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Chargers WR Derius Davis Draft Availability

Saturday, April 29, 2023 ⚡ Hoag Performance Center ⚡ Costa Mesa, Calif.

On being selected by the Chargers and his emotions upon receiving the call (*Question from WR Quentin Johnston*):

"It was unbelievable. Teaming up with my former teammate, Quentin Johnston, it's just a blessing. We put in a lot of hard work, early mornings. To have the opportunity to keep playing with a guy like Quentin Johnston, it's a blessing, for sure. I'm super excited."

On his relationship with Johnston:

"I went to Quentin's party [on Thursday]. I saw him get drafted. We've been friends for quite a while, since we got to TCU. To have that relationship with him and being able to keep on playing with him, it is truly a blessing. I'm speechless right now."

On receiving his call from the Chargers today:

"It was crazy because it was really unexpected. I really didn't have much contact with the Chargers. Once they called and were like, 'Are you ready to be a Charger?' I was like, 'Hell yeah.' Knowing Q went there, I have somebody in the city with me that I am familiar with. It's just a great time right now for me and my family, and everybody that has supported me up to this time."

On his punt return and kickoff return abilities:

"My game, as a returner, I always tell people that I'm explosive. Me personally, I feel like I get the party started. At TCU, there were times where we didn't have any points on the board and I was the first one to score during my return, so I feel like I'm a party starter. Hopefully, I can do that for the Chargers. I know I will do it for the Chargers. I'm just blessed to be a Charger. It's just a blessing."

On his communication with the Chargers during the pre-Draft process:

"I had contact with some of the scouts. They gave me a call. I say that the call was from a California number, so I was like, 'Oh, we might be going to California.' I answered the phone and they were like, 'Darius Davis, are you ready to be a Charger?' I was like, 'Yeah, let's do it.'"

On if he and Johnston discussed being teammates in the NFL:

"Q, he's been a busy man [*laughter*]. He went in the first round, that's just how it is, you can be a busy man. We haven't had much contact about being teammates, but God always has a plan, like I always say. I'm just happy to be his teammate again. Kind of what we did at TCU, we're going to bring that to the Chargers. It's a blessing."

On his pre-Draft 'expectations' in terms of timing of being selected:

"My expectation, I was expected to go on Day 3, in-between the fourth and sixth round. Those were my expectations coming in. Being able to be picked in the fourth round, it's a blessing, also. I don't have to worry about getting picked. I'm just glad to be a Charger."

On his production as a wide receiver:

"At TCU, I produced in jet sweeps. They would line me up in the backfield sometimes. I feel like I'm a player that could go all over. I played outside, inside, went in the backfield a few times. I feel like my game is very versatile. I think that is something that I can do at the Chargers, be a versatile player, come in and make plays when the offense needs it, and just be that great teammate to my teammates."

On the 'atmosphere at his house' upon being selected:

"There was a point where my mom, she had came up to hug me. I was trying to hold it in, trying my best not to cry — I didn't cry [*laughter*]. It was just an unbelievable feeling because I've been playing football since I was five and I had put in a lot of hard work with my teammates, my dad. My dad, my mom and my whole family, really, they put a lot of time and effort into me for me to be in this position. It's really just a blessing to share this moment with them."

On if he ever visited Los Angeles before the CFP National Championship Game:

"No. Actually, that was my first time in Los Angeles. Just being out there, it's a beautiful city. The stadium, I love it. That's like the best stadium I've ever played in. I played in the Dallas Cowboys' stadium, but just being in SoFi [Stadium] after seeing it on Madden and playing in it in video games, just seeing the screen around the stadium, it's just a beautiful scene. I'm blessed to call that place home."

On if he knows anyone in Los Angeles:

"TJ Carter, he used to play for TCU, he was the Rams. Steve [Avila] is going to be there, too. He went to the Rams. Steve and Quentin [Johnston], I have some teammates there now, I have two teammates there now."