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Offensive Coordinator Bill Musgrave

Opening Statement: "Good morning. Alright, we have great weather here. Back from Florida, and have a tough opponent headed into town."

Q: With Donald Penn's touchdown, is that something you wanted to do for him being back in Tampa?

Coach Musgrave: "Yeah, he has a few in his career. We've had some other ones for him in the past, but this year and last year and haven't been in position to call them. It worked out the other day."

Q: How nice is it to have someone like Khalil Mack in practice when you're getting ready to face Von Miller?

Coach Musgrave: "That is good training. Now that Bruce [Irvin] is here along with Khalil, during the OTAs and training camp, very good training to face people that are similar to who we're going to see on Sunday."

Q: What makes Miller special or unique?

Coach Musgrave: "He's just explosive, just so dynamic. Has strength but also has incredible speed. They have a ton of good players and Pro Bowlers on that side of the ball. There's more than just him that we're planning for and going to have to contend with."

Q: How do you see Mychal Rivera's role and what has been his state of mind this year?

Coach Musgrave: "Well he's the consummate professional. Very team orientated, had some really good plays for us last year. With us dressing two tight ends starting out the year, he didn't get a lot of action, if any. He kept working on his trade and then when we had the injury to Lee [Smith] and circumstances changed, he was ready to step in. It wasn't like he needed a break in period or anything, he just stepped in. When we needed him, of course he was there. Very accountable and super player to have on the team."

Q: That was a tough catch he made on the touchdown to tie the game last Sunday.

Coach Musgrave: "Unreal catch. Unreal catch. Still really don't know how he caught it. It's hard to see on the film, but he definitely caught it, secured it, stood up with the ball in his possession to satisfy all the requirements of a catch. Incredible play. We definitely needed it, obviously."

Q: How do you want to see healthy players who were inactive mentally respond? It seemed like Rivera stayed with it.

Coach Musgrave: "He did. He stayed with it. He was professional. That's very much easier said than done for any human being. Mychal is one of those rare people, rare players that is able to do that and fortunately he's on our side."

Q: Sunday is going to be a big strength challenge between your offensive line and Denver's defensive line. Do you present that to the guys as a big challenge and to show you're the better group?

Coach Musgrave: "Not necessarily. I think we're very squarely focused on the opponent this week. There's some X's and O's that we need to cover in each and every meeting. We have a good routine where we're prepared and focused on our side of the ball and playing good technique with what we do. We definitely have our hands full with some of the matchups this week, but that's common for each and every week."

Q: Do you get excited to see a matchup like that with two good groups going against each other?

Coach Musgrave: "I think every game's exciting. Like we talked about, there's really 16 one-game seasons. So this is the next opponent this week. We'll be excited to get on the field against them like we are each and every week."



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Defensive Coordinator Ken Norton, Jr.

Q: What did you see from TJ Carrie and DJ Hayden on Sunday?

Coach Norton, Jr.: "Very impressed. You can tell they're much improved. Really good competitors. They really came through and helped this team get a win."

Q: What have you seen from Hayden specifically from when you first got here to now?

Coach Norton, Jr.: "Just confidence, playmaker. You see him studying. You see him practicing really hard. He really has a terrific work ethic. He really has taken to his other players. Everybody is really working together, watching film together and really understanding offensive concepts, really coming together and understanding what's expected of them. Really clear on what his job is and what his responsibility is, and it really shows in his confidence, the way he carries himself, the way he plays, the way he's making plays. There's no question he's really doing a great job of helping us."

Q: Why do you think the pairing of Malcolm Smith and Perry Riley Jr. has done so well for the defense?

Coach Norton, Jr.: "Well, they're both really good football players, both really good veterans. They understand ball. They work really well together. You can tell they're both similar type players, so they understand each other really well. They have the ability and instinct to work off one another well, and they communicate well with others. I think that's really important for our growth and improvement to continue to improve and communicate."

Q: Is there an added challenge with Denver getting a new quarterback in the offseason?

Coach Norton, Jr.: "Well for us, we spend more time worrying about us, about how we execute, about how we run, about how we take the ball away, about how we communicate. They're going to line up and play ball. They're the reigning Super Bowl Champs, and we have to certainly compete and play well and execute to have a chance to play with them. We spend a lot of time on improving ourselves."

Q: What was the breakdown with having 12 men on the field?

Coach Norton, Jr.: "We just need to do a better job of substitution. It's over now. We've improved it and it's over with. We've moved on."

Q: What did you see that allowed the defense to finish last week's game strong?

Coach Norton, Jr.: "They play really hard. You can tell how confident they were and they made plays. When you needed them to make the plays, they made them. Really proud of them. You can see the growth in them. You can see the attitude change, really playing a lot better football at the right time of the year."

Q: With keeping an opponent under 300 yards for the first time last week, is that something you point at to show improvement?

Coach Norton, Jr.: "There's no question. We've set a standard. We've always known what we're capable of. At the same time, it's a matter of doing it, a matter of limiting the explosives. We were down to two explosives last week and usually it's more than that. It's a matter of really limiting those explosives, playing and executing ball for the entire game. Not having times where we kind of let up a little bit, but at the same time, really seeing them execute for the entire five quarters. They've really set a high standard. Now it's about being consistently playing at that high standard."

Q: Do you expect to play Sean Smith this week?

Coach Norton, Jr.: "I don't know. You have to talk to Sean and the staff. We'll wait to see if he shows up to practice."