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Head Coach Klint Kubiak

Head Coach Klint Kubiak Opening Statement: "Obviously, Keyron [Crawford] went down, has an ankle. We'll evaluate him further, but I'll take your questions."

On naming the starting quarterback...

Coach Kubiak: "I still don't think we need to name anybody. We got a lot talked about at a lot of positions. So, we want to watch the film and talk about everything as a staff."

On playing the offensive first string units...

Coach Kubiak: "That was my decision. Just wanted our guys to play together, so I was excited to get them out there together."

On what he led with going into training camp that the team is farther along with than he expected...

Coach Kubiak: "We have good leadership on both sides of the ball. Maxx [Crosby] has been excellent throughout, the way he plays, the way he talks to the team. I think there's leaders that are building on the offensive side of the ball. I like where we're at."

On if Mike Washington Jr.'s kept up with the rest of the offensive starters...

Coach Kubiak: "He kept playing like he practices. He's been consistent. He's an improving player, he's got a lot of good football ahead of him, and we just got to keep getting the best out of him every day."

On Fernando Mendoza's performance...

Coach Kubiak: "On our offense, we didn't score at all, so we didn't help the team get victories. I think he has a pick, but I think it was a drop ball. We have a couple sacks, so play that I can do better for him as well."

On facing the 49ers pass rush...

Coach Kubiak: "That's the NFL, and every week it's going to be that. It's going to be just like Maxx [Crosby]'s practices every day. That's the NFL. Offensively, we got to find a better way to get points on the board."

On if Jackson Powers-Johnson will no longer start as right guard role...

Coach Kubiak: "No, I wouldn't say that. Again, we got more decisions to make, and Jackson [Powers-Johnson] and Caleb [Rogers] have had a great battle, and both those guys are going to play this year."

On what he looked for in games like this for players trying to make the roster...

Coach Kubiak: "The special teams reps are so important. Those are critical overall. Guys did a better job with penalties, played much better technically tonight but you're just trying to see those bottom of the roster guys. How much value can they add to your team, so I look forward to watching the special teams film."

On the performance of the wide receivers group...

Coach Kubiak: "We didn't score, so receivers, running backs, tight ends, all around. We got to find ways to get the ball in the end zone."



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On Matt Gay's performance and if it was his decision to not have Kansei Matsuzawa play...

Coach Kubiak: "Yes, it was. Matt [Gay] did a great job, four for five. Missed a long one, but I was pleased with Matt. Pleased with his whole training camp."

Coach Kubiak: "Yeah, he needs another three preseason games. All those rookies do. Now that the season's starting, the practice reps get smaller and that's just life. But, us as coaches, we got to get them ready to play, keep developing them."

On how the defense performed on third down...

Coach Kubiak: "Yeah, Rob [Leonard] and the whole staff did a great job. The guys played hard. I'm not sure if they converted one in the first half. I don't remember. But, defense came out fired and they played a great game."

On if the extended time at practice on special teams showed up today...

Coach Kubiak: "Again, that was just our in-season schedule. So, I thought the discipline improved."

On if tonight for Fernando Mendoza is a blessing to his learning curve...

Coach Kubiak: "Yeah, it is. It is. It's his reps. It's learning from Kirk [Cousins]'s reps, from Aidan [O'Connell]'s reps. Very valuable for him to get all those reps. I'd love to play him the whole game, but there's other guys that we want to get looked at. I thought overall, in this preseason, that we got him plenty of time. I'm happy with where he's at, but we just got to keep pushing him to be better."

On Trey Zuhn III's growth...

Coach Kubiak: "With how impressive it is for a guy to play tackle, to play center, he can play guard for us, there's a lot of things that he does really well. He's a very versatile player, great teammate. We're excited about his future."

On what he anticipates from the next 68-ish hours for himself...

Coach Kubiak: "Yeah, it's not going to be fun. It's hard decisions. There's guys that have been working their tails off with us since April that aren't going to get to be here and that's part of the NFL."

On Trey Zuhn III changing spots from one rep to another...

Coach Kubiak: "I've never been around a guy that can do what he does from rep to rep. So, we've just got to keep getting him better physically. He has a special trait upstairs."

On being proud of the young defense...

Coach Kubiak: "Oh yeah, absolutely. They had us in the game the whole time."



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QB Kirk Cousins

Kirk Cousins Opening Statement: "I thought it was good to get out there again, get the experience, the reps. There's nothing like game experience. It's good to be with the O-line, substituting, looking guys in the eye in the huddle, having to overcome penalties, convert third downs, all that stuff. So Klint [Kubiak] did another great job getting the plays in quickly. Felt like we were never up against the play clock. That was a good procedural thing that went well. Really impressed with Tyler Linderbaum, the way he plays, competes. He kind of elevates everybody. Was pleased with a lot of the effort, thought we ran the ball really well. Good, sustained drives, good to overcome a holding penalty at first and 20. So, a lot of positives, just want to finish with touchdowns instead of field goals, and would have loved to convert that last third down to keep that drive going. And I'll take any questions you have."

On the positives of the first team offense scoring, even if "only field goals"...

Cousins: "Yeah, we can talk about the positives, we can talk about, like you say, coming away with points, converting third downs, running the football well, avoiding penalties, protecting the football – all positives. I could also sit here and talk about some of the meat we left on the bone and some of the plays that we could have made or should have made or reads I should have made. So, goes both ways and that's what it's all about and going back and watching the tape but certainly some positives."

On Mike Washington Jr.'s play...

Cousins: "Yeah, he runs hard, fast, tough player. Football's important to him, and he's a young player, so there's going to be moments where you say, 'Yeah, he's not a fifth-year player that has seen it all and done it all.' And I think that's where myself and others, we have to come alongside him and help him and enable him to start to feel comfortable early on. Even though he doesn't have a lot of reason to feel comfortable, I want to do everything I can to make him feel comfortable there. And he did a nice job tonight running the football."

On Spencer Burford...

Cousins: "Yeah, he's played a lot of meaningful football in this league. He's a pro. He's competitive in practice every day, and he stays steady, and we're going to ask a lot of them this year. Guards in this league have tough job. They're going up against some real creatures rushing the passers. So, he's got a tough gig, but again, tonight the O-line did a nice job running the football and also with pockets. I thought I had a great pocket for a few drives."

On the growth from the beginning of training camp till now...

Cousins: "I think it's every day, just trying to find continued improvement. You're never a finished product. You're always looking for ways to be better and to continue in your fundamentals and owning the game plan and how you operate in that plan. So, it's a progress, but I think it's been a productive training camp, productive preseason. But as Tom Brady, when he spoke to us, one of the many good things he said to us was, 'Hey, everybody has training camp, everybody has preseason games, so to think that you're somehow getting ahead of everybody else just because you went out to practice and practiced, there is no edge there in the sense that everybody else is doing that too.' You've got to find your edge within those practices, or post practice, or in the way you relate to one another. So, there's ways you've got to find edges, but it's not just showing up to practice and doing your job because everybody's doing that."



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On what the ones on the offensive line show...

Cousins: "Yeah, I think it starts with our scheme. I have great respect for Klint [Kubiak] and Rick Dennison and Mario [Jeberael] and the gang, just putting together the run plan each week and the way they teach the fundamentals. Great respect for Tyler [Linderbaum], Spencer [Burford], Kolton [Miller]. I mean, all those guys, DJ [Glaze], JPJ [Jackson Powers-Johnson], Caleb [Rogers]. So, just the way they go about their work every day and the way they grind through it mentally, physically. But it's one day at a time, one week at a time, and we'll see where we're standing at the end."

On the starting quarterback position...

Cousins: "Yeah, I think it's just up to coach. You just do the best you can with the opportunities you're given, lead as well as you can, compete, and you're never a finished product, and so naming something one day can change the next day. So, you just go about your business each day methodically and let the chips fall where they may."

On the quarterback room pushing itself as regular season approaches...

Cousins: "I think it's just doing more of what we've been doing; we enjoy spending time together, have good football conversations. I think we'll continue to have that, and I look forward to those times. A lot of times it's Wednesday and Thursday and Friday post-practice when it's just us in there, and we're able to kind of talk through things, and we'll have a lot of those meetings up ahead."

On the learning from the sideline that happens rookie season...

Cousins: "Well, I think you learn so much about how this league operates, how the season operates, how defenses will play you in situational football, how you prepare for the game each week, how you recover from a game, what it takes to really own a game plan over the course of six days to really get it locked in. So, there's a lot that for me was a big jump from college to the pros, and it took some time. But there's other guys like Robert Griffin [III] who I backed up, who they were ready to go and had a great rookie year, won Rookie of the Year. So, I've seen it. I've seen it a lot of different ways, and I think it's all about the long game, winning the long game. That's what I think we all want to do."

On how Coach Kubiak handled his first camp as head coach...

Cousins: "My message to him after OTAs, I kind of sent him a little one-page summary of some of my thoughts and first sentence I had was, 'Coach, this was the most urgent and efficient OTAs I've ever been a part of,' and I felt that continued in training camp. The word I'd use is urgency. I felt urgency preparing for this game, I even felt urgency in this game, and that starts with your head coach. It certainly trickles down through the coaching staff and through your team, but starts with the tone that Klint [Kubiak] sets, and I felt it from the first day I arrived in the building in April, and that's just the way Klint's wired, and I think the way Tom Brady's wired, and I think that urgency then kind of infiltrates the whole building. But it's certainly something you've got to have in this league, I think, to be successful. You've got to have urgency and efficiency in how you go about your business."



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QB Fernando Mendoza

On the pass rush against the 49ers...

Fernando Mendoza: "I believe the pass rush was fantastic tonight, and I think it's a great experience. I think our offensive line did fantastic as well, but I think it's also a great experience of the NFL. Whether they like it or not, there are monsters at the other side of the ball, and you need to get the ball out quick. It teaches you need to play on time, and there's less margin for error. I think it's a great experience having that heat and duress because diamonds are built under pressure. They're built under fire, being forged like that. So, when you're able to play under that duress, that's when you're able to elevate your game, and I think it's a good experience."

On what he has learned about the NFL so far...

Mendoza: "The NFL is really tough, and there is a big jump going from college to the NFL, and the speed, and there's just so many different aspects. And the NFL is a tough business, and it's a challenge I look forward to taking head on with my teammates, and I'm excited for the future. That was my dream as a young kid. Now I have goals in the future that hopefully, that us as a team, we can accomplish to best serve the teammates and best serve the silver and black."

On if he wished he could play more preseason games...

Mendoza: "I would love unlimited games for development, and evidently, there is a toll that takes on the body. But my body feels great, however, I need to respect my other teammates who are laying their body out on the line every single play, like I try to do. Sometimes, it's a little bit more situational in my position, but the more reps and the more games would be fantastic. If there was three more preseason games that I could do, I would do them."

On the struggles he's faced in college and so far in the NFL...

Mendoza: "That there are always struggles. It's not always sunshine and rainbows but being able to stick with it through an optimistic mindset and have a great community and a great team, great coaches around you, stick to it and keep on pushing forward. At the end, there's bound to be successful results and positive results, but sometimes it's tough to see that far in advance. But when you have great teammates and coaches guiding you, especially as a young player, that's something that I'm very blessed to have."

On the interception...

Mendoza: "I've yet to watch the film. It's a little different because, when you're on the sideline, you get the four pictures. Look forward to watching the film, looking forward to learning and growing."

On what he has learned during his first NFL preseason...

Mendoza: "There's been a lot to learn this preseason, and I've learned so much from the veterans, and then also the other rookies in our locker room, and especially such a fantastic opportunity to grow through the highs and lows of training camp of the preseason. We take every day as its own day, but I would say that it's been a pleasure, and I've grown a lot this preseason. Like I said before, if there were three more preseason games, I would play them. I think from snap one of Arizona to the last snap I took here against the Niners, I believe I've grown as a quarterback, although it might not always show on the stat sheet."



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On being able to compete against Maxx Crosby and other 'monsters' in the NFL...

Mendoza: "The term that Coach [Klint] Kubiak used of creatures, and the term I use monsters, is not meant in any derogatory way. It's meant in actually a positive, more complementary way. To be able to compete with such fierce competitors such as Maxx [Crosby], and the other great edges around the league. To be able to be a teammate with Maxx has been so helpful, and I look forward to going against him in practice and competing, because iron sharpens iron, and when you're able to go against, not just iron, but he's like a diamond sword. It's a fantastic experience, against one of the top, if not the top, pass rush in the league when you then get to play against it, it gets you ready for that moment."

On Raiders alumni Marcus Allen and Jim Plunkett belief in him and what that means...

Mendoza: "It means the world. The Raiders alumni are so important to this organization, and the Raiders legends being - I feel blessed that they recognize us rookies, and whenever I've texted them in the past, it's always been an open line of communication and support and advice and tips. So I'm so grateful to have them in the Raiders' corner and in my corner, my development, and looking forward to utilizing those relationships to grow. Those are two legends you said there, and I'm just very honored."

On if the spin move he had was second nature to him...

Mendoza: "Yeah, you prepare all week, and something that I've learned from coaches and other quarterbacks in the room, that you prepare all week, you put in the countless hours of film, self-study, and all that external other preparation aspects that come with it, and you let your instincts take over in the game. Evidently, you're still very process oriented, and I write that, 'Tranquilo', on my wristband for a reminder and the reminders of how to go through a process. But when there's a great player, I believe it was C.J. West, who actually was another Indiana guy, staring down at you in the barrel. You got to make something happen, and so that's totally instinctual."

On his self-evaluation playing throughout training camp...

Mendoza: "I think that'd be a better question for some of the coaches. However, I believe that I've grown through training camp. There's been highs and there's been lows but I believe that from the first day of training camp to now, I've exponentially been a better quarterback. Although it might not seem like it on paper, because in the or - maybe not something that outside expectation, just because you know there's been so many - I've been blessed with so many great experiences in the past year. But I believe that I'm very grateful for the highs and lows of training camp, and I believe I'm growing a lot as a player because of the great coaches, great teammates, and great organization I'm a part of."

On what he sees from Kirk Cousins on how he's able to operate this offense...

Mendoza: "Kirk [Cousins] looks great. He looks ruthlessly efficient, and with that, he's able to drive the ball down the field. I believe he had two drives with two scores, and that's something that I want to model, and I want to put the ball in the end zone or help our team put it through the uprights."

On Bishop Gorman taking on Christopher Columbus and what his experiences at Columbus meant to him and how his time there shaped him on and off the field...

Mendoza: "My time at Christopher Columbus really helped me forge into a man, into a young man, and those experiences are some that have made me the man who I am today. And I'm forever in debt to Columbus. I look forward to seeing them take on Bishop Gorman. There's a little bit of ties now that I'm



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a Las Vegas resident, and I also went to Christopher Columbus. I'll be rooting for a good game and keep it between us, but I'm rooting for Columbus. I hope it's a great game."



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G/C Jackson Powers-Johnson

On the competition at the right guard position...

Jackson Powers-Jackson: "I think we're just having fun playing football, and those decisions are for other people. I think we're both just trying to get better."

On training camp and if he left everything out on the field today...

Powers-Jackson: "For sure, I'm always going to do that first and foremost. I got a lot better this year, and that's all the credit to the coaches and everybody around me. I feel like I got 10 times better as a player, and I can't be happier."

On how competition has helped the offensive line...

Powers-Johnson: "I think competition is going to always grow excellence, and we're chasing perfection. We'll catch excellence, and I think that's what every single person on the team is trying to do, and we're all just trying to get better."

On how he felt tonight...

Powers-Johnson: "Good. I had fun playing football."

On what he told Fernando Mendoza to calm him down after his interception...

Powers-Johnson: "Fernando [Mendoza] has no nerves. He has the poise of the age of Kirk Cousins. He does an amazing job. He's happy, and he knows that he's going to go out there, and it's a completely new drive, and he's just very, very mature."

On how the coaches contribute to his confidence...

Powers-Johnson: "This coaching staff has been great. The support staff's been great. My teammates have been great. I think I'm just growing up, and confidence is always up on the rise."

On the Raiders playcalling for him and how they were able to get some yardage behind him...

Powers-Johnson: "I think we just called plays, and that's where it kind of ended up. I don't think anything is for me. I think those were great plays that all of us ran. I don't think they're choosing to run behind me. I think we're just playing football."

On how he feels after the last preseason game...

Powers-Johnson: "I feel good. That was a great fight. I'm sad that some of my teammates aren't going to be here. Everybody competed so hard, and the connection is real. There's a little sense of sadness that we're not all going to be here, but just so happy for everybody and what they were able to do and how we played as a team."



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DE Patrick Johnson

On how he feels when he is being disruptive and making plays...

Patrick Johnson: "Oh, it always feels great when you can make plays. I can't make a play without my teammates around me. The D-tackles are amazing. The linebackers are flowing around to the ball, so it allows me to be able to make plays. So yeah, it's been good, man. I'm just enjoying it."

On if he felt like he left it all out there on the field...

Johnson: "Oh, I for sure left it all out there on the field. Whatever the coaches decide on. I'm going to be here, and hopefully, I'm going to be on the 53, but if not, if it's the practice squad, I'm going to do whatever I can to make plays if they bring me up."

On what was different on this practice squad this year from previous years...

Johnson: "Confidence. The coaches here are great. Just trying to keep playing my game, keep going because I know my confidence is there. I know I'm good enough to be able to make plays at this level. I've been in the league for six years now so I know I can do it."

On what drives him to keep going...

Johnson: "For me, it's just proving myself that I can do it. Day in and day out I got family and stuff that support me, so it makes it easy for me to come in every year and make those plays and make a team. So I'm just looking forward to this coming up here."



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RB Mike Washington Jr.

On the opportunity for a bigger role...

Mike Washington Jr.: "Like I said last week, I'm staying where my feet are, and taking advantage of the opportunity to be able to go out there and compete against their ones and run with our ones. It's a good experience."

On his confidence after his performance...

Washington Jr.: "The confidence come from my faith. Jesus, he's the center of my everything, so that's where my confidence comes from. I thank him every day. Like I said, giving me that opportunity to be able to go out there and perform."

On what he tells himself in bigger moments...

Washington Jr.: "It's go time. It's go time. That's it."

On the scariness of seeing Ashton Jeanty get hurt...

Washington Jr.: "You don't ever want to see a player go down. It's kind of like a player's biggest fear, going down, getting injured, being out for however long. Seeing that, I was just like [shocked]. We talked after. It wasn't nothing really too crazy. He'll be back, he'll be strong."

On if Ashton Jeanty was optimistic after his injury...

Washington Jr.: "Yes."

On how ready he feels for big moments...

Washington Jr.: "I'm ready. Like I said, I get my confidence from my faith, within Jesus Christ. So, I'm ready."

On what Ashton Jeanty has taught him...

Washington Jr.: "Really slowing the game down. Whether it's the play calls, because it's completely different from college. It's super long plays sometimes. So, whether it's slowing down the play calls, reading the defenses, a bunch of stuff. I could go on and on about what Ashton [Jeanty] has taught me, but I feel like the most valuable things were, play by play, not getting in my head, not sitting in a moment too long. For example, if I make a mistake on a play, get out of that play. Next play mentality."

On how his first reps with the first-team offensive line helped him...

Washington Jr.: "It's a mindset, it's a mindset. They're called the trenches for a reason. They were able to make the holes for me, and I was able to hit them."

On how the offensive line makes the offense optimistic going into Week 1...

Washington Jr.: "Super exciting. We didn't get a chance to score, but, I could definitely tell, and everybody could tell, that we got an explosive offense."

On if he's used to playing in the NFL now...

Washington Jr.: "I'm just grateful for the opportunity. A couple times, I just sat there and I was like, 'Wow, I'm in the NFL.' I'm just grateful for the opportunity."



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On if he still feels grateful for the opportunity to play in the NFL...

Washington Jr.: "Yeah."

On if things are starting to feel like they're slowing down...

Washington Jr.: "Yeah, it starts in practice. We go over those same plays every practice. That's what makes the game slow down, and then also, watching film and things of that nature."



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G Caleb Rogers

On how he thought the O-line performed today...

Caleb Rogers: "I don't know. I'm not a coach. It's not my job. I haven't watched the film. It felt great being out there. Felt great being out there as a group. Felt like we were moving a lot up front. I don't know. I just don't want to speak too much to that right now. I haven't watched the film."

On how close he thinks the group is to being ready for the season...

Rogers: "I mean, like you said, last chance before the season. We're as ready as we can be, and we've got to continue to take that step every single day, raising our standard every single day, and never feeling like we're ready. There isn't ever a, 'Ready'. When you get to that point, that's when you relax. So, just continue to push our standards and push each other every single day."

On how he felt he did in solidifying a starting role on this team...

Rogers: "Same thing, like I said. It's just about raising our standard every single day. Whenever we're rotating, whenever we're pushing each other to get better, it's not just about what I want or what he wants. At the end of the day, it's out of both of our control. It's about raising our standard of play, I think that's something that we've done a great job of this season. Bringing in someone like Tyler [Linderbaum], bringing in Spence [Burford], bringing in everybody they've gotten, and so just raising our standard of play and pushing each other all to be our best."

On if he felt like he left everything out on the field...

Rogers: "Absolutely, without a doubt."

On what he saw from Mike Washington Jr. tonight...

Rogers: "He's an explosive kid. I have watched it all preseason, and I'm excited to see what he does. He comes to work every single day. Doesn't say very much, just puts his head down and again, that's just about raising the standard of the running back room, which they all do together. It's a group effort, and it's incredible to watch."

On how things "clicked" in the run game...

Rogers: "I'm just out there trying to do my job. Block the people and then let him do his job."

On if he's going to take that helmet home with him from the block he had on the 49ers...

Rogers: "No, they kept that one"

On how he felt out there...

Rogers: "It feels great. Again, especially seeing the running backs run; it's an awesome feeling. Just trying to do our job."



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49ers Head Coach Kyle Shanahan

Head Coach Kyle Shanahan Opening Statement: "I'll start with injuries. "[Ephesians] Prysock went out with an AC sprain with his shoulder. Brayden Willis went out with a concussion. Jalen Graham got evaluated for a concussion, but was good, the spotter checked him, but he was all right. That's it."

On Keon White's performance today...

Coach Shanahan: "It seemed like he did pretty good. I didn't want to play him too long, but he's been so behind just getting a late start to camp. I remember taking him out a series before, and he said, 'Coach, I'm a little rusty. Let me just get a little more time in,' and he got one more drive in and got a sack. It's a very fine line. You want to get guys all the work, but you don't want to get them hurt, so it was pretty successful with that today."

On Carver Willis making the push to be the starting left guard...

Coach Shanahan: "I think he is making a push. I mean, we still haven't decided yet. I really want to see how he did in the whole half of play he got today. We've been putting a lot into practice too, and we'll have to make that decision most likely. I don't want to say by Monday. I don't know if we'll say it then with our opening game, but I think we'll have a good idea by then as coaches."

On what he saw from Jordan James tonight...

Coach Shanahan: "It was good to see him out there. He missed a ton of camp too with his injury, and he had the same thing last year where he missed all of training camp, so he only got to play in that one game for us. He got a couple carries for Seattle at the end of the year last year, so I was really excited to watch him tonight. From what I saw out there live, I thought he ran real hard and ran real well."

On a three-man running back rotation...

Coach Shanahan: "Most likely. There's got to be a big reason to do a three-man rotation. We don't just do that to do it, so most likely that'll be tough."

On Jordan Watkins' performance...

Coach Shanahan: "I thought he played well. He had a couple opportunities. I thought he missed one earlier on the first third down; gave him a shot on the wide and go that it looked like he never found, so that one was disappointing. But I thought he bounced back well after that. Love that big dig route he had. On the two-minute drive I think it was, he got us in at least down there on a scoring drive. From what I saw today, he had a good game."

On Jordan Watkins' attitude this year...

Coach Shanahan: "I think he stepped it up. I mean, he's always had a good attitude, but it's how much more consistent, how much more can you attack each day? You see how guys come back in year two, and I was real excited with how he came back, all the way back to phase one, how he handled OTAs, and he's done the same here in training camp."

On if the game tonight gave him clarity or resolve about the team...

Coach Shanahan: "Not totally. I hate when we have to make a real tough decision, when we're kind of on the fence about something, and you're trying to make your best educated guess how the future is



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going to go. I like when guys make it real obvious when you have a position battle. When you go to the 53, who you want to use for the 16 on practice squad, which when you look at the big picture, is almost as important as the 53. So, the more football we get to play, the easier they make those decisions. I think guys did some stuff today to make that easier for us."

On if any younger guys made an impression for roster spots tonight...

Coach Shanahan: "Yeah, there are a few guys. I have no problem with praising people, but people in this league get paid a lot of money to read everything we say and evaluate decisions over these next three days based off of practice squads and depth charts and stuff. I have to be pretty careful with that."

On thoughts from Jaden Dugger...

Coach Shanahan: "I thought it was good to get him out there playing all the way into the third quarter. He's got a lot of playing time this training camp. He's a guy who as a rookie has got an opportunity to be out there a bunch this year, and where he's benefited is he didn't have any setbacks with injuries, so he's got a lot of playing time, which has given him a chance to hopefully be ready going into the season. Excited to watch the tape. I thought he had some ups and downs throughout the game, and that's why I kept him in there a little bit longer. I thought he finished pretty strong."

On status with Garret Wallow not playing...

Coach Shanahan: "Just a night off he was having some back spasms during the week, and he's had a hell of a camp so far, and I don't think I want to push him too much with what he's been going through."

On injuries affecting week one of season...

Coach Shanahan: "I mean you hope so. I mean those are things that we got to evaluate sooner than later. I mean, there's just guys that are going to be close, guys like Mykel [Williams] I mean, guys like Kittle [George] are taking a step back. Want to see how [Nick] Bosa does in these practices. They're guys who are healthy and doing good, but are they ready to get back and play right away? That's why we have these mandatory three days off right now. When we get back, we have those two and a half days before we get on the plane, in those two and a half days we'll see our practice schedule, we'll at least get two big ones in maybe a possible third. I'm really curious to how it goes those three days before we go down there."

On his confidence level with Eddy Piñeiro's kicking ability...

Coach Shanahan: "It was good he redeemed himself. I've never been madder at him than when he chose to defer to the second half. I guess it's definitely my fault. I forgot to tell him that we received in the preseason, but I thought that was understood. I asked him what the hell he was doing. He said, 'He wanted to kick off', and then he kicked a touchback. I was kind of pissed at him at the beginning, but he redeemed himself."

On what he's looking forward to in Australia...

Coach Shanahan: "I'm looking forward to figuring out exactly our final team here over these next three days. We've got a lot of tough decisions; they're not easy ones. I want to see how the practice squad pans out, and really what our opening day roster is going to be. Then just like when the season starts, preseason gets a little bit old, and I like when it gets real, and it's going to get real real fast."



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On preparations for facing the Rams in Australia...

Coach Shanahan: "Same as always. I wish we played them here for what we usually look at as a home game, we'll see how it is in Australia. We'll play the Rams wherever; going there, it is what it is. It's going to be a fun atmosphere, and always when we play the Rams, it's a big, tough game. Looking forward to it."

On the communication from the sideline...

Coach Shanahan: "A little bit when I'm not calling plays, and it's a little more relaxing down there, we can talk a little easier. It was good to have him down there, bounce some things off of him and vice versa, but it's not usually like that in season."

On Alfred Collins coming back from a big injury...

Coach Shanahan: "It was just good to get him back; he had a real late start which is not his fault. He had some big surgeries to get over this offseason, so he's got as late a start as anyone, and that's why I thought it was really important for him to play. He went there, two drives into the third quarter, which is more than probably what we usually do for him, but he's a little bit behind, which again wasn't his fault. I think today and getting these three days off to recover, having those two and a half practices before we go to Australia, I think he'll be ready by week one."



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49ers QB Mac Jones

On the team's status heading into the season...

Quarterback Mac Jones: "I think we're in a good spot. I think a lot of things depend on our first game. I thought we adjusted really well and did a great job today, and played well in the preseason. I'm just happy for my guys. A lot of young guys got to play today. It's my sixth year, and I'm glad I got out there and got some reps, but I'm really looking forward to the season because I feel like we got a good team."

On Jordan Watkins...

Jones: "Jordan [Watkin]'s great. I always feel like I can be a little tougher on him because we built that relationship. He takes hard coaching really well, or whatever you want to call it. In practice, I'm like, 'Hey, you got to get to this spot,' and he always does his job. I feel like he's doing a good job improving each week. He shows his speed. I'm always in the game like, 'Just run fast.' Sometimes maybe he's a little slower just getting going. I'm like, 'Just go, just go,' and he finally did that today. I felt like he looked better."

On the missed touchdown pass opportunity with Jordan Watkins...

Jones: "I don't know, you'd have to ask him. I know the lights of Vegas are kind of at that like level or whatever, but we hit the same play last year versus Denver [Broncos] in the preseason. It was the same play, just didn't connect this year on it."

On Jordan James...

Jones: "He's definitely a really good receiver, played well in college, and it's translating. He's always out there practicing, trying to get better. I think we got multiple guys, young guys, old guys, that all have different attributes. He's done a good job, and he's just got to continue to work."

On the impact of Jordan James and Jordan Watkins after returning from injuries...

Jones: "I think any first-year player that has some injuries, you're just trying to get your feet wet. So now, it's like, 'Let me make a name for myself.' They did a good job just playing their role, and that's the challenge as a young player. You try and do too much, and it never works out. Just playing within this team, and those guys will be hopefully good players for a long time in the league."

On Eddy Piñeiro...

Jones: "He's the man, he's so good. He's chill, he just goes out there and rips it. He's got a special 'He doesn't care' trait, where he's just gonna go rip it, and I respect that about him."

On if he and Brock Purdy have begun to plan for week 1 in Australia against the Los Angeles Rams...

Jones: "I was all eyes on this game, for me personally. There was some, whether I was gonna play or not, but just trying to focus on today. Definitely looking forward to it, and our team is ready to go. It's quick right? Seems like next week and we're going to be there. Playing an international game, to me, is so cool. We get to play against a different team from the United States. Obviously, people get confused about that. I'm like, 'We're playing in Australia, but we're playing the Rams.' It's going to be fun just to get football in front of a different country."

On if he has ever been in Australia...



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Jones: "This year, I played in Germany, London, hopefully Mexico City, and then Australia, so it will be four countries."

On if his flight to Australia is his longest flight...

Jones: "Yeah, I don't like to fly, so we'll see what happens. Not a big fan."

On if he doesn't like to flight because of anxiety...

Jones: "It's just restlessness. I need to do some high knees in the hallway."



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49ers QB Adrian Martinez

Adrian On getting back into the game this preseason...

Martinez: "Absolutely. I think with each game, I improved. I think that's kind of all you can ask for, to go out there and feel like you're playing your best. I felt like I did that today, finally."

On the degree of difficulty on throw to Hayden Rucci...

Martinez: "As a keeper, I believe they had six on the line of scrimmage. So going into that, my mindset is that I might be a little dirty coming off. There might be somebody in my face. Initially, that defender kind of came up. I thought I had attracted him, and then he fell back. But, I saw [Hayden] Rucci had an edge. So, a little loft and a little trust, and Rucci made a good play."

On his throws to Jordan Watkins...

Martinez: "In one of them, we had a Stool Route called, so it's kind of like a corner route. I saw that we had cloud into the boundary, felt like we had a window and made the appropriate throw, like Nick [Bosa] would always say. The other one, the keeper throw to the left, he just popped on the low. Again, I think [Jordan] Watkins had a great day. J Watt [Jordan Watkins] is a guy you can trust and I gave him a catchable ball."

On his confidence level in passing to Hayden Rucci...

Martinez: "Absolutely, that's one of the biggest jobs of a quarterback is to get in the playmaker's hands. The Rucc Doctor [Hayden Rucci], like we like to call him, he can do that for us. He's a lunch pail guy, a gritty guy. It was third and 12, had a check down to him, and he makes a guy miss and extends the drive. One of the biggest plays of the game."