

Head Coach Freddie Kitchens:

Opening statement:

“It was good to finally get a chance to compete against other people, and I am very happy. Our guys felt excited. They were excited and did a god job of competing on an every play. It was not always pretty, but I thought they competed the whole game, even to the end.”

On the Browns’ first drive with the first team offense:

“I thought it was a good drive. We did not have a third down. We were working our two-minute offense. I thought that was what they were supposed to do. They are supposed to get completions and big chunk plays. When we hand the ball off, we are supposed to block for (RB) Nick (Chubb). I thought we did a good job outside, inside and everywhere. It was a really nice first drive.”

On if the Browns wanted to set the tone by receiving the opening kickoff:

“I think that so many things factor into that – weather, wind, your plan. Our plan was to open and get some work in the two-minute offense. We were trying to score. You can’t expect that – it just depends on game-to-game. I do not want to get into it too much.”

On if the Browns could conduct a no-huddle offense in various stages of the game:

“I am sure we could. We did it last year, too. At the end, last game of the year.”

On G Austin Corbett when playing C:

“We are trying to rotate guys in and out and see where they fit. I think (C Kyle) Kalis did a couple of nice things before he went out. (G Eric) Kush when he was in there with the first group did well. No pressures or anything like that in the first drive. We had a nice run on a sprint draw. All those guys, keep competing, and we will see where we are at. Even if we find a right guard, we still have other spots to fill. There is still a lot of competition going on up front, just like out wide – at receiver and running back. We have competition in several areas. Everybody likes to look at the first group and decide who that is. When you get into the season, you better have some depth and you better have some dependability, accountability and reliability on people that are backing these guys up. That is what we are looking for.”

On WRs Odell Beckham Jr. and Jarvis Landry not playing today:

“I did not think it was worth the risk. They have been trying to fight through a couple of minor things, nothing to write home about, per se. No reason.”

On DE Myles Garrett and DT Larry Ogunjobi playing some tonight:

“We discussed it. They wanted to play one series, and I am glad that they did. Myles had a good pressure on the quarterback and made him throw the ball away.”

On K Greg Joseph’s missed PAT and if the hold was good:

“I do not know yet about the hold. I just know it did not go through the uprights, and I am looking for them to go through the uprights. I do not want any excuses. I just want the ball through the uprights.”

On if Garrett seems faster, given Garrett’s talk about his physique:

“Yeah, I think him and (T) Greg (Robinson) have been going at it all of training camp. When he came off the ball today, yeah. I thought he was pretty quick last year too. I don’t know how fast you have to be, but he is fast enough.”

On LB Mack Wilson’s INTs tonight and during practice during the last few days:

“Yeah, he continues to get better. It is kind of one of those things where he is keeping his head down. It was not going good for him early in camp, but he kept his head down and kept working one day at a time and one rep at a time. Before you know it, he starts making plays, he is in better positions and his eyes are

in better places and spots. He is getting other guys lined up. His communication is starting to get better with that group. Once you know how to get there and where to get there, the rest is just making plays.”

On if there was a miscommunication on defense with CB Greedy Williams on Redskins’ TD catch:

“I do not know if he thought he had safety help or he should have been deep himself so I will leave it for the masses to decide.”

On Williams coming back to intercept Redskins QB Dwayne Haskins Jr.:

“I have told you guys before about the front windshield and the rearview mirror. You are just playing the next play. I do not care what happened the play before, and I do not care what happens the next play. I just want you to play the current play, and he did a good job of that. He should have been in the deep third on the one where they ran right by him one, but what he did was he played the next play and he got a pick.”

On if he is glad the situation surrounding RB Duke Johnson Jr. has come to a resolution:

“Duke was a good football player. He is a good football player. It is hard to let good football players go, but we did what was best for the organization and the Cleveland Browns. What (General Manager) John (Dorsey) did felt like what we needed to do. It truly did. Duke was drafted in the third round so it was a good opportunity to help us out down the road in the future. We wish Duke nothing but the best. Well wishes.”

On RB Dontrell Hilliard’s fumble and penalties:

“He did, and we are going to get better at that. I would not push the panic button on Dontrell yet.”

On if he like’s Hilliard’s ability to fill the role planned for Johnson:

“I do like him to fill that role. Sure do.”

On if the Browns were frustrated with Johnson’s lingering hamstring injury:

“Do not question Duke’s professionalism. Duke had a pulled hamstring. As an organization, you do not want him come back on a pulled hamstring and he pulls it again he is out for a month. We were trying to get him ready for the season. We were not trying to get him ready to play tonight. I would not question Duke’s professionalism if I were you.”

On WR Damon Sheehy-Guisseppi’s punt return for a touchdown and the team’s celebration:

“It is good to see good people, hard-working good people succeed. He definitely fits the bill with being that. If you stick around after any practice, you will see him on the practice field getting extra running in and before practice getting extra work in. He is always at the office. He is a good kid.”

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QB Baker Mayfield:

On if the first series was a two-minute drill at its finest:

“It was a little over two minutes so not exactly.”

On if the two-minute series was scripted:

“No, we were calling it as it goes. We kind of had an idea of what we wanted to do not really knowing exactly what they were going to come out when we were playing that fast. It was just seeing the adjustments and checking the ball down when they are carrying their seams and stuff like that. Get the ball down to your back quickly and let them do some work, and they did a good job.”

On if he would like to see more tempo throughout the game:

“I think there is a time for it. In our division, we have to be able to run the ball and slow the clock down when we need to. There are situations when we can press the tempo a little bit. I think once we get comfortable in that, we can be pretty good at playing fast and having success. We have to be good at it all.”

On starting the opening drive with a TD, especially given WRs Jarvis Landry and Odell Beckham Jr. did not play:

“It is great. We have to have guys. We always say ‘next man up.’ We have to have that mentality. Whoever is in there has to have success and have to be able to play. Just having those guys out there and doing well that first drive, means a lot. We will go back and watch the tape. We weren’t perfect at all, but a lot of things to work on but a lot of good things that happened today.”

On RB Nick Chubb’s improvement from his rookie year:

“He played like three plays today so... I am just messing with you. He is the same guy. Head down. He works really hard. He doesn’t say much. You just know exactly what you are going to get out of him. He looks like he is feeling really great and he is healthy. It is just being more comfortable in this offense pass-protection wise because run game, he is going to take care of that. Just seeing everything in-game slowing down for him pass protection wise, there has just been tremendous improvement with his game.”

On RB Dontrell Hilliard’s skillset and filling the role of RB Duke Johnson Jr.:

“I would say just that third down (running) back style that everyone wants to say and just being a receiver out of the backfield, that can be lethal for an offense to have when the defense wants to double team receivers like we have. We have to have somebody out of the backfield at all times that can catch the ball.”

On connecting with Hilliard today due to seeing him perform in practice:

“No, just what they are doing on defense. We have to have guys who are making plays at all times and ready to step up.”

On chemistry with WR Rashard Higgins:

“I think it goes back to last year getting reps with him in camp in the second team, just building chemistry with him and being able to talk to him all the time and just knowing exactly what you are going to get out of him on every play.”

On getting excited about Head Coach Freddie Kitchens throwing the challenge flag:

“I could not explain it. I do not know. There is a lot of things that I do that I can’t explain.”

On the Browns trading Johnson today:

“That is obviously not my call. We talked about it. They wanted people who wanted to be there, and Duke was there. Unfortunately, he got hurt and then the decision was made to trade him away. We have to have the next man up mentality so tonight you saw a lot of Dontrell Hilliard. We are going to be counting on guys that continue to step up and see who can fill the void because Duke was obviously a huge part of our offense last year.”

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BROWNS PLAYERS

WR Rashard Higgins:

On tonight's game:

"The talk of the day should be (WR) Damon Sheehy (-Guisseppi). For him to come out and have fun in his first game is special. That is what the game is all about. I really can't describe the feeling because I am so happy for that guy."

On the team celebrating Sheehy's touchdown:

"We were calling it before it even happened. When Damon Sheehy's name was called to go back to punt return, we were all standing up. He was telling us that he could run a 4.3, and we told him that we haven't seen that all camp, but it looked like he ran a 4.3 to me."

On the play calling on the first drive:

"The plan was to go to our two-minute offense. I don't know if it was to try and catch those guys off guard, but we wanted to do the two-minute offense to see how we would do. We did a hell of a job tonight."

On receiving the kickoff to start the game:

"With home field advantage and fans packing the stadium, why wouldn't we want the ball first? We want to send a message and show everyone what we have been practicing. Now you all got a little taste of it today."

On developing the trust with QB Baker Mayfield:

"Baker is smart. He is going on his second year and there is a lot of development that he has completed, and we only saw a taste of it today. He did a great job of reading coverages and doing what he does, which is win games."

WR Damon Sheehy-Guisseppi:

On knowing if he would play in the fourth quarter:

"Throughout the week, he said you're going to get a chance to return no matter what in the game. I didn't know when it was going to be, but then it was the fourth quarter and he said, 'You've got the next punt return.' I was like, 'Alright, it's my turn, and I was just excited.'"

On the punt return touchdown:

"I saw all my blockers blocking and I just saw the hole. I ran as fast as I could to the hole and tried to take off."

On feeling the love from his teammates:

"I felt all the love. I couldn't breathe under the pile. I was over there gasping for air, but I felt all the love. I saw all of them come running down there [to the end zone] and it was just a blessing."

On it looking like a teammate knocked him over in the celebration:

"Oh yeah, that was my dawg. He came down and wanted me to jump with him. He was super excited and ended up reaching his hand out and I fell. It was Ish (WR Ishmael Hyman)."

On if he thinks about everything he has been through in a moment like this:

"No, I just think about the moment, try to stay in the moment and think about what's to come next. I'm just super proud to be able to take advantage of the moments like that."

LB Mack Wilson:

On his defensive skillset:

“I feel like that is something that God blessed me with. I am able to be utilized every time I step on the field. I believe I am a versatile linebacker. I can to cover, stop the run and am able to catch the ball.”

On his second interception:

“I dropped back and was reading the quarterback’s eyes. Everywhere he looked, I followed, and he threw the ball so I jumped in front and caught it.”

On having a nose for the football:

“Growing up, I played offense so I feel like my athletic ability helps me out. I think I have a nose for the football. It’s hard to explain, but it is just something I have. Growing up, I played quarterback, running back, and wide receiver.”

On his touchdown interception:

“I caught the ball and saw a little traffic, but honestly, it felt like my interception from the Clemson game. I caught it and the quarterback was coming for me so I tried to stiff arm him and then I got tackled into the end zone.”

CB Greedy Williams:

On his experience in his first NFL game:

“I was nervous a little bit to start. As it got going, I started playing like I am supposed to play, and it was a great experience.”

On learning from film of tonight’s game:

“There are always mistakes. Tomorrow we will go back at it, fix the mistakes and get it done.”

On the defense’s success tonight:

“It was an amazing moment. We put in work day in and day out, and in practice, (LB) Mack (Wilson) has made some picks and returned them for touchdowns. It was nothing that was unexpected, that is what he does. Both him, and (WR Damon) Sheehy (-Guisseppi) had a great night.”

On the experience of getting to play another team:

“It was a little different than I was expecting. I went out there a little nervous the first two drives, just realizing that I am really in the NFL, but then I told myself it’s still football and got myself going. I went out there and did what I needed to do.”

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Redskins Head Coach Jay Gruden:

On Redskins QB Dwayne Haskins Jr.:

“I think there were moments that he looked very good. Obviously, there are a couple throws there that he wishes he had back. There are a couple things with the protections that we need cleaned up. [His] first start in the NFL; [his] first opportunity to play – it’s not going to go perfectly.”

On the sack up the middle and the two picks off QB Dwayne Haskins:

“One of them was a blown protection. The two picks – one to (RB) Byron Marshall – I think he had to wait for a little bit to let Byron Marshall clear that linebacker. He threw it a little bit too early. The other one – he threw it before (TE Matt) Flanagan and wrapped it around the safety, whoever it was. I think he sees what he’s doing; he just has to make sure the receivers are on the same page a little bit. We’ll get it fixed.”

On QB Dwayne Haskins’ demeanor after the struggles:

“He was okay. He’s fine. I think the big thing is that after he struggled, we’ll take a look at the pictures, talk through what happened, and move on to the next series. That’s our big thing. We don’t want to wallow around in the misery. We have to make sure we correct what we just saw and move on. Here’s what we’re expecting next series, and go from there. He put together a nice drive to start the third quarter, I thought. There’s some positives to take away.”

On overall assessment of the offensive line:

“Obviously, we had a couple protection busts and we had a couple protections that the quarterbacks could have helped fix. We got beat a couple times here and there; a couple holding calls. So obviously not quite good enough.”

On QB Dwayne Haskins with protection calls:

“We just have to communicate better. That’s all it is. You try to get in these games and you try to make sure you’re schematically sound to make sure your quarterback is protected. That didn’t take place a couple times today. [I am] not issuing any blame – it’s our fault for not getting them prepared more; but then you want to look at the players and see how they match up and how they perform here in the preseason.”

On CB Jimmy Moreland:

“He was active. He’s been active the entire camp. He did some good things. I’m glad the game wasn’t too fast for him. He played nickel. He played outside. He made some plays. So yeah, I was pretty impressed.”

On QB Case Keenum:

“I think he played three drives and had a touchdown. So yeah, I don’t know – I have to check out the film.”

On LB Cole Holcum:

“Yeah, I think when you go back and look at these games, you have to look at each individual and how they perform. Then you have to look at how they perform with the team. That’s what we’re trying to do. We’re trying to put a scheme together and see how each individual fits into that scheme, and then depending on how good they are, we have to adjust our scheme according to the players. We are in the very very beginning here. This is preseason game one. [In game] two, we’ll get a little bit more of our players in there and hopefully be a little bit more cohesive. Then, by game three, we’ll hopefully do a lot better.”

On the decision to hold RB Derrius Guice out this week:

“Yeah, that was our decision. We just decided to hold him back this week. We’ll decide when we put him in there.”

On WR Terry McLaurin minimal playing time:

“He played a play didn’t he? Yeah, so he played. We have reasons for each individual that participated and didn’t participate, and how long each individual played.”

On decision to not play the starters:

“Well, each starter, like I said, has their own reason. (G Brandon) Scherff for instance – he’s coming back from injury and we don’t want to rush him back too quickly. We want to make sure he feels pretty good going in there. Same with (T) Morgan (Moses) and (C) Chase Roullier. We want to make sure they get a couple more days in practice on Saturday and Sunday. They will have off on Monday and then we’ll get them in there for a couple series next game. That’s the case with pretty much the majority of them.”

On big takeaway from tonight being how the guys fit into the overall scheme:

“I think so. I think when you look at the schematics of it, you look at how they produce, how they take what they’ve learned on the chalkboard and transfer it onto the field, and how they play – both offense and defense, and then special teams. I think that’s a big unit that we have to look at and how these guys play on teams, and I think we did pretty good up until the end with that punt return for a touchdown. It’s big to get these guys an opportunity. These guys have been busting their tails at camp and this a great opportunity for them to get the reps and for us to really get a good evaluation of them – good and bad. Some guys really showed up, and some guys we may have to look at a little bit more.”

On how the quarterback rotation will be handled next week:

“I don’t know. We will wait and see how those guys are and go from there.”

On whether QB Colt McCoy is fine:

“Yeah.”

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REDSKINS PLAYERS

SS Landon Collins:

On what specifically the Redskins will take away from the game:

“Route recognition. Knowing what they like to do. It’s a game that you do not really scout or did not game plan for. You just wanted to play your defense. When you get a game plan against a team and know what they like to do, you are more sound.”

On impact on the confidence of the Redskins’ defense:

“The biggest impact is running to the ball. They got yardage out of their breaks coming out of the backfield, catching the ball and getting like 15 yards a pop from that point. Keeping them from getting first downs. We just have to make sure to stop that and get off the field.”

On assessment of QB Dwayne Haskins Jr.:

“He did a solid job. It was his first preseason game. Like I said, we did not game plan against them, so he did not know what he was going to be working with, what he was looking for, or who to attack. Most quarterbacks know who where they are going to attack the defense at. He threw some good balls. Made some good throws. Made some different and bad decisions, but that comes with playing and being a rookie.”

WR Robert Davis:

On his touchdown catch:

“It was a blessing from God. I’ve had a rough year coming back from an injury, and being able to cross that goal line for the first time in my career is a blessing from God.”

On his emotions tonight:

“That whole year of hard work just flashed before my eyes. Knowing that I’ve had people support me and help me get here, so being able to finally come back and doing what I’m able to do is a great feeling.”

On his mindset during his touchdown drive:

“Catch it; try not to drop it and score. That was my mindset. Seeing the ball go up in the air brought back memories of last year. It was a great feeling and a blessing.”

On QB Case Keenan’s performance:

“I think he did really good. I think all of us have things we can learn from, I know I made mistakes, I know every player on the field made mistakes so what we’ll try to do from that is learn from it and get better going into week two.”

QB Dwayne Haskins Jr.:

On his first NFL experience:

“Different. It was good, I had some good plays to learn from, but it was good.”

On how the difference between college and NFL:

“Just the atmosphere of the game, it was fun. I had a good time.”

On the play when he spun out of the sack and almost had the touchdown:

“I was hot. I told (WR) Cam (Sims) we’ll get it next week.”

On his unique throw down the sideline and what he saw:

“It was a go route - cover two. The corner had eyes on me and tried to undercut my deep ball. So we’ll take the upper one and go for the shot”

On the feedback he received from the sidelines:

“Just keep playing. Everyone knows I’m young and I have a long way to go, but I make a lot plays and it never changes my confidence even with a couple bad errors. Everyone is very encouraging on the sidelines.”

On his scrambling ability:

“Yeah, I can do it. I don’t want to, I’d rather throw. But there are times when you have to make things happen, so I made it happen.”

On his composure at the start of the second half:

“I was trying to get points on the board. That was the whole goal of the second half, especially the first drive out after those two picks - to get points on the board.”

QB Case Keenum:

On his performance:

“I need to go back and look at the film. We did some good things and moved the ball. Obviously, we scored on that drive. There are still a lot of things that I want to get better at. I know that there are some plays where I can slide and maneuver in the pocket while staying calm and still being able to deliver the ball. There are some things I have to watch on film and make sure I work on this week before we hit the field again.”

On the completion route to WR Robert Davis:

“He ran a great route. It was a good call. He kind of got in the defense where they miscommunicated a bit and got out of place. He flashed to me, came open and made a great catch. I think it was a good job by him. I didn’t get to see the interference on the play before, but those are huge plays down the field. For him to go up and get the foul, I was glad that he got rewarded for that two plays later.”

On adjusting to playing with non-starters tonight:

“I wouldn’t say it’s tough. I’ve been in this league long enough to know that you’re going to wind up playing with a different combination of guys all year long. You have 11 guys out there and everyone has been coached up and is here for a reason. You have to continue to try and do your job - get first downs, move the ball and score touchdowns.”

On his first game with a new coaching staff:

“It was really good. There are certain kinks. Even after the first series, I came over and had to ask where the quarterbacks sit, but we got that squared away. I think we were off to the race after that.”

On QB Dwayne Haskins Jr.:

“Like I’ve said before, he’s got a lot of coaches. I don’t want to overstep. There are a lot of people who are coaching him up during the game. But, we’ll talk. At any point, if he wants to talk, we talk. It was good for him to get the first one under his belt. I thought he made some great throws. I thought there were some issues we had with our protection. When you feel like you should be protected and you still get blasted, to get back in the pocket and trust those guys, because they’re playing their tails off, and keep throwing the ball. Slings it like he did, I thought that showed a lot of poise.”

On his film watching process:

“I’ll watch it tonight. I’ll watch it again tomorrow with the coaches and then again the next day. We’re still in the middle of training camp. We’ve got a couple of big practices Saturday and Sunday. Then there’s another preseason game.”

CB Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie:

On the Browns’ opening-drive touchdown:

“They came out with a two-minute mode and they were very effective. We have to find a way to get off the field. They did what they wanted to do. We just have to get back in the film room, dissect that and go from there.”

On the overall performance of the Redskins’ defense:

“We have some work to do. We had some plays here and there when we showed potential. We can capitalize on that. I think we just take that and understand we have a long way to go.”

On QB Dwayne Haskins Jr.’s performance:

“The best way you can learn is experience. The more you get out there, the more comfortable you are going to get. You see the potential that he has in his arm, so you know he definitely has the ability to do it.”

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