



DENVER BRONCOS QUOTES

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WIDE RECEIVER DEMARYIUS THOMAS

On what he has seen in QB Case Keenum from a leadership standpoint

“The first thing is that he takes control of everything. Not just offense but the whole group. Offense, defense, special teams and all. He takes control of the huddle. I know that I was in the huddle one day and I said, ‘Wait, wait, wait. We’re missing...’ and he said, ‘I got this.’ and I said, ‘OK.’ So, it’s stuff like that. It’s good to have him around. We’re still working to get that connection going.”

On how it feels to now have a starting quarterback in OTAs

“Yeah, you don’t have to worry about getting reps with multiple guys. You’re focus is to get reps with Case and only Case. To build that connection. So far, so good.”

On the impact Keenum has made on the team

“I think it energizes the whole team. From the defensive side of the ball, special teams and the whole squad.”

On building chemistry with a new quarterback

“I’ve worked with about eight quarterbacks since I’ve been here (laughing). But like I was saying, it’s always good to have that one guy. We’ll be able to work with each other. After OTAs are over with, I’m going to go to Houston and we’re going to work together. So that’s big for us.”

On what he has seen from rookie WRs Courtland Sutton and DaeSean Hamilton

“The first thing I saw: those guys are smart. They know their stuff and they know that game. All the talent in the world—we’re just trying to get them better and better every day.”

On who is going to Houston for training

“It’s going to be the receivers, quarterbacks, and hopefully we can get some tight ends and running backs as well. Case and [WR] Emmanuel [Sanders] are out in Houston so we’re trying to figure out where we’re going to throw this summer.”

On having a good practice today during OTAs

“I don’t want to say big but it was decent. I still have stuff to work on. I finally got a connection on the deep ball, which is big for us.”

On how different he feels physically this year compared to last year

“Physically, I can say I’ve felt my best since I’ve been in the league. I have been dealing with hip problems my whole career. Now it really doesn’t bother me anymore. So physically I feel the best, mentally as well. I’m all love and ready to keep moving. Ready to get in the playoffs and things, and get back to a championship.”

On how much further along Sutton and Hamilton are compared to him and Sanders as rookies

"I feel like you can throw Courtland in right now, throw Hamilton in, throw a couple more guys in right now and make plays for us. Me coming in as a rookie, I was injured a little, it was hard learning the playbook and it was difficult because I had go up against [CB] Champ [Bailey] every day. They have to go up against [CB] Chris [Harris Jr.] and the rest of the guys. From what I have seen so far, they listen and learn what the coaches say—what me and Emmanuel are telling them. And they're picking it up quick. It will only get better and better from there."

On what it's like going against the secondary in practice without CB Aqib Talib

"They're still good. They're no slouch[es] yet. Everybody's been competing since Day 1."

On the different attitudes between offense and defense

"It's kind of different, especially on the offensive side. We still kind of hear, 'defense is what wins championships,' and most might be right. But we we're not trying to go into games where we're just scoring 21 points, 24 points. We're trying to score 35 or more to give our defense a big help. We're trying to balance it out, 40-40, put 20 on the special teams."

On his motivation at this point in his career

"Win another championship. That's it. I feel like I'm a team player. I don't always talk about myself and my goals, but I always want to be the best at what I do. Go out and have a better year than what I did. I want to get back at over 1,200 yards. Stay healthy the whole season. Do whatever I've got to do to help my squad."

On any personal goals he would like to surpass

"I don't have a personal goal. It's just going out and doing what I've got to do. Take advantage of my chances. Every ball that comes my way, I'll try my best to catch it and bring it down to help my squad out."