind of gain that confidence. And I'm here, I've arrived, and it's time to keep going and make plays for this team."

On going into the blue tent after taking hit in the first quarter...

Jeanty: "No, it was just a little stinger. That's the first time I ever had one, so just came out, they got to check for the concussion, but nothing serious."

On the hit looking like a "50-50" tackle...

Jeanty: "He definitely hit me pretty hard, but, I mean, I didn't go down. So, I say I won that one."

On dealing with the physicality of the NFL...

Jeanty: "I think I'm dealing with it well. I mean, I've got guys, linebackers like Devin White and Elandon Roberts coming in, playing with physicality and practice every day, just our defense as a whole. So, I think I'm getting used to it, for sure."

On playing at Allegiant Stadium for the first time as a Raider on the grass instead of on the turf...

Jeanty: "It definitely felt a little different, obviously, playing in the NFL. But at the end of the day, it's just football, it's the same thing. But it was a lot of fun."



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On if anything was said to Deommodore Lenoir after the hit...

Jeanty: "No, just got back and ready to play another play."

On the chemistry between the running backs and the offensive line...

Jeanty: "Yeah, definitely just continuing to grow that relationship with those guys. Keep loving them up and they did a great job today."

On Hall of Famer Marcus Allen comparing him to Barry Sanders...

Jeanty: "It's definitely great, especially from a player like him, just a great human being. But to gain comparisons to one of the best, I mean, obviously you love that as a running back. And I'll continue to just keep showing how good I am."

On taking the "first hit" in the NFL and getting acclimated...

Jeanty: "Yeah, definitely. I mean, I've already taken some in practice from E-Rob [Elandon Roberts]. He's got me a few times, but that definitely was kind of like little wake up and now I've got to give it back to y'all."

On what coaches on the sidelines after his runs in the first quarter...

Jeanty: "I mean, just 'Great job' and, 'Way to run the ball like a grown man.'"

On what he's looking forward to in the season opener against the Chargers in September...

Jeanty: "Shoot, playing a full game. I mean, being able to wear a defense down, and get to the fourth quarter and make big-time plays for this team."

On Geno Smith giving an extra shove to make sure he scored his touchdown...

Jeanty: "Yeah, I mean, that just shows you who Geno [Smith] is as a person, a player, the energy he brings to this offense. You got to love it."

On his experience in his first home game at Allegiant Stadium...

Jeanty: "It was everything I thought it would be. It was an amazing experience. Obviously, the fans will show out every time. Just as a team, I know we didn't come away with the win, but we definitely got better and we started fast."



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49ers Head Coach Kyle Shanahan

On the current injury status of players...

Head Coach Kyle Shanahan: "Injuries from today: Dominick Puni left with a knee, never returned. It'll be a few weeks, possible PCL. Patrick Taylor Jr. dislocated his shoulder. He'll be out a couple weeks. Corey Kiner had most likely a high ankle. Same thing with him."

On the victory...

Shanahan: "Yeah, that was awesome. I was glad the defense gave us a chance with [Jaylen] Mahoney getting that interception. Wish he could have returned it a few more yards, just because we didn't get any yards after it, but he set up perfectly for Jake [Moody] to have to make a big field goal. To hit a 59-yarder was huge, so real happy for him."

On whether he talks to Jake Moody during games...

Shanahan: "No, probably wouldn't be good. No, I don't talk to the guys. I don't talk to kickers very much."

On the opening drive with the starters...

Shanahan: "I thought it was a good drive, and I was happy with those guys. That was the goal to have one long drive and get them out, but I thought they did a good job."

On injuries moving forward for the rest of the season...

Shanahan: "I mean, just deal with it. Hopefully, we get a bunch of guys back here. We didn't lose anyone for the year or anything like that. We had pretty good luck on defense and special teams today. That was good, but losing those three guys on offense is tough; but they won't be out forever, so hopefully they'll heal up fast."

On the current state of the running back room and if injuries are a concern...

Shanahan: "Yeah, we lost our two and three a couple of weeks ago, and then the next guys up, we lost them today, but those guys will be back. So we've been through that before. You can never have too many backs. We got a number of them, and we haven't lost anyone for the year yet. So those guys will rebound fast."

On if Christian McCaffery can be available Week 1...

Shanahan: "Yes, it's possible. Yeah."

On the post-game celebration with Jake Moody...

Shanahan: "Yeah, it was cool. We had him give us a speech. It was a little anticlimactic, but he did a good job. The guys were happy for him."

On Jake Moody's performance and overall confidence in him...

Shanahan: "Yeah, I think going four for five and hitting a 59-yarder and a 50-yarder. A 59-yard game winner is a hell of a day for him. So I thought he kicked his ass off. It gives us a lot of confidence."



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On talking to kickers...

Shanahan: "I don't discriminate against anyone, but there's not a lot to talk to them about. They can kick between those two uprights, and if they want to talk more, that's fine. I'll do whatever they want. I don't pretend like I'm doing something when I'm talking to the kicker. I don't like everyone going up to him either. I'd like them to just stay mentally clear, lock into their job, and get it done."

On Nick Martin's Performance...

Shanahan: "I saw some improvement. I thought he flew around and had some really good hits. It looked like he got in there on the sack on a third down. I saw some good things, excited to watch the film on the plane."

On Ricky Pearsall and Brock Purdy's connection...

Shanahan: "The more they're out there together, the better they both get. Ricky [Pearsall] got a late start, but he's put together a couple of good weeks, and he's been that way in practice. It was good to get him out there in the game today for at least one drive."

On the run game early on...

Shanahan: "I didn't see a lot of good runs on the first drive. I think we might have had one but didn't break any big ones. I thought we had one opportunity that got us 10 yards. I would like to do better in that, but still part of the process and trying to get better."

On whether or not today is it for Brock Purdy in the preseason...

Shanahan: "No, we'll see how this week goes. We have a long week. I love that we got three practices in a row for ourselves. Then we'll take a day off and get ready for the Chargers, but we'll see how this week goes with Brock [Purdy] and with the rest of our starters. I would love the guys to play, but I just have to measure it out and see how this week goes."

On Mac Jones' interception and overall performance...

Shanahan: "I thought he got a little greedy. He was trying to hold the linebacker and hit that guy inside of the numbers and he held him a little bit, but that linebacker made a hell of a play, flying out there when that happens. I thought it was more of a good play by that guy, but besides that one miscue or mistake, I thought he played pretty well."

On Ashton Jeanty's performance as a rookie...

Shanahan: "It looks like he was running hard, looks like he was lowering his pads. They got him a couple good looks to have gotten the space a couple times, but it's nice to see him this week, and he's got a good future ahead of him."

On Brock Purdy and Ricky Pearsall's timing with each other improving in year two...

Shanahan: "Oh yeah, it's pretty normal with everybody. The more you play with someone, the better timing you get with each other. Also, when wideouts come from college, it takes a while to learn the timing of an offense, and when you miss all of OTAs and all of training camp, you're usually a little behind on that timing. Ricky's [Pearsall] a real good route runner. Sometimes he gets too concerned with beating the guy and has to understand that he's got to do it in the time of when Brock [Purdy] is looking at him, and that's something those guys have really been working through and getting really good at."



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On what he saw from Chase Lucas this week...

Shanahan: "I saw another pick. I saw him do a victory lap after. I didn't know if we were going to get him back. I think he went to both end zones when we started to play, but it seemed like Chase [Lucas] had a really good game, and we'll see on the plane, but definitely showed up for him on the field."

On if he has rules for celebrations after an interception...

Shanahan: "Yeah, don't get a penalty. If you don't get a penalty, I'm good with whatever."

On if it is refreshing to win this game compared to the last time they were here...

Shanahan: "Are you talking about the last time we were here when Carter Bradley went down and beat us at the last second? Yeah, it was good to overcome that. Yeah, we took that pressure off."

49ers Quarterback Brock Purdy

On what it was like throwing to Ricky Pearsall in a game setting...

Brock Purdy: "It was awesome, to be able to go live against another defense in a game situation. Obviously we have him in our playbooks to hit him on certain things, but the defense obviously has to give us the right looks for that stuff. I thought he did a great job overall, just giving him the ball in some space and certain routes. All the routes that we threw to him were a little different. It was cool seeing him being able to work each one differently, and each route was different based off of coverage, and the look. I thought it was great work for both of us to get in some live action and to be able to connect on that in the heat of the moment, which is awesome. We're going to continue to build and get better together. I definitely thought it was great just working with him, his off season, in camp, and then finally going out in a game situation and seeing the results, which was awesome"

On what the talks were like to get on the same page with Ricky Pearsall...

Purdy: "Yeah, I thought it was just open communication. 24/7 like I said before, after reps and practice, Ricky [Pearsall] comes up to me and he's like, 'Hey, man, I ran this route because I got this look or this leverage, and this is what I was trying to do.' And then I'll tell him, like, 'Hey, I need you here,' or 'That was good. Keep working on that, I'll get back to you after I watch the film.' We're just always talking, and he loves football, I love football, and so we got two guys that are willing to put in the extra work and explain what we're trying to get out of the play and reps, I think great things can happen from that. We watch a lot of stuff from last year too, and understand where we both need to be better when, obviously I'm throwing them, and I think we honed in on some things this year in camp and the game. We just go out there, and I feel like it's pretty natural, just both of us, our chemistry and everything so. It was one preseason game, so we just got to keep, keep doing it and keep our heads down and keep working hard together"



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On what stood out to him in today's game...

Purdy: "I thought it was awesome. Just the rivalry, obviously, between San Francisco and the Raiders. I think even though it's preseason game, going out there, and, I mean, we really wanted to win this game across the board, all the guys on our team. So anytime we stepped out in the field, man, we're competing and going out to obviously win the game. So just to see, first string, second string, third string, all the guys that got in, going out and competing, as starters and just people in this organization, that's what we want to see. Guys that are going to be willing to do what it takes, under the heat of the moment, are you going to do the right thing? Are you going to do your assignment really well and make the tackle, make the catch? You know, situational football, are we going to convert and kick a field goal to take the lead? Like there's all those things that I feel like it's it may be tough to get in practice, but in a pre-season game, man to go out and get those reps is huge for us. So that was great."

On his evaluation about Mac Jones and Carter Bradley's performances....

Purdy: "I thought they did great, obviously, just the different situations and looks that the defense gave us, and for Mac [Jones] to go in there and move the ball, I thought he moved the ball great. He went through all his reads and kept the offense on the field, which was awesome to see. Same thing with Carter [Bradley], seeing him compete and move the ball. And I think overall, a really good quarterback group. And you know, we're just going to continue to chip away and watch the film be real with ourselves and continue to get better and push each other."

On getting more game experience...

Purdy: "Awesome just getting out there in a game situation and getting ready for a game. Third down, getting loud in the environment. Those are all things that are tough for you to actually try to emulate in practice. So to be able to come out here and be in that moment and have to look guys in the huddle, break the huddle, be loud with my cadence, and draw back, go through my reads and make the make the throw, those are all things that obviously are real and you're going to see in the season. So to be able to get that in preseason and that feel again, felt really good. So obviously we'll watch film and try to always find ways to get better. But I thought overall, it's pretty good."

On Brandon Aiyuk taking pregame reps while recovering from injury...

Purdy: "Yeah, I think BA's [Brandon Aiyuk] mindset has been awesome. On the sideline of practice, in the locker room, just talking on the sidelines during the preseason games. You could tell he wants to be out there. We're talking about routes and different concepts and things. You could tell, obviously he looks great physically, progressing in the right way with his knee. But more than anything, I can already tell that he wants to get back out there and compete, which I love, and the history that we've had on the field together has been awesome. So obviously, when you got our starting X eager to get back, obviously, that's awesome. We're going to take it one day at a time and, whatever he's able to get back out there and we will be ready to roll."