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Tackle Trent Brown Press Conference

Q: It seems like this whole process went quickly for you, how was it?

Brown: "I wasn't even there. Drew [Rosenhaus] just called me and was like, 'Bro, we got an irrefutable offer and it's going to make you the highest paid offensive lineman in NFL history. You have a great opportunity to go and play with a great coach, a great coaching staff, great organization with a lot of history. Then in a year you'll be a part of the first team to ever play in Vegas.' I couldn't turn that offer down."

Q: What was your reaction when you heard you were going to be the highest paid offensive lineman in history?

Brown: "I mean I shed a few tears. Not in front of my family and Drew, but definitely that night behind closed doors I shed a few tears. Just being a seventh-rounder and being able to say or anybody being able to say that I was the highest paid offensive lineman in NFL history is a true testament to just staying the course, sowing good seeds, treating people the way you want to be treated and God will definitely reap harvest 10-fold."

Q: What clicked for you this year?

Brown: "I think what took my game to the next level, because I was playing pretty well when I was in San Fran, but I think what took my game to the next level was just going to an organization who believed in me. A locker room full of guys who just believed in each other, pushed each other. We worked hard as a team every day. No egos. Just confidence shot through the roof. I've kind of felt disrespected about the trade and I wanted to prove everybody wrong."

Q: What appeals to you about this organization?

Brown: "I had a little insight about the team being that I did have a best friend that played here and was here. He'd kind of tell me about the fun that they had, the brotherhood, the comradery between the guys in the locker room and the coaches. It was just always kind of like I would hear that and hear this and would know this over there. It was just no question, a no-brainer for me."

Q: Who was the friend again?

Brown: "Neiron Ball, my best friend."

Q: Have you been given any indication on if you're going to play left or right tackle?

Brown: "I think I'll be put in the best position to help the team."

Q: Do you have a preference?

Brown: "Whatever is going to help the team."

Q: When free agency started were the Raiders on your radar?

Brown: "I had heard there was a lot of interest, but I didn't know it was this much interest (*laughing*)."

Q: Did the 49ers have an explanation for you when they traded you?

Brown: "No."

Q: What do you know about Tom Cable?

Brown: "He's a guy that's going to get after it. He wants you to get after it, do your job and help this team win."

Q: Is there something that you think you learned from a Super Bowl champion team that you can bring here?

Brown: "I'm not really a rah-rah guy or a talker. I just think I can lead by action and come in and go to work every day."

Q: How do you think you can help tutor Kolton Miller and Brandon Parker?



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Brown: “I think I can help a lot being that we’re similar body types. It’s probably some little small things here and there that can help them out. I’m excited to work with them.”

Q: Does seeing some of the other big moves the Raiders have made encourage you?

Brown: “For sure. No question.”

Q: Not too many guys have similar body types as you. You’re listed at 380, but is that what you’re going to play at?

Brown: “Well 380 is what I was listed at but I just had to be at or below it. They didn’t put any stipulations on me as to where I would have to be at this number where they expected me to be. They just kind of went off of my body type and off of my play. I think it fared well for all of us. We’re world champs.”

Q: Do you know where Cable wants you at weight wise?

Brown: “They said they wouldn’t bother me. I played last year at 375 and I played the best ball of my career.”

Q: Did you think that you took your play to the next level last year?

Brown: “I did, and I knew I had to. Knowing I was going into free agency. Knowing that it was only a select few teams playing and all eyes were on me. It was my time to shine. I took full advantage.”

Q: Do you play your best under pressure and why do you think that you are able to do that?

Brown: “This is crazy because I told my dad...AFC Championship game, the stakes were at an all-time high and I didn’t feel any pressure at all, so pressure doesn’t really phase me. I kind of block out the noise and I just play my game.”

Q: What did you take from the opportunity to face such teams like the Chargers and Chiefs in the playoffs?

Brown: “It’s a division full of great pass rushers, week in and week out. The league is full of great pass rushers, but this division in particular is full of pass rushers. The league’s top pass rushers, a couple of them are in this division. That’s why I got signed.”

Q: Von Miller has had some nice things to say about you in the past, what do you like about those types of matchups going against an elite pass rusher like Von?

Brown: “That’s why we play the game, to compete and to compete at a high level. Von [Miller] didn’t have to go out and say those things about a second-year guy in camp, but he did, and I definitely appreciate him for it. He noticed a long time ago. I don’t know why the reporters, analysts or whatever didn’t want to jump on that bandwagon, but here we are today and I’m still here ready to prove some people wrong.”

Q: What did you know about Jon Gruden and what have been your impressions after meeting with him?

Brown: “He’s a high energy guy. Gives off a lot of energy and I feel like he breathes life into the building and into his players, and I feel like that is a great guy to play for.”

Q: Do you get a sense that this team is making moves to make some noise next year?

Brown: “Yes sir.”

Q: Antonio Brown was a sixth-round pick, you were a seventh-round draft pick. Do you have a message for players entering the draft and any implications it has or does not have in the way your career can turn out?

Brown: “The two names you led off that statement with, just look at our success and you can do it to. You don’t need anybody to believe in you other than yourself. When I got drafted in the seventh round in 2015, pick 244, I was a bit pissed off about it and that’s what pushed me to work and become the player that I am today. I’m going to continue to work to become the best.”



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Q: Do you feel any pressure with the contract?

Brown: "Of course there will be more eyes on me just because my name is a 'big name' now or whatever you may call it, but nah, I don't feel any pressure. I still got to go to work just like everybody else. I'm still a seventh-round draft pick."

Q: Gruden called you and Antonio the Brown brothers. Have you met Antonio?

Brown: "Yeah, that's my dawg. That's my brother, yes sir."