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Offensive Coordinator Bill Musgrave

Opening Statement: "Alright, completed two days here in the books and put the pads on tomorrow and just keep working through our process of instillation."

Q: What does it do for their relationship to have Derek Carr and Amari Cooper rooming together at training camp?

Coach Musgrave: "I think all that interaction helps their rapport. They talk football, they talk life and it's a good thing. Back in the day Steve Young and Brent Jones were roommates for years the night before the game. It's just good, as those two young players grow together, to be more productive."

Q: Is being roommates something Carr and Cooper wanted or the coaches assigned?

Coach Musgrave: "No, that's their doing. Yeah, their doing. Those guys are real assertive. They take initiative to get better. They live near one another out there along that [Interstate] 680. They're throwing together out there at parks all the time where there are no lines on the field. They like football, and they want to be great."

Q: How important is it to get Clive Walford back up to speed during training camp?

Coach Musgrave: "Well it's crucial because we missed a lot of time with Clive over the last number of months. Even this time last year, he was on the shelf. So it's good to have him out there, again, for Derek and the quarterbacks to have a feel for the way he runs his routes. Where to place the ball. (Inaudible) a tested catch, that type of thing. Great to have him out there. He has a lot of ability, so we're looking for him to be a big part of what we do."

Q: What have you seen from DeAndré Washington at camp?

Coach Musgrave: "Well we've seen good things from DeAndré, also from Jalen [Richard]. George [Atkinson III] had a good day today, made some real good discussions in our 9-on-7 run game period. Marcel [Reece] of course is there. Taiwan [Jones] brings a lot to the table. 'Maize' [Jamize Olawale], just the whole running back room is a real positive group. They work hard. I feel like they get better each and every day."

Q: How do you feel the offensive line is coming together with bringing in Kelechi Osemele and moving Gabe Jackson over?

Coach Musgrave: "Good, but we're not there yet. I think everyone would admit that it's a work in progress, but we're just two days in here. We had our OTAs, which were 15 good days, but K.O. is playing his natural position. Gabe's having to move to the right. So Gabe has some learning curve, but he's really travel along that curve very quickly."

Q: How is the right tackle battle?

Coach Musgrave: "It'll be good once that pads come on to be able evaluate that even more. We have a competitive group when you talk about the right tackle. Both guys have played in the NFL at a high level with Menelik [Watson] and Austin [Howard]. We're glad to have both. The whole unit is going to be a strong unit, one of our strengths of the whole team."

Q: How is the training camp different from last year?

Coach Musgrave: "Fewer unknowns, definitely. Fewer unknowns for the players, the coaches, the staff. We can definitely focus on football more rather than just being in the right place at the right time and trying to memorize the schedule. It's an advantage to have that continuity. It's a terrific place, as we know, to practice football and just get ready for a long season. The energy is high, we're glad to be here."



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Q: What are looking forward to in regards to putting pads on tomorrow?

Coach Musgrave: "Just for it to be more realistic. We'll try to stay off the ground. There won't be any cut blocks, there won't be tackling, but we're trying to simulate the game as best we can here at practice while keeping people healthy. The pads will be a good, welcomed addition for all of our players. We don't get a lot of them, maybe just a handful over preseason. I think [Head Coach] Jack [Del Rio] mentioned the other day there's only eight, 10, maybe a dozen padded practices, so we have to make the most of each and every one."

Q: Does it add concern about injuries when pads come on?

Coach Musgrave: "Well, we're always concerned about staying healthy. So we want to instill good practice habits. Take care of one another, as Jack preaches, and still get the work in."

WR Amari Cooper

Q: Derek talked to us yesterday about you guys rooming together. What do you think that will do for your relationship both off and on the field?

Cooper: "Just getting to know each other more, that's always a good thing. We get to talk more, so I guess that's basically the biggest thing. We talk about each other as a person, and we talk about the plays that we run."

Q: Anything in particular that you've been able to learn so far that you didn't know about him yet as a person?

Cooper: "I don't want to talk about his personal business, but yeah I've learned more about him since rooming with him."

Q: How does that translate onto the field?

Cooper: "Like I said, we get to talk more. We are in the room studying plays and we go over some of the things that I can make adjustments on or that maybe he can make adjustments on."

Q: How does this camp feel different to you now that this is your second one?

Cooper: "Yeah it feels a lot different. I know the expectation, I know the players I'm going against better and I feel more comfortable. I feel like I'm more experienced and I feel like I know what to do out there."

Q: Coach said that you and Derek came to them about wanting to become roommates. What prompted you guys want to really want to be in the same room all the time ?

Cooper: "That chemistry, getting as close to each other as we can and building a better relationship so that it can correlate on the field."

Q: These last couple practices have been the first time to go up against that full new secondary now that you have with Karl Joseph and Reggie Nelson out there. What do you see from that group and how is that going to help this passing game?

Cooper: "Yeah, they are a very smart group. That's the biggest thing I've seen from them and they just know a lot. A lot of times they are onto the routes that we may think we are going to be open a lot, so that's a good thing."

TE Clive Walford

Q: How does it feel to be back?

Walford: "Great, man. Can't stop smiling, I'm back with the boys."



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Q: How concerned were you about your injury in the offseason?

Walford: "Believe it or not, when the accident first happened, I didn't realize how serious it was until I got to the hospital. So, I thought maybe I just need some stitches. They told me I was going to be out for a while, so I had to inform the team and that's what it was."

Q: Was it difficult to tell the team what happened?

Walford: "Not at all. Not being able to come to them, it's just the whole rehab process and working and trying to get back to where you were, that was hard. But, telling them was easy."

Q: How did you fall off of the ATV?

Walford: "I came off of it because there was a hump that I didn't see."

Q: What do you have to do to get up to speed with Derek Carr?

Walford: "Just building chemistry with him. It was a great thing that I had the opportunity to play with him last year. During the offseason, when the coaches and some of the training staff allowed me to, I went out with him and caught some balls. So, I think the chemistry is still there, I just have to get back into football shape."

Q: Is it easier to build chemistry with your quarterback in training camp than in season?

Walford: "Yeah, it is. I'm very grateful that I'm able to go out and participate in this camp, because last year I didn't. If me and him can establish a great amount of chemistry now, it'll be great for the season."

Q: How do you respond to people saying this could be a breakout year for you?

Walford: "I just continue to do what I've been doing, working hard ever since I was at Miami. If you work hard, it'll start to show. I guess that's what it's doing."

Q: Are you expecting your role to expand this year?

Walford: "Most definitely, most definitely."

Q: What was the toughest adjustment for you last year?

Walford: "Just the speed of it and, you know, the defenders because it's not like college. On this level, everybody's good. So, you have to bring your "A" game every single game."

Q: Do you think you've grown as a blocker?

Walford: "Yeah, yeah."

Q: In what way did you change to become a better blocker?

Walford: "To be honest with you, blocking is a will and a want to; it's not necessarily something you have to do. So, if it's in your heart, you'll be great at it."

Q: Do you think you'll have more favorable matchups with a lot of focus on Amari Cooper and Michael Crabtree?

Walford: "I do think so, because with those two great receivers that we have, they're going to draw a lot of attention. So, you can't double team one or the other, so that leaves a lot of one-on-one matchups."