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QUARTERBACK PAXTON LYNCH

On his thoughts after the first practice

“It feels good to have a day to come out here and put down the playbook and put some work in, see it live against the defense, get some drops, throw to some receivers and call some plays in the huddle. I thought it went pretty well the first day out and I’m excited for tomorrow, too.”

On his feelings after this practice compared to feelings last year at his first practice

“It was a lot slower. I knew my way around a little bit more compared to last year. I got here and everything was moving a million miles an hour, really. I kind of got out there now. I’ve been around the guys for a year. It’s a new coaching staff, it’s a new playbook. But the fact that you have been around your teammates for a year and you have a chance to get to know them on and off the field, it is a little easier.”

On learning the new offense with his teammates

“It’s definitely cool in the aspect that we’re all learning it together. It’s really cool to me because you kind of get an idea of how other people see it and how they are learning it. You kind of find ways to learn it and see how other guys find it easy to learn and take notes from them. You discuss and make your way through it as a team.”

On getting comfortable with more reps

“The more you get reps and the more you see the plays against the real defense, you kind of have that in the back of your mind and you can tuck it down and run a little bit more, whereas, when you first get here, you just try to learn the reads and make sure your footwork is on time while you’re trying to get the ball out on time. I think the more you feel the pocket presence, the more you get comfortable in there and can run around a little bit.”

On his memories of his personal draft process

“It felt like yesterday. It felt like I just woke up and I just drove out here and it was snowing. They were good memories. It was good to spend with all my family and I know I’ve been with Leigh Steinberg, and talking to Leigh and been around the guys that he has now, I talked to them, gave them a little advice. Just feels good to step back from it and see it from a different perspective knowing what they’re going through.”

On initial thoughts on Quarterbacks Coach Bill Musgrave

“He’s got a lot of good stuff obviously. He likes to press the ball down field and he has a lot of good stuff for completions, too. The offense looks very exciting to me so far.”

On differences between last year's offense and this year's offense

"At this point, you can't really tell because it's just the base stuff we've got going in. It's just the ground work and then as we progress through the offseason, I think it's going to get a little more difficult. This is just a really big part of the offense learning the base stuff now and later on, adding on to it."

On memories of his draft party at a bowling alley

"I thought that I was going to go a couple places before, maybe to the Saints or something. Leigh was just giving me ideas of where he thought I was going to go. There were a couple times where we were bowling and I went to the back room to get ready for the phone call and it didn't happen. Everyone was looking through the window, and now I have to get up and walk out. It was kind of awkward (laughing). I was like, 'Listen, until the phone rings, don't call me back here again because I'm not doing that.' As the draft went on, it got later in the first round and I started to freak out. I was bowling at first because I thought it was going to be a quick night. I thought I'd get drafted and I just bowl until the sun came up, but that's not how it went. I went outside of the bowling alley, and I had a football there. I was just throwing the football with my friends because I didn't think that I was going to get picked in the first round and I was like, 'I had this big party and I didn't get picked.' I was throwing the football and Leigh came running out and he said, 'It's a 303 area code. Denver is on the line. Denver is on the line.'" I answered the phone and it was Mr. [John] Elway and [former Head] Coach [Gary] Kubiak and I was just really excited about it."

On day two plans if he hadn't got drafted in the first round

"No. Day two was probably sit on the couch (laughing)."

On advice he gave to current NFL draft prospects

"Just enjoy the process. Don't get caught up in what everyone has to say about you outside of your family and friends and what the guys are telling you during meetings. People say a lot about you during the draft process like, 'This guy can't do that, this guy can't do this,' so it's just really important to just stay focused on what you have to do and enjoy it because you only go through it once."

On the adjustments to make after the draft process

"I think it is for anybody just because when you're in college, you have media talking about you. But, then after college when you get to the professional level, it really is just a totally different animal. You see your name a lot more when you open Twitter and Instagram. I know for me, a kid coming out of a small high school and then going to Memphis, where nobody really talked about it, it was really different for me. But, you go through it and you get used to it."

On if he has talked to Texas Tech QB Patrick Mahomes

"When the process first began, Leigh asked me if he could send him (Mahomes) my number. So we have been in contact throughout the whole thing. Whenever he asks me a question about something, I'm always happy to help him. It seems like he's kind of enjoying it and going through it on his own. I think that's what he wants to do. He seems to be doing a pretty good job at it."