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(on his thoughts about being drafted by the Titans)

Oh, I couldn't be more happy. Once I got that call I started crying right away. I thought I was going to be able to hold them back, but I couldn't do it. I'm extremely thankful.

(on where the emotions came from)

Yeah, just all the hard work. And just the Titans believing in me, giving me the opportunity to go live out my dreams and play in the NFL.

(on what he knows about the Tennessee offense)

I just know I'm excited to be a part of it. I'm excited to get there, go to work, learn the playbook, and get after it.

(on if playing in the slot and return abilities are two strengths)

Yeah, I definitely think those are my strengths. And then just also my work ethic. I'm just excited to go in there and do everything I can and share a spot anywhere on the field, whether that's special teams on the cover teams, or on the offense, be in the slot. Whatever it is, I want to help to help the team win some games.

(on what separates an average punt returner from a great one)

I would say vision and stressing the punt return. Have the vision to see the lanes and trust in your guys that they are going to get the job done.

(on what he brings to the table and how it translates to the NFL)

I would say reliable. I'm a guy that whatever the coach needs, I can go get it done. If you need someone blocking, I'll go block that guy. If they want a third down, I can get that for them, or a touchdown. I'm a reliable guy that kind of puts the team first. And like I said earlier, willing to do whatever to help the team win.

(on taking pride in his reputation as a good route runner and what it takes to excel in doing that)

Yeah, absolutely. That's definitely something I pride myself on. It's like it's the main thing being a receiver, being able to create separation. So that's what I've been working on ever since I was in about eighth grade. And it takes a lot of film study, watching guys do their own routes and just really learning from them and adding to your little toolkit, just releases, route stems, all that.

(on if there are players he studies and mimics in the NFL)

I'd say I have four main ones. I'd say just Cole Beasley, Hunter Renfrow just in the slot, how they run their outs. I love how intentional they are with their stems, eyes, head movement, all that stuff. Next, Keenan Allen's toughness on outs. He's got a little skip step that he freezes DBs with and I've been able to add that to my game.

and love that a lot. Then lastly would be Davante Adams with his release package. I really love his split release, so I've been able to add that to my game a little bit.

(on how he thinks he and quarterback Ryan Tannehill are going to connect)

He is a baller. I'm so excited to get with him, get to work, get the connection down, catch a lot of passes from.

(on if Chip Kelly's offense was particularly enticing when considering UCLA)

Yes, I was actually committed to UCLA at the time before Coach (Chip) Kelly got the job. The staff that I was committed to got fired. Coach Kelly got the job, and it was an easy decision for me. Coach Kelly is one of the greatest offensive and college football coaches of all time, so it was an easy decision. I was excited to go there and learn from one of the greatest coaches all the time, and that was one of the best things for me.

(on where he watched the Draft and what the weekend has been like)

I'm at home with my family and a couple of friends, it's been really good. It's been stressful watching all these rounds go by. But once I got that call the whole room lit up. I couldn't be more excited to be a Titan, and friends and family are excited. And it's just been amazing.

(on if he has ever been to Nashville)

I have not, but it's my girlfriend's favorite place. Before this whole process was getting (going), she was telling me, 'Please get drafted by the Titans.' And I was like, 'Look, I have no control in this whole thing.' So, it's just kind of funny how this whole thing has played out.

(on how his girlfriend got to be such a big fan of Nashville)

She's big into country music. One of her friends lives there, so she's gone out there and visited her a little bit and just kind of fell in love with it. I'm excited to get out there and experience it and just fall in love with the city myself.

(on if his Combine time is accurate)

No, I definitely think I'm faster. I wasn't very pleased in my time. But it is what it is. The most important thing is that my game speed is faster and so that's what I'm going to show is the faster speed in the games. And like I said, that's what's most important.

(on his thoughts on new teammate cornerback Elijah Molden who also played collegiately in the PAC-12)

Yeah, I'm excited to get in there and compete against him. So, one of my teammates – my roommate actually knew him from high school, but I would always talk about him, how good he is. I'm excited that I can experience it firsthand to be able to be on the same team as him.