



DENVER BRONCOS QUOTES

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OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR BILL MUSGRAVE

Opening statement

"Had six OTAs thus far, and today was another good day at work for us on offense."

On how it's different having QB Case Keenum as the starter

"Case is working hard. It's a new system for him. It's a new system for everybody. But Case is getting exclusively all the reps with the ones. We're not splitting them like you would if you didn't have an established starter. So, he's getting more concentrated work, and it's paying dividends."

On how much quicker an offense can be installed with a starter named during OTAs

"I don't think it changes the speed with which you install. But he's definitely getting a lot of good turns and good report with those initial group of wideouts."

On the growth he's seen in QB Paxton Lynch

"Paxton's growing every day. He's learning more about football, learning more about defense. He's learning more about the way that he can be effective at this level of football, which is completely different than college and a world apart from high school. He's going through the process. Shoot, he had another good day today. He's doing a nice job late in the down and being real smart with the football. We have our times out there at practice where the ball doesn't go where it's supposed to. We've got to learn from when we stub our toe. But to Paxton's credit, after six OTAs, he's doing the best of the three in terms of protecting the football and making smart decisions, especially late in the down."

On whether offense more dependent on the system or the quarterback

"The quarterback would come first. Usually a sound system or one that's worth its salt is built around the strengths of its players. The quarterback is the focal guy and he's touching the ball every time. We want to do things that play to his strengths and really all of his 10 teammates as well. Whether it be the run scheme, the pass scheme, the protections, the deceptions, things like that."

On whether plays within the offense are different compared to last year with Keenum as the starter

"Yeah, it's pretty much all different."

On if the terminology is different

"Yeah."

On his offensive system being a combination of themes

"It's really a system that we built as a staff this off season. We've got—we had wholesale changes on the offensive staff. We have our framework that I'm comfortable with and that I can teach and call in a timely manner. And then our staff has put together what we feel is a great system for our players, especially our QBs."

On the offensive coaches having a say in the offensive system

"Yes sir. Definitely so. We've got a really strong staff. Curtis Modkins, our running backs coach isn't here today. His daughter is graduating high school back east. But we've got a super staff. We've worked hard at it this spring and these first six days have been very productive."

On Keenum's strengths and mobility

"He definitely was mobile last year in Minnesota. He's been mobile when he's played for Houston and St. Louis before. So, I think that's a great part of his game. He can stay on the move and remain a passer. He can process what he sees instantaneously. Those are good attributes to have, especially when things break down."

On development he'd like to see from LT Garrett Bolles

"We want Garrett to clean up his level of play. We had number of penalties last year that we can get corrected. They've been addressed and we're looking forward to him playing a cleaner style this year. Also, just being better for us overall, both in the run and pass game."

On whether G Ron Leary will be back at left guard this season

"I'd say it's up in the air. Right now, we're giving some guys some opportunities to show what they've got. We're looking forward to that day. As you know, an offensive line operates best when they can work together as a unit. Right now, we're not a unit and we'll look forward to that day late in the summer."

On the right guard position

"Well we'd like to have five guys that start, get working together, and all five of them start the entire 16-game schedule. That would be the aim."

On adding rookie receivers DaeSean Hamilton and Courtland Sutton

"We're looking for good guys number one. If they're good we'll find a place for them. At times, that's outside the numbers. At times, that's in the slot. We want to be difficult to defend without jazzing ourselves up. So, we'll have different formations and motions so defenses can't cheat on us and start cheating the drill so to speak. Between [WR Demaryius] D.T. [Thomas] and [WR] Emmanuel [Sanders], and our two young guys that we got in the draft from Penn State and SMU, all four of those guys are making a lot of plays day in and day out."

On the competition at running back

"They're all working right now. [RB Devontae] 'Book' (Booker) has the most experience. But the two young guys that we've got, really the three young guys including [RB] Phillip [Lindsay] are running with everybody. We roll them through so we can get a lot of good film, and so they can improve every day."

On his relationship with Senior Personnel Advisor Gary Kubiak and if it translates into game planning

"I talk to Gary every day. I'm always picking his brain. If they don't get him going with too much scouting duties, I'm looking forward to consulting with him each and every day like we have this spring. He's at practice and we'd love to get his insight and his feedback. It's invaluable."

On if he can see himself working with Kubiak during the season

"I think that would depend on what his role is and how it's defined by management."

On whether Kubiak was a part of the offseason meetings with offensive assistants

“No. I think he was in draft meetings or doing personnel at that time.”

On having a ‘player friendly’ offense

“We're trying to make it concise. We don't want long worded plays in the huddle. We've got three or four ways to go no huddle. And a lot of those are one-word calls. We'd love for guys to know it like the back of their hand, then they can just cut it loose and play. That's what we're trying to get done. That's why we've kind of brought the language from Atlanta or Minnesota or Oakland. I've had time on task where I feel like it could be teachable, it could be learnable. And then guys can execute it, and cut it loose out there on the field.”

On whether he thinks shortening calls is representative of younger players

“I think it definitely applies to this day and age. You're right, I know where you're going with that. But I think it just helps. We don't want to be thinking out there as players. We want to know what to do. While a lot of football is Xs and Os, and 'What are we doing, When are we doing it and Why are we doing it?' The crux of it is 'How do we do it?' And we really are training our players on how to execute these plays this spring. The technique, and that's where our focus is right now. We've gotten them a system. But now we want to really train them on how to be sound Denver Broncos and really execute those plays out on the field.”

On tracking how much the players look at the playbook

“We don't really track it. I think we know whether our guys are into it or not. We've got a good group. So, we're not wiping a lot of noses or babysitting. We've got a good group on offense and they've tremendously into thus far.”

On having former quarterback Peyton Manning out at practice

“Yeah, fun to have Peyton out there. Fun to have [Former OLB] DeMarcus Ware. Just made for a special day. It was our sixth day of OTAs and the energy was great to begin with. And when those two guys are on the field everybody steps it up a notch, that's for sure.”