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(on how much contact he had with the Titans before the Draft and how he feels about having an Ohio State Buckeye as the head coach)

I had talked to him a couple of times. I just felt a good connection with the running backs coach and whoever I talked to during the process. Ohio State was a big rivalry, but I'm just here to play. I'm just ready to rock and ready to work. I'm just ready.

(on if he gave any grief to Head Coach Mike Vrabel for beating up on Ohio State)

No, not yet. But probably eventually I'll give him a little grief, but not yet.

(on how he would describe his running style and how he thinks that will translate to the next level)

I just feel like I'm a powerful back, but I've got everything in the tool bag. I run angry. I don't want to get hit in the backfield or none of that. I'm trying to gain yards and get those extra little YAC yards. I'm just a powerful, aggressive runner.

(on only having six carries for losses last year and what he thinks the key to that was)

Yeah, that's true. It's a mindset. My mindset is different. I just feel like I can't be stopped by anybody.

(on what he thinks about joining a team with running back Derrick Henry)

It's a blessing. He's one of the best. I'm going to learn and get better with him. I feel like it's going to be a good combination. We are going to see.

(on his special teams experience)

I've been playing special teams my whole college career. I'm very good at special teams. I've been doing that for a long time now and I've been doing good.

(on what he has been working on since the end of the college football season)

It's pretty much trying to get better at everything, really. I'm not trying to get too much bigger, but I've been working on my speed, my quickness and really everything. I'm trying to get better all the way around.

(on how he would describe his ability as a pass catcher out of the backfield)

It's pretty good. I don't drop too many passes. When I get the opportunity, I'm going to make the best of it. I'm going to make something happen. I would say I'm pretty good at pass catching.

(on if pass blocking is important to him)

Definitely. Like I said, ever since I've been playing in college, one of the biggest things that my coaches taught me was to pass block. I always kept that to heart. I will always be a good pass blocker.

(on what the draft process was like and how much interest he had from around the league)

I visited three teams, but I talked and had Zoom meetings with a lot of teams. I've been talking to a whole bunch of teams. The Titans took me, so it's going to be a blessing when the time comes.

(on where he thought he would be drafted and where he was watching the Draft)

To be honest, I didn't really care what round or where I got picked. It's a blessing I got picked today by the Titans. I'm with my family at my mom's house back in St. Louis. I'm just happy to even get that call to Tennessee. I'm just ready to rock now, ready to play.

(on if he has participated in all of the punt return and kick coverage teams)

Yeah, for a phase I played in college. I can do it all.

(on if he has ever visited Nashville)

I might have, like, drove through it but never looked around and got out of the car, none of that. I'm excited to go now.

(on if he is familiar with fellow Michigan Wolverine tackle Taylor Lewan)

Yeah, I know exactly who that is. I know exactly who that is. He's a legend.

(on if he would go on Taylor Lewan's Bussin' With the Boys podcast)

Probably. I will probably get on there. We will see.

(on how the downhill rushing style at Michigan prepared him for what the Titans like to do)

Yeah, we would do a lot of power schemes and stuff like that. Downhill run, that is my game. I can do it all, but I feel like it's the best part of my game. I'm trying to run downhill, run through your face and get those yards. All of those yards count.

(on the running backs he liked to watch as he was growing up)

Number one was Adrian Peterson. That was my dude. I feel like he can do it all, run through you. I feel like he had it all in his toolbelt. I feel like I have the same attributes. I'm going to keep working on it, getting better and see what happens.

(on why he feels like he is going to be a perfect fit for this Titans team)

They like to run the ball. I love that about the team. They love running the ball. They have a bigger back like Derrick Henry. I feel like I'm a bigger type back. I just feel like they love their running backs and they love the running. They love that physicality. I feel like I've got it all so I'm just ready to work, get down there and have some fun.

(on if he has seen Derrick Henry's workout videos and if he will be asking Derrick Henry about his workout plans)

Yeah, he does some crazy workouts. I'm definitely going to get involved and try to work on some of those workouts he has been doing. They look pretty fun so I'm going to get to it.