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(on the Draft process and landing with the Tennessee Titans)

This process has been absolutely bizarre for me, but landing in Tennessee has been great, and I'm enjoying every second of it. I'm extremely grateful. I thank God, thank Jesus Christ, and my parents. I'm extremely excited to get to Tennessee and get to work.

(on answering questions about his back injury through the Draft process)

Numerous.

(on the frustration of telling teams he was OK to play despite his injury)

It's frustrating. You get to a point where you want a team to draft you that believes in you, and if you don't believe in me, then play against me.

(on expected availability for training camp and the upcoming season)

I feel great. I'm extremely excited to get to Tennessee and get on the field and get to work and get to meet all my new coaches. I'm ecstatic for tomorrow.

(on making the decision to opt out of the 2020 season)

I've talked about the opt out one thousand times, so there's no point to go back, but I feel great. I'm a Tennessee Titan. I'm in good health and I'm extremely excited for the upcoming season. I feel great.

(on the Titans defense and joining the cornerback room of Janoris Jenkins, Kristian Fulton, and Kevin Johnson)

I've never met any of those guys personally, but I've been a fanboy from a distance. I'm (a) fan (of) all their games, and I'm extremely excited to get in the locker room and bond and get to meet new guys and be a great teammate to them.

(on where he thinks he will fit best within the Titans defense)

My best fit within the defense is, 'Caleb (Farley), you got that guy.'

(on going through the Draft process injured while rehabbing)

The hardest part was being patient, canceling out the noise, waiting for the Draft. That was the hardest part. I feel great. I can't wait to get back on the field, and I'm extremely excited to be a Tennessee Titan.

(on the level of excitement to play after 17 months)

You have no idea. You have no idea. I can't even wait. When they called me, when Coach (Vrabel) called me to tell me I was going to be a Tennessee Titan, the first thing out of my mouth was, 'When can I get the playbook?' I'm extremely excited to get back on the field and to rep these colors.

(on the mindset of locking down receivers in man-to-man coverage)

I'm thinking that they're not on my level. I'm trying to dominate. I want to be a great corner, and I'm going to show up to work every day to try to make that happen, and hopefully I can help the Tennessee Titans win games.

(on modeling his game after other players)

I try to take a little bit from everybody and put it together as I see fits my need, as my skillset and things like that. I can't really name one person, but I've tried to pick and pull different specialties from everybody.

(on being ready for training camp)

I believe so, we're 100 percent yes.

(on needing additional surgeries)

That's completely false, completely false.

(on testing positive for COVID-19 before the Draft)

It could have been a false positive. I tested negative today at the hospital. I feel great.

(on what teams were interested in drafting him)

I knew the Tennessee Titans were interested in me, and I'm so glad that it worked out.

(on what teams besides the Titans would have drafted him)

Different teams here and there. Nobody really showed me more interest than the Titans.

(on how he'll approach training camp if he doesn't receive a medical clearance)

I rebuke that in the name of Jesus. I'm expecting to be ready.

(on cat coverage ability and being an outstanding cover corner)

I don't know. I'm not an analyst. I give my heart to the game. I work extremely hard, and I'm going to give the Tennessee Titans all I got.

(on where he's going in the car)

I'm going home to get ready to go to Tennessee tomorrow.

(on where he was before he headed home)

I was at a family member's house.

(on the mental fortitude it took to rehab for 17 months while preparing for the Draft)

For me, I leaned on my faith, which was extremely helpful to me. I trust in God. I trust in Jesus Christ. Lord willing, I knew I was going to be playing football this year, so I was excited and patient. I didn't set any expectations, and I let it play out how it was going to play out, and it was amazing. I couldn't ask for a better experience, and I'm so thankful to be a Tennessee Titan. Oh man. Words can't put it to justice.

(on the passing of his mom and reflecting on her reaction to the Draft)

My mother was my biggest fan. It could have went a lot different if she was here. It was a little weird because I had to be in the room by myself on the couch in front of the camera by myself, but once I got off camera and got to see some of my family members, it was very emotional. I had a great time. It was surreal. Like I said, it was everything I could of asked for, dreamed for. It was like something out of a movie.

(on discussing the Draft with his mom prior to her passing)

I was telling my mother I was going to be a first-round draft pick when I was like seven years old. I hope she's smiling down on me from the sky. She always believed me.

(on head coach Mike Vrabel praising his football knowledge)

Talking to Coach (Vrabel), I could tell he was a genuine, honest person, and that for me means everything. I'll give him everything I got. For us to be able to sit down and talk a lot of football was easy because we both are in love with the game, and if you bring two people together that's in love and passionate about the game of football, we can sit up and talk and never get any sleep. We hit it off immediately and always had great calls, and that's why I'm so excited and ecstatic to be a Tennessee Titan.

(on if the second surgery was correcting the original lifting injury)

I had both injuries from the original incident, probably should have got it fixed at the same time, but it didn't play out like that. I'm so glad that it's behind me, and I'm a Tennessee Titan. Let's go.

(on his top physical and mental skills)

I believe it's studying that week, coming in prepared, knowing the gameplan, and also being relaxed and trusting in my abilities and my technique. That should take care of itself.

(on using the scrutiny through the Draft process as motivation this season)

I've always had a huge chip on my shoulder so I'll stay motivated until I hang up the cleats, but looking back, I smile and I thank God because I never let the devil get me down one time in that process. This season, I'm going to reap the benefits for that.

(on getting a procedure on the L5 vertebrae)

I had a discectomy on L5, L4, and L5-S1.

(on getting a procedure on the bulge on L5-S1 vertebrae instead of letting it go down)

Yes, that's what we fixed.