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WIDE RECEIVER EMMANUEL SANDERS

On the differences in the offense with Offensive Coordinator Mike McCoy

“Obviously, we’re going to throw the ball a lot more. There are a lot of underneath routes. Today we were able to throw the ball down the field. I think [WR] Bennie [Fowler III] and [QB] Paxton [Lynch] connected on a deep ball. I think he scored even though they didn’t give it to us. I’m excited. I remember his offense from 2014. I labeled it, ‘Wide Receiver Heaven.’ It’s very pass happy and that’s everything as a receiver you could want. I’m excited.”

On new terminology for the offense

“It’s a little different. In 2014, I wasn’t with Mike. He was there in 2012. I wasn’t there, but he’s bringing in different terminology, which will be good because obviously [the Chargers are] in our division. Change up some of the wording and some of the plays. We’re making our own package based off of the players that we have right now to fit this system. I think he’s doing a great job so far.”

On learning a new system as a wide receiver

“It can be difficult if you don’t get in your playbook. It’s kind of like going to college. If you don’t study when you go to college, more than likely, you’re going to get an F or fail out. They really encourage, and I encourage, all of the players to go home and study your playbook. Make sure you’re getting it and know what you’re doing. In order for you to play fast and play up to your capabilities, you have to know what you’re doing. It starts right there.”

On McCoy’s offense

“It’s fun. I actually was just looking at him run, and said, ‘Man, this guy is cool.’ He’s very player friendly. He’ll talk to you. You could walk up and approach him and ask him any questions. He’s down to help. And that’s what I like in coaches. Coaches like that who understand that the players make the system. If the players understand the system, that’s how he gets his success. I think so far he has been doing a great job.”

On the next steps for WRs Jordan Taylor, Bennie Fowler III and Cody Latimer

“Just making plays. Make plays. Obviously, you’re going to make certain plays. But when the game is on the line, who is going to step up? That’s how you gain respect in this league. Obviously being consistent in what you do, but also when the game is on the line, making those big plays. Making those grabs that nobody thought you make. Things like that. I think all of them are capable of doing it. It’s just based off of opportunity and going out there and doing it.”

On the significance a dependable third wide receiver could make in the red zone

“Hopefully, we do a better job of that this year, in terms of moving us around and being able to not have a team come out and play cover-2 and we just on the outside. Hopefully, we do have a third receiver emerge and make clutch plays for us. We got the guys in the room. We’ll see how it goes. I know the system is very pass happy. When you’re excited to come to work every single

day, you know the system is fit for you as a wide receiver. There is more energy in the room. There's more guys saying, 'I can have an opportunity and go for a thousand yards,' being that No. 3 receiver. I know all of those guys are looking forward to it."

On the difference in production between the offense and defense last year

"You guys wrote on it (laughing). That was every story. Obviously, offensively we lacked, and the defense was No. 1. But, what could we do? We went out every week and we tried to progress and tried to keep getting better. We had a young quarterback. I think some games we did get better, but we didn't score in the red zone. Hopefully, this year it's No. 1 offense and No. 1 defense, and we're rolling around here and y'all are writing it up."

On the progression of the quarterbacks

"I was just watching [QB] Trevor [Siemian] walk around and he's walking around with that same confidence. You put him in the shotgun, and he can sling it around. You see [QB] Paxton [Lynch] and you see an opportunity at hand being a young guy last year. Paxton was like that deer in the headlights, walking around big-eyed. Now, he's more relaxed. It's going to be interesting to see how Paxton takes his second year. Hopefully he gets that Memphis swag back. [We'll] see those two guys compete and see who wins the job."

On personal memories of his draft experience

"I was just blessed. I was honored to be drafted in the third round coming from a small school like SMU. It was everything. To me, going in the third round or second round was a first-round tag for me coming out of SMU. It just showed all the hard work and dedication to be able to call my grandma and mom to say, 'Look, we have an opportunity of a lifetime. We're just capitalizing on it.' To all those guys, it's going to be a big day for the families tomorrow. A lot of tears, and it should be, because it's a great day."