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Chargers QB Max Duggan Draft Availability

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On being selected by the Chargers and joining a team that already features two of his collegiate teammates, Quentin Johnston and Derius Davis:

"There was a lot of excitement. Throughout this process, I feel like I built a lot of good relationships with all of the coaches on the coaching staff and really built up and connected with them in that way. Obviously, you see Q and D.D. go earlier, and there was a lot of excitement to be a part of this franchise, to go out and be in L.A. and be with this group people."

On where he received the call and who he is with currently:

"I'm at home in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Friends and family, we're just hanging out, so I was with them when I got the call."

On the significance of returning to SoFi Stadium and Los Angeles with two of his collegiate teammates:

"Just happy for everyone involved to get an opportunity to go to the next level and to be part of great franchises. To reunite with Q [Johnston] and Darius [Davis], and we all get to be out there and be a part of a great franchise and be a part of a great team with a great coaching staff, that is going to be fun."

On if he had ever visited Los Angeles prior to the CFP National Championship Game:

"I had not before the National Championship, but after the National Championship and for the three months of draft training, I was actually out there spending time. I loved my time out there, love the people. I'm excited to get back out there."

On which QB coach he trained with in advance of the Draft:

"Jordan Palmer."

On his contact with the Chargers during the Draft process:

"There was good communication, whether it was meetings in-person, phone calls, things of that sort. I think that connecting really well with the entire coaching staff made it exciting. Throughout this process, it was somewhere I wanted to go. Obviously, you get to go into a quarterback room that is experienced, talented and knows how to be professionals. You get to learn under them for a little bit and see how to be successful. I'm excited to be a part of this franchise. Yeah, there was a connection early of being with each other and it was place that I wanted to be at."

On if he had a prior relationship with QB Justin Herbert:

"I've never met Justin, don't really have a relationship with him, but I think just from watching him from afar of how to be a leader, how to be a man, how to be a person and a quarterback that a franchise can look on and really represent the franchise in the right way, Justin has done an incredible job of that. Obviously, what he is on the field is such a talented player, so it's going to be fun to get around him and learn from him and the rest of the quarterback room."

On if he has spoken with Johnston or Davis since being selected:

"I actually turned my phone off like right after the call, so I haven't checked it yet, but I will check it probably after this."

On his mentality upon entering the NFL:

"Just come in and control what you control. Be a sponge. I think that's the best thing about this is that you go into this team, this franchise, and you get to learn so much for people that are so knowledgeable, so talented, have been around it for a long time. Go in there, be a sponge, learn as much as you can, compete, add as much value as you can in whatever way or whatever role that is."

On if he is 'always this business-like':

"[*Laughter*] I don't know. There's a lot of excitement. It's just kind of how I am. But I am pretty excited right now."

On his strengths:

"First, competitiveness. I think that, as an intangible asset, can really take you a long ways. I think that you can see it from a lot of the greats, you can see it in Justin [Herbert] a lot you. You can see it in this team. On the field, it's just being a two-way player, being able to make every throw, as well as trying to be able to make plays with your legs and be that two-way threat."

On his leadership traits:

"A way of servant-leadership of doing something for others, looking towards others more than yourself, making sure that they're in a better spot than myself, making sure they're in the best way to be successful in the right spots and leaning on them on, putting them in great positions."