

Chargers Offensive Lineman Jamaree Salyer Introductory Media Availability **Saturday, April 30, 2022 ⚡ Hoag Performance Center ⚡ Costa Mesa, Calif.**

On being selected by the Chargers:

“I feel great. I want to start off by saying that I’m blessed — I’ve been waiting on this call for two days, so I’m blessed. I’m excited to get out to L.A. and meet my new teammates, meet the staff. I’m just excited for it to start.”

On playing all five positions along the offensive front while at Georgia:

“I think it did wonders for me. As a young freshman coming in the door, I didn’t exactly understand why [Georgia Head] Coach [Kirby] Smart wanted me to do those things, but for me, now just looking back on it. I think that it really made my process what it was. I’m really glad that I did do it and glad that it gave me the versatility to be able to do so.”

On mentorship that he experienced from former teammates throughout the draft process:

“I talked to [Giants T] Andrew [Thomas] a lot. Andrew’s here, actually. I’m glad that he’s here and was able to make it. I talk to those guys a lot, just asking them questions and being a sponge, trying to take it all in. One of my roommates was [Giants LB] Azeez Ojulari, so I’m trying to use those guys as a reference. I’m blessed to be able to have seen them go through that process. They are dear, close friends of mine. Even today, they’ve been telling me to relax and that it’s going to happen, one way or another. They’ve definitely helped me out.”

On if NFL teams ‘viewed’ him as a guard and where the Chargers plan on playing him:

“I honestly didn’t really talk to the Chargers a whole lot in this process. I know that a lot of teams, just meeting with a lot of different teams, they kind of told me interior and right tackle. That’s what I got from most of the teams that I met with. I didn’t get a lot of left tackle, and that’s where I played mostly in college — I played a lot of right tackle, as well. I mostly got interior and right tackle. I don’t know what the Chargers have planned for me, but I’m excited to find out.”

On playing right tackle at Georgia:

“I played right tackle my entire sophomore year and the back half of my freshman year.”

On getting reps at center at the Senior Bowl:

“I practiced at center every day in practice. Against the top defensive linemen that came out this year, I practiced against them every day in kind of an emergency role, just in case. I played center in a game once — it was against Missouri my freshman or sophomore year, I don’t remember exactly, there’s kind of a lot going on. I played center a good amount and I’m very comfortable there.”

On working through the waiting process over the past couple of days:

“It was definitely a relief. I was outside, honestly, just preparing and accepting the fact that I could go undrafted. I was kind of getting to that point of saying, ‘Hey, this might be a reality.’ I can honestly say that on Wednesday night, when I was imagining the way that this draft would go, I didn’t think that I would even get to this point. Now that I’m here, I’m glad that I got the call. I’m glad that the Chargers called me. When I say the L.A. Chargers come on my phone, I was like, ‘Guys, we’re cooking with something.’ It’s one of those things where you’re just sitting around and you’ll get a call from, like, your Grandma, and you’ll be like, ‘Thanks, Grandma, but keep the line clear.’ It will be a cousin and you’ll be like, ‘Keep the line clear, I’m expecting a specific call. I don’t know from who, but not from you, respectively.’ It’s definitely a fun, but anxiety-filled, experience.”

On if it is a ‘fairly easy transition’ to switch from playing on one side of the line to the other:

“I definitely feel pretty comfortable doing that. I did that on, pretty much, a day-to-day basis in practice. There would be days when guys would get injured and I was always the swing man. I started at left tackle, that’s what I played, but if we had a right guard go down, like in the National Championship Game, I would practice the rest of the day at right guard, just until he came back healthy. If we had a guy go down at left guard, same thing. We had a backup center, so I didn’t have to do that as much in that situation. Left guard, right guard, right tackle — that was kind of my thing, I was kind of the swing man in those positions. I feel pretty comfortable because I did it pretty much on a day-to-day basis in practice against really great players, so I feel really comfortable doing that.”