

Arizona Cardinals vs. Denver Broncos 9/1/11

Broncos Head Coach John Fox

Opening Statement:

"Just an update on the injuries, Syd'Quan Thompson; achilles, David Bruton had a shoulder, Britt Davis had a concussion, Nate Irving had chest pain, or I should say a contusion, and Matt Willis had turf toe."

On Syd'Quan Thompson's injury:

"It appears to be the most serious of the group. Really to predict it right now, it would be hard for me to say."

On the disappointing play of the No. 2's:

"You know, I think, [it was] no more than the earlier games. They just played a lot more tonight."

On possible depth concern:

"You're concerned about everything, and I feel good about our first unit. They're well rested. They should come back and be in good spirits to play in a division rivalry on opening day. That is my biggest concern, the rest of it. We will get better where we can."

On the play of the quarterbacks:

"We remain pretty consistent with that through the preseason and it's something we will continue to evaluate. I have mentioned that we will more than likely not name a two or three, because I believe it's a competitive issue and we will work to get better, not just at that position, but other positions."

On strategy of the starters not playing:

"You want them to approach this game like the first regular season game, being that it is more than a week technically, but a week until the regular season begins. You want to mentally prepare as much as going through the pregame warm up and just the pregame readiness that a player has to get to be ready to play."

On how he evaluates the team at the conclusion of the preseason:

"Well, you never feel comfortable having to fire 27 people, but I think we got a good evaluation and hopefully we choose wisely."

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Broncos Players

Broncos QB Tim Tebow

On the team having to cut the roster down:

“That’s definitely disappointing. But I think the good thing is a lot of these guys that won’t be here are going to make it somewhere else. They’ve had a great camp, they’ve worked hard, everybody got along really well, so I’m proud of all these guys.”

On the touchdown final drive in the fourth quarter:

“Well, we just tried to spread it out a little bit more, just got in a little bit of a rhythm and tried to make things happen. I was able to scramble and hit Dre (D’Andre Goodwin) down the sidelines and then able to hit a few plays. Eron (Riley) had a big third down and then we’re able to get over with Eron and he made a great play. So it was fun.”

On his thoughts on his performance tonight:

“I think I still got a lot of room for improvement and just have to keep working on fundamentals, reads, getting better with everything. But I feel pretty confident with my performance going out there. I’m just trying to lead, be a good example and be someone who’s going to lead the team out there.”

On thinking about the quarterback competition with Brady Quinn:

“I just worry about what I can control. That’s going out there everyday with a great attitude, great effort and a great work ethic. If I do that, I know I’ll get better every day, I know I’ll improve, and why worry about what everyone else is saying. I can’t control it.”

On staying focused despite the distractions:

“Every time I go out there, I go to compete. Go out there to do my best and improve and show I can be a quarterback in this league. That’s what I tried to go out there and do tonight.”

On whether or not the quarterback competition will be decided on a week-to-week basis:

“I don’t know. I’ve never gone through it before, so I’m not really sure.”

Broncos QB Brady Quinn

On his performance tonight against the Cardinals:

“Just didn’t make the plays we needed to, and unfortunately, it’s just kind of a bad way to end the preseason. But, I think all in all we had a good camp.”

On the difficulties of playing with reserves and the short week to prepare:

“There’s a lot going on. It’s a short week. Obviously there’s some guys here who haven’t been together as much, and they get in there in a short week and it’s even less reps. So it’s sometimes a tough game to prepare for, especially in the position some of these guys are in, but it just didn’t really work out the way we wanted it to.”

On what he’s looking forward to heading into the first week of the regular season:

“A lot of film watching. Our biggest thing is just be able to catch up on some things with Oakland, and we’ll prepare as best we can and go into that game and get a win.”

On quarterback Adam Weber:

“He made a great play, a good throw. Then down at the end of the game, I really think he got in. I don’t know what the refs were looking at. I think it was a touchdown. I’m not sure what happened there. I’ll have to go back and see the tape, but I think it was a touchdown.”

Broncos CB Champ Bailey

On his thoughts on the team after four preseason games:

“I feel okay going in. There are a lot of things we’ve got to iron out. We’ve had some good performances in the preseason, but we’re not satisfied completely. There’s still a lot of work to do, a lot of things to put in, a lot of things to throw out, so we still got our hands full with preparation.”

On the Broncos’ depth being tested by injuries:

“It’s part of the game. It’s not like it’s injuries of muscle pulls here and there. Guys are really getting banged up. It comes with the territory, and you’ve got to expect that as a coach and as a player. It’s going to happen. You’ve just got to take care of it and the next guy has to step up.”

On the Broncos defense:

“We can be special. We know we can. You’ve got to be consistent though. You can’t go out there and not do what we have done in the preseason in the first game. It counts now, so we’ve got to prepare like it counts.”

On thinking about last season going into the Oakland game:

“Not necessarily. You’ve just got to keep ticking and you keep moving on, because if you worry about the past, it will repeat itself. We definitely don’t want that. It’s a new year, it’s a new beginning, and we plan to change things up this year.”

On the Broncos offense:

“I feel good because Kyle Orton’s our quarterback, and he’s as good as they come. He doesn’t get the respect he deserves, but he’s going to earn it this year, one way or another.”