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Offensive Coordinator Greg Olson

Q: What does Richie Incognito bring to this team?

Coach Olson: "He's just a really tough football player. Brings a tough demeanor to the room and the offensive side of the ball. He's pretty talented as well."

Q: Does he look like the same player even with the year off?

Coach Olson: "He really does. I had a chance, obviously, to watch him throughout his career and we brought him in here a week ago for a workout. He impressed us in the workout. He looked young for his age. We're excited about it."

Q: Denzelle Good wasn't out there today. Did you just want a look at Incognito?

Coach Olson: "No, he was dealing with something."

Q: What do you see from the receiver group right now?

Coach Olson: "Obviously, a great player in Antonio Brown. We're fortunate to get a caliber of player that he is. But also to get Tyrell Williams, that was kind of a bonus. You know how that went down in free agency. We were very fortunate to get both of them because we really hadn't targeted Antonio and he kind of, I'd say, fell into our lap somewhat when his deal fell through. We had targeted Tyrell. He was one of our top wide receivers that we targeted in free agency, so we were fortunate there. Ryan Grant is another good player we were able to acquire in free agency. The whole group overall, they bring great speed and certainly they have a lot of experience as well and that's important in this league. J.J. Nelson has played, so we have more of a veteran group here than we've had in the past."

Q: Why did you guys target Williams?

Coach Olson: "In looking at the outside receivers that were available in free agency, we thought he was a top receiver for an outside receiver."

Q: How do you see Antonio Brown responding to Head Coach Jon Gruden's style of coaching?

Coach Olson: "I think he's been great so far. I think the relationship has been great. I think they're both like-minded, they both love football. That's a big part of it. I think that a big part of the respect they have for one another. So far that relationship, I think, has been great up until this point."

Q: Antonio Brown has talked about wanting to set a standard for the receivers. How have you seen that manifest at practice?

Coach Olson: "Just the way that he goes about practicing. Jon had pointed that out from doing Monday Night Football and having a chance to watch him in Pittsburgh. He'd mentioned to the staff that this will be one of the hardest working players that we'll have on our team in terms of his practice habits. He's showed that when he's been out here. If you're in that group, especially if you're in that wide receiver group, you're going to have to jump in and follow his lead. Again, he doesn't ask them to do anything that he doesn't do. That's what's real impressive about it. He hadn't backed off a bit even though his experience in this league has been so long, he still practices at a very high level."

Q: Is there anything that's stood out about Antonio since he's been in the building?



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Coach Olson: "It's just great to have a guy that's so passionate about playing the wide receiver position, but also just passionate about football. He brings a lot of juice to our side of the football. He always has a smile on his face. He's enjoying it. That part of it has been real refreshing."

Q: What have you seen out of Keelan Doss?

Coach Olson: "We had a chance to work with Keelan in the Senior Bowl. That certainly helped his cause in bringing him here. Again, brings great size to the position. He has excellent receiving skills and good speed for his size. We're excited about him and to see his development."

Q: What are your early impressions of Trent Brown and why is he the right fit at right tackle for now?

Coach Olson: "It's just a decision that we've made at this point. It's about both of them, really. It's about Kolton [Miller] and Trent. Certainly, we had a chance to study Trent before when he was in San Francisco. We've seen him on both sides. We've had a chance to have Kolton, obviously, on the left side, so that's where we've started this Spring and we feel good about that move right now."

Q: Trent Brown's size is noticeable, but his athleticism is very high.

Coach Olson: "Oh yeah, it's very impressive. Again, I can't say enough about the acquisition of Trent Brown and Antonio Brown. Just elite, elite players at their positions in terms of athletes."

Q: What is appealing about using a two running back set?

Coach Olson: "In our minds we're just more difficult to defend with the multiple personnel groups. If you looked at New England in the Super Bowl, they hadn't gone and showed a lot of 21 personnel up until that Super Bowl game and then they were a majority in that Super Bowl game. They played a lot of 21 personnel. It just allows you to be multiple in what you're doing and how you're attacking defenses."

Q: What have you seen from Josh Jacobs so far?

Coach Olson: "Well it's good to have him out there for one. We had a glimpse of him and then he kind of tweaked his hamstring early. But it's good to see him out there and have him practice with the rest of that rookie class. Good to have him out there on the field."

Q: Is there anything that stands out about Derek Carr's offseason program?

Coach Olson: "I think he's just gotten better. I think this is a time of year, really this season, the second year in the system, he's extremely confident. The ability to take what he's taken in the meeting rooms and transfer it on the field has been very impressive. He's always had great recall, but I just think his comfort in the system has been very encouraging so far."

Q: Do you see Darren Waller as the guy that could stand up and fill Jared Cook's spot?

Coach Olson: "Oh yeah, there's no doubt. I think really as good a player as Jared Cook is and was for us, I just think this will really allow him...Would it stunt his growth if Jared was here? Possibly. So now that he has that position, it's your position, you are the 'Y' in certain personnel groupings. We're going to put you out there on the field and you're going to play. You're going to get better from playing. You're not going to wait and sit behind Jared Cook and have to wait your turn, you have to go now. We're really pushing him to the limit right now."



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Q: How is the entire quarterback room? There is some 'new' there with Mike Glennon and obviously Brian Callahan not being there. What is the dynamic like and how do you think that Nathan Peterman has picked things up with a full offseason?

Coach Olson: "It's always difficult. We have two new quarterbacks. Really Nate joined us late, so he's new as well, but Mike Glennon has had experience in the league. They've both had experience with starting. We were able to bring in Johnny Morton and Johnny is a new offensive assistant, a senior offensive assistant for us on our side of the ball and he'll work closely with the quarterbacks as well. We're fortunate to get Johnny here as well."

WR Antonio Brown

Q: How has it been working with your new teammates so far?

Brown: "I'm extremely excited to be here. Obviously, it was a challenge. I'm embracing the new. Excited about opportunities to put my condition on display, work on my mentality with learning the plays and take it all in."

Q: How would you feel about being on HBO's Hard Knocks?

Brown: "I'm excited about the opportunity to display my will and show guys what I'm about, no matter who's here. Obviously, I'm here to represent the Raiders' organization and whatever comes with that I'm embracing."

Q: What steps do you take to build rapport with your quarterback?

Brown: "Well we are here putting in work. Communication from the meeting room, communication from the field and a lot of preparation, and a lot of work on details."

Q: How have you seen your new teammates latching on to your energy and work ethic?

Brown: "It's the beginning of Phase 1 of OTAs, a long way to go, but obviously I bring a knack for finishing, a knack for competing, challenging guys. So, you can ask my teammates about that. I'm just here to put it on display."

Q: Do you feel like the team camaraderie is already building?

Brown: "Camaraderie is key. Any team, you need camaraderie to win, to know the guys and have their back. So, that's why we are out here today, to build camaraderie, show the guys what I'm about and continue to build it."

Q: What have been your impressions on Gareon Conley and Daryl Worley?

Brown: "Some competitive guys, some long corners, love to compete. Between plays is talking about a play that we made or didn't make, and it's a constant challenge for those guys and competing and getting each other better."

Q: Why is building a relationship with Derek Carr off the field just as important on the field?

Brown: "Well, it's tremendously important to have a relationship off the field because playing football you get mentally tired, you get frustrated. You always want to have that respect for a guy, to know where he is coming from, know what he stands for and know what is important to him, so you guys can be on the same page and do what you desire to do. You desire to win."

Q: What do you think of the dynamic of the receivers group as a whole?



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Brown: "We are bringing the juice. Challenge each other every day, competing and just holding each other accountable for knowing what to do, knowing how to do it and bringing it to the meetings and the practice field, and being able to execute."

Q: When you first announced you were coming to Oakland, you mentioned how you were going to challenge your teammates. Has that all started or do you wait until training camp for all that?

Brown: "Yeah, that's started. We're competing, holding each other accountable and it's been pretty fun thus far, but we got to continue to build it. This is just Phase 1 of OTAs, so we got to continue to build it and keep it going throughout the year."

Q: What does it do for you to have a receiver like Tyrell Williams line up at the other receiver position?

Brown: "Open up the field, challenge guys vertically and not a lot of guys will roll up on my side all the time."

Q: Do you think a lot of the work you did with Carr outside of the Raiders facility help give you a head start?

Brown: "It definitely helped, I think correlating with him early on but as the offseason grows I continue to get better. I think he learned that first hand. Working out earlier, he's like, 'Hey man, you got a little faster', so it's exciting man. I'm grateful to be here, honored to be here and I'm going to continue to put my will on display and challenge my teammates."

Q: What has surprised you about Head Coach Jon Gruden as a coach?

Brown: "Coach is excited every day. I thought he'd slow it down in OTAs and offseason training, but he's not stopping. High energy, got a lot of passion, he loves the game tremendously and it's never a dull moment in the meetings with him."

Q: How do you fit into Coach Gruden's offense?

Brown: "We'll see."

Q: When WR Jerry Rice and WR Tim Brown got here Coach Gruden pushed them every day to get better even though they had extensive resumes. Have you found the same thing?

Brown: "Absolutely. He challenged me from the meeting room to the field. Lining me up at all kind of positions, hurrying up the offense's tempo to see if I'm able to mentally pick up what I'm doing, where I'm lining up really fast. So, it's never a dull day with coach. Always challenging, always high energy and always detailed and fundamental in regards to our assignment."

Q: How do you see younger guys following your lead?

Brown: "I've been putting some good finishes on tape, challenging the group, and I think it's contagious for the young guys to see the level of passion, the level of finish in regards to how I bring to the field. We got to continue to inspire each other as a whole while we are out here."

Q: What does Richie Incognito bring to the mix?

Brown: "Incognito is a great guy. Super funny with a big personality. Aggressive guy who loves the game of football, and I think he is extremely hungry and excited to be back out here."

Q: Have you had a chance to talk with Jerry Rice since you have been with the Raiders?



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Brown: "I haven't reached out to him too much, but I'm just excited to be here. Obviously, Coach Gruden is a great coach and I'm just grateful for my opportunity to be here."

T Trent Brown

Q: Now that they have you at right tackle, what was your reaction?

Trent Brown: "It is what it is. I knew all along I was going to be placed where they needed me, and I was fine with the decision."

Q: How natural is that transition back to right tackle after having played left?

Trent Brown: "Naturally, pretty much stepping right back into it. Doing what I was doing."

Q: Was the first switch to left tackle a big transition at all?

Trent Brown: "Yeah that was more of a transition than it was coming back to right. I definitely had to get my reps in, get my work in. It took some time, but I got comfortable over there. I think I could play either side comfortably now."

Q: It seems like a lot of defenses put their best end against the right tackle just as much as the left tackle. Is there much difference in terms of talent on either side?

Trent Brown: "No, like you said, pass rushers now around the league, there's pass rushers on either side. So you have to have pretty much a good tackle on both sides."

Q: Has this contract changed your life at all with being put into the spotlight more?

Trent Brown: "Not at all. I'm still a normal person. Still regular."

Q: What was it like having Richie Incognito on the field?

Trent Brown: "I think you definitely feel his veteran presence around the group, in the room. It's definitely going to help a lot I think."

Q: What are your thoughts on Kolton Miller?

Trent Brown: "I think Kolton has a lot of intangibles, a lot of things that work in his favor. I think we'll be fine with him at left tackle."

Q: How has Gabe Jackson been helping in this process?

Trent Brown: "Super helpful. Super helpful."

S Lamarcus Joyner

Q: What has it been like practicing against Antonio Brown thus far?

Joyner: "It's been awesome, you don't get the opportunity too often to go against a special man like that – an elite player. To be able to match up with him in the slot in this great division with slot players, that's going to make me better and it's going to make him better as well."



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Q: What are your thoughts about when you have to drop in and play in the slot? Erik Harris and other safeties on the team have done that before, how is that working out?

Joyner: "My teammates have been very supportive trying to catch me in. I like the culture that [Head] Coach [Jon] Gruden is creating around here, it's family oriented. It's been a brotherhood and nothing but love since I have been here. It makes me comfortable at that position."

Q: Coach Gruden has compared your style to Ronde Barber's in the past because of his versatility and always being ready to go. Do you know Barber's game at all and what do you think of that comparison?

Joyner: "I've met Ronde a few times and have had a lot of great conversations with him. It's a big honor to be compared to that guy. At the end of the day, I have to live up to it. So, it's a great compliment. It gives me an edge, a sense of love and gives me the opportunity to work towards that, because he's a great player."

Q: Because of how versatile you are on defense and your particular role on this defense, is that similar to what they brought Antonio Brown in to do for the offense?

Joyner: "I never looked at it that way, but I guess you can say that. Yeah, I'm here to win."

Q: What's the biggest challenge to playing in the slot as a cornerback?

Joyner: "I wholeheartedly believe that the slot is the hardest position on the field. You especially have to play the run game, the pass game, so just having a guy with the ability and the mental aspect of the game to be able to handle those challenges."

Q: How easily do you feel you will be able to transition here?

Joyner: "Football is pretty much the same – X's and O's. It becomes rhetorical once you keep going over it and over it, it's just the terminology. So, once I get that down in the scheme, I'll be able to do what I've been doing all of my life."

Q: What are your thoughts as a defensive player on the pass interference rule in terms of being able to challenge it now?

Joyner: "Hopefully it plays into the defense's favor. *(laughter)* That's what I'm thinking."

Q: How has the dynamic been between you and Johnathan Abram and is that building into a good working relationship?

Joyner: "It's been a great relationship off the field knowing that I've been trusted with big responsibility with great guys like that. Like I told him and Trayvon [Mullen], they're going to be greater players than me someday. So, to be able to have that honor and privilege to guide them and them trust me with that, that's going to transition to a good work and off-the-field relationship."

Q: What have you seen from Abram in these early stages?

Joyner: "He's an alpha. He just has to slow it down, he's ready to go. He's been an alpha all of his life and I told him that you just have to think, keep your feet on the ground and let things come to him."

Q: Do you remember when you were that age and you may have been the same way?

Joyner: "Yes, I remember being that way, which is why I know – with experience – just relax and your time will come. People know your great abilities and your potential."

Q: Do you think offenses target the middle of the field more than in the earlier stages of your career?

Joyner: "I think with the ability of the arm talent nowadays, quarterbacks and especially with the rules of targeting and things, quarterbacks take more shots in the middle of the field. But if you have great centerfielder, you don't get that as much."



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Q: What's the preparation for you have to be like knowing that you are going to be playing multiple positions? Could you be playing multiple positions in the same series?

Joyner: "I mean, it can. It can. But to get back to what you said earlier, we're trying to get back to a team, to an organization where we can line up if we want to play press-man, you know what we're in, you have to beat us. We're just better than you. But, mixing in with the different things is just a plus that we get to do with all of the ability and the talent that Coach Gruden has brought in."