



MIAMI DOLPHINS AT PHILADELPHIA EAGLES LINCOLN FINANCIAL FIELD

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All Transcripts (transcribed by the Philadelphia Eagles)

Dolphins Head Coach Adam Gase

On QB Jay Cutler's feel for the game and the offense:

"It seems like his pocket presence is coming back pretty quick. He made some nice step ups and sliding in the pocket to find some lanes; there were some broken plays where he hooked up with some guys. I thought that was a step in the right direction. Last week, he was kind of still feeling his way out and tonight he looked more comfortable."

On his timing with receivers and if it's normal for this time of the year or is it because Cutler came into camp late:

"The one play that we got a 50 yard pass interference call to Kenny [Stills] I think I was a little surprised that he got down the field that fast. It's hard to outrun him, I mean Kenny got down the field pretty fast. He's a 4.3 guy and he didn't think he'd be down the field that fast."

On what QB Jay Cutler's next step is in order to progress in this offense:

"Just keep working. This week we have to focus on third downs, which were terrible right now on both sides of the ball. We have to reemphasize that I guess."

On what he saw from his defense in regards to overall execution:

"The turnovers, but we have to figure out what's going on during third down. Maybe we're just that bad on offense to where our defense would feel better about it. In practice, they just beat the crap out of us. So maybe we're just that bad on offense."

On how C Mike Pouncey looked to him:

"Good, he looked real good. I know he was excited going in, he went in there and did exactly what we thought he would do where he just gets everybody covered up, up front with the calls everything worked out real well. It's what we've been talking about going into this season. You have a guy who doesn't practice much and then just jumps right in and is as smooth as can be."

On the decision to start C/G Anthony Steen instead of T Jesse Davis:

"That's just kind of what we wanted to go with for this game. We knew that both of them were going to get reps. It seems like we either go three and out too much on offense when that first group comes out and then can't get off the field on defense when that first group comes out. Less plays and we just have to keep working in practice and keep evaluating guys."

On how much he's holding back against teams during the pre-season:





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"I think we've been pretty basic scheme wise. Each game is going to take on a life of its own; we're trying to get good at certain things. We'll run some of it in practice and some of it in pre-season games where we aren't afraid to show it. There are certain things are still a work in progress where we feel good about it leading into the season where maybe we don't want to show it in the pre-season."

On Jay's ability to take and make tough throws and if he has the freedom to continue doing so:

"I think if you notice, it's usually if a guy is on #11 [WR DeVante Parker], he'll throw it up in the air to let him go get it. He's kind of always had that big guy usually at every stop he's been to where it's [Giants WR] Brandon Marshall or [Eagles WR] Alshon Jeffery and he had [Panthers TE Greg Olsen] I mean there are certain guys that he knows are big targets that can go up there and get it. Some of the times when it's between the numbers, he'll kind of see a big enough hole to where him and the receiver are on the same page."

On taking the blame for the sack on the first drive:

"That was my fault, we went silent count and we just couldn't get organized very well and the clock ran down on us and we hadn't worked on it enough. We have to be way better than that and that's on me. I put [T] Laremy Tunsil in a bad position."

On what he learned about his team practicing against Philadelphia these past four days:

"I think it was good for us to go through a different practice schedule, you know go against somebody different. We thought we were getting a little bit out of the heat but it was pretty hot on Tuesday which was good. We saw a lot of different looks whether it was on offense or defense. There were a lot of different things in the run game that they did in practice that wasn't run tonight, but we got to see during practice which was good. Because we were so exclusive running games wise with our offense and for our guys to see a whole bunch of different schemes that was good."

On what his plan is for LB Rey Mauluga going back to Miami:

"Just keep working on getting in shape and getting his body ready and start getting him out at practice to see where he's at. Try to figure out will he be ready for the first game or do we have to wait another week after that. We won't know until we kind of get going in practice, we'll find out this week."

Dolphins QB Jay Cutler

On his 72-yard completion to WR DeVante Parker in the first quarter to set up a 2-yard score:

"It was just one-on-one [coverage]. [With] a guy like that, one-on-one opportunities you got to try and find those matchups for him and give him a shot at the ball and he can do things like that."

On whether he intentionally placed the ball on Parker's left shoulder:





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"[I] just kind of threw it out there. You just don't want to overthrow him, that's my biggest thing with a lot of these guys, just don't overthrow him and give him a chance to play the ball because they're really good with the ball in the air."

On when he knew Parker had the ability to make big plays down the field:

"Day One. I mean, you watch him run, you watch him move, you watch his ability with the ball in the air and you kind of know what you got pretty quickly with that kind of talent."

On whether he prefers throwing to big receivers:

"I've had them; over the last 12 years I've usually just had one. [I've] been able to play with them, so I know what they like and they can make life pretty easy on a quarterback."

On developing connections with the receiving corps over the past week:

"I mean, they're really good players. They're going to get open, they're going to create opportunities for themselves. It's just kind of my job to get them the ball. The two days we've practiced in Philly, and then today, they did exactly what we thought they were going to do. Our guys got open and we felt good about the drives that we had."

On how beneficial the week of practice was:

"I think [this week of practice] sped up things a little bit, because you got some more game-like situations and practicing against [the Eagles], so I think I was able to speed up my clock. Normally where I would be if – well, there's no real normal because I've never sat out this much football – so it's kind of a learning curve for me and [Dolphins head coach] Adam [Gase] and everybody else."

On whether he prefers to run the hurry-up offense:

"That's kind of how it was introduced to me with Adam in Chicago, and that's kind of how I learned it. These guys, they seem comfortable with it. We kind of went in-and-out of it today, so it's just something we like to use. It's another weapon we can get into, and if we don't like it, we can slow it down."

On whether he was surprised by WR Kenny Stills' speed:

"These guys, they're different speeds. Whenever they get green grass, they're gone. We were kind of in a short field and I got moved out of spot a little bit to the left and just touched late to him. Probably when I watch it on film, [I'm] going to want to drive a little more and pull him across the field. We were lucky to get the pass interference there. All three of them -- Jarvis [Landry], DeVante [Parker], Kenny – they're talented weapons and I'm glad they're on our squad."

On his comfort level with C Mike Pouncey:

"He's a player. He does his thing; to have a center like that makes things much easier for me, as well."





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Dolphins WR DeVante Parker

On what he has learned from QB Jay Cutler:

"He likes to throw it deep whenever he has a chance. He likes tall receivers and likes guys who can go up get the ball."

On whether this is the perfect scenario working with QB Jay Cutler:

"Yes, I have a good connection with him. I just like how he has trust in us to just make a play and come down with it."

On whether there was a point in practice or tonight's game where it clicked with him and QB Jay Cutler:

"I feel like during practice that he just wanted to launch it up one time and see what happens, and he did and I came down with it. Hopefully I can continue this connection with him."

On QB Jay Cutler comparing Parker to Eagles WR Alshon Jeffrey:

"I feel good about it. He is a good receiver and he makes plays. He is a great receiver and I like that comparison from him."

On whether scoring less than 10 touchdowns would be a disappointment this season:

"Nobody is going for anything. I just go out there and play. Whatever happens; just happens."

Dolphins DE Cameron Wake

On how he would assess the team's readiness for the regular season with about two weeks to go:

"Well, we obviously have some things to work on. A little rusty, little rough around the edges, but I think tonight was a good test and I think it was a good indication. Like I said, we kind of have to buckle down Monday, or whenever we get back to work, and get to work on things that showed up in the game that we have to fix."

On one specific thing that he knows the defensive unit can do better than what occurred tonight:

"Big plays, obviously. Communication, probably on a couple things. I know there was some communication issues with a couple things. But I don't think anything dramatic. The effort was there, I think guys were playing hard. But like I said, the little details. I mean on defense, one play can kind of turn the whole tide. So it's the little things we have to work on and make sure that we iron out to make sure when the regular season does come, we are ready to go."

On if there was an adjustment period getting used to new Dolphins Defensive Coordinator Matt Burke or if it wasn't an issue:





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"I don't think so. I mean, it would be different if he was a guy who came from Mars and we had never met him and, you know, he had a whole new plan and a whole new scheme and all that. But he was here with us last year [as Linebackers coach]. We are running pretty much the same defense that we were running last year. So I don't think there is much of an adjustment. It's getting on the same page and making sure that guys are working well together. Because like I said, defense is different than offense. Offense, you can play three quarters and have one good quarter and score four touchdowns, you win the game. Defense, you play 90 percent of the game great, have three bad plays, you lose. So you know, it's all game long, every play, no matter what series it is. You can't be up and down or back and forth."

Dolphins DT Ndamukong Suh

On whether seeing the turnovers the defense produces entices him that they're picking up where they left off last year:

"I think it's good. Obviously, we want to create as many turnovers as we can. It's something that we pride ourselves on – being aggressive at all three levels. The defense where that's coming from is up front. The linebackers on secondary want to be aggressive and create turnovers and get the ball back to the offense."

On how close to ready he is for the regular season:

"I think personally I'm in good shape. I think I'm prepared to play a full game. At the end of the day it's just going to come down to being ready for Tampa [Bay]. I think there's no real way to tell until you actually get into it. I think mentally and physically I'm there, but at the end of the day you're not going to really find out until you get into a true game because you never know how it's going to play out for you."

On how he fixes the issues of the breakdowns on defense and third down struggles:

"I think it's a lineman assignment. Being in the right places and then obviously being able to tackle like some of them had to do at that point. But I think it's a little bit of schematics of us not being in the right places, but I have to go back and look at the film to be able to confirm that for you."

On whether he's comfortable where the defense is right now:

"I'm not comfortable at all. I think we have a big week of practice ahead of us and, to me, in my personal opinion being comfortable and being complacent – I don't want this defense to be complacent by any means. I think there were a lot of good things that we did this particular week in practice as well as in this game from my memory, but like I said, I'm going to go back and watch the film and be able to build off of that and be prepared for the fourth preseason game that's more important than Tampa."

On whether he feels they are on track or behind this time of year:

"I think we're in a good place, but I think at the end of the day it doesn't really matter where we think we're at. It's about being able to go out there and perform in week one. As much as you think you're in a good place or





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not, you can't be comfortable and can't be complacent. We have to go back to work on Sunday when we get back and be prepared for what we need to get done."

Dolphins LB Lawrence Timmons

On how his interception went from his perspective:

"It went pretty well. I just saw the [Eagles] QB [Carson Wentz] and a tight end tried to grab me. I pushed off and saw the ball, and maintained the ball."

On if he feels like he's grasping what the Dolphins need him to do here:

"I feel like it's coming along. I'm taking baby steps now. It's my first year here, but it's coming along really well."

On if he's worried about communication issues or if he thinks they can get it cleaned up quickly:

"I feel like we can work on it right now. We have a big week of practice next week and we're going to establish our identity, but we're going to be pretty good."

On what he thinks will be a point of emphasis from now until the start of the regular season:

"Just camaraderie. We just have to play together and get our energy. I feel like our energy could be better. Just finishing strong and things of that nature I think we can work on."

Dolphins CB Byron Maxwell

On covering the Eagles offense:

"I had him covered. I should've just stayed on the post but your eyes play tricks on you. You think you see a little, you see a lot and sometimes it just doesn't work out."

On [Eagles WR] Torrey Smith throughout practices this week and his potential bounce back year:

"I don't know. I don't know if he has a bounce back year or if it's a good year I couldn't really tell you nothing about him."

On how prepared he feels about his second year in Miami:

"This game right here helped a lot. I'm going to go back and study this game and it should help a lot."

On what he thinks helped the Eagles do so well in this game:

"They got some key first downs. We had them backed up and we just couldn't get up the field. They got a good feel for us and they made a couple plays."





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Eagles Head Coach Doug Pederson

Q. What did you see from the first team and is it what you wanted to see?

DOUG PEDERSON: I did. I was pleased obviously with the way that they played. Again, got great work for two days against the Dolphins. Monday and Tuesday, and got a couple scores, [Eagles WR] Torrey [Smith] and [Eagles WR] Alshon [Jeffery] both. So happy to get them in there and get them out.

Q. Did the joint sessions kind of scale back what you wanted from Carson Wentz to feel like playing this month?

DOUG PEDERSON: Yeah, they got a lot of great work for two days. You think about it, we really don't play full football games on 48 hours rest, and Monday and Tuesday was pretty intense for both teams. I felt like we got some good work, so that was part of the reason why I was able to pull them out sooner.

Q. Assuming this is it for Carson and the starters for the preseason, do you feel good enough what you've seen with the new receivers both getting touchdowns today?

DOUG PEDERSON: Yeah, I do. I feel real comfortable with where they're at. Their focus now is in a couple of weeks, and they can get some really good work, one-on-one work in these next few practices, and kind of get ready for the regular season. Happy to get both those guys tonight in the end zone and kind of catapult the offense into the regular season.

Q. The offensive line, obviously you've got Carson, as well, what you wanted to see. What were the problems? He got a lot of pressure?

DOUG PEDERSON: Yeah, there were a couple of unscouted blitzes, again, preseason games, things that they didn't show obviously -- we didn't do any blitz periods in our sessions the other day, and a couple unscouted looks. But it's no excuse. We've got to be ready for everything and anything and just a lot of quick pressure on Carson. A couple times he was able to make some tremendous plays and get the ball out of his hand, but at the same time, we've got to do better obviously in that situation and learn from it and move on.

Q. Would you have left him in the play longer had it not been for the pressure?

DOUG PEDERSON: I don't think so. I think I would have made the decision at that point at the same time.

Q. How tough will it be to choose the running back position with the way the backs are playing? It looks like the final two guys might be vying for that last spot?

DOUG PEDERSON: You know, I think that -- first of all, I was excited to get Wendell [RB Wendell Smallwood] out there, obviously, get some touches and get him back working with the first unit. LeGarrette [RB LeGarrette Blount] had a fine game with the touches that he got, and really, you saw kind of the style of runner that he is, as well. They're two different guys. The thing is that's the beauty of the run game: you can mix and match your run game with the personnel that you have. Then you throw in Darren Sproles. It's great to have those three guys. I think it really gives us, I think, a little bit -- from a game-planning standpoint, obviously, an advantage to get





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those three guys on the field.

Q. How tough will it be to choose between running backs Corey Clement and Donnel Pumphrey?

DOUG PEDERSON: They're making it tough. I challenged the young guys tonight after the game that this next week is going to be important. I want them to make it hard on us as a coaching staff and a personnel department, and all we can ask is to make it tough on us. But at the end of the day, we've got to select the 53 that is going to travel to Washington.

Q. It has been three games now without QB Nick Foles. What's going on with his elbow and what's the plan for him this week?

DOUG PEDERSON: Again, with him, he got a little sore during the week [during practice] with the Dolphins. He had a lot of throws because he missed so much time early in camp, and then coming back, he got more throws [and] more intense throws against the Dolphins [in practice]. It just got a little sore on him, so I just didn't want to push him. Again, the more rest that you can get on that elbow, the better. I'm confident with Nick having coached him in the past and [with him] being a veteran quarterback and understanding our system. The rest will definitely help him.

Q. Would you like to see him next week against the Jets or no?

DOUG PEDERSON: I don't know. I haven't made up my mind yet and where I'm at with that. [That's] kind of where I'm at right now with that one.

Q. Similar to the running back position, are the young receivers making the roster decisions difficult, as well?

DOUG PEDERSON: They are, and again, I can remember myself being in that situation even as a third- or fourth-string quarterback, just fighting and clawing for everything. The exciting thing is these guys are making plays when they're in the game. This next week is going to be important for all those guys that are vying for those positions, and again, it goes back to making it hard on us for those final roster spots. It's good to see all those guys. It's good to see Bryce [WR Bryce Treggs] back out there again and playing, and Greg Ward and Mack [Hollins] and all those guys. Marcus [Johnson] had a nice touchdown reception tonight, so it's good competition at that spot.

Q. Darby, what could he have done better on those plays?

DOUG PEDERSON: I've got to go back and obviously look at the film and we can decide and make that decision. It was a great catch that went over the top of him, it was a great catch. Felt like he was in good position, and [you] just got to track the ball and make that play. Again, the receiver made a tremendous play. These are things in these games that we'll just go back and look at the film tomorrow and make that correction and show him how to be better in that situation so that it doesn't happen again.

Q. On the 93-yard drive, the balance that you had, is that how you want the offense to look this year?





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DOUG PEDERSON: Yeah, you would love to have that type of balance, any time, run and pass and kind of keep the defense off balance a little bit and get the quarterback on the move in the pocket, it was great to go down and score and obviously finish off that drive. But yeah, that's definitely sort of a blueprint to what you'd like to see during the regular season.

Q. Is there anything out of the first-team offense you want to see them have more success with going forward from what you saw tonight?

DOUG PEDERSON: Not really. I think the last two weeks really our hurry up tempo offense was very good. We were able to put pressure on the defense, and our guys really, they practice fast that way and they're used to that and they're comfortable with that and it gets your quarterback in a rhythm and gets your offense in a rhythm. That was very beneficial, something we'll obviously continue during the regular season. We've got to just clean up some things in the protection. Goes back to Howard's [94 WIP sideline reporter Howard Eskin] question there in the protection. We'll do that, and obviously now the focus for them is to get ready for Washington in two weeks.

Q. McGloin today, what do you see from him after today's game?

DOUG PEDERSON: He's done a great job coming in there and really starting camp as our third but really playing as our No. 2 here the last few games. He did a nice job tonight even after the turnover to bounce back and go down really against our starting defense and score was exciting for him and for the offense. He's done a nice job. He's done a really nice job, and again, it's one of those positions where you want to see that position play well, and he's done a nice job.

Q. How much is game planning for Washington, how much is evaluating the final roster --

DOUG PEDERSON: Yeah, it's a fine line because we want to make sure our starters are getting a little bit of some Washington and starting to think [about] the Redskins a little bit. But at the same time, as coaches and the rest of the team, we're still evaluating, and we've got one more preseason game left next week up in New York, and we want to make sure that those guys are also ready to play.

Q. As far as Derek Barnett, how important was it to get him in there with the ones?

DOUG PEDERSON: I think it's important, yeah, it's important. We wanted to see him against some good starting offensive tackles, obviously, and it'll be nice tomorrow going back and watching the tape to just really kind of dive in to see how well he did or some of the mistakes he made that we can help him get better, as well. It's always good to get those young guys, especially a guy that's going to be in the mix with that D-line throughout the season, getting some good work against some good tackles.





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Eagles QB Carson Wentz

On whether this particular game and the practices with Miami were a more accurate idea of where he is in getting ready for the season:

"You can maybe say that. I think getting those couple days of practice with them helped gauge where we are at as well. We got some really good situational work. And then coming out here tonight, we weren't really sure how much we would play, but we came out and did some really good things. Obviously, the interception was unfortunate, but aside from that, we were moving the ball well. So I thought things were clicking really well."

On how he feels with where he is after three games:

"I feel good. I feel confident. I am thankful, for the most part, that everyone is healthy too. So I think, tonight, this offense was a good showing for us. Like I said, the interception was unfortunate, but we moved the ball well. And for the starters, it's exciting to start getting ready for Washington."

On whether throwing only 23 passes over three preseason games is enough for him:

"I feel like that is just the way it works. That is preseason football. I got a lot of work in over camp, honestly. With 16 games last year, I was healthy. I got good work in in the preseason. I don't think it was overkill. But it was a good number, and I feel confident going forward."

On what he saw on the WR Torrey Smith touchdown pass:

"They were trying to bluff coverage a little bit and the safety was trying to roll back, but was kind of flat footed. I knew with a guy like Torrey, if they were going to sit flat footed, he was going to run right by them. So I just gave him a chance and he did the rest."

On whether that was something he recognized or if that was the play call:

"That was the play call. That was part of the design. And then just the coverage. Like I said, they were bluffing it. But they got back and Torrey did the rest."

On how it feels to get on the same page with guys like Smith and WR Alshon Jeffery:

"It was great. It was great to do it here and in front of the fans. The fans get really excited about that, so that was cool. And I have said it all along: I felt really confident in our chemistry with those guys, even going back to the spring. So to finally be able to do that in a game-like situation, that was really good to see."

On whether getting a lot of 1-on-1 drills during the practices with the Dolphins was a reason he didn't play as much:

"Yeah, I think so. I think that is part of it. Like I said, we got a lot of good situational work during the week where we didn't have to go fully live, but we got to see some different looks. I think that was part of it. And then coming out and putting together a couple of drives, I think it was a 93-yard drive we ended with, I think we all





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kind of said, 'We have seen enough.' That was coach's [head coach Doug Pederson] decision at the end of the day though."

On whether he is comfortable with the protection over the past three games:

"Yeah, the protection has been solid. Some of the things that have happened are on me. Some of the naked and stuff, which is on me. That is football. I have to get rid of the ball. So I am not really concerned about that. I know those guys are going to be rock solid all year."

On what he has to do personally and with the first-team offense to get even better heading into the opener at Washington:

"The biggest thing-and I have been saying this all week and all camp- the biggest thing is consistency. We know we can be dynamic on offense. Last week, we came out and we had three three-and-outs. That is not our style of football. We know we can be dynamic, we just have to be consistent and stay ahead of the chains. [We have to] be disciplined. Last week, we had some penalties and tonight, I think we had a few still. But those are the biggest things we just have to keep honing in on."

On how much bigger a part of the offense he thinks the deep balls might be on the season:

"I think it can definitely be a big part of the offense. I think a guy like Torrey Smith, who can run like that, is going to open up some things. Whether we actually are completing deep balls, or he is just kind of stretching the defense for some underneath stuff to help out guys in the slot, like [TE Zach] Ertz or [RB] Darren Sproles, you name it. I think that is just a big part of the offense that we are going to see expanded on a little more."

On what was clicking on the 93-yard drive:

"Everything. I thought we were moving the ball well. We got into that mock, no huddle-tempo again. I just saw last week, we were able to move the ball last week doing that. We had the fumble up, which was unfortunate, but tonight, we had the same thing. I think we are all-- sometimes when you get into those modes, you are not thinking as much and you're just playing. And sometimes that is a really good thing for guys. And when we know we have the talented players that we have on the edges, I think that is a really big part of our offense."

On whether he had second thoughts in making a tackle on the interception when Dolphins DT Jordan Phillips was running toward him:

"It was interesting. I was trying not to get hurt, but yes it was not my proudest moment trying to make that tackle. He just tiptoed right over me, so it wasn't my proudest moment."

On how he balances wanting to make a tackle on that play versus being smart:

"You just have to learn. At the end of the day, I wish I had made the tackle, so that is part of it. But, you just have to learn how to balance that."

On whether getting back to chunk plays during the 93-yard drive was a result of tempo:





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"Some of both. I think the tempo definitely helps with those chunk plays. Because the defenses then are usually in their generic looks, their base looks. That's when just players go make plays. To some extent, they have an idea of what we're doing, we kind of know what they're doing, it just comes down to players executing. I think that was a good thing tonight."

On how comfortable he is making deep cross throws:

"I feel really good with them. Honestly, I felt good with them last year, things just happened. Sometimes in games those things happen. I felt really good all off season. I felt good tonight. You know shoot, those guys were making some really good catches too. They weren't necessarily great throws but those guys gave them a chance and when you have playmakers out there you just have to give them a chance. So that was good to see."

On how the blitz communication has been:

"It's been pretty good, it's been pretty good, yeah."

Eagles WR Alshon Jeffrey

On whether 48 offensive plays were enough for the starters on offense through the first three preseason games:

"I will let you be the judge of that. I feel confident in our group. It is progress."

On how the offense is in general:

"I feel great about it. The sky is the limit for this offense. You just have to keep building."

On whether the third preseason game was different than the first two for the offensive unit:

"I think we had everyone together. Everyone played so I will say so."

On if he was surprised the starting offense only played a quarter:

"It is preseason. I am not surprised at anything. We are just playing football. It is whatever our coaches tell us to do."

After being a starter in this league for a while, whether this was the least amount of plays that he has played in a third preseason game:

"I don't remember. Honestly, I don't even think about preseason games."

On if playing only a quarter is enough time to get ready or does most of the work come from practice:

"I just let you be the judge on how much time. As long as we just keep working hard, each and every single day in practice, whatever happens out there in preseason, we just roll with it."





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Eagles WR Torrey Smith

On if he feels like he's ready for the regular season now:

"I felt ready before today. It's always nice to come out and be able to make plays. As an offense we still weren't as clean as we needed to be, but I think we made some positive steps."

On what it felt like to have his first catch:

"It was pretty cool, especially being that it's my first time here. I'm just glad that we were able to connect. It's something that we've had success in practice with, but to have it happen in a game setting is always fun."

On if he's feels like he's played enough with QB Carson Wentz after only being in for a quarter:

"The biggest thing is that practice is more important than any preseason game for me. Everything is so vanilla, the defense is pretty vanilla for the most part, but it's just practice. I've been playing for years. Carson is obviously a young guy and he's had his reps, but, like I said, we haven't played 50 plays maybe all together, but we had 50 plays in practice the other day together. So it's important that we're executing it."

On if he feels the offense made strides, even though it's the preseason:

"I think so. Again, things still weren't as clean as they needed to be, but I think there were some good things on film and obviously some things that we're going to have some long conversations about. I think now the best thing is that we made it through healthy for the most part and we can really dial in on the Redskins for the next couple of weeks."

On what he saw on the play that led to his reception:

"It was quarters. It was a great play call. The offense line did a great job as well and I knew I just had to beat my guy outside and I was able to do that and Carson made a great throw."

On if it was still important to have a catch like he did even though it's preseason:

"It's always nice, but if I would have gone without a catch I wouldn't have lost any sleep over it. I'm just glad that offensively we were able to score some points."

On whether it's unusual to get open that deep:

"No, it could happen again. It could happen twice. When plays like that happen, especially that route combination, it's tough because the safety generally has to grab the second guy underneath and I'm one-on-one with the corner, so if I run by the corner then I know that it should be my ball and that's what happened."





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Eagles RB Corey Clement

On whether he feels there is anything else he needs to do to show the Eagles coaches he deserves a spot on the roster:

"This is going to be a crucial seven days. This is the last showcase we have to prove to the staff that I should be a part of this 53-man roster. But I can't think about that at all. If I am my best self that day, I go back in the mirror as I go to sleep just knowing I gave it my all. I shouldn't have anything to worry about if I gave it my all each day."

On whether he feels good about where he is now after two touchdowns in the last two weeks:

"It's just the fact that I'm greedy. I want to keep going. I wanted to keep playing and as the game went on I got a chance to get more of a taste of the special teams. So as that went on, I wanted to show [Special Teams] Coach [Dave] Fipp and [Running Backs] Coach Duce [Staley] that I could play all four quarters. When it comes down to it you got to be somewhat selfish because you have to show you're a hungry guy who wants your team to win every single day."

On how playing in the Big 10 helped him:

"I think the guys around me helped [get me to] this moment. The guys up front really make it that much easier for me and [Offensive Line] Coach [Jeff] Stout[land] prepares those guys very well. Duce prepares us, so as we go out there we're all in tandem. When we approach each down, it's all about who wants it more. Each guy is trying to get it done better than the next guy, so it's creates that competitive edge that everybody wants."

Eagles T Lane Johnson

On the success of the run game tonight:

"The run game was something we wanted to emphasize. I think we had 50 yards in the first quarter, so that was a plus for us. We wanted to make sure we could run the ball tonight, so that was our primary focus."

On how Eagles QB Carson Wentz has developed to be able to extend plays:

"I think that the one play in Green Bay where you saw him avoid [Packers LB Clay] Matthews just shows his elusiveness and that's something big. A lot of quarterbacks can't do that in this league. If you're able to extend plays like that, it's obviously going to be better for us."

On learning how Wentz likes to move to be able to protect him:

"Yeah it's really about the different step drops because if it's 3-step, 5-step, 7-step, he's going to be deeper in the pocket so the defensive end is going to be going further up the field or less up the field, so you have to be conscience of that."





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On whether he feels ready for the regular season after the offensive line had limited playing time together:

"Hey, we better get ready. I felt good tonight. We wanted to emphasize the run game and obviously anybody can say that we can always improve on stuff, keeping Carson more clean, but I'm fine where we're at. I think this next week at practice we don't take it lightly and then the following week we have to get ready for Washington."

On how big of a difference it makes to have the whole offensive line in the same game:

"It's big. Just consistency. The big thing with offensive linemen is communication. On every play you have to listen to the center on his call and if you don't get the call, that's somebody getting sacked, that's somebody getting a tackle for a loss, so it's really crucial to get those practice reps in."

Eagles C Jason Kelce

On his thoughts of the game:

"It still could have been better. It's still just a little bit sloppy and a little bit of not all being on the same page. We need to start preparing for opponents throughout the week and start getting used to the blitzes and the different things that they have to offer and that will just clean everything up."

Eagles LB Mychal Kendricks

On playing in the NFL:

"This is the league, man. There are people out there that can play this game. It's about taking advantage of the opportunities given. Whatever opportunity is given to me I plan on making the most of it."

On him having a chip on his shoulder in the preseason:

"Every game is an audition in the league and that's just how it goes. Coaches, players, we all go so fast. It's a cycle, it's crazy and it's not like any other job occupation I know. Like I said it's just about taking the opportunities given. It's simple and people try to make it so complicated but it's just simple."

On his thoughts of the defense tonight:

"I am really liking the defense. I think that we're coming together really nice. It's the second year for everyone in this defense and I think that we are really able to focus on the details of our techniques and then our play, so it's nice to see people out there doing their thing. We need to work on a couple things but I think we are coming together."





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Eagles CB Ronald Darby

On tonight's performance:

"I feel like I didn't do as well as I wanted to, but once again it's preseason. We'll go back and watch film, work on what you need to during the rest of these weeks and make we're prepared to come week one when it counts."

On how ready he feels the team is for week one:

"I feel as though we're ready. At the end of the day if you take away my mistake, the defense played well overall, so as a unit I feel as though we're ready."

On being a quick learner when making mistakes:

"I go back and I critique. I'll be watching this film for the next few days to see what I did wrong so when I get back out there again and it happens like I snap into it, you know? You have to just critique yourself. Have a short memory so when that opportunity presents itself again I'm able to make a play on it."

On how good he thinks the defense can be as a unit:

"We could be very dangerous. You have the guys up front coming, defense flying around... even the deep one I gave up; [S Malcolm] Jenkins coming and running to make a play... you normally don't see stuff like that, so I feel as though we could be very good."

