



Dallas Cowboys Head Coach – Jason Garrett



(On tonight's game)

"We'll take a look at the tape and take a look at more specifically play-by-play and guy-by-guy. There was certainly a good spirit and a good energy to our team tonight. I thought we handled the game situations really well. WE played with intensity throughout the game and played with intensity. All in all, it was a good effort for our team."

(On Cowboys quarterback Dak Prescott)

"It seems like Dak was very comfortable playing. I thought he made a lot of good decisions throughout the game. He made some plays. He made some plays with his arm and he made some plays with his feet, obviously to make us first downs and to make us score touchdowns. The thing that impresses us most about him is his poise and composure, and how he handled the different situations that came up in the game. He wasn't perfect by any means, there are some things that we will look at and get corrected, but he certainly handled things well."

"He just got back to work. There were some things last week that were obviously very good, there were some things that he needed to improve on. You go back to work and you get back to practice, and you try to take advantage of the reps that you have. You practice, and you build and learn and do all those things. That is what he does. That's the kind of culture that we try to have with our football team. You just don't get too caught up in things like that. You just try to get better. You try to get better as a coach, try to get better as a player. He has certainly done that. He has the right mentality and he has grown everyday."

(On Prescott being backup QB)

"I don't want to get into those discussions right now. He has certainly done a good job with the opportunities he has gotten. He is a real pro in his approach for a young guy. He is always prepared for situations and he works very hard to take advantage of his opportunities. It certainly was a good outing for him tonight."

(On Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo)

"I thought that Tony looked good. Obviously in the early part of the game there were a lot of penalties and we had to overcome them. I thought the offensive unit did a good job just continuing to play and trying to overcome those to execute. Obviously the second drive, we moved down and got the score. He looked composed, he looked confident, and he looked very comfortable out there. I thought he read things well and delivered the ball well throughout."

(On Cowboys running back Alfred Morris)

"I thought he has done a really nice job. He is a good football player, there is no question about that. We have tried to tackle him the last four years. He has been really productive in this league. He has worked very hard trying to understand what we are asking him to do as a runner, a receiver and a protector. He is just a professional. He approaches it the right way. It was good to see him out there and get some opportunities."

"The thing that we are most impressed by is how hard he works. He is a real pro. He is always trying to improve. He has a great combination of confidence and humility. He certainly believes in himself but he is always trying to work on the things that maybe he doesn't do as well as he feels he need to. The protection part and the receiving part are two things he hasn't done much in the NFL, but he is working hard on it and he is getting better at it."

"Alfred is a smart guy. He approaches it the right way. He has an understanding of who to block, but there are a lot of different looks that defensive coordinators present to an offense. The more he blocks, the better he is going to get. And then there is the physical aspect, actually physically blocking the guy and he is improving in that as well."

(On the Cowboys offensive line)

"It was good to see them out there. There weren't going to play many snaps, only 8 to 10 snaps in the game and I think they ended up playing just shy of 15. They did a good job. They played with intensity and it was good to see them out there hustling and competing. It is hard for me to evaluate them too much until we go watch the tape, but I certainly liked the aggressive spirit they brought."

(On the Cowboys penalties)

"We'll have to go back and look at the penalties. We'll certainly have to shore that up. We want to play with a spirit and play with a demeanor of physicalness and aggressiveness. Sometimes penalties come with that. We'll go back and look at each of those penalties. We'll have to make sure we minimize those."

(On the Cowboys defense)

"They did a good job. We talk a lot about focusing on the task at hand, and there are a lot of examples of that. You have to play it play by play. Don't tell me how the situation is or how we got here. What is it now? What do we need to do now? The team understands that and there were a lot of good examples throughout."

(On Cowboys wide receiver Dez Bryant)

"Again, good to see Dez out there. He has practiced really well throughout camp. He had a good start to the preseason last week. He had a good week of practice this week. He took advantage of his opportunities tonight."

(On Cowboys defensive back Morris Claiborne)

"Hard for me to talk about that play. You guys have a better view of it than I do. He certainly comes to work every day and competes. He has grown so much over his time here as a player and as a person. He plays with a really competitive spirit. He has a passion for it. He loves to play and we see it in practice. I think you see it in the games too. That is line one with playing football. That is how you need to play, and Mo has done that. He certainly has ability. It is good to see him out here day after day and week after week. That has been an issue for him throughout his career. He has had to deal with some injuries and I think that he has become hardened because of the injuries that he has had. I think he is a pretty player for it."

(On the Cowboys third preseason game on Thursday)

"No real ideas about (the starters) yet. We'll go in tomorrow as coaches and the players will be back in on Sunday for practice. That is what we are focused on."