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CB Shareece Wright

Q: What made the Raiders an attractive option for you?

Wright: "Oh man, just the opportunity. Just looking at the roster, looking at the coaching staff, obviously with [Head] Coach [Jon] Gruden. I just wanted to have the opportunity to play with him. After talking with him on the phone, it made sense. Talking to my agent, just breaking down the scenarios and possibilities, all the places and here, and we felt like this was the best fit at this point in my career."

Q: What is it about Jon Gruden that makes him someone guys want to play for so much?

Wright: "You know as a defensive player, just the physical. We're going to grind hard, work hard. He's going to coach you hard. He's going to love you up, but he's going to coach you hard. He's going to get the best out of you. That's just the type of guy he is. As a player and as a competitor, I couldn't ask for a better coach to play for."

Q: How much of a priority has it been to come back and play in California?

Wright: "At this point in my career, it definitely was one of my priorities after going away and being on the East coast. Being away from my family... I have a son now, he's four years old. He's going to be playing sports. My business that I have going on in California, for me to be able to be closer to that, it means a lot. Not only that, but to be able to play for the Raiders. It's California's team in a sense. Watching the Raiders growing up. My stepdad was a big Raiders fan. His brother was a Chiefs fan so when those games came on, it was a lot going on at my house as a kid. Just remember watching the Raiders. To have the opportunity to play for them at this point, it's great."

Q: What businesses do you own?

Wright: "I own a trucking company, so logistics. I own a freight brokers company in Fontana, California. To be able to be close to that it helps a lot."

Q: How do you feel about being reunited with Rich Bisaccia and Marcus Gilchrist?

Wright: "Definitely, Rich Bisaccia is one of those coaches that he was there in San Diego when I got drafted. He's one of those coaches that's going to love you, but he's going to coach you hard. He's going to get the best out of you. I remember when he was in Dallas, he called me when I got released from Baltimore. He told me he wanted me to be there, he's going to try to do what he can and get me in there. It didn't work out then. For him to be here and for it to work out this time, it's great. And like you said, Marcus Gilchrist is one of my best friends. We were in the Senior Bowl together, coming out and we got drafted together in San Diego. We were separated for a few years and now we're back together. It's great to have familiar faces in new buildings. Not only that but have someone that you happen to be close with, too. It's great. I'm excited about that."

Q: How would you say you fit in with this team?

Wright: "Just being a veteran guy who's played a lot of football. Played for a lot of coaches, played for a lot of teams. Not a lot of teams, but a lot of different defenses. Having a young secondary and being able to kind of be a leader in the secondary room. Be a veteran in that secondary room with a bunch of young, great talent. To be able to kind of show those guys the ropes. I'm a versatile football player. I've played in the slot. I've played outside. Obviously, the special teams stuff. I feel like my role, like Coach Gruden told me, is just, 'I need a guy like you on my team, in the locker room and on the field with a bunch of young guys that you can show the way, show the ropes.' Kind of what it takes to be successful and take care of your body and prepare for Sundays and prepare to play on Sundays. Just showing that leadership."

Q: How comfortable are you playing in the slot?

Wright: "I played a little bit early on in my career. I come from defenses where corners travel. So, as a corner you'll be playing in the slot in zone coverage and man coverage. So, it's pretty much like a nickel. I've been in that defense, I was in that defense in San Diego for the four years I was there. Buffalo, I had an opportunity to play in the slot a



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few games. Just out of a whim, threw me in at nickel. It's something I know I can do. Tackling has never been a problem for me. Being able to blitz and make tackles is something that I do well. It kind of works out."