

## HEAD COACH PETE CARROLL

**(Opening...)** “Well, a pretty exciting opener. Really a good, hard-fought football game. We got checked out on defense, we got checked out on offense. They did a nice job, and made it hard. When it came down to it, our guys were able to do what we needed to do to win. This league is really hard. Glad to get a victory. I think we saw our defense play lights out, all day long. They did a great job. They had a couple sudden-change situations, a big fourth-down stop. All kinds of opportunities to come through, and they did. They did a really good job. I thought our pass rush was really on it today. For the most part. We had a couple breakdowns, but other than that, and in the coverage we kept them in front of us like we wanted to. We were fortunate on a couple plays, too. I thought some stuff to mention was Russell’s game, to hang in there. You know he got kicked in the ankle pretty good. We never thought for a second that he wasn’t going to play. We just taped him up and sent him on back out. Really courageous fashion, I thought it was great. Then, to play that well, to be able to finish the game in that kind of fashion and make all the calls and do it all and elude the rush like he needed to, that was just fantastic. A lot of guys played well. Doug had a great game today, obviously with the big touchdown catch, but all the stuff in between. Great play on the 14 play drive. Jimmy contributed in there. It was just really good stuff. And I was really happy with the offensive line on that drive, too. It was very, very well done, and very together. Also, Cassius Marsh was ridiculous today, he was all over the field. He had a big mistake early, and came back and his presence was felt in big areas on the kicking game. Obviously, blocking the kick, that was a huge block, and a great effort by him, so I’m really fired up for Cassius. Jimmy got back, Thomas got back. We feel good about that. We didn’t overuse them, but we used them enough to get them going. Those guys will be able to play more as we move forward. On a day with so much going on, with the big event of 9-11, what our players had joined to do. We really wanted to get out of here with the win, and that’s what we did. I was very proud of those guys, in the way they’ve handled themselves and the way they’ve handled this thing. We’ll see what happens as we move forward. ”

**(On whether the last drive showed Russell’s maturity ...)** “Without question, he’s great at it. He’s just great at it. And Bev is great at it, too, and Carl up in the box, the three of them working the time situations. Just getting through it with that kind of clarity, which is really important. The communication was excellent. There wasn’t anything that went on there that wasn’t really comfortable for us to handle. That’s because we are really well prepared, and Russell is in a great frame of mind to do that.”

**(On the touchdown play to Baldwin ...)** “It’s a great play for us to call, and those guys are good at it. We had no problem, we knew we were going to get our plays in. We just wanted to

make sure we had all the shots available again. We've been in that situation before. We were very composed, and everything was fine, we knew exactly what was going on. We had all the time that we needed."

**(On whether they had to call the game after Wilson's ankle injury...)** "We looked after him a little bit. We weren't sure what he could do, and we didn't want to tax him too much. We kept him in the pocket more than normal, just to make sure that we didn't force him to go. On the fumble, the exchange, I don't know how it happened, unless he stepped right on his ankle, the same ankle. Whatever happened it did. So, he didn't get back to the exchange point. He made a mistake by trying to flip the ball. He should have just ate it. How could that ever happen, but it did."

**(On the play of the offensive line ...)** "We're OK. It was a good first outing. That's about as high-powered a bunch of guys as we're going to face, until next week. It was a great start for those guys to get through it. The penalties distracted us, really. It was a total field position game, and they kept us backed up the whole game. I don't know what the starts were, but it had to be inside the 20 for the game, the average. It was a lot of pressure on those guys. Mario is playing, and Cameron is playing on the outside, and Jones, and those guys are good players, man. I'm anxious to see the film. But, for the first game, I liked the way they finished, for sure."

**(On the play of Doug Baldwin...)** "It just looks like the same old Doug. Just doing his thing, getting open at the crucial times, making a great catch. How about the catch he made on the drive before the half. That was an incredible catch. He's just playing great football."

**(On the running game with Christine Michael and Thomas Rawls...)** "I liked the way we hit it. We didn't get as much space as we thought we would. That's not the way we expect to run the football. They were fine. They went after it with a lot of intensity. We'll see how it goes, we'll have to take a look at the film, to see what happened. I thought they did fine."

**(On the prognosis for Germain Ifedi... )** "We'll just open it up next week and see where he is. I can't tell you much. We'll see what it is, I don't know."

**(On Wilson's injury...)** "Yes, we have to look at it. We're going to look at it. He got in a bad situation there, the way he got kicked. You saw that a bunch of times on the replays. We'll see. It didn't even phase him, not even for an instant was he phased about that. We just talked about what we could do and he was fine with all that, and away we went."

**(On getting Wilson back out on the field for the next series after his injury...)** “We were ready to go with Boykin, but [Wilson] jumped back out.”

**(On the injury to Proise...)** “He hurt his wrist, he sprained his wrist. It’s not broken but it is sprained and they put a cast on him and he came back out and he was available for special teams in the second half.”

**(On the potential of using Boykin at quarterback...)** “We just warmed him up. If Russ couldn’t get up off the bench, he would have gone in. He got up. He mentioned something about Ben during that time, Big Ben coming off the bench with ankles and stuff. He said if he can do it, I can do it.”

**(On getting Jimmy Graham back today...)** “It was fantastic to get him back, and most of all for him. For him to be able to realize that he made it back. It was such a big injury, such an extraordinary rehab. I never saw him flinch in doubting that he would make it back, but it was a great accomplishment, and it was very emotional. It was very emotional. All of those dark hours, when he’s on his own at home, and he’s a million miles from being able to step properly with his bad leg and all that. Then to work through it at and make it back to this was incredible. I couldn’t be more fired up about him and his courage. And Thomas, too. Both those guys did that within two weeks of each other. It was amazing, a statement about who those guys are.”

**(On the challenge of getting the offense into a rhythm...)** “We were backed up so much, and we got ourselves in some penalty situations. We had a sack or two that messed us up. It just never got going. We need to run the football better to get our rhythm. It seemed like it wasn’t there, the way we wanted it to be.”

**(On whether that was a physical blocking thing...)** “I don’t know that.”

**(On showing patience with the offense...)** “We’re very patient. We’re a patient club, because we know that we can do things and get it done. There’s a belief in here that couldn’t have been more obviously demonstrated. There’s a belief that we can do it, and if we only have 3:37 left and 75 yards, it doesn’t matter. That’s a really powerful thing for a team. We have the experience and we have the leadership and we have the guys that can make plays, obviously. You saw them. That really is a great makeup of a team, to have that sense. You saw it demonstrated for a win today.”

**(On the play of Jeremy Lane and DeShawn Shead...)** “I thought both played well. They made a lot of plays. Jeremy had a good game, a really active game. They did nice stuff. Most of the stuff, there’s a couple misses that we had, there was a big post route that we messed up on. That’s just something, we just missed it. Other than that, I thought we did a lot of great things in coverage, too.”

**(On the play of Cassius Marsh...)** “He had a great day. It was just a great day of playing football, because it happened in special teams, coverage, it happened blocking the kick, it happened rushing the passer. They were all significant plays in the game. How does the backup guy be able to have that much of a factor. That’s because he’s a terrific player. He really is. He made the very most of his opportunities. He made a mistake in there, too. He got his butt chewed on the sidelines, but other than that, he had a fantastic day.”