



## **DENVER BRONCOS QUOTES**

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#### **OUTSIDE LINEBACKER VON MILLER**

##### **On Defensive Coordinator Joe Woods' first two practices leading the defense**

"It's similar. It's obviously different with Coach Woods coaching, but we emphasize some similar stuff that we emphasize in last year's defense. Our defense is a lot more simple. Our defense before was simple, but I think with some new pieces and the new coaches we have, we'll be able to run smoother."

##### **On whether it is easier for the veterans on the defense to adjust to a new coaching staff**

"It's a great advantage. We police ourselves in the locker room. We know what a good practice looks like. We know what a bad practice looks like. Nobody has to come and tell us. We have great coaches, so they're going to stay on top of that as well. We have a great veteran core in the locker room like you said. Everything is able to run a whole lot smoother when you have those pieces in place."

##### **On CB Aqib Talib's saying that the team has more of a sense of urgency this offseason**

"It was different for me last year. This is my first time back in OTAs. There has always been a sense of urgency for me. It's all been good just getting back out there with your teammates and all of the new coaches. Getting back into the flow of things, it's all good."

##### **On how he enjoyed Coachella**

"It was good. It was my first time there."

##### **On whether anyone recognized him at Coachella**

"It was crazy. I had my mask on because it's so dusty out there. It's extremely dusty. Breathing all that stuff, I tried to keep my mask on. Still, there is no hiding. You can't hide the cowboy hat (laughing). It was all fun though. I got to meet up with [Texans WR] DeAndre Hopkins and [Rams CB] Kayvon Webster. Just really enjoyed a couple of days off before we got started."

##### **On whether he expects OLB Shane Ray to step into a larger role**

"He already has though. Shane is looking great out there. He looks like a veteran linebacker that everybody wants him to be. It's going to be a big year for him. He's been saying it and you can feel the energy coming off of him each and every single day. Not only him, but [OLB] Shaq [Barrett], too. It's going to be a big year for both of those guys. I'm excited."

##### **On teaming up with Ray and Barrett to have big seasons on defense**

"Every single year I feel like we have a chance to go do it all. It's still early. We still have to have a whole lot of things fall our way. We've got to go out there and play. That's the most important thing. You don't win any games here in OTAs. This is just to feel out a new scheme and new players. When you come back for training camp, it's time to go. You want to take advantage of every rep that you get out there, but it's too early to tell anyway."

**On a nickname for him and Ray**

"I don't know. I've got to put some thought into that. It's going to be a good one. It's not just two of us, it's three of us. I've got to put some thought into it. I don't just want to throw something out there. It's going to be great. It's going to be a great year for all of us."

**On going against T Menelik Watson when he was in Oakland and his early impressions of the offensive line**

"He's good. We always do a great job of scouting. Our front office guys always do an incredible job of putting a team together. We have a great team. We've got great offensive linemen. They go find these guys and they make it happen. Watson is going to be really good. [T] Ty [Sambrailo] is going to be healthy this season. He was our left tackle two years ago. He's going to do big things for us. Our offensive line looks a whole lot more stable. Like I said before, it's only two practices."

**On his draft experience**

"I just remember the week. It was a special week. You have guys that want to stay at home with their family and their friends. Then you've got other guys that want to go [to the draft]. For me, I chose to go and some of the relationships that I made in New York, I still have those relationships with all those guys—[Cardinals CB] Patrick Peterson to [Bills DL] Marcel Dareus to [Saints RB] Mark Ingram. You really get to meet these guys and you spend a lot of time with these guys. You share draft night together. That's what I remember from that whole week, just meeting new friends and getting to be around some of these guys. Getting drafted is a special moment and we all shared it on the same day."

**On how Head Coach Vance Joseph has run the first two practices**

"He's our leader. You can definitely feel the energy coming off of him. He's going to be a great one for us. They always do a great job here. We get the best of the best. If you look at our coaching staff, from head coach to position coach to assistant to whatever it is, we have the best of the best everywhere. They really do a good job of putting great teams together for us."

**On former Broncos CB Champ Bailey being inducted into the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame tomorrow**

"I just remember from Day 1 he was the G.O.A.T. (greatest of all time). He really showed you how to come in and be consistent every single day. All of the greats are consistent every single day. He did it in his own way. He wasn't like standing up and doing all of this. He wasn't that type of guy. Every time he lined him up against the number one receiver, he did his job. I just remember him being consistent. I remember him being someone that I can relate to from Day 1. It was great. I hate that we couldn't win him a Super Bowl on the way out. There were a couple guys on that team that deserved a Super Bowl as well. I just remember him being so consistent. I'll always remember that for him."

**On being recognized as the Colorado Male Athlete of the Year at tomorrow's Colorado Sports Hall of Fame Banquet**

"It's huge. We have a lot of great athletes here in Colorado. To get picked and get this award is huge. I won't be getting these forever, so when I'm in the spot I am now, I want to take advantage of where I am. It's huge."

**On his Von's Vision event tonight**

"Just to continue the great success that we have. I have a strong team around me for Von's Vision. They do a great job. It's like the [1995] Bulls or like the 2015 Broncos. It's just a great, solid team that we have. I can never do it by myself. Then we have all of these great pieces in place to make it work and it's magical."

**On seeing teenagers and kids get glasses for the first time in their lives**

"It's something that I can relate to. I can feel for all of those kids. I only had one pair of glasses growing up. Each year, my mom, she would get me one pair. It was hard for me. We've got kids that can't even afford a pair of glasses. I can definitely relate to those guys. It's huge. Like I said, we have a great support system tonight and hopefully we want to keep up the magic there."

**On any advice he has for Texas A&M Myles Garrett**

"I've been talking to Myles. Just enjoy the process like I said before. That's what I did. He's back at home with his family, so just enjoy his family and his friends. Enjoy the support system that he has that got him all the way to the position that he's in now. You just want to take advantage of that moment because it will be here and it will be gone. The next thing you know, you'll be going into Year 7 in the National Football League. It goes by fast."

**On whether there is any part of him that wishes he was selected No. 1 in the 2011 Draft**

“Super Bowl 50 MVP, right? I’m good. I’m good with all of the decisions that were made. I’m happy to be a Bronco. I love it here.”

**On who he would like the team to draft**

“ [Executive Vice President of Football Operations/GM John] Mr. Elway and the guys up there do a great job. Like I’ve said about six times, they do a really good. They truly do. If you look around, they do a really good job of putting the best team that we can possibly put together. They do it each and every year. I’m happy with that. I’m happy with whatever their formula is for the draft. It’s been working. I’m good with whatever is going on.”