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Football Camp Day 2
Quoting Coach Graham

On Today's Practice:

“Today was the best day that we’ve have had since I’ve been here. It will be different when we put the pads on but so far I am very impressed. We have made some really great strides on both sides of the football and I cannot wait to get back out there again.

“Today I talked to the team about as a staff and as players we hover as far as passion and intensity on every play to get better on every single snap. Right now we’re somewhere around 80-90% and that will get you to where you can compete for a conference championship but we need to be at 100%. We talked about how everyone needs to get there in order for us to improve as a team. When you’re on the sideline and you’re not playing you should be learning and know what is going on. I really saw the intensity in our team today. For some reason when you come indoors it makes the intensity go up. I think a lot of it has to do with yesterday and the adjustments we made but overall they played pretty fast.

“They are getting very efficient with the football and Tino Sunseri so far has had two outstanding days. Mark Myers also impressed me today and I’m looking forward to seeing more from him. As a whole the guys had their best day as a team and Tino continues to be consistent. He had a few dropped balls but it is challenging to continue to get better but I have full confidence in him as a quarterback.”

On Player Positions:

“It will be an ongoing process to make improvements but the first scrimmage will be a good evaluation and the next week will also be a good evaluation before things are set. We have a couple of weeks to go and there will be some players who compete through out the year. But, there were a lot of exciting young guys out there today that were pretty impressive.

“We have a lot of competition out front and we’re very athletic and explosive up front and defensively. Coach Griswold has really done a great job and we’re faster as a football team.

“I think it will be an ongoing competition for spots because we have some really special players. Myles Caragein has really improved his athleticism and explosiveness. Aaron Donald and K’Waun Williams are both very explosive guys. Chas Alexih has also impressed me these last couple of days. Even though we don’t have pads on yet, I think all those guys will be in the rotation to play and how much playing time will determine how they work each week. Chas is a guy who can be special in impacting the quarterback

for us and I think Donald will be the same type of guy so we will have to wait to see who plays more. Justin Hargrove is one guy who now plays completely different and I am very impressed with him so far. Shayne Hale looks better and so does T.J. Clemmings because we have adapted a few things. It will be an ongoing process but I think a lot of those guys will play.”

On the linebackers:

“It will be a battle but the young man, Juan Price, from Woodland Hills is pretty special so he will be in the mix as well. Shayne Hale is a defensive end but he is not a ‘Panther.’”

On offensive line:

“We will not know exactly about Ryan Turnley until we put the pads on and work that out. We need to focus right now on developing another offensive lineman and continue to develop the ones we already have. So far I have seen some positive things out of Matt Rotheram, Arthur Doakes and Turnley so we will just have to wait and see. We have a lot of confidence in Cory King as well as that entire group.

“It’s essential there to have Jordan Gibbs, Chris Jacobson, Lucas Nix and King. We have the most confidence in those guys and they have the most confidence in each other but we need to develop one more guy that has some depth. A guy like Juantez Hollins needs to develop at the tackle position and we need to develop inside as well. Jacobson could end up as center or as a guard it just depends on who develops and who steps forward. We’ll have a lot better evaluation after getting pads on.”

On possibly moving Lucas Nix to guard:

“No, not in our system as much as we throw the football we have to protect the quarterback and there are going to be some athletic guys. I think he is a special tackle and our tackles are as good as you could want. They are also very experienced and understand how we are doing things with the new system.”

On Dan Mason:

“For Dan Mason it is just a day-to-day deal. Dan has faith and belief that he can make it back but we’ll have to see. He’s still a while from where he can compete right now.”