



VANCE JOSEPH QUOTES

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Chicago Bears vs. Denver Broncos

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On injuries

"I'll start by going through injuries - Billy Winn went down with a knee injury. He's having an MRI tomorrow and we'll know more about the injury and know how serious it is."

On how happy he was with the performance of the quarterbacks

"I was satisfied. Trevor [Siemian] was solid. He made some nice plays in the pass game. Paxton [Lynch] had some nice plays, but we had so many penalties. Overall it was a solid performance, but the penalties kind of killed us offensively. It's hard to say who played well because of the penalties."

On the defensive start

"Oh, that's a great start. We had two turnovers in the first three drives. I was impressed with those guys. Obviously, it's a strong unit. Chris Harris Jr. and the plays he made, he's made in camp the last few weeks, so I was not surprised."

On his first game as head coach

"How'd it feel? It felt Okay. It felt pretty normal, and that's a good thing. Again, it's my first game so even for me it's a learning program. It felt Okay tonight. I was satisfied."

On the getting in the mindset of winning

"Winning is winning. It doesn't matter if it's preseason or not. We came here to win. We made some plays late in the ballgame to pull it out, and that was fun to see."

On the possibility of Kyle Slotter becoming a starting quarterback

"No. We've got Trevor [Siemian] and we've got Paxton [Lynch] that we've been satisfied with. They're both playing good football. I was impressed with both guys."



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KYLE SLATER, QB

On delivering six points on first drive

"It was awesome. That's everything you dream of as a kid. Dropping back and throwing a touchdown in the National Football League and leading another one. It was just a blessing to have an opportunity and be in this position. My teammates did a great job putting me in that position."

On whom he was talking to after the game

"That's my family: My grandmother, my grandfather, my aunts, uncles, cousins. They all made it out for this. They supported me through everything, the ups and downs in my career. It was an emotional moment to have them here. It meant a lot to me."

On being a part of the game

"It was definitely a fun game. Fun to be a part of. My team did a great job of putting me in a great position to win. They got open for me. I was protected. I can't chalk that up to myself, more of my guys putting me in that position."

On having an opportunity

"That's what it's all about. That's how I got here from Northern Colorado. The starter went down my senior year. I stuck with it. I was prepared to go out there. That's the name of the game, just being ready for your opportunity and next man up."

CHRIS HARRIS JR., DB

On his interception

"It's kind of like the same play I've been seeing in practice. My read took me to that play. I just happened to be in the right spot."

On feeling good back in the end zone

"Yeah. Definitely. Just to get that taste of it. I can't wait for Monday night, when they really count."

On only playing three plays

"I thought I was going to get 10 plays. We were good after that one. I'm glad I was able to cut it short for everybody."

On watching DeAngelo Henderson score

"That's my young bro. We're in the same fraternity. I'm always cheering for him. I'm glad he was able to take us home. I'm glad he got a lot of plays for us to get us in the game and win it."

On being where they need to be at the end of camp

"I wouldn't say that yet. We're working there. I like the effort we saw from everybody. If the number one defense played longer, it would've been hard for them boys to do anything against us. I think we're at a good spot."

ISAIAH MCKENZIE, WR

On being happy with performance

"I'd give it a C. I could do better. Next game is going to be a better game."

On how he got wide open

"I don't even know. Somebody said busted coverage. I was trying to clear it out for the outside guy, and I just happened to be open. He just threw it for a touchdown pass."

On what he is going to do with the ball

"Put it in a trophy case."

On what he thought the NFL was going to be like

"Just what I imagined. Everybody playing hard."

On DeAngelo Henderson's touchdown

"He's a very special guy. I like DeAngelo. I told everybody. Von (Miller), 'We're going to come back. We're going to win this game.' That's what we did."



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PAXTON LYNCH, QB

On his performance tonight

"I thought I played pretty good. Before we went into halftime, I think that we struggled a little with moving the ball. We missed some fourth downs that we should've converted on and had a lot of penalties that set us back. When we came out of the locker room at halftime, I thought we did a good job of moving the ball, but like Coach Joseph said, there were just too many penalties."

On controlling the flow of the game

"Once I got in there, the biggest thing for me was just going in and executing, which I thought I did a good job of. Like I said, the penalties kind of hurt us, as well as not converting on third downs. They were forcing us to drive our way up the field with shorter passes and run the football. We didn't get to take as many shots as we would've liked to tonight, but I think we'll be alright moving forward."

On adapting to the new offense

"I think everybody is on top of it. Before the preseason you don't get to game plan as much as you wish you could, so you just go out and execute and play fast. Again, the penalties hurt us from moving the ball up the field like we could have."

On what he's working on

"I just really think that I'm trying to go out there and play good football day in and day out, and play consistent with the ones and with the twos, no matter who I'm playing with. Really I don't think that there's one thing specifically that I need to work on. I think you can always improve your game all the way around. But consistency is something I pride myself in and I want to get to that point where I'm consistently playing well."

On how this season feels different

"It feels a lot better. You know what to expect coming into a game like this, compared to last season where you don't know what the NFL is going to be like facing these guys. I was a lot more comfortable out there. I got a chance to get in a rhythm coming in at halftime, and we moved the ball pretty well. Like I said before, and I'll say it again, all the penalties we just can't have."

On how the game atmosphere feels versus practice

"It felt really good to go against a defense that wasn't our own. We saw what those starters did the one drive they were in. It felt good to go out there and get some contact, and move around a little bit."



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TREVOR SIEMIAN, QB

On his performance tonight

"It was pretty good. It was good to get going and kind of get in a rhythm there I found. Moved the ball. Ran the ball really well. That's been the theme of camp so far. It's just good to get out there and throw it around and get in a little bit of a rhythm."

On the progress of the offense

"I think everyone is doing a really good job putting the scheme to the grass. Kind of making it come to life. Especially there at the end. I don't want to say young guys, cause I don't think I'm older, but it's fun watching those guys taking advantage of those opportunities and make some plays."

On the first play for the Denver offense

"It was good to knock the rust off. I was joking around in training camp, you forget you can get hit cause we're wearing an off-colored jersey, and nobody can touch us. Good to knock the rust off there, so to speak."

On if he has distanced himself in the quarterback race

"I don't really look at it like that. I did some good things. I thought Paxton (Lynch) did some good things. Definitely some stuff I know we're going to watch and clean up. I can't really have a reaction right now without watching the tape. I thought everybody did something good tonight."