



DENVER BRONCOS QUOTES

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TIGHT END JAKE BUTT

On being able to participate fully in practice

“That’s just why I’m trying to stay after it right now. For me, every rep counts. Being a year down, I’ve got to do double time to try and make up for lost time. I’m trying to build chemistry with these quarterbacks, build chemistry with my teammates and prove to them that I can be a part of this offense this year.”

On how much he learned last year despite not playing

“As much as I could. Obviously there’s no substitute for getting out there and playing, but you can still learn a lot in the classroom, learn a lot from watching other people work and watching other people learn.”

On if he feels 100 percent healthy

“100 percent. It feels great. It’s exciting.”

On the quarterbacks

“They’re doing great. Obviously, Case [Keenum] is our leader, our head man and the voice of the offense. He’s doing a great job commanding us, getting everybody lined up, making the right reads and making the good throws. Paxton [Lynch] and Chad [Kelly] are competing for that backup spot and it’s only making them better. They’re both doing a great job, too.”

On all the Big 10 Conference tight ends in the meeting room

“We’ve got five. Me, Austin [Taylor], Jeff [Heuerman], Matt [LaCosse] and Troy [Fumagalli] now. We told Brian [Parker] he needs to sign a one-day contract with his school of choice and we can just be a Big 10 tight end room. We’re doing great, we’re just competing. We love being out here with each other, love pushing each other and it’s just going to make us better in the long run.”

On what he learned in the classroom as a rookie

“The big thing is just kind of learning how to be a pro—learning how to watch film and learning how to read defenses. The biggest thing is learning how to be a pro. In college, most of your time is spent in the classroom learning science and math or whatever you’re studying, but here, when you’re at work it’s football 100 percent of the time. You’re learning how to manage that, learning how to manage your time back at home and learning how to maximize that time.”

On what he took away from studying film last year

“What works and what doesn’t work. That goes for routes, that goes for blocking. Not just from our tight ends, but from tight ends across the league. You love watching other guys like [Eagles TE Zach] Ertz, [Patriots TE Rob] Gronkowski, [Chiefs TE Travis] Kelce, [Former Cowboys TE Jason] Witten, just to name a few. You’re learning what makes them successful, what are we doing against other teams that makes us successful and how can we capitalize on that.”