



DENVER BRONCOS QUOTES

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On his first day

“It felt really good. It was nice to compete. We’ve been talking about doing that for a long time. To go out there, complete some balls and go against our defense. It was a good day.”

On if he has a different mindset this offseason knowing that he is the starter

“Every year has been different for me. Every situation has been different. That’s why I do the best that I can to prepare the same way every time. That’s going out there and competing as hard as I possibly can. I prepare for the practice the same way I have my whole life. I’ve tweaked it and gotten better at how I do that, but I’m going out here trying to complete every ball, like I’ve done my whole life.”

On QBs he’s played with that taught him how to be ‘the guy’

“I’ve always learned. I’ve watched guys from afar, I’ve talked with guys in the offseason. Working with guys, my first year with [former NFL QB Matt] Schaub there in Houston. [Tampa Bay QB] Ryan Fitzpatrick came in. A bunch of guys, [Arizona Sam] Bradford, the list goes on that I’ve been around. Everybody’s different. Everybody’s got their own spin on things, but I think that quarterback is kind of like a craft. This is my craft, and I’m working on my craft as I come out here. You talk with receivers, you talk with the offensive line, you get what you do well and you go watch film. You learn from it.”

On if his craft as a leader evolves

“Yeah, you’re always learning. You’re always learning and you’re always getting better. You’re either getting better or you’re getting worse. I try to get better each day, especially off the field. Being quarterback doesn’t stop when I step off the field. It’s going on in there (inside the facility), too.”

On establishing chemistry with his receivers

“There’s a lot there already, but I’m always looking for more and those guys are always looking for more. I would say you’re just trying to get more, more and more on the same page. There’s probably a better analogy there, but you’re trying to just keep on building. You’re never satisfied with where you’re at. I think we did some good stuff today and we did some stuff that we need to learn from, too. I’m glad to put that stuff on film and go learn from it.”

On if he works differently with young wide receivers as opposed to veterans like Emmanuel Sanders and Demaryius Thomas

“There’re guys that have played a long time and they’ve seen a lot of balls, so I learn from them as well. You try to learn them as people, their personalities and how they see defenses, and you try to communicate how you see it. You try to learn from the coaches how they’re seeing it, and you’re all trying to see it on the same page. I think you’re in a good spot when that happens.”

On Offensive Coordinator Bill Musgrave’s offense

“It’s really early. Obviously one day in it now or one practice, but we’ve been in it quite a bit and gone through and learned a lot of it, but we’re still figuring it out. I really enjoy it, I really enjoy the way that we work, the way that he calls plays and the energy we have out there. It’s been a lot of fun. Maybe get back to me in a few months.”

On being named to NFL Networks’ Top 100 List

“It was cool. It was really cool. It’s something that’s voted on by our peers, so it definitely means a lot to me. It’s cool. Those things are external. I see every award you get as not individual but as team awards. I’m looking to build on that and move forward with these guys here.”

On whether beginning OTA practices as the starter makes this offseason feel different

“It feels different. It feels good. I like it. I like competing, I like knowing my place and knowing my role. There’s some comfortableness to that. I think that that puts different things at ease and lets you go out there and play. It lets you cut it lose. It’s nice.”

On how long it takes to earn respect as a leader from teammates

“I don’t know if there’s really a timeline for that. It’s like I said my first day here with you guys, I’m trying to earn the right to lead these guys. I think that that started that day. I think it’s continued up until now, and I think it’s going to keep continuing as long as I’m here. I want to earn that right every day that I’m here. That’s how I view the position and that’s how I view being a leader. I want my actions to speak louder than my words.”

On if TE Jake Butt looks like he’s torn his ACL twice in the same knee

“I honestly didn’t know. I knew he was injured, but I had no idea that it was even a knee issue. You can’t even tell. He’s running around making cuts and doing a great job.”

On comparisons between Musgrave’s offense and Senior Personnel Advisor Gary Kubiak’s offense

“There are a lot of differences, but there are a lot of similarities, too. You try to apply your knowledge of the game and you try to overlap things that you’ve done before. There are small intricate details that are different about this offense and that are different about ‘Kub’s’ stuff. The more you know, the better you are, and as long as you don’t have it jumbled in your head and you try to categorize it, I think it’s a good place to be.”

On going against the ‘No Fly Zone’ in practice

“Is that their nickname? Is that what they’re called? That’s good to know (laughing). They’re talented, they’re a talented squad. I think that good going against good makes you better. I think competition, not only within positions and yourself, but against a defense coming out here everyday and competing against the ‘No Fly Zone’, it’s going to be really good. I’m excited. It’s fun competition. Those guys are really good.”