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#### **On QB Dwayne Haskins Jr.'s performance against the Browns:**

"I think that we were able to move the ball early. We obviously scored a touchdown in the first quarter which was good. We'd had some slow starts as you guys know. So, that was good to move the ball on our first few drives to the end zone. But, it was just a little bit of up and down. I think [Head Coach Ron Rivera] already talked about it. We're just looking for a little bit more consistency there. We've discussed it with Dwayne and we're ready to move forward."

#### **On getting on the same page as Haskins Jr.:**

"So, what we do with him is just—he has to not worry about making plays, but making the right play and making the right play over and over and stacking the plays. If you do that, you look up at the end of the day and you had a pretty good day. We can't be out there afraid to throw interceptions. I was talking to him today, I said: 'Dwayne, you know you're going to throw another interception this season. It's going to happen. You can't play that way either.' Because it wasn't just the interceptions in the game. There were some other things where we had some opportunities and we didn't take advantage of it. Not just at the quarterback position, at a lot of different spots. He just has to trust his preparation and let that carry him through his performance."

#### **On where he wants to see Haskins Jr. progress:**

"I think when there are plays there to be made, you're not going to make all of them but we've got to make most of them. You've got to take advantage when you get good looks in this league. Then he just can't put the ball in harm's way obviously with the interceptions. When you're looking at your progressions, if number one's covered you've got to work through it. It's just a combination really of those two things where we have to improve. It's obviously—with the quarterback position, when things go well they get too much credit and when things go bad they get too much blame. As a group, we all have to continue to get better—myself included. But, you know that's the nature of the position with Dwayne. Ultimately he's making a lot of decisions out there and we've just got to improve."

#### **On how Haskins Jr.'s mechanics are developing:**

"I think a lot of stuff goes into that. Playing quarterback's complex. It's a ground strike, forced movement. You push off to generate power to throw the football. You'd love to stand in there and be able to have perfect lower body mechanics and translate to your body every single time. There's 300-pounders rushing at you. That's not always going to happen. But when it is clean, he has to be consistent. He has to understand a clean ball and when there's not one. But, yeah there has to be more consistency there for sure and just be better with his balance. If he can throw on balance more, that'll lead to more accuracy. But there are some times where you can't. Everyone sees these guys around the league. You've still got to play."

#### **On tackling by the undershirts:**

"Yeah, that's been addressed. It was addressed when it happened the first time with [RB] Antonio [Gibson] and that has been even more strongly addressed. I would not—I hope that doesn't happen again. The game's hard enough already. Don't give them something else to grab onto."

### **On challenges facing the Ravens defense:**

"How much time you got? They're a good defense. They do a good job of taking away the things that you do well. They're very active. They'll give you a lot of different looks. They have a lot of guys that are quote unquote position-less players. They can do a lot of different things, so you have to spend a lot of time on those things. What they do—they try to generate big plays with their defense and they do a great job of doing that. We have to understand that you kind of have to play the ups and downs of the game. Yeah, they're going to make plays. That's what they do. But when we do have the advantage, when we do catch them in a good look, you've got to take advantage of those. You've got to try to get some big plays on them. Then you've got to protect the ball because they're trying to force turnovers and put their guys into good position. We can't let them do that."

### **On how they determine plays for specific players:**

"It's just from watching them in practice, spending time with them. Antonio Gibson—we talk about him a lot as well. Like I said before, they're human beings so there's a saturation point with them, especially young. For example, [WR] Isaiah Wright who—he was active Week 1, he wasn't even active Week 2. It's his first time getting any playing time on offense. You can't expect him to do a million things, so you pick out some things you think he's good at. He's a big guy. He did some nice things with the ball in his hands. So, that's how you use him. Then how they do with the things they give him, if they do well then you can add to it. That's kind of how we approach all of our players. Obviously, the veteran guys are guys that show a capacity for handling things well so we ask more of them. But, we put a lot of expectations on our guys and just kind of see what we can do well and try to get them to do that. But your question about how we determine that—it's just from observing. You ask guys to do stuff. That's one of the negatives with not having as much time because we haven't been able to put guys in as many situations as you can. You're really learning on the fly as you go."

### **On teaching a young quarterback to slow down his reads:**

"It's just recognizing the look. There's a back and forth because, yes, you might want to hang a little longer on a certain look, but at the same time they're coming after you. The ball's got to get out. If someone's covered, you've got to get to number two or number three or whatever. So, it's just showing him those looks, showing him the concepts over and over to the different looks. The more and more reps they get, the better they will recognize and understand when to hang on a guy or when to move on. I think part of the staring down—I think that just in general is an easy thing for people to say. But, you're looking at your first read and if he's covered don't throw to him. Go to your second guy. If you throw to him anyway even though it's covered, then that looks like you're staring him down. Do you know what I mean? I think that's when you get into staring him down. Obviously [Chiefs QB] Patrick Mahomes is famous for the no-look passes. At some point, you've got to look toward who you're throwing to. But if that guy's not open, you've got to move on. That's what we've just got to keep working on with Dwayne and what you've got to keep working on with any quarterback, especially the young ones."

### **On Haskins Jr.'s areas of progress:**

"He made some plays. He made a lot of plays in the game. The touchdown passes were nice. Some of the stuff that he's done with our mechanics, getting out of the huddle, using different cadences—it's just the consistency. It's kind of what I said earlier with stacking those good decisions, stacking those plays over and over and then if you have a bad play kind of flush it and move onto the next play. We've just got to see a little bit more of that. He's working his tail off trying to get better every day."

### **On Haskins Jr. staring at open receivers:**

"I think that's part of it. I think just understanding what's open and what's not—you know what I mean? That's kind of what I was saying earlier. The interceptions are a part of it, but also not capitalizing when we do have good looks. I think it's just with reps, continuing to show him those looks, continuing to show him the tape of

those plays that you're talking about as well as just continuing to show him different looks in practice. Then he's going to recognize it and be ready to pull the trigger when we get that look again."