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On being named starter for the rest of the season:

“Very excited about [Interim Head] Coach [Bill] Callahan naming me the starter for the rest of the season. [I’ve] worked really hard to get to this point and even more work has to be done to continue to go forward.”

On the security of being named the starter:

“Definitely. I feel like that can help as far as the comradery with the team and the offense gravitating around me and allowing me to lead and trying to get guys to follow me. So, I feel like it can help a lot.”

On what the discussion was like with Interim Head Coach Bill Callahan:

“Being a young guy, being a rookie quarterback in the NFL, it’s going to be very challenging, but to know that he supports me and wants to rally behind me and do everything possible to help me get this team to win some games. So that meant a lot.”

On how he prepared during the bye week:

“We practiced on Wednesday. I got with my high school quarterback coach in the area. We worked out a couple of times, came back in on Sunday and went over some stuff for the practice on Monday, so it was pretty good.”

On what aspects of playing became easier while playing more:

“I just felt like the more reps I get the easier it’ll be for me to be able to play naturally, instinctively. As I play, the more mistakes I’ll learn from and the better plays I’ll make.”

On how much more comfortable he is now compared to his first game action against the Giants:

“A lot more comfortable, a lot more confident. Different me back there.”

On how he feels about the playbook at this point in the season:

“I felt comfortable with the playbook before, it’s just now I’m seeing the reps for the first time, seeing them live. It’s different than when you just hear the play and talk about the play and you never really went through the play live before. Now that I’m able to get multiple reps with different stuff and different looks and different things that can happen in the game, the plays are a lot easier to go execute.”

On what the Jets defense does well:

“The Jets are a very good defense, they’re very active. [Jets Safety Jamal] Adams makes a lot of plays and they do a really good job of disguising coverages, being able to do different things out of different looks and having guys do different responsibilities. There’s a lot of different things as far as getting to different coverages, but it’s just Cover 2, Cover 3, Cover 1 at the end of the day and it’s just how you get to it and that’ll come with repetition throughout the week. I feel like once we’re able to recognize everything that they do, we’ll be able to execute at a high level.”

On the impact of receiving more reps in the game:

“I just felt like as the game went on, the more reps I got, the more rhythm I got with my eyes and my feet and being able to look guys in the huddle and tell an All-Pro [G] Brandon Scherff what the play is and have some

authority behind it meant a lot for me. The more that I got to do that, the more confident I was in being able to motivate the guys that are around me and finding out ways where I can push the ones that are in the huddle with me and the more games, the more plays I get, I feel like I'll continue to get better at that."

On balancing patience with the process and wanting to improve:

"I think it's the fear of not reaching the potential that I know that I can and that's something that motivates me everyday in the weight room, in meetings and on the field. Going into every game I get the opportunity to put my helmet on and that's just something I take pride in, as far as knowing where I want to be, knowing where I can be, knowing where I'm at right now and what needs to be done to get there."

On playing at home for the first time:

"I'm really excited about it. I remember in high school I used to go over to the stadium and watch them play – well now I'm on the team – watching the Redskins play. So, of course, being able to play at home and being from this area means a lot more to me than it would for another guy. So, just being able to play in front of my family, play in front of the fans that've been watching me since I was 15 years old means a lot to me. I just want to be able to go out there, go one play at a time and hopefully get a W."

On how much support from family and friends he is expecting Sunday:

"I was just on the phone with my mom about tickets. Hopefully not too many, we're still figuring that out."

On the difference between preparing to be a professional quarterback versus college:

"I wouldn't say it's much different, it's just more intense, laser focused, knowing that you're the franchise of the Washington Redskins now, everyone is watching what you're doing, how you handle yourself, how you walk in the building and how you walk into a meeting. That's all very important for the guys who want you to lead them. So, definitely taking pride in that and being an Ohio State quarterback, playing in that big-time university definitely prepared me for this and just trying to build every day and get better."

On what the younger players can work on in the coming weeks:

"I just think that if we're on the same page, everyone including the young guys, we can be very effective, very explosive and can make a lot of plays. So from this point on, it's now us being accountable, leaning on each other, asking for help, being able to look at the guy to the left or right of you knowing they're going to be able to do their job to the best that they can and then hoping that will lead to a W."

On how he leads older players in an NFL locker room:

"It's a growing process. You can ask [WR] Terry [McLaurin]. Last year, Terry was a fifth-year senior when I was in school and I was a redshirt sophomore, so of course for me it was always having to get older guys to respect me and being able to get older guys to know that he's young, but he's still going to lead us. That's just a process – that's earning trust, that's spending extra time in the film room, spending extra time in the weight room, spending time before practice and after practice so that they can see I'm taking it serious and working on my craft. That's something that I take very much pride in and I'm hoping that starts translating with the guys in the locker room."

On his meetings with Offensive Coordinator Kevin O'Connell:

"I just think those meetings are really beneficial as far being on the same page with [Offensive Coordinator] Kevin [O'Connell] because he calls the plays. Being able to know what he thinks and what he wants out of a play and being on the same page with him makes it easier in the play to know Kevin talked about this, look for this in this play and know that we're on the same page, so that when he calls a play he knows that I won't mess it up. So that's the main thing."

On meeting with Callahan after the Minnesota game:

“Just accountability. After that second loss, I never want to feel that feeling in my stomach again. I got with Bill and I told him what I needed to tell him, and he took it and he gave me everything he can – he gave me all the tools, videos, notes from all the time he spent in the NFL. He’s been really great just trying to help me out.”

On what he has seen from RB Derrius Guice since coming back from injury:

“Very tough runner. Similar to [RB] Adrian [Peterson], he’s hard to bring down with the first tackle. Just him being a young guy with me and being able to relate to him and bringing some energy to our offense and both of us in the backfield together, I felt a spark and I’m excited to play with him.”

On what he wants to prove over the remainder of the season:

“I’m not looking to prove anything as far as trying to prove to someone. I just want to prove to myself to put the work in and be accountable for me and my teammates, and hope that makes a bigger difference in trying to prove what I can possibly do. I know I can play at a high level, so I’ve just got to go do it.”