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DENVER BRONCOS vs. LOS ANGELES RAMS

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BRONCOS HEAD COACH GARY KUBIAK

On the quarterback rotation in tonight's game

"I obviously thought about it all week long. I sat down with [QB] Mark [Sanchez] this morning before breakfast and I told him, I said, 'Mark, I'm going to play [QB] Paxton [Lynch] second and if things go the way I think, if [QB] Trevor [Siemian] plays as long as I think he's going to play, I'm not going to put you in there with four, five minutes left in the game.' Bottom line, I have a lot to go off of on Mark. He's played a lot of football. I needed to see these two other kids play again. That was a decision I made and I talked to Mark about it this morning. I explained it to him. He was great. We went from there."

On WR Cody Latimer's injury

"Cody has a knee that we're dealing with right now. We do not think it's serious. [FB Andy] Janovich has got a banged up shoulder. [RB] C.J. [Anderson] got some stitches in his ear. He cut his ear pretty good. I think we came out pretty well, just a couple of guys that will be day-to-day."

On his impressions of Siemian's performance

"I'm impressed. I think he's very calm. I can tell by the way he handles the team in the huddle. He has control of what's going on. He gets a bad break on the go ball, but comes right back and goes right down the field. What I see is a guy getting better. Every timeout, working really hard, like they all have. I think he's made some strides and I thought he did a good job tonight."

On if tonight's quarterback performances helped settle the quarterback battle

"I've got a lot of work to do. I'm going to make a decision this week, I told you guys that. I'm going to do that. At the same time, I have a lot of things going on. I'll take my time here and do it the right way. We'll meet as a staff and go from there."

On how many quarterbacks will be on the 53-man roster

"I have to continue this evaluation process and decide what I think is best for the team. You all asked me that question about experience [and] it's really hard for me to answer. I have two of them that have no experience. That's just the way it is. We have young guys at that position. They've been battling and I think they're getting better. Like I said, I have to sit down and decide what I think is best for our group and we'll go to work."

On using P Riley Dixon for the entire game

"It really gets back to the same thing, when you have a veteran guy who's been doing it for you, you know what they bring to the table and what they do. When you have a young kid that's competing with them, you never know how far they've come until you

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give them a chance. You can ask me about the quarterback, it's the same thing with Riley. We wanted to watch him hold, we wanted to watch him punt. We have some tough decisions to make and we're trying to help ourselves make those decisions with how they play."

On the timeline for naming a starting quarterback

"We don't have much practice left. We have three days and then we play in Arizona. Obviously this is a tough turnaround week in the NFL, so I've got a lot invested and a lot of work that I can make some decisions off of now. I'll do that. Does that mean I'm going to do that tomorrow or Monday? I don't know. I've got enough going on that I can make a decision."

On RB Ronnie Hillman's performance

"Ronnie has played well the last two weeks. Ronnie is in a battle, I think everybody knows that. [RB] Kapri [Bibbs] has done some good things and Ronnie has responded as a player the last two weeks. That's what you're looking for. I'm very proud of him, he did some good stuff tonight."

On OLB Dekoda Watson's performance

"He did well. We got after the quarterback pretty well. I think all phases we rushed the quarterback pretty well. For a third preseason game, this is a really good game. It was physical, they were really physical up front offensively and defensively. Me and [Rams Head Coach] Jeff [Fisher] were talking after the game, for a third preseason game, it was a really good football game."

On the performance of the first-team offense against Los Angeles' first-team defense

"We had 175 yards of offense. Do you know something that I don't know? I can't control who's out there. We started slow. We were trying to run the ball and we didn't run the ball well. We got going, did some good things before the half was over. Preseason-wise, the first two games we went right down the field the first two drives. What I do is I build on the positives. That's what we'll continue to do."

BRONCOS RUNNING BACK C.J. ANDERSON

On his injury to his ear

"I got stitches. That's the first time I've ever had stitches in my life. I was in here and everyone was probably nervous and scared, but I'm fine. I have stitches and I don't know how it happened. I just felt [myself] bleeding and when there is blood in the head area, you must take yourself out. You don't want to be a tough guy because you don't know where the blood is coming from or what's going on, but I'm fine."

On when the ear injury happened

"One of the plays when I was out there. I can't explain it. I just know I got up, fixed my helmet and came down and I had blood on my glove. I knew it was somewhere in this area (points to side of head), and I didn't know what was going on, but I knew I had to get it taken care of."

On establishing the run game

"We started off trying to establish it early. I think on myself, I tried to force a big play early instead of just being patient with it. After I got the stitches, to be honest, I got upset, so I probably ran a little angry. Other than that, you have to give it to the big boys up front. They started creating some lanes, even little lanes, and got myself, 'Book' [Devontae Booker] and [RB] Ronnie [Hillman] to break a couple tackles and spring some runs."

On QB Trevor Siemian's play

"We always have confidence in Trevor, so we're excited about it... We have to go back to the table and grade them, but we're confident in there; he's calm, composed and collected. He's everything you want him to be."

BRONCOS RUNNING BACK DEVONTAE BOOKER

On the running back's talent

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“We have great group in our running back room. All of us can carry the load down the field if we needed to, and like I said, we have a great group of guys. We all go out to compete and get after it every day. It makes each one of us even better.”

On his improvements with pass protection

“I’ve learned a lot ever since coming here, learning the whole offense and getting established. Basically, I spend way more time on pass protection than anything else that we have in our playbook because if I can’t pass protect, I won’t be able to play on the field. Pass protection is definitely a big plus for me so I can get out there and play.”

BRONCOS QUARTERBACK PAXTON LYNCH

On his performance tonight

“It felt good. I got a lot of playing time, the whole second half, so it felt good coming out there and getting a lot of reps. The guys up front did a really good job and the guys in the backfield did a good job, too. [RB] Kapri [Bibbs] and [RB] Ronnie [Hillman] ran it really well.”

On his growth as a player

“First, I think that I just feel more comfortable. I've had a chance to see a couple of defenses now so I'm not so surprised by what's going on, but we moved the ball a little bit. I wish we could have scored more touchdowns, but overall, we won the game and we played good as a team.”

On whether he had fun tonight

“I was enjoying myself. You want to score a touchdown every drive and when you don't, you don't. We played good even though we didn't score a lot of touchdowns, but as a team we played really well.”

On playing the entire second half

“I didn't know until we went into the locker room and then came out. Before we went out, [Head Coach Gary Kubiak] told me that I was going to get the whole second half. Obviously, I was excited. I didn't know how many reps that I was going to get or when I was going to come out, but I was just taking the reps as I could get them.”

On getting meaningful reps

“As a rookie and a young guy, that's good for you. Get the reps as you can get them, even though it's not against the ones. Like I said the whole time, I'm taking the reps as I get them no matter who it's against. You just have to play like you're playing against the ones every time.”

On going against Rams QB Jared Goff

“I was focused on what we had to take care of on our side of the ball and I'm sure he was worried about what they had to do over there, too. “

On if he believes he is ready to play in a regular season game

“Obviously I think I could play. I don't think I'm where I'm going to be later on down the road when I have a full grasp of the offense and understand it well, but if I needed to play I'm going to do what I have to do for the team to keep us rolling.”

On if he feels his confidence growing

“I do, but you come out here and you start off a little slower or you finish a little slow and it kind of get you thinking that you didn't play so well, but we'll go watch the film. We played good as a team and we got the win.”

On his grasp of the offense

“I can't really put a tab on it, how much I know and how much I don't know, but from when I first got here, I feel leaps and bounds from when I first got here.”

On when he feels he is ready to start

“That's a hard question to answer just because I can't tell if I'm going to say, 'Three games into the season, I'll be a full 100-percent comfortable.' I can't really answer that, but I'm preparing to play whenever I need to play.”

On if he's comfortable in the huddle

“Definitely, whenever [coaches] give you those play calls that you know like the back of your hand. you just get a chance to get out there and cut it loose a little bit. I'm getting the reps that I'm getting and I'm moving on from that. I need to get where everything is like the back of my hand.”

BRONCOS INSIDE LINEBACKER BRANDON MARSHALL

On what the defense needs to do before the regular-season opener

“We just want to rest up, make sure everyone is fresh and study Carolina. They are coming in here and I think they are going to try and get some revenge.”

On this year's defense compared to last season's

“The starting defense hasn't given up any touchdowns. This is the second game in preseason that we didn't give up a touchdown at all. I think our defense is good. Our pass rushers are good and I think we have a chance to be something special.”

BRONCOS OUTSIDE LINEBACKER VON MILLER

On how his first sack of the night felt

“It feels good, man. Sacks are what I'm supposed to do. That's in the description. Whenever I can go out there and do my job, it's always great. You're not going to go out there and get sacks every single game, but preseason, regular season, whatever it may be, whenever I can go out there and get a sack or two, it's definitely relieving.”

On how he rates his post-sack dance

“It was the preseason. I hesitated for a second, I was like 'Nah, don't let it all out right now.' We've got a long season and a whole lot of sacks coming so I'm going to leave the good dances for those.”

On his comfort level with QB Trevor Siemian

“I've said over this last past month that I'm OK with whoever [the starting quarterback] is. I've seen Mark [Sanchez] go out there and do some great things, I've seen Paxton [Lynch] go out there and do some great things and Trev as well. Whatever decision [Head Coach Gary Kubiak] and the leadership make, I'm going to be comfortable with it. It's not going to really change how we play defense. We still need to get after the quarterback, go after the ball. We're still going to have fanatical effort and relentless pursuit.”

On if the team is ready for the regular-season opener

“If we were ready for it, we'd be playing right now. There's still some time and we want to take full advantage of that time. I don't want to sit here and say 'We're ready to go right now,' but come Thursday [Sept. 8], we'll be ready to go.”

On whether he's where he wants to be going into the regular season

“I feel good. I feel better than I've ever felt before in my conditioning with the speed of the game. I'm feeling comfortable out there and I'm ready to go back to the regular season. We had a whole bunch of young guys go out there. I don't want to sit here and talk about myself all day. [LB] Sadat Sulleyman had a great day today. [LB] Dekoda [Watson], he's not young, but he went out there and looked like a sack master, so I'm proud of those guys. I'm in the meeting room with all of those guys and to go out there and see those guys have some success is great.”

On the defense's aggressiveness

"I don't want to say that I encourage the 15-yard flag, but I do encourage the aggressive behavior from my guys out there. It's a man's game. Whenever we get those penalties, it's unfortunate but it's not going to end the game for us. When the penalties start to lose games for you, that's when it becomes a problem. But today, it was OK."

BRONCOS OFFENSIVE TACKLE RUSSELL OKUNG

On QB Trevor Siemian's performance

"Trevor looked good. He got the ball out in really good time. I'm just really fortunate to have him back there and he's doing a really good job."

On injuries on the offensive line

"Injuries are a part of the game, it's part of what we do and sometimes we have to persevere through, but I'm looking forward to next week and getting ready to play the Cardinals."

On if he feels up to speed

"I'm definitely knocking some rust off, but each week is getting better and really getting better as a group and we're trying to take it one day at a time."

BRONCOS CENTER MATT PARADIS

On preparing for Carolina

"We need to first get our legs back under us and then we'll move our focus to Carolina and get ready for them."

On RB C.J Anderson's injury

"I had no idea. I think it was the fourth quarter and I was like, 'C.J., what happened to your ear, man'."

On Anderson establishing the running game

"It was good. C.J. is a great back and we want to run the ball well. To be able to do that is good."

On if he's confident in the offense heading into the regular season

"Don't get me wrong, we still have areas to improve and we will make those improvements. We have been playing well and we battled back from a rough first quarter today and we're going to keep improving."

BRONCOS OUTSIDE LINEBACKER SHANE RAY

On his perception of the team

"I just see guys flying around, that's what we want to do as a team. Everybody is flying around and everyone is trying to make plays. We bring a high level of energy, so it's just good to see everyone buying into that and playing at that level."

On putting pressure on the quarterback

"Us as outside linebackers, we look at ourselves as one of the biggest roles on the team. If we're not doing our job and applying pressure on the edges and getting to the quarterback, we're not doing our job. To see everybody just take that in and focus on that from the one's, two's and three's is excellent, that's what we want."

On dropping back into coverage as well and applying quarterback pressure

"That's the best thing about all of our outside linebackers, we can play the run, we can pass rush and we can play cover. That's just great coaching, us taking in everything and just pushing ourselves to be all-around just overall good players."

On the mentality of the number one defense not giving up a touchdown

"It's a great mentality. That's what we go out there and try to do every game. We don't want any team to put points on us. We want to try to stuff teams every time they get the ball. It doesn't matter how long we're on the field or how many times we get put back out there, we going to do our job. That's what we continue to do and that's what makes us who we are."

BRONCOS QUARTERBACK TREVOR SIEMIAN

On his performance tonight

"I feel like we did well as a group, some good and some bad. We have some things to build on. I'll go back and watch the game and clean up some things."

On whether he feels he deserves to be the starting quarterback

"I feel confident. Ultimately that is up to Kubs [Head Coach Gary Kubiak]. That is a better question for him. We will see what happens and be the best team we can be."

On if he feels he did enough to win the starting quarterback job

"I do, but again that is not my call. Whatever happens, I'll try to be the best teammate I can be."

On what he wanted to improve on in this game

"Just being smart with the ball and good with my eyes. I think for the most part I did that. I think there were only a couple plays where I wish I could do over again. A lot to build on and a few things to clean up."

On the offense running the ball the first couple series

"That was just the plan. We knew they had a good front seven. We wanted to kind of get after them early, but we knew it would be a tough task going against them."

On playing against the Rams front seven

"Good for all us to tell you the truth. It was a good go for us and a good group to measure ourselves against."

On if the last six months have gone like he had planned

"That's tough to say. I haven't really had a plan; I've just tried to take it day-by-day. That has helped me out quite a bit. I haven't tried to look too far ahead and tried to make the most out of every day and go from there."

On the catch by wide receiver Demaryius Thomas

"Heck of a catch and it was a PI [pass interference], too. Him and [WR] Emmanuel [Sanders] do such a good job, you just have to get them the ball and let them get going."

On whether he had nerves before the game

"You are thinking about so much and you have so much going on. You are just trying to execute, manage a group and get the huddle going. There is always a little bit of nerves, but once you get going, that first whistle blows and you get your first snap you are good to go from there."

On the team running the ball early

"That is just how it worked out. Me, selfishly as a quarterback I would have liked to throw it 25 times in the first half, but that's how it worked out. We put together a couple good drives in the second quarter."

On what it would mean for him to be named starter for Week 1

"Not much as a group we have things to work on. We are really just focused on getting ready for Carolina. I am not too worried about me. It is about improving every day and being the best teammate I can be."

On how his shoulder feels

"It's good."

On who he has a connection with offensively

"I think it is easy to say Emmanuel and D.T. because they get so much separation. [WR] Jordan Norwood has had a really good camp, [WR] Jordan Taylor and [WR] Cody [Latimer] has been playing his tail off. I think we are really fortunate with the depth we have that all those guys can roll and make plays for us."

On competition for starting job

"I have had a blast to tell you the truth. It is a credit to [QB] coach [Greg] Knapp, Mark [Sanchez] and [QB] Pax[stton Lynch] to push each other. It has been super competitive. Everybody has been good to each other and those are great guys, and I can't say enough about them."

BRONCOS CORNERBACK AQIB TALIB**On returning to game action**

"I've been in this situation before. I felt pretty good. The leg felt great."

On how he feels after this game

"I felt great. My conditioning was a lot better than I thought it would be. I felt great."

On if he feels ready for the season opener

"I'm definitely ready for September 8th."

On if he feels the defense is as good as last year's defense

"I do. I think we have a great grasp of all the concepts now. Last year a couple of our zones blitzes, we were up in the air the whole year. In a couple of our third down calls, we were up in the air the whole year. I feel like as a defense and as a team, we have a great grasp of all our calls."

On his if his playing time was up to his expectations

"We kind of had a play count, so already knew what I was playing."

On maintaining the aggressiveness on defense

"That's how we play football. I think they're the kind of guys that [Executive Vice President of Football Operations/General Manager] John [Elway] put together. That's how we play. That's what he brought us here for, to go out there and play full-speed football. That's what we're going to do."

BRONCOS OUTSIDE LINEBACKER DEKODA WATSON**On what he's shown through training camp and the first three preseason games**

"Commitment, if anything. Just showing that whatever the circumstances are, running down or doing stuff on field goal block, whatever the case is, I'm able to contribute. I'm committed to put my best foot forward, whatever the case is. A lot of older guys come in thinking that they shouldn't have to play special teams, but I love it personally. For me, not only playing on special teams, but actually playing on defense, it's a phenomenal opportunity and I'm trying to make the most out of it."

On having 2.5 sacks tonight

"I just want to continue to get better. Like I said, I don't want to look too deep into preseason games at all. Numbers don't count, none of that. But at the same time, it's just showing [the coaches] that I'm trying to work as hard as I can to be able to contribute to this team."

On what's clicking for him

"Just being able to go without thinking. There have been a lot of teams where I have to think. I've been waiting and wishing for an opportunity, like, Why can't I be just like [OLB] Von [Miller]. I remember being in Tampa and thinking, why can't you let me

go? Von goes. He doesn't have to think. He just goes. When can I have that opportunity? I never got there. Now that I'm here and they're telling me that I can go, it's lovely."

On if he thinks he needs to put anything else on tape

"I'm going to continue to play. I'm going to continue to do whatever I need to do. If I set myself up and say 'I'm done,' that's stupid to say because I'm limiting myself. If I continue to work hard and continue to push myself, the sky's the limit. There are a lot of opportunities for me out there."

On if he feels as though the Broncos' attacking scheme lets him best use his skills

"Absolutely. I'm just blessed and fortunate to be able to be here and be able to display that."

RAMS HEAD COACH JEFF FISHER

Opening statement

"As far as preseason games go, this one was just classic. I think [Broncos Head Coach] Gary [Kubiak] was happy with it; I was happy with it. Not happy with the loss, but happy with the fact that we got a lot more reps offensively. We looked at some younger players. I'm sure when we look at it there's going to be some good things in there. When you get out of the third preseason game without any injuries, things are rolling. We're pleased with that. We've got a few bumps and bruises, but nothing that's going to cost anybody some time. As I told the team, if you look at the game, there were a number of areas that can contribute to you not win football games including our lack of ability to convert on third-downs and not getting touchdowns when we did get into the red zone as opposed to the last two weeks at home when we were seven for seven. That contributes to the loss and addition to everything we had some issues defensively in the run-game. Once again we've got to continue to work on that. There will be some good things we can take away from this game. The next week or so is not really easy. It's difficult for every team in the league, especially since we're going to fly back tonight. Tomorrow and Monday we'll get to 75 [players] and turn around Wednesday and head back to Minnesota. We've got our work cut out for us. We'll bounce back and get ready to play. We're just about there now. You're staring that fourth preseason game right in the face. The final cuts around the corner, then you've got your final roster ready to go."

On whether he was nervous when QB Case Keenum getting was hit

"I was a little disappointed. Once I saw him jump up and get back to the huddle, it was fine. You don't like to see that happen, especially in the preseason."

On whether Keenum is the starting quarterback

"We've said that all along. Case was going to be our starter since the before the draft. I think he's had a great preseason. He really has a great feel for what we're doing. You can see it in practice too day after day consistently making good decisions for us."

On quarterback depth chart

"We said it's going to be a process; it's going to take time for Jared [Goff]. He's going to benefit from the fact that we're taking time. We'll give him the chance to play next week. He threw the ball around a little bit. He took that hit. We didn't get Sean [Mannion] any reps last week, so I wanted to get Sean in. It was good to get Sean some playing time."

On the play of the defense

"Let's be realistic, I don't think they attempted a pass until the seventh, eighth, ninth play of the game. We were playing run-defense. We'll have to look at the tape and see. It was great to get [DE] Rob [Quinn] back on the field and 'Tree' [LB Alec Ogletree] some more reps at the middle linebacker spot. I was pleased with that. With [DT] Aaron [Donald], our plan was two series, and same with Rob. We wanted to get Rob some rushes. Aaron showed how disruptive he can be. We didn't do a whole lot. Nobody talked; we just had a sense that this game was going to be about running the football and keeping people healthy."

On the play of receivers and signing Tavon Austin to a new contract

"The drops are a concern. If the guys continue to drop the football, they can't play. I'm not going to put someone out there that's got a dropping streak and you can't rely on them in the game and have a drop in a critical moment. They've got to continue to

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work at that. We didn't get Tavon [Austin] any touches. It's really good to get some of your key players locked up. Tavon was very excited for the past week and we put it together late last night, early this morning. It was an exciting moment for him. It was a letter of intent day for him, if you will."

On the plan for Quinn

"Our plan was two good series and then on third down come in and get some rushes on third-and-long. When Aaron [Donald] was done, he was done. He went through it very well."

RAMS QUARTERBACK CASE KEENUM

On Broncos CB Aqib Talib's hit

"I did not see him at all. It happened pretty fast. I was on the ground before I knew. I think [C] Tim Barnes was over there. He's usually one of my guys that's always around the pile helping guys up. So he was over there. He hit my back."

On being at the top of the depth chart

"I feel like I am playing well. I feel like we are moving the ball offensively. I am never perfect; there are some plays I want back today – some third downs that I think were crucial that in the regular season can make or break games, especially in the red zone. We would like to get touchdowns down there but I feel comfortable in the offense. I think the guys feel comfortable and we have some good chemistry going. So, I just have to keep doing what I am doing and that's trying to win every day and compete my tail off every day."

On playing against the Broncos' defense

"Any time you get the chance to go line up against somebody that is the World Champions, you tend to pay attention a little more in meetings that week. I think it was a great test and challenge for us. It shows the areas we need to work on and need to get better."

RAMS WIDE RECEIVER TAVON AUSTIN

On the advice he will give the young receivers heading into the final preseason game

"You've just got to lay it out on the table. You never know what's going to happen over on this side, the business side of it, but it's all about the other 31 teams out there looking at you. We've got one more game left. I'm definitely going to tell all the young boys, not even on offense, but on defense too like I did the first game, 'You're still auditioning for somebody. You can play for somebody. There are 31 other teams out there, so the last game, you come out and you never know what could happen.'"

On playing on the road

"For the most part, I feel like we kind of handled it kind of good. It was just little minor things – penalties, a couple dropped balls, but for the most part, everything was good. We're playing the defending champs, and that's the type of game you've got to play. You've got to come in ready to play and as we did in the beginning. It kind of got away from us in the end, but for the most part, I think we'll be OK."

On Rams QB Jared Goff

"Goff is still learning. He's going to do a good job. Just like when I came in, I struggled a little bit in the beginning. That's what everybody goes through. You've got to go through those growing pains, but he's definitely going to be a great quarterback for us in the future."

On the four-year contract extension he signed today

"It's awesome. It feels real good, for the most part. I'm glad I feel wanted. I want to be here. That's the main thing. I'm going to keep on – day-in and day-out – just to get the same Tavon Austin. The same one. I'm really thankful. I thank the organization, Coach [Jeff] Fisher and whoever believed in me."

On what he said to Rams owner Stan Kroenke before the game after signing his extension

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"I hugged him. I told him: 'Thank you.' He helped me and my family out. That's the God-honest truth. Basically he kind of told me I earned it, I deserved it. I told that man I'm going to be 100 percent day-in and day-out. The same person."

On expectations of being more involved in the offense this year

"For me, it's all about just winning. You can tell by the whole preseason, I haven't gotten a ball yet. But it's OK. I did my thing in other ways to get other people the ball. I only care about winning. Stats don't really make a difference to me. That's where I'm at with it."

RAMS QUARTERBACK JARED GOFF

On playing his first professional road game

"Good. It was a great atmosphere here. I felt like I prepared really well for these guys. It felt the same as any regular game. I've played a bunch of road games in my life and it didn't feel any different than any of those."

On orchestrating a 10-play drive

"There was definitely a rhythm. It's all starting to slow down a little bit, and feel better every rep I get and every game I play in. Every series and every scoring drive starts to feel a little bit better. I went out there today and it didn't feel the same as the last two games. I felt a little bit more in control and more comfortable."

On taking a big hit

"I feel good. I'm a little sore but I'll be alright."

On his receivers drops

"They'll be fine. That's part of the game. They're not perfect, I'm not perfect and they work their tail off and do everything they can during the week, but sometimes it comes up a little bit short. It's OK, we'll be fine."

On his goal for the next preseason game

"To continue to feel comfortable, continue to go out there and feel like it's starting to slow down, and feel like where I belong and where I'm supposed to be."

On if he feels like he was able to make quicker decisions

"Yeah, I did. I felt like I knew where I was going with the ball on every play and threw it where I wanted to throw it. Obviously there's always some that you want to have back and some that aren't going to be perfect, but for the most part it felt pretty good."

On facing the defending Super Bowl Champion defense

"They're really good. They won the Super Bowl last year. Their defense was a big part of that, and they brought back almost everyone on that defense. They're legit and they were coming after us. They were good. They had a good game. It was cool to be out there, being able to play the defending Super Bowl champs. You don't get to do that very many times. It was good."

On if his ability to avoid pressure and maneuver the pocket has translated to the NFL

"Yeah, I think so. Every rep is starting to get more to my natural game and more to my natural rhythm. I'm able to make those plays that I made in college and in high school where I move around a little bit. It's the third preseason game of my career and I felt like I took a step in that direction."

On QB Case Keenum's mentorship

"It's probably annoying how many questions I've been asking him, but he's been great. Every time I come out I try to stand next to him and find out what he thinks on this play, and what he thinks on this play. I pick his brain as much as I can and he's been great."

On improving as the season progresses

“Every week I’m just trying to get better and I think I am. I don’t think I’ve taken a step back. I think I’ve progressed every week since OTAs all the way until now. I feel like every week, every day at practice, every game I’m feeling more comfortable and that’s all I can ask for. Just have to continue to get better.”

On playing in Denver

“It was good. I’ve had away games before and I’ve played in Colorado before. It wasn’t anything crazy.”

On the pass that was almost intercepted

“He made a good play. They were in a good defense, and he made a good play. Luckily he didn’t catch it and I moved on to the next one. I would’ve liked it a little further outside, obviously. That’s one of the ones you want to have back. You can never be as perfect as you want but you don’t want to make those mistakes very often at all.”

On if his shoulder hurt after the hit.

“No. My right shoulder’s fine. My left shoulder’s fine. I landed on my back.”

RAMS DEFENSIVE END WILLIAM HAYES

On forcing three-and-outs on Denver’s first two possessions

“It was a priority for us to have a good performance as a defense. Guys came in and played well and overall I think we played OK despite the loss.”

On playing away from home for the first time this season

“I don’t think it makes that big of a difference. I think we wanted to just come in and play sound football and our guys did for the most part.”

On whether he is ready for the final preseason game and what to expect

“Yes, I’m ready. I think we played pretty well tonight. We just have to sharpen up a few things in practice this week. I think that even if the starters don’t play, that we can help the other guys when they come off the field and tell them what we see. I’m excited to see what this season holds and I feel like we play ok today.”

RAMS WIDE RECEIVER AUSTIN HILL

On his first road trip with the Rams

“It felt good. I got a couple more reps tonight, got to be out on the field a little bit more. I got that little catch. It was a nice little catch, a nice little start. I was hoping to get more targets, but that’s just how the game goes – sometimes you’ll get a lot of targets, sometimes you won’t. You’ve just got to kind of go with the flow.”

On what he wants to do to prove he deserves a final roster spot

“I’m just really going to try and make my presence known on special teams. For young guys like me, special teams is a route. It’s been hard to come in on special teams right now because I wasn’t here during OTAs, so guys were kind of set. But in that fourth game, there’s going to be a lot of special teams reps. A lot of vets aren’t going to be going, so I’ll be able to really go out there and really run around and show the guys that I can help on special teams, as well as help at receiver if anyone were to go down or if they needed any help. I’m a sure-handed receiver. I know how to catch the ball, and that’s just the kind of receiver I am.”

On what surprised him about this level of play against the Broncos’ defense

“I thought it was awesome. We came out and it was really a tie. We were moving the ball then we were kicking field goals. We were getting stopped in the red zone. Our defense played really well. I was happy to see the defense play really well against a very good offense. It was really good to see because I know we had a couple rough starts the last two preseason games, so it was good to come out here against the Denver Broncos and be able to actually put some stops on film.”

On what he thinks the receivers need to improve on

“I think just guys need to focus a little bit more. Sometimes there’s a lot of pressure out there, but we’ve been doing this our whole lives. We wouldn’t be here if we couldn’t catch the ball. I think guys need to realize that. I’ve seen some of the greatest receivers in this sport drop balls. It’s just something you learn from. It’s just something you never let happen again.”

RAMS QUARTERBACK SEAN MANNION

On the team’s performance

“I thought for the most part we did some good things. Obviously, we didn’t come out with the win so there will be a lot of things for us to improve on. I know for me personally, there were a lot of things that I can do better. The truth always comes out when you watch the film. It’s hard to think back and figure out specific things to improve on or things you did well. We’ll address that tomorrow when we watch the tape.

On what to expect in the final preseason game next week

“I think we’re just coming out and trying to execute our offense. The fourth preseason game, which I got to experience last year, you just try to come out and have one clean performance as an offense. We want to be sharp and be efficient offensively and try to eliminate mistakes. That’s what we’re going to try to do in our fourth preseason game.”

On what went wrong

“I don’t know if there’s any one thing. I think we just didn’t come up with enough plays. I think that’s something we’ll be able to tell better when we watch the film tomorrow. I think there wasn’t any one play or anything like that. I think we were just a little short. We have stuff to improve on for sure.”

RAMS WIDE RECEIVER PAUL McROBERTS

On his first road trip with the Rams

“It just felt great. It doesn’t matter to me what stadium we play in, I go in with the same mindset – just have fun and go out there and do my best for my team. The crowd doesn’t get to me. Nothing really gets to me. I’m just a go-play kind of person.”

On if he’s trying to make his mark on special teams

“I’m trying to make my mark anywhere, whether it’s receiver, special teams, hype man. It’s whatever. Anything I can do to really help this team because it’s a great group of guys. I just want to try my best in any kind of way.”

On if lowering the number of drops is something the receivers are working on

“We catch jugs, multiple jugs, after practice daily. Sometimes, you do get put in a big situation like the end, and it’s kind of hard when those guys are on you, to make a play. But you try to get better each day, so tomorrow we’re going to catch some jugs after practice and try to get better daily.”

On the upcoming roster cuts

“I’ve been playing this game since I was seven years old, so I’ll just go have fun with it. Roster cuts, they’re out of my control, so control what you can control, and just try to have fun with it.”

On the play of the Rams quarterbacks tonight

“I think we’re ready. We have mental errors, including receivers and everybody on the field at the time. But I feel like we’re getting better daily and I won’t take away from the hard work we’ve been putting in, so I think we’re ready. There’s a lot more work to go, but we’re on the right track.”