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Head Coach Jon Gruden

Q: Do you have an update on why Antonio Brown wasn't here today?

Coach Gruden: "No, he's not here today. Hopefully we'll see him here in the next couple of days. He's been working extremely hard, learning our offense. Really excited to get him out here. In the mean time we have plenty of balls to throw and plenty of receivers to throw to."

Q: What are your thoughts on Keelan Doss?

Coach Gruden: "Yeah, we coached Doss in the Senior Bowl and really liked him. I think he's smart. He's athletic and he has size. I think he's going to be able to compete on special teams as well. Plus he's from Alameda, so we had to get Doss. He's doing extremely. I think Edgar Bennett, our receivers coach, would tell you the same thing. He's going to get a great opportunity to take advantage of all these reps prior to the regular season."

Q: When you're in the second year with your quarterback, is it like starting from the beginning this time of year or is it more building on material from last year?

Coach Gruden: "Derek [Carr] did a lot of good things. We're trying to, obviously, work on a couple of things we think he can get better at. We've also tried to improve his supporting cast at every level. Try to improve our defense. Hopefully we get the ball to him more often in better field position. We've added some receivers. We've added a running back. We've added a couple of linemen. Hopefully a lot of these things will show up and he'll be a great quarterback, which I know he will be."

Q: What does having receivers that can stretch the field do for an offense?

Coach Gruden: "I mean, a lot of football today is run-pass options where you stretch the team laterally. You're running bubble screens and fly sweeps, but you also have to stretch them vertically. If you can stretch the field vertically and horizontally, you become a much more difficult offense to defend. That's a goal that we have had here as we put together our team."

Q: What are your thoughts on Kolton Miller as he enters his second year?

Coach Gruden: "We think Kolton Miller is going to be one of the best at left tackles in football. He's not only healthy, he's in great shape. He's gotten a lot stronger. He's added some weight and some muscle. He's still a real flexible athlete that can run and change directions. Being in the second year of the system, I expect a lot of good things. We still have to solve the left guard and that will be a big part of his development as well."

Q: What does it say about his effort to battle through his injuries last year?

Coach Gruden: "Yeah I really do like it. He's a team guy, a quiet leader on this team and one of the toughest guys that we have and we're proud of him."

Q: What's the importance of OTA's for Carr to build chemistry with his new receivers?

Coach Gruden: "Time spent and value received is something I always say. You have to spend time with people in the meeting room, on the practice field. And you need game time together to really be great. I think more time we can spend together the better."

Q: How big was it bringing Doug Martin back?



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Coach Gruden: "Yeah, it was big. He's a good player. He led us in rushing. He's a good receiver. He can pick up blitzes. And he's really a hell of a guy. I think Doug will be a great mentor for Josh Jacobs. Jacobs is in a good place here with Jalen Richard, DeAndré Washington and Doug Martin to help him along."

Q: Is it concerning that Antonio Brown wasn't out here today?

Coach Gruden: "No, I wouldn't read much into this, but I'm sure people will."

Q: Josh Jacobs left the field after stretch. Is he OK?

Coach Gruden: "We have a lot of guys that are on different programs right now. We're not playing for a while. Jacobs will be back, if not late this week, early next week. He's taking part in the walk throughs. We're fast tracking him to be ready. As you see [Vontaze] Burfict and Brandon Marshall are on a different program. So is Antonio right now. We'll come together as a team here shortly."

Q: Can you talk about Eddie Vanderdoes?

Coach Gruden: "Yeah, he's one of the guys I'm most excited to see. Justin Ellis missed most of last season. So, did Eddie, missed all of last season. Those are two big bodies that we need. Vanderdoes has surprising athleticism for a big guy. He's got position versatility. This is a big Spring for him to get his confidence back, get his playing style back and prove to everybody he is what we think he is."

Q: During the Draft there was a big emphasis on bringing in high character guys. Now that the physical part is coming into the picture, how do you see those dynamic coming together?

Coach Gruden: "There's always an emphasis on character. We're always trying to find great guys. Isn't everybody?"

Q: Is everyone starting to mesh with the veterans taking on the leadership roles?

Coach Gruden: "Yeah, I think so. I think just finding the common thread, a common will to prepare, will to compete. Guys that are accountable to one and another that love football. I think that's really what we're looking for, guys that would come out here and play in the street for nothing. Guys that love to play football. I think our Raider fans will sense that pretty quick."

Q: What are your early impressions of Clelin Ferrell?

Coach Gruden: "Clelin is good. He's a 4-3 defensive end. We needed a defensive end, obviously, to play on first down. Not just third down. I know that we need to address the sacks, but we need to stop the run to have a chance to rush the passer. We didn't do a good enough job of that either. We have to get our pass rushers some at bats. To do that, we have to reject the running game. We have to get them to second-and-10, third-and-8, third-and-9. We think Ferrell has the credentials to be an every-down defensive end and also be a guy that we can build our defensive line around."

Q: How have you seen Darren Waller embrace his role?

Coach Gruden: "I think he's been really good. Since the time he's walked in here, he's been one of the most impressive guys on our team. He learns fast. He is fast. He's extremely talented. I think he's going to be one of the best kept secrets in the league. I really believe he's got a future if he keeps working like he is."

Q: What are your thoughts on Ronald Ollie?



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Coach Gruden: "Yeah, just at the rookie mini-camp. He has a pretty interesting background. Might be a fun story to do on him. He played good at Nicholls State. He can rush the passer. He has a good energy about him. He's light on his feet. He stood out and deserves the opportunity to make this team."

Q: How is Arden Key's development gone this offseason?

Coach Gruden: "All of our second year players, I think, have been impressive. The way that they've worked. We'd like to see Arden be 260 pounds some days, 270 pounds someday. He's working toward that. A.J. Neibel and our strength staff have done an excellent job. He has to get stronger to be more complete. I think it's going to take a little time, but he is working at it. I have a lot of respect for that."

Q: Are there particular areas where you're looking for strides from Carr?

Coach Gruden: "I'm not going to critique Derek Carr in the media. I think he's pretty well respected. He's one of the best arm talents in football. I think he's a lot more athletic than people think. I think if we can get some continuity in this building with the system and with the supporting cast and we can improve the defense, I think he can be one of the best in football. I'm going to hold him to that standard, and I think that's what he wants."

Q: What are you looking for in Brandon Parker's second year?

Coach Gruden: "Well there's another guy that came back a lot stronger. I think we commented earlier that he spent most of the offseason living with Gabe [Jackson]. I don't think they were just lifting weights, they might have been eating pretty good down there. Parker came back married, he came back stronger, he came back heavier. We're going to give him an opportunity to get on the field. He may end up being the left guard. Who knows. He may end up starting somewhere down the road again. He does have a tough assign. Played left tackle in college. Played all right tackle last year, so he does some experience playing on both sides."

Q: Is Daryl Worley in a good place with his rehab?

Coach Gruden: "There's another guy, Worley, that's going to be on his own routine until training camp. He had a shoulder surgery and we're going to be smart with him in regard to the team stuff. But he's in great shape, he's in a good place. We've added some young corners. We've added Lamarcus Joyner. We've added some people at the safety position. That's an area that we expect to be much improved."

Q: A lot has been put on the relationship between Antonio Brown and Ben Roethlisberger, can you touch on the relationship between Derek Carr and Brown?

Coach Gruden: "No. I'm not going to get into the relationship business. I think Brown is a great guy. I love having him here. Derek is a great guy. You can't rush a relationship. You just don't have a great relationship in three weeks or two months. It's something that you have to earn and you have to really work at. That's why it's important that we spend time together. I'm a little worn out with all the relationships and all the things that really don't matter right now."

Q: How big is it that Martin can also catch out of the backfield?

Coach Gruden: "Yeah, he's proven, I think, that he's capable of being a Pro Bowl running back in this league. That includes playing in the passing game. Or playing without the ball, picking up blitzes. He's a confident guy. Very comfortable in whatever role we ask him to be in. We didn't let him be the third-down back much last year because Richard emerged, but there's a good chance we play some two halfbacks this year. You've seen New Orleans do it with [Alvin] Kamara and the other running back they have, [Mark] Ingram. Perhaps we go that route also."



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QB Derek Carr

Q: There have been a few changes in the offense recently, what are your impressions of the new receiving corps that you're working with?

Carr: "Yeah, a lot of new faces right? It's crazy what 12 months does. A whole new group, new challenge of getting on the same page and things like that. The one thing I've seen about this group is they work crazy hard. A lot of people say they do, but these guys, they're texting me saying, 'Hey, I'm in town, let's go.' I'll get off my couch, I'll bring my kids and we'll go throw. It's nice to see how hard they want to work and how great they want to be. Obviously. Every quarterback wants to do that, but to have wide outs reaching out saying let's go do this, it's pretty cool. Hitting them up saying, 'Hey man, I'm going to be in town, do you want to throw this day and this day?' And they'll be like, 'Yeah, I'll be there!' And literally, they're taking flights the next day to get there. It means something to them. To have that, we all understood that we had to get on the same page – all the guys – we all got together and we all threw. We understood that we had some making up to do, but I think we've hit a good stride and we have a little ways to go. It was definitely nice to not only get really good players, but guys that want it that badly."

Q: How do you build in just one offseason where this team needs to be?

Carr: "Well, you know the cool thing about it is the way that we meet, we always meet together. It's an open dialogue. People are talking, coach is talking, we're having a conversation, and what that does is it gives you those extra three or four hours, whatever the meetings are the [Players Association} P.A. rules, it gives you the extra time to hear each other's voice, hear each other's thoughts. Whereas usually, you just separate by your position and you meet up on the field. That's not the case here. It's really helped things go along faster. But really, just spending time together, getting to know each other. With Jordy [Nelson] it was playing golf, with Amari [Cooper] it was playing some pool basketball, going to play real basketball, a whole bunch of different things. With these guys, they're coming to the house, coming to kids' birthday parties, they're hanging out just randomly not even doing anything. It's different for every person, but just making sure we're spending time together and helping build our team."

Q: How far do you think you have come in the last year in terms of understanding this offense?

Carr: "I thought then, that I felt good, like 'Oh yeah, I got this.' And standing here now, I'm like, oh my gosh. I'm on like another planet. It's nice. It's the second time in my career I'm getting to say the same things back to back. That's, honestly I'm not saying it for any other reason, but it's really nice. To look at those guys that have had really long, successful careers, being in that same system, you're saying the same things, I'm correcting things and talking about things with [Head] Coach [Jon] Gruden that other guys are like, 'Hold on, what does that mean?' And I'm like, 'I'm sorry, we're talking about the Broncos coming up in Week 1, not just OTA No. 1. It's really nice to be able to have those conversations, because I'm not going in there, like I was telling you guys, I was literally learning it and going out 30 minutes later to the best of my ability the way coach wants it. Now, I have a whole year, whole offseason, whole Phase 1, Phase 2 under my belt. Now I'm going into this like, 'Oh yeah, I got this.' It's – to say it in the best way – it's just kind of nice. It's not comforting in any way, but it's nice to know that I'm speaking the same language, I don't have to learn a whole new set of terminology. And more importantly, I know Coach Gruden the way he thinks now. I've played a season with him to where I know what he expects on this down and distance. When he calls a certain play, I know what he wants me to look for and if it's not there, get it to this. I'm already a step ahead with that. I checked a play today and he was just sitting back there laughing, like we haven't even talked about it yet, but we're on that same page already. It's kind of nice."

Q: When you acquired Antonio Brown in March, did you spend time looking at his past tape and what he likes and what worked well?

Carr: "For me personally, you look at any receiver that comes in, like when [Michael Crabtree] 'Crab' came in, I looked back at his 49ers stuff – what were the things he liked? What are the things he did at the top of routes? What are the things so that I can start visualizing. I'm big in visualization. That's huge, and seeing how someone breaks on a route – because half the time you only get a split second when you see them break, you don't get to see the whole



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picture – I'm throwing behind massive bodies and I just have to know that that's where the ball is supposed to be. Same thing with 'AB', and Tyrell [Williams] and J.J. [Nelson] and Ryan [Grant] and [Hunter] Renfrow. Although, I didn't watch any Clemson tape, forgive me for not watching college, it's a little slower nowadays to me. *(laughter)* Watching these guys run these routes and watching how they break, you definitely take a look at it, especially with 'AB'. The success that he and Ben [Roethlisberger] had, you'd be silly not to see what they did. I'd be a fool to say, 'Ah, no, let's do it our way.' No, let me see what you all did good, because we can do the same things here, you're just wearing a different color."

Q: What it's like to add someone with the skillset that Tyrell Williams possesses?

Carr: "Contrary to popular belief, I like throwing it down the field Scott [Bair]. *(laughter)* We're pretty good at it here. To be able to do that today – I do that to mess with you guys – but we had fun. It's good to see a guy that big, he reminds me of Andre Holmes – that big, that fast. I can't remember how many times, him and Johnny Holton, I would just chuck it deep to them and they would just be faster than everyone else. It's kind of nice having something like that, but he can run these routes and set people up, he's a technician also. He's just not a big, raw body. To be able to hit those deep shots, the only thing it's going to do is help our running backs. It's going to help our offensive line. It's nice to have someone with that skillset. To be able to have multiple guys that can do that, I mean there's no doubt about it, we've added a lot of speed in that room and it's going to be fun. It's fun for a quarterback."

Q: How have you seen Kolton Miller develop coming into his second season?

Carr: "He's huge, you saw him. I don't know if he's gained 30 pounds or what, he looks great. Not being weird, but the man looks like he's ready. *(laughter)* He's worked his tail off,, and I knew that about him all season. When he was playing early in the season, he was locking some people up, and then when he got hurt, he never missed a practice, never missed a rep in practice. If Coach said he had to get out, he said 'No Coach, I'm good.' I knew right then and there, this guy is going to do whatever it takes next year to come in and be better. I've seen nothing but that from him – someone that is just gritty. He's super quiet, so you all don't get to see that side of him, but I've seen him grind his teeth, really bear down in certain situations where I've seen other people cower away to be honest with you. He hasn't shown that, not even close, and to see him come in how big and strong he is in the wright room and how much it meant to him, it was really cool to see. It confirmed everything I believed about him."

Q: What are your thoughts about Keelan Doss?

Carr: "I think Keelan is going to be a good player. Obviously, he's a rookie, right? He's got a long way to go. But, just watching him you can tell he works his tail off and it means something to him. We've had other guys come in here – I've seen undrafted free agents come in here all the time – they're just like, 'Man, I'm in the NFL.' They're posting pictures of them jogging in a jersey and things like that, but they don't really like football. They don't really care, they're just trying to show that they have a little influence, show that they're a professional football player when really, they haven't made the team yet. He is not that at all. He is someone that doesn't want this to be a one-time stop. He wants to make a career out of this and hopefully he works his tail off and does make a career out of it. That's just the initial reaction I've gotten from him – it means something to him. You can win with that."

Q: What are your impressions of Darren Waller?

Carr: "Oh my, Waller, he's super slow. I don't know if we're going to use him much. *(laughter)* He's worked his tail off. Him and our tight ends have big shoes to fill – Jared Cook, shout out to you Jared. Love you bro, thanks for the clothes. They all have big shoes to fill, we threw the ball a lot to Jared and obviously we had injuries at wide out and things like that, so we had to in certain situations. But, Jared made a whole bunch of plays. Darren has the skillset, he has the want-to, he has the aggression to do it, now he just has to go do it. I'm really excited about him. Darren Waller is super, super fast if I'm being real, and he works his tail off. He's very smart and I can check a play within two seconds of the play clock being out and he'll be on and run the right thing. He's super fun to be around, he's a great guy. I can say that about pretty much everyone on our team, we really have a lot of great guys and it's fun to be around."



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Q: Did the public speculation that the Raiders could draft a quarterback around the time of the draft bother you or amuse you? How did you react?

Carr: "Honestly, it got annoying after a while because I'm like, 'They have nothing else to talk about.' And I didn't help the situation trying to challenge people to fights. *(laughter)* But to be honest with you, the owner [Mark Davis], the [General Manager Mike Mayock] the GM, the head coach and the quarterback, I don't know about other places, but here, we're all on the same page. I talk to all three of those guys all of the time. They tell me good, bad and ugly, we are always on the same page because that's what our team needs. That's what the good organizations do. So, from the beginning, I'll say it this way, I met with all of them, talked with all of them, when I watched the draft there was like negative 47 percent chance that they were going to draft somebody in my mind. Hopefully those guys didn't have their hopes up, but it wasn't going to happen. *(laughter)* They pretty much said that literally every time it came up, if it even came up. We're not just planning for this year, I'm honestly going to be here a long time, so I hope that's okay with you guys. You have to get used to me. *(laughter)*"

Q: So now the talks will be if you are the quarterback to go with in Las Vegas...

Carr: "Yeah, no doubt. Right? *(laughter)* Here we go again. Let's just get through this year first and then we'll play that game again. I'll probably have some more fun with it, but I'm not going anywhere. This is my team and it will be for the next however long I want to play."

Q: How much of a leap do you feel that the offensive line has made this offseason with the additions and development of younger players?

Carr: "They're definitely bigger and stronger. A guy we haven't even talked about – Brandon Parker – man, he came in, I think he was living with Gabe [Jackson], so he's getting that country strength. Gabe eats a lot, so I know Brandon was eating good. *(laughter)* All of those guys, I think they kind of took it personal. They understand that there were injuries, they understand that there were a couple plays that I should have thrown the ball away, but that number just eats at them. They're prideful guys. They don't want me getting touched. Again, against what everybody thinks, they actually like me, we get along. *(laughter)* They don't like me getting hit. That's another thing where, these guys came in and you saw that there was something going on in their heart, like 'Man, I want to get better at this or that'. And they showed up and I can tell already, just in three months. Three months is a long time to sit on the couch or get to work. You can tell that all of those guys went to work. Trent [Brown] coming in, he's a great dude. Super chill all the time, hard worker, good dude and he's so big man. It's going to take them long enough to run around him. I'm good with that. He's a good player, we definitely got bigger up front."

Q: How big was the re-signing of Doug Martin?

Carr: "Besides the fact that he went to Boise State, yeah. We fight about that literally every day. Doug being here, Doug is a guy that obviously he has proven in his time in the NFL that he is a Pro Bowl player. He's proven that he works his tail off and all of those things. Whenever you get a guy that every single year continues to prove that, you're like, 'He deserves to be on our team. He should be here.' When we re-signed him, I texted him that moment and I was like, 'Bro, let's go!' We literally sent texts at the exact same time because we were both super pumped. He wanted to be here, we all wanted him here and we're super fired up that he's still here."

Q: How much emphasis or pressure do you feel that there is on you to make this team go after the offensive additions made this offseason?

Carr: "I mean, that's literally every year of my life. That's quarterback from Day 1. I dealt with this in my second year. 'Okay, we got you 'Coop', we got you 'Crab'. Alright, here we go.' No duh. *(laughter)* That's literally every year. I'll never forget, James Jones, one of my favorite people I've ever been around let alone teammates. Some rookie was saying, 'Man James, you and Derek have a great connection, you're going to be here.' He said, 'We have to prove it every year at practice. We have to prove it every game that we play, we have to prove it every day in the offseason.' And I just kind of held on to that mind set my whole life since he said that my rookie year. He's right, once you think that you're good, you're definitely not good. I just keep that same mindset. Like I said, of course, that's for sure. We did this, now let's win. That's how we all feel, right? I'm getting sick of losing just like you. I honestly have woken up



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at night thinking, we really only won that many games like kind of upset. So, these kind of things wake me up and keep me motivated and fired up all of the time. I don't have anything else to say, but I'm super pumped about the guys that we do have."

RB Doug Martin

Q: Given that you are now the veteran in the running back group, what about the opportunity to mentor Josh Jacobs excites you and how will you go about doing that?

Martin: "First off, I just want to say that I'm blessed to have another opportunity to play for Raider Nation. It's my home team, glad to be back. With Josh Jacobs, he's a good kid, good character. You all heard his story, I read up on it myself. I commend him for being as strong as he is, and that being said I came here to mentor, push him, show him that I've been in the league eight years, so I am a vet now. I can't believe it, but that's the case and so I'm here to just be that role model for him. If he has any questions, I'm here for him to ask them. Like I said, he has good character, but at the same time he looks like he can just run you over, so he's going to be great for the team."

Q: How do you feel wearing number 22?

Martin: "Ah, I got my number back. 22. Yeah, I've had that since high school. Had it in high school, had it in college, had it in Tampa and now I got it back and I'm real happy for that."

Q: Was it difficult waiting so long to sign with a team this offseason?

Martin: "No, because I kind of live my life, if something doesn't go your way, you just got to stay optimistic and like I was, I was being optimistic with the situation. I knew I was going to be somewhere and do good things, but it's just crazy how things folded out. I wish happy healing to Isaiah Crowell for his achilles, but like you said when there is chaos you just make a positive out of negative and you just got to stay optimistic about it."

Q: How good did it feel when you got re-signed?

Martin: "It felt good because now when Boise and Fresno play each other I get to see Derek Carr wear blue again, so that's going to be a fun rivalry this year as well. But at the end of the day, like I said, I'm back home and it's good to be back."

Q: How open are you to playing that mentorship role and is that something you are comfortable doing?

Martin: "Yeah, it's not something I'm used to but it's something that I want to do. I've been in the league eight years. I've been in the whole spectrum of good-to-bad in this league and if I can teach somebody, if I can teach Josh on what to do, what not to do, how to stay in on the narrow path and just keep his eye on the goal then I'm here for that, and yeah I'm grateful."

Q: Is there someone that mentored you when you entered the league?

Martin: "Earnest Byner, [Tampa Bay running backs coach in 2012] he was a coach there. He was a great, great coach my rookie year. He got me through it. He was very detail-oriented, spiritual. Taught you about life, taught you about the game. So yeah, hats off to 'EB'."



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T Kolton Miller

Q: Head Coach Jon Gruden said you bulked up in the offseason. Where are you now compared to where you were before?

Miller: "I'm 328 right now. At the combine last year, I weighed in at 310, built up to 315-320, still put on some good weight."

Q: When the Raiders brought in Trent Brown, did you expect to be moved over to the right side of the offensive line and what was your reaction when Coach Gruden said you would be staying on the left side?

Miller: "I felt good staying left, but of course I'm a team player. I'm going to go where they put me and what they think is best for the team, but I know that I have a job to do and I know last year wasn't good enough. There was a lot of problems with that and I'm expected to be better, and I will be better."

Q: How much of difference do you think just being healthy will play and not having to fight some of those nagging injuries you had last year?

Miller: "I think it will help tremendously. I think the knowledge of how to deal with those injuries helped, I think the game experience helped and I think now that I'm stronger, I think I'll be a lot better."

Q: How much comfortable are you going into your second year?

Miller: "Oh, way better. I'm seeing the rookies struggle a little bit now and it kind of brings me back to last year, but yeah the game has slowed down a lot for sure."

Q: What have you seen out of Denzelle Good so far?

Miller: "It's good. I've played with him before, obviously. There was a number of guys next to me last year, but I feel good with him. We are communicating, we are really hitting it off. I'll be okay for sure if he's next to me."

Q: Is there things you can learn from Trent Brown?

Miller: "We are still building that relationship together, the line. It's still early, but yeah of course I can pull a lot from him."

Q: What did you do to put on the weight this offseason to make sure that you could move around still the way you wanted to?

Miller: "Just working out, working out every day and eating the right stuff. Still keeping at it. I was back home in Sacramento and I was just working out every day and my parents were struggling to try to pile on the food every night, but the offseason is way different than last year. You had to worry about the combine and you're doing all these drills that are not football related, so I just worked out each week, had a conditioning day, ate right and the weight just came on."

Q: What is like to see a guy bigger than you in Trent Brown?

Miller: "You've seen our o-line, we are some big guys. It's a heavy o-line. It's good. Brandon [Parker], Trent, we are all around the same height so it's kind of cool to see eye-to-eye. But he is for sure, Trent is a massive dude. I've seen some of his highlights, he's a mauler."



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Q: What sort of lessons have you taken from your rookie year?

Miller: "I think it's just game experience. Just having that experience underneath your belt, playing all those snaps, even with injury, I think it helped me tremendously."

WR Tyrell Williams

Q: How has it been working with Derek Carr so far?

Williams: "It's been fun, just getting out there first day of OTA's and be able to go against some defense and stuff, it's exciting. I've been looking forward to this for a while. Finally get off the routes on air and be able to do some live balls, so it's been fun."

Q: What's the difference in catching balls from Carr against live coverage versus on air?

Williams: "I think it's a lot different. The timing, like the actual timing. You can throw as many routes as you want on air and complete 100, and then when you get on defense and just feel the timing and where the defense is going to be in the coverage it makes it a lot different, so getting that timing is important."

Q: Was it nice connecting on a long catch from Carr in seven-on-seven drills?

Williams: "For sure. It's nice to hit that on the first day, especially just to be able to catch one and get in the end zone, so it's exciting. Hopefully we got a lot more coming with that."

Q: How long of a process is it for the quarterback and receiver to get that?

Williams: "I think it's pretty quick. We got a lot of OTA practices and everything, so I feel like it comes pretty quick but once you start connecting you just kind of get that. I feel like it comes quick, for me at least. I don't know about 'DC' but I feel like we are kind of on the same page already on a lot of things, so I'm excited for that."

Q: How do you think this offense is going to fit your strengths?

Williams: "It's vertical. We like to go down the field and I feel like that's one of my strong points, is taking it and stretching the field. I think that will be big for me being able to get a lot of coverages go to 'AB' [Antonio Brown], so I feel like I'll get a lot of one-one-one coverage down the field. It'll be big for myself."

Q: Carr likes to use the term 'quarterback friendly' when talking about wideouts. How can you be 'quarterback friendly' as a receiver?

Williams: "I think it's just catching everything and if it's a 50-50 ball make sure that if you don't catch it, that nobody catches it and it's not an interception, and he can trust that throws into a tight coverage either you catch it or nobody catches it. I feel like I'm a bigger guy and have a lot of room I can separate for and be able to catch a lot of those balls that may not be perfect, so I think that's a big thing from me."

Q: What have been your impressions of Carr?

Williams: "Works hard. Wants to be perfect at everything. Like you said, the timing, earlier, that's a big thing and just getting together like that is really important to him. He's always staying after and always communicating so that's big and there should be no reason we all aren't on the same page because we try to over communicate everything, so I think that's big for him and I like that too."



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Q: Where are you in terms of picking up the routes at different wideout positions?

Williams: "I mean, my history with the Chargers and everything, I feel like I played everywhere and so it's kind of my goal now and so far, I feel comfortable everywhere, with everything we have in right now. I can play F, X, Z, I can go everywhere. I'm comfortable at any spot, honestly. I like that X, being over there by yourself and getting that one-on-one coverage, I like that a lot, but I can go anywhere in the slot, anything. I feel comfortable anywhere."

Q: How do you build a rapport with a quarterback?

Williams: "I think it's just starting here in OTAs and just how we like to run the routes against certain coverages, how I like to release, how long it takes me to get off the press, stuff like that, and then him just seeing it and being able to watch the tape together, it's big for that."

Q: What are your early impressions of working with WR Antonio Brown?

Williams: "It's been good. What you see, he works hard and it kind of translates and everybody sees how hard he works and he's always putting in that extra effort. Just being able to watch the guy who is one of the best receivers, just see how he works and how he runs certain routes. It's just fun to watch and fun to learn."

Q: Do you see the receiver position group as one of the strengths of this team?

Williams: "Yeah, for sure. The guys that were here already, Marcell [Ateman], Keon [Hatcher], those guys are great players too and I feel like with all the free agents and bringing 'AB' in, I feel like a lot of the attention goes there, but those guys can really play too. Hunter [Renfrow] is a good player, Saeed [Blacknall] and all those younger guys, I feel like they can play really well and they'll contribute, especially on special teams if not a lot in the offense. I feel like we have a really strong group. I'm excited to see everybody progress."

Q: Now that you're here, does that validate your choice to come play for the Raiders working with these coaches and this locker room?

Williams: "For sure. I go home on the weekends sometimes and every time I talk to my family, I come back to them and tell them how excited I am and glad I made this decision to come here. I just think it's going to be a big opportunity for me, a big opportunity for the team. I feel excited about what we can do, so I have no regret at all in my decision and I can't wait to get going, really, in training camp."