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(on returning the football for touchdowns and if it ever gets less exciting)

It never gets less exciting. The more the merrier, honestly. But to describe that feeling, it's indescribable. Especially the work I put in and stuff, and the film that I had to watch to even be able to make those plays or even the drives that, you're tired, where you don't really want to push through it, but then you push through and sure enough the ball pops in your hands and stuff. Just knowing that you put in all that work and then being able to make plays like that, it's definitely very special to me and I know it's special to my family as well, to see me go to make plays like that. I'm so thankful.

(on what contributes to having a knack for finding the ball)

That's hard work, man. Really the way to get your hands on the ball the best is by hustling and stuff, being around the ball, being around the ball carrier, running sideline to sideline and stuff like that. That's really the best way that I was able to make the plays I had. There's a lot of times where the ball pops out and it's right there, but it's really hustle. I remember Ray Lewis was doing an interview about it that I watched one time, and he was talking about the reason he got so many turnovers was because he was hustling around the field, doing the little things right when he was tired and stuff like that, so I've always tried to do that, making big hits because that's fine. I've always done that growing up being a big hitter and stuff. But definitely being around the ball, it's all about hard work and hustle for sure.

(on if playing 700 special team snaps in his three collegiate seasons sounds accurate)

Every single year I played at Oregon, I played every single special teams, all phases of the game and everything. I really took pride in that. The other number does sound pretty familiar. I mean maybe not that high, but definitely somewhere around there. Special teams is something that I took near and dear to my heart, and that's really what has brought me to the position where I am, playing special teams, making plays that way, put in the hard work. But, played a lot of special teams snaps for sure. Ready to do that in the next level as well for the Titans.

(on interacting with the Titans through the Draft process)

I had a lot of good Zoom interviews with some of the coaches through the Draft process and stuff. Did a lot of Zoom and stuff, breaking down film, breaking down special teams as well defense, everything. I definitely had a great feeling about the Titans. I really had a good connection with those coaches, and I feel like they knew – know that I took pride in special teams and I took pride in defense and stuff like that. So, I feel like yeah, for sure there's definitely a connection, and man, my family and I, we couldn't be more happy and more blessed to say that I'm a Titan. So, feeling very excited.

(on opting out of the 2020 season and if that impacted his draft stock)

At this point, it doesn't really matter where I'm at. I'm with the Titans, obviously. I was able to get drafted and stuff. But the reason I opted out wasn't because I didn't want to play in the 2020 season or anything like that. I came back for my senior year, was ready to rock and roll. But being in the Pac-12, obviously, you know, it was kind of weird how they canceled our season last second. I moved out my apartment, said goodbye to my teammates and stuff, hugged all my teammates, moved out of my apartment, moved back home, was training for the Draft and everything, and then five weeks later I get a phone call from my coaches asking me to return and come back and move back into my apartment because we had practice the next day and that we had a game in four weeks, because the Pac-12 announced our season so shortly. We were on such a short notice. Really, what it came down to is like, 'You know what, it's such a short notice. Five weeks later I'm getting told I'm playing a season now?' So, I was very frustrated with the Pac-12. I know my coaches were obviously upset with the Pac-12 as well. My teammates, we had a lot of a lot of Ducks that opted out last year, so it was very frustrating. But I don't think it affected my draft stock because the coaches understood how crazy it was with the Pac-12 and stuff. Regardless, I'm ready to be a Titan and I'm ready to make some plays and get on that field.

(on joining fellow Pac-12 safety Elijah Molden in the Titans backfield)

Me and Elijah (Molden), we're good family friends. My uncle Chad Cota and his dad, Alex Molden, were teammates at Oregon for the Gang Green back in the day when they played in the Rose Bowl. I've known Elijah (Molden) my whole life, so it's pretty cool to be able to call ourselves teammates and I'm definitely excited. When I saw him get drafted to the Titans, I was like, 'Oh, that'd be pretty sweet to, you know, be his teammate.' Sure enough, I get a call from Head Coach (Mike) Vrabel. I was pumped. I'm like, 'Dude, I get to play, you know, with one of my lifelong friends.' So that's definitely going to be some special for us, to be able have that connection and stuff, playing 7-on-7 and stuff in high school. So, we're excited for sure.