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Offensive Coordinator Greg Olson

Q: So you guys cut Chris Warren, what was the issue there?

Olson: "Well, we just wanted to bring in [running back] James Butler in and there's certain standards I think that we have here. We expect a certain level of professionalism with our players coming in fitness-wise. He didn't fit those expectations so we decided to make a change."

Q: J.J. Nelson can move a little bit, is that speed element part of the attraction to why you signed him?

Olson: "Yeah, that was a big reason as to why we signed him. He's one of the faster wide receivers in the league and he certainly still shows it like he did today."

Q: So much was made about what they put around Derek Carr, do you feel there's an inherent sense in him to keep proving himself though?

Olson: "I think he has an expectation every day of playing at a high standard and executing at a high level. Certainly he's happy that we've added some pieces around him, but I don't think that changes his mindset. He's always going to try to get better every day and play at a high level. It makes it a lot easier when you do sign better players at every position and I think we've done that. He's had a good camp, he had a good offseason, OTAs, two mini camps, and a great start here to training camp. But again, those are the expectations he has for himself and that we have for him as a coaching staff."

Q: How do you feel about the development of second-year players Kolton Miller and Brandon Parker?

Olson: "Great. Both the tackles have gained weight, they've gained strength, and really the same goes for entire rookie class from a year ago. We felt good about them when we drafted them and we feel the same way going through their second season. I think they're more confident and they're playing faster because of the confidence level, but we like the growth of the all of those players."

Q: Carr talked yesterday about Trent Brown's super bowl environment that he was in with the Patriots, how does that rub off on some of the younger guys?

Olson: "If you look at our free agents that we signed, they're all going to be in major roles on both sides of the football. We tried to bring in guys who have won in the National Football League and Trent Brown is one of them. We like the example that really all our free agents have set."

Q: Miller has a lot of things going for him, but nastiness probably isn't one of the first things that people would use to characterize his game. Playing next to Richie Incognito, what do you think that does for Miller being next to him?

Olson: "Everyone has different personalities. You can look at a number of guys, Orlando Pace was not known as a nasty guy but obviously he's a Hall of Fame player. Richie's always going to bring a nastiness to the room in terms of his play and that's part of the appeal of signing him."

Q: Do you see a difference in Miller in the guy on the field and the guy off the field?

Olson: "I think he's pretty real. There's a certain amount of nastiness and violence just to play the game of football, it's not for everybody and we say that. He comes off as a polite guy and that shouldn't be held against the guy. His parents raised a terrific young man but I think at every position it's a physical game. Certainly offensive lineman, when you're hitting the person across from you every play, you have to have a mindset and a toughness when you strap on the helmet. He's a tough football player and guys show it different ways. You can't assume that because he's a quiet guy he's not a tough football player."

Q: Along those lines, he's clearly stronger, is he better equipped going into this season?

Olson: I think so. His experience breeds confidence and we're happy how he played as a rookie. We know the experience factor is huge for that whole rookie class. He's played 16 games now as a professional football player



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and every year the standards change based on that experience. We're excited where he's at and we're excited where he's going."

Q: Do you have any kind of update on wide receiver Antonio Brown? I know it's only been a couple of days, but does the work he's put in with Carr and the other receivers during OTAs make it a little easier for him coming back?

Olson: "He was out during pre-practice running around and doing some things today in our walk-throughs. With Antonio Brown there's no such thing as a walk-through, he goes 100 miles an hour the whole time. I think he's going to be back quickly and you're going to hear more from [General Manager] Mike [Mayock] and [Head Coach] Jon [Gruden] on the injury report but he looked good to me today."

Q: Nathan Peterman got a lot of work today, what do you see from the backup competition?

Olson: "It will be a competition, that's why yesterday we went with [Quarterback Mike] Glennon. Glennon took the first reps with the twos and today we just switched up with Nathan Peterman. We'll continue to do that throughout camp until someone separates themselves."

Q: Josh Jacobs has been taking a lot of direct snaps in the wildcat, do you see a big role for him in the wildcat going forward?

Olson: "That could be possibly something we do. Another part of that is that we just want to make sure our defense gets a chance to see it and prepare our defense for it. We'll look at doing whatever we can do cause problems for opposing defenses and certainly the wildcat is one of those."

Q: How do you keep your players focused being in a world class tourist destination such as Napa?

Olson: "There's a different mindset in today's players and you can talk to some of the 100 alumni we have here who were out until the wee hours of the morning. They would probably tell you they did the same thing when they were players here for a lot of those guys. The mindset has changed in the league with the amount of money that these guys have at risk playing this football game. I think players are just so much more aware of taking care of their bodies and making sure they extend their careers as long as possible by staying healthy. Social media has changed a lot of those things, but I think the players are just much more aware of taking care of their bodies."

Q: How would you assess Hunter Renfrow's performance the past two days, especially matching up with Lamarcus Joyner?

Olson: "We're really excited. We asked Lamarcus Joyner to give Hunter everything he could get and it's been a good matchup. We're really happy. Again, we talked about it last spring where he was at and he continued to work hard over the summer and get a better feel for the things that we're going to ask him to do. He had a good first three days of rookie mini-camp and he's had a good first two days here with the veterans."

Q: J.J. Nelson a guy who can line up in the slot? Is he versatile enough for a what you guys look for in a slot receiver?

Olson: "We're kind of rotating all of those guys. He could be that guy in some of the things we like to do in the slot. The biggest thing with him is he's got great ball skills in terms of catching the ball and he's got great vertical speed. There's things we're going to put him in to try and match up with his skills."

Q: How nice is it to have Rodney Hudson, a guy that spent so much time on scheme mastery to help Carr and the entire offense advance and build on what you guys did last year?

Olson: "He's the ultimate pro. Obviously can't say enough about Rodney and he's had that same guard with him. We're happy with him and his relationship with Gabe Jackson and being able to communicate to the new guys on both sides of them. But certainly, Rodney is the one who gets everything going and makes it easier on Derek Carr and what his responsibility is. Getting those right plays or getting into those right protections, Rodney is able to do that just as a quarterback would. He's really been great."



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Q: What do you see about the upgrade of physical ability that you have?

Olson: "It's been tremendous. Really you're talking about, in my opinion, an elite wide receiver in 'AB' and then Tyrell Williams. We talked about him last year, we targeted him as a number one wide receiver because we did not think after the Bills had signed AB that we would get him. We had targeted Tyrell to be our top guy and to get them both was certainly a bonus. Getting a chance to watch them out in the one-on-one drills and seeing the accumulation of talent they have on the defensive side of the ball at the defensive back position with some great matchups, it will be a great competition throughout the year."

Q: "Richie Incognito was getting first-team reps today at the left guard position, but for Weeks 1 and 2 he won't be out there. What's the plan in terms of the right time to work in guys like Jonathan Cooper and Denzelle Good?"

Olson: "[Jonathan] Cooper and Denzelle Good are two guys who are going to compete for that spot while Richie's out. We're trying to get Richie work with the ones right now and as camp gets a little bit later then we'll work those other guys in and there will be a little more competition at the left guard spot. We're really excited about Cooper and that we were able to sign him here a couple of weeks ago, very fortunate on our side of the ball based on Denzelle's injury that occurred in the spring. Richie will go through the first week and a half here and then we'll start rolling those other guys in."

Q: Last year, Doug Martin filled in when Marshawn Lynch had that groin injury and another injury this year allowed Martin to come back in. Can you talk about his possibilities, his play, and what he's all about?

Olson: "He's a great pro like how we talked about with Rodney Hudson. Doug Martin sets a great example really in the room in terms of being a pro and out on the field. To see his effort, the enthusiasm he has for the game, and the passion he has for the game. We couldn't be more happy than to be able to get Doug Martin back here. He's a great teammate. I don't think you would talk to any position group on the team that wouldn't say he's just a great teammate. He still possesses the skill that we need to play running back; he can be an every down running back for us. He's good out of the backfield, he still has a lot of tread left on his legs. You haven't seen that natural decline in skill set for a running back because he had a year off and didn't have a lot of wear and tear on his legs. He looks fresh and he's excited to be here. We're excited to have him."

T Trent Brown

Q: With Hard Knocks in the house, how do you focus with the added attention?

Brown: "I mean there's camera's around every day, it's just a few more. It is what it is. We still have to come out here and go to work."

Q: Have you watched the show in the past?

Brown: "Yeah."

Q: If two or three years ago someone told you that you would have a ring and you would be the highest paid offensive lineman, what would you say?

Brown: "I would have believed him. I always believed it about myself."

Q: You spent time in Las Vegas with Von Miller at the Rush camp. What did that experience do for you?



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Brown: "That was the second one I've been to. That was the third that he's had. I couldn't go to the second one because of the birth of my daughter. It's really just a lot of invaluable information out there. I'm learning from them, they're learning from me. It's just trying to get back, everybody."

Q: In terms of organization, intensity and business-like atmosphere, is this similar at all to a New England Patriots camp?

Brown: "I mean, we're trying to get the culture to match theirs and hopefully take it to another level."

Q: Did that jump out at you as soon as you got to New England? The way that they did things?

Brown: "Oh yeah, for sure. I mean you can just feel it, the energy when you walk in the building. They expect greatness and you got to do great things and that's why they're in the Super Bowl year in and year out."

Q: How does your experience at left tackle help you mentor Kolton Miller?

Brown: "Tackle is tackle. They got great rushers on both sides. I can just give him the best knowledge that I have and share it with all the guys and hopefully we can get the whole group to be better you know what I mean? I'm not trying to harbor any information, I'm trying to share it with everybody so we can win. That's the sole focus, the sole main goal."

Q: What kind of things have you been Kolton Miller with?

Brown: "I think Kolton has it all. He just has to get it in his mind that he has it and just have the confidence in himself to go out and do it."

Q: How has the chemistry been with Gabe Jackson and what is key to developing him?

Brown: "Oh it's going to be a good year for that right side."

Q: Can you go into a little more detail about the invaluable information you learned from Von Miller's pass rush summit?

Brown: "It's just different moves, different alignments, different guys, different body types, different athletic abilities. It's just a lot of information to help me and I gave as best as I could back to help them."

Q: What was the biggest jump for you between year one and year two when it came to pass protection?

Brown: "I've always kind of been gifted athletically so a lot of things came easy to me and I've got long arms, a long first step, and so it was really just putting it all together and the confidence from year one to year two. That's what really picked up. I had the confidence to go out there and I didn't care who was out there in front of me. I was going to try to whoop their ass."

Q: Was there a certain game you remember or a certain play that helped you when you look back at?

Brown: "I really think it was those last five starts of my rookie year when I started those last five games. I went into that offseason with the mindset; you can do this (*expletive*). This is easy, you know what I mean, let's go. That's how I approached my training."

Q: How does Derek Carr compare to the QB (Tom Brady) you played with last year?

Brown: "I mean Tom is the 'G.O.A.T.' Derek Carr is Derek Carr. If anybody gets the opportunity to be upright and healthy in this league, you know what I mean, you can make plays and that's what we're trying to do up front."



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Q: Are there any comparisons you can draw between Jon Gruden and Bill Belichick?

Brown: "Not really. I mean, Gruden is a lot more live and Belichick is I mean yeah, Belichick."

Q: When you were growing up, the lineman weren't getting paid like they're getting paid now. Why has there been a shift in the value of lineman?

Brown: "I mean, when you're paying those guys across the ball that type of money, you got to pay us to stop them. It's just, it's only right."

Q: Tomorrow, the pads come on. How do you view that? Are you excited about that?

Brown: "Really, I don't give a damn if we got pads on or not. Football is football. We put our body on the line for a living. I'm still going to come off the ball the same. It is what it is. It's just pads now."

Q: You refer to yourself as the greatest underdog. Can you talk about that mentality a little bit?

Brown: "I just feel like I've been put on the back burner my whole life. Me, just from being a seventh round draft pick to now. And even through the process, people try to dim my light. This is my shirt right here. 'TB77', greatest underdog. It explains itself. Greatest underdog. I was drafted in the seventh round and now I'm the highest offensive lineman in NFL history. You know what I mean, that's a testament to the work and just the way I go about my everyday life, how I treat people and how I sow good seeds and I'm reaping the harvest of my everyday work."

Q: You're not the biggest vocal leader, but you lead by example whether it's in the weight room or on the field. Can you talk about why you want your actions to speak louder than your words?

Brown: "Really, I just grew up, my dad is not a man of many words, but his actions speak for him, and when he says something, everybody knows its Bible and I just learn from him. A whole lot of talking isn't really intriguing to nobody. It shouldn't be anyway. If your actions are on point, that's all you should be looking at from anybody."

Q: When you win a Super Bowl and then sign a big contract, where does the motivation come now?

Brown: "I mean, I just, I want more. I feel like people think I'll get the money and then just become lazy but no, I want another huge contract. I want more rings. You know what I mean? I want more of everything. I'm thirsty for it."

Q: Have you gone up against Clelin Ferrell much in the Spring or in the first two days of training camp?

Brown: "I haven't. I haven't."

Q: What have been your impressions of Max Crosby?

Brown: "Uh, Maxx is good. Maxx is good as hell honestly. He can rush the passer. He can defend the run. He has a high motor. He's going to be somebody to watch out for I think."

Q: What's been the most fun thing about being the biggest guy on the line?

Brown: "I mean that's been everywhere I've been so nothing changes."



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RB Doug Martin

Q: Does it feel any different being in your second year at Raiders camp?

Martin: "It does. I feel like there's something special brewing with the Raiders right now. You know, with the moves that we made in the offseason and just the vibe around the organization. You know, we feel like we have a good chance to really do some good things around here. Everybody can't wait to get the season going."

Q: Is there talk within the locker room that you guys are stronger this year and have a real chance to do something?

Martin: "Those aren't the exact conversations we have to that extent but you know, it's more of like a vibe, it's an energy around here that we all feel and everybody knows it. I can't wait till we get going."

Q: Your effort out there is pretty obvious in terms of how hard you're running even during non-contact drills. How important is that for you to know you are going hard and then seeing on film how hard you are playing?

Martin: "Yeah, that's a huge emphasis. We have a great running back coach, Kirby [Wilson]. He has a huge emphasis on finishing the play. You know, Josh made huge strides in that from OTA's to now. You can see he's finishing down the field, scoring, as well as the other running backs as well. We got a great room. I can't wait to see what we're going to do."

Q: You've got some new offensive lineman blocking for you... Richie Incognito, Trent Brown, Jonathan Cooper. What have you seen from those guys so far?

Martin: "I see a lot of body. That's what I see. I see a lot of body. They do a good job of moving guys. They know what they're doing. They do their job tremendously. They're going to be a huge upgrade to our team."

Q: How important is it for you as a running back to have padded practices in terms of getting your timing right?

Martin: "To have padded practices, it gives you a more realistic feel to the game. You know, we're just in shorts right now. Nobody's winning, everybody's trying to stay neutral in their assignments. But once you get the pads on, we'll see who's going to win most of these plays, but you know, I think we have a good chance on our side. But it definitely helps us get a more feel for the game."

Q: What do you think Incognito brings to the left side of the offensive line?

Martin: "I think he brings an attitude. He brings that grit to the line. You know, he's one of those guys that you want on your team you know what I mean, so I'm glad to have him."

Q: How fine is that line between being a mentor and helping the guys behind you and trying to win a job?

Martin: "Right now, you know, Josh, he's a great back. He's an awesome back. He knows what he can do. Me being eight years into the league, you know, I'm just going to use my experiences and teach him the game, teach him the ways of the back, push him, motivate him, inspire him, as well as the other backs as well. You know, we just feed off of each other. You know, it's healthy competition within the whole entire running back room. So you know, we're all going to push each other and everything we do is going to benefit the team."

Q: Is it kind of like teaching him everything he knows, but not everything you know?

Martin: "Not at all. I'm a wide book, a wide-open book. Because if I don't teach him everything and I see him miss something on the field, then it hurts the whole team so there's no point in hiding anything."



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Q: Since you've walked in his shoes being a first-round draft pick and then now in the league for eight years, I imagine there's a lot you can tell him?

Martin: "Oh definitely, the highs and lows. That's something that I'm going to do with not only Josh, but with all the other backs as well. Yeah, there's a lot of things I can teach."

Q: How do you personally feel having gone through an entire season and an offseason with the Raiders and coming into your second year?

Martin: "I feel great. I feel really good. I had a good offseason. You know, my legs feel great. Like you said, I'm finishing like I've never finished before in a while. So personally, I feel good and I just want to use that to motivate the rest of the backs in the room as well."

T Kolton Miller

Q: Is there a difference in your confidence from year two to year one?

Miller: "I think confidence you get through playing, so being able to grow from the first season has helped my confidence tremendously."

Q: How do you think you've grown as a player? What sort of things are you doing now that you weren't doing then?

Miller: "I've grown as a player. I think I've gotten a lot stronger. Experienced. Again, I think the number one thing is just being able to play and learn from your mistakes."

Q: How would you capture the strength gains you feel you've achieved this offseason?

Miller: "I just feel more sturdy, I guess, less easy to push around. I feel like it's a lot easier to push people off the ball."

Q: Do you think having that increased strength might help you play with more edge?

Miller: "All those factors help me tremendously."

Q: When Richie Incognito says that he wants to bring some of that nasty streak out of you and wants to get you out of your shell a little bit, what does that mean?

Miller: "I think that's just speaking from a guy that's played 15 years in the league. That those are some of the best qualities that are in a lineman and I'm glad to be working with him, and I hope to learn from him every day."

Q: Do you think you're not too nice? Do you feel like you have an edge to you? I'm trying to get you mad at me.

Miller: "(laughter) Oh, am I supposed to answer that? I think guys just got to focus on perfecting their craft every day. You get a whole lot of personalities out here and I think the important thing is coming together as a team and getting better every day."

Q: What is it like learning from a guy like Trent Brown who is coming off a Super Bowl win at your position?

Miller: "He's been a big help. Just small details that he's shooting at me, helping me with my craft, has been really helpful and I hope to learn more from him."



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Q: Trent Brown mentioned that the last five games his rookie season were really big for him entering his year two. Has he shared any of that or did you have a similar experience last year?

Miller: "Yeah, again, I've asked him about his past experiences and he's shared with me what programs he's been in and what's helped him, and I've tried to pull from that for sure."

Q: What's your focus from this point in camp and on? What are you really trying to have your attention on when it comes to your game?

Miller: "Just refining everything, pushing my teammates, trying to get better as a team as a whole. Not only trying to work on my craft but pushing the guys across from me."

Q: What are your impressions of Clelin Ferrell?

Miller: "He has good speed and he's strong. I think he can hold the edge. I think he will be an immediate impact on our team."

Q: Do you look forward to when pads come on?

Miller: "That's how football is played, right? With pads. So having that extra piece is going to be very helpful."

Q: How much pride did you take from making it through last year? When you look back what's the benefit of playing every game at less than 100 percent?

Miller: "I think you learn a lot more about yourself. You're challenged in things that you wouldn't think you'd be challenged in. I think that's helped me grow as a player. And things that I didn't need work on, that reminded, and I'll be able to get better from that."

Q: Was there ever a time it was especially difficult to battle through your knee injury? What was your greatest moment of pushing through adversity?

Miller: "Well, my injury happened, it was the series before the half of the Browns game and the injury happened and I went down, and Derek was like, 'Get up!', and that was it for me. I was like we are going to finish this series out, taped it up and finished the game out. There's been times, there's been plays, there's been games, but I think just learning to push through that it's really helped me as a player."

Q: Did that type of game put some added seasoning on that moment for you?

Miller: "Yeah as a rookie, fourth game in, and that being thrown at you was a big curveball."

Q: Do you really need that mental toughness every single week to be able to grind through it?

Miller: "Me compared to last year this time is completely different. The offseason you're not practicing your 40's, your shuttles, you are just working out. This year I feel way better, way more confident. I feel really good."

Q: What is it like to have Rodney Hudson in a meeting room and how much of an asset is it to have a player who is so knowledgeable?

Miller: "Rodney is super smart. I think he identified every pressure. I'm not sure if he missed one pressure last year, so he gets the game for sure. Having him on the team is a huge asset."

Q: Some teams do player only meetings, does the offensive line do some of those things and how vocal is Hudson in those meetings?



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Miller: "Yeah, we do those every week and they are before games. Usually we will hit up on what the teams like to do, what pressure, what loads they like to bring, but honestly he is like the mastermind of it. He sees it and can bring the slide to us. So yeah, he's great."