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WIDE RECEIVER TREYLON BURKS APRIL 29, 2022

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(opening statement)

JON ROBINSON: Well, it's good to see everybody again and good to have Teylon (Burks) here. This is kind of his day and excited to add him to the football team like we talked about last night. We're looking forward to get going here in another hour to get him some teammates but today is Teylon's day. So, we'll opened it up for questions.

WIDE RECEIVER TREYLON BURKS

(on what it takes to get on the same page with a quarterback as a receiver)

TREYLON BURKS: I would say it takes a lot. Just knowing the quarterback, actually reaching out to him, getting to know him as a person, who he is. Figure out what he sees and then also getting on the same page as him. Just establishing that relationship with him.

(on if he's had the opportunity to speak with quarterback Ryan Tannehill yet)

TB: No sir, not yet.

(on what the last few hours have been like)

TB: I would say really words can't explain it. Just grateful that the guys believed in me, and I'm going to do whatever they say for me to do and just keep chasing my dreams.

(on what has allowed him to become a deep threat in the passing game)

TB: I would just say knowing exactly what that guy is doing. Studying my film, staying up to date on everything. Just making sure that I'm taking care of my business on my end, and also just communicating with the quarterback.

(on how much the Arkansas offense helped showcase his talents)

TB: They did a really good job of putting me in different positions to get me the ball, and to let me go out and show what I can really do with the ball in my hand. I'm very grateful for that.

(on if he had experience being able to make route adjustments on the fly)

TB: Yes, sir. That being said, just being in the inside, always knowing exactly what that nickel or that safety is doing. And also out there on the outside knowing what the safety is doing and also what coverage the corner is in. It just plays a big role in my studying and my film.

(on lining up in the slot position and the advantage of him doing that)

TB: I'd just say getting matchups on linebackers and nickels that are a lot smaller than me, and just going and playing ball.

(on past experiences with teams that have business-like qualities the way the Titans do)

TB: I would just say, honestly, coming from a high school that I came from, Coach (Bo) Hembree, he's the same way. It's about business. Finishing and effort are the main things and that plays a big role in winning. Coming from a winning organization, knowing how to finish, knowing how to give effort when it's due. Just being that team player plays a big role.

(on when the last time he went boar hunting is and what he likes about doing it)

TB: I would say the last time I've been was in November. It's just a hobby that I like doing. Being with my friends and family and just having a good time.

HEAD COACH MIKE VRABEL

MIKE VRABEL: Is there a boar season? Or just whenever they're running wild?

TB: No sir, just whenever they're running.

(on if he would go boar hunting)

MV: I would. I wouldn't mind. We talked about it when, you know, we had a great visit. And admittedly, I think this was the thing that Jon (Robinson) and I really were impressed about, is that it wasn't very good admittedly in Indianapolis. Just the interaction is tough. It's 18 minutes, and he's scrambling and there wasn't much there. And he came back and he's like, 'I'm really glad I got an opportunity to do this again, to spend a day at this organization, to try to get for you guys to get to know who I am and do more than an 18 minute process or interview.' So that was really cool. And that was something that we've talked about in the past and through the draft process.

(on what was off about the initial interaction with wide receiver Treyton Burks)

MV: Well, I think first he admitted to both Jon (Robinson) and I, he's like, 'Yeah, it didn't go very well.' And I was kind of glad. And he referenced his high school coach and how he did hold him accountable. And he wanted that. You question and you nitpick every single play, you know what I mean? When you watch 600 or 700 snaps of a player, there's going to be plenty of bad ones like we talk about every year, every game. There's the good, the bad, and things that are going to get you beat. And, you know, you reference, 'OK, you didn't go as hard on the backside of this block.' And he's like, 'You're right, I didn't. And this is why, or this is in our offense.' When you can own up to that, that's a tough thing to do when people are attacking you on every single play and nitpicking. And so, it was a very, very good visit. It was a great day. It was one of those that went quickly. And I know that Treyton (Burks) felt the same way about it.

JR: Just to follow up with that, I think that the way he expressed his appreciation for a second opportunity to come in and visit with Mike (Vrabel) and I, and get to know us a little bit better, spend more time. I think he relished that opportunity to have a second chance, and he said that. He goes, 'I understand in this league, a lot of times you don't get second chances. And I put that at the forefront when I knew I was coming to visit with you guys, that I wanted to make the most of this opportunity. Show you guys the real me.' And he did that.

(on getting a second chance to visit with the Titans)

TB: Honestly just being in that room, like you said, 18 minutes. Getting questions here, questions there. Not being ready for an answer and not being prepared for it. And then also that kind of put me in a state to where I wasn't myself. And then being able to come back, honor that second chance. I just wanted to show them who I really am and I'm not that person.

(on if there are NFL players he mirrors his play after)

TB: Honestly, I've watched every wide receiver and take everything from them to help my game. I really mimic myself after myself just because I feel like without being myself, I wouldn't be in this position. So I'm giving it to God and my faith and just being myself, that's blessed me with this opportunity.

(on what his great grandfather taught him as a child)

TB: He would always just tell me to go about my business like a grown man, even when I was seven years old. Go to school, own up to the bad grades that I made, and come home with the grades. Don't hide them. Just the little things like that just made a big impact on my life and I'm forever grateful for it.

(on if he is aware outside linebacker Bud Dupree has also gone boar hunting and if he will chat with Dupree about it)

TB: No sir, but I will definitely be chatting with him about it.

(on what he takes with him when he goes boar hunting)

TB: Honestly, it's just my dogs, a couple friends, and my knife.

(on if it's easier to avoid a defender on the field after experiencing chasing a wild boar)

TB: Yeah, big time just because a lot of people aren't going to go out there and chase a wild boar. They can hurt you. But at the same time, that's part of my game on the field, just being fearless and selling out for the team.

(on what the closest encounter he's had with a boar has been)

TB: I wouldn't say it really has gotten pretty dangerous for me. I would just say we've had one just break loose and we all jumped on the trees just to get away from it.

(on if there is anything specified in contracts to persuade players from chasing boars)

JR: I mean, maybe some grocery store coupons, they can just go to the back aisle and get bacon and sausage. Probably a little easier to just kind of get it that way as opposed to dogs and knives.

(on what he makes of transferring between football speed and track speed)

TB: I just say I just go out there and play ball. I didn't let that 4.55 affect me one bit because I knew exactly who I am and what I can do on the football field. I didn't let the media or any of that get to me. I just go out and play ball for the team and for my family.

(on what his focus will be when he begins practicing with the team)

TB: Just playing my role on the football team, being able to get on special teams and make an impact any way that I can. Being positive, being that player that, you know, maybe a vet could come up to and ask for advice, you never know, and just being that team player.

(on preaching effort and finish and Treyton Burks' effort on finish on film)

MV: Yeah, and we've talked and we have to continue to preach that. There's multiple ways that we can improve that. We felt like that when they did ask him to block, he was a willing participant. Obviously, everything with the ball in his hands speaks for itself. We just are really trying to put a premium on how we play without the football in our hands, whether that's Derrick (Henry), whether it's our wide receivers, everybody, because that's just what we feel like is going to be necessary for our offense to be as efficient as you possibly can. So, you know, there's a lot of ways for him to do that, and I'm confident that he will. I feel like he's going to be coachable and I know that he's excited. Rob (Moore) is excited to work with him.

(on mentioning that the Titans seemed like a business atmosphere and what stuck out to him that caused him to say that)

TB: I would just say just how in an environment when I first came – was my second chance coming in here, just seeing how everything is organized. Seeing how the guys communicate. And then also, you can tell on the field when you're watching film and watch some games at home, everybody is playing as a unit. And like you said, you see everybody out there blocking their ass off. You see everybody selling out for one another even though they don't have the ball. And, you know, that's how business is ran. Everybody does their one job and the business will succeed.

(on if he talked to any Titans wide receivers since being drafted)

TB: Yes sir, I actually talked to Robert Woods today.

(on how that conversation went)

TB: It was positive. He was just telling me that he's happy for me, enjoy the process, and he's ready to work with me.

(on what he knows about wide receiver Robert Woods' game and how playing alongside a veteran can help him)

TB: I really don't know too much about his game, but as you can see you can tell that he's gone about his business the correct way. Every obstacle that he's had he's conquered it, and I just know he's a really good player.

(on what has allowed him to be an impactful player)

TB: Just being myself and not trying to be anybody else. Attacking every day like I'm supposed to, and the effort and finish. Being that guy that's going to do the extra effort and finish to succeed.

(on what tomorrow will look like for him now that he's been drafted and visited the facility)

TB: Just go back and thank all my family. Sit down with them, tell them how happy I am, and hear how happy they are. And just tell them that the process isn't over, and just keep being me.

(on being from a small town and the impact that has had)

Yes, sir. I was a waterboy for three guys, Jarius Wright, Greg Childs and Chris Gragg. They all played in the NFL and just seeing those guys and want to be, you know, want to be that next guy that makes it to the NFL and have an impact on this town like they did just pushed me and made me work even harder.