



## **DENVER BRONCOS QUOTES**

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#### **HEAD COACH VANCE JOSEPH**

##### **On when OLB Shane Ray will return**

“We don’t have timeframe for Shane. He’s having surgery on Thursday in Houston. Once that’s done, we’ll figure out what the timeframe is. He’ll be back early part of the season.”

##### **On Ray’s attitude**

“He’s been awesome. He’s worked hard two years in a row, gotten in great shape and then had the injury. Both years, it never healed. At first, he was a little down, but now he’s back. He understands that he’ll be back to help us and we can finally get it totally fixed so that he can play at a high level again. That’s probably the exciting news to hear—we know what it is and we can finally fix it the right way.”

##### **On changes this week compared to OTAs**

“Not much different. We want to build our library in all three phases, to kind of carry through the season. That’s important. To continue to just work on technique and our overall scheme of things. That’s pretty much it.”

##### **On how Ray’s injury impacts OLB Bradley Chubb’s role**

“I’m not sure. We haven’t gameplanned yet. He was running with the ones and twos even when Shane was healthy, so his role shouldn’t change much. He’s competing as a SAM backer, he’s competing as a sub rusher on third downs, so I don’t see his role changing much. He’s a guy that we’re counting on to play, so we’ll see.”

##### **On WR Demaryius Thomas**

“He tweaked his foot a little bit. Again, it’s the offseason, it’s mini camp, so I want to be smart with our guys. I gave our guys six mini camp goals, and No. 6 was to come out of this thing healthy, so I’m going to stand by that.”

##### **On if he’s optimistic G Ron Leary and T Jared Veldheer will be healthy for training camp**

“Yes, I am.”

##### **On if Leary and Veldheer have had any delays in their recovery**

“No, they have not. Again, we’re just being really, really smart. Especially with guys we know and that have experience playing in this league. Having three or four weeks for Veldheer, who has over 100 starts at tackle in this league, it makes more sense to get him totally healthy so he can play in the fall for us. Same with Leary. We know what Leary can do; it’s important to get him healthy so he can help us in the fall. Both of those guys are going to be ready for training camp.”

**On changes he's seen in QB Case Keenum since their time together in Houston**

"Obviously, it's been some years and players mature. Case has been through a lot of ups and downs in his career, and he's had success at a high level, speaking of last year. He's ready for the challenge. He's been a great leader for our football team and having a chance to finally be the guy from day one has been fun for Case. I'm excited for him. He's had a great journey. It's going to be a great book I'm sure and he'll have a good season for us."

**On rookie WR Courtland Sutton**

"I've seen a talented guy. He has a huge catch radius and he's got great ball skills. As a route runner, it's coming, but he's so big and strong that if he doesn't win with the route, he wins with his body. That's important also. He's a worker, he's mature and he will help us in the fall."

**On if they have tight ends that can provide consistent production**

"I think we do. We've got three or four young guys that we're excited about. It's important when you have two receivers like D.T. (WR Demaryius Thomas) and [WR] Emmanuel [Sanders] because those guys draw a lot of shell and a lot of double coverage. When those guys are being doubled, the tight end and the back are single covered. So when you have that on those guys and they can win one-on-ones consistently, we can keep the defense honest. Especially on third downs."

**On OLB Shaq Barrett**

"Shaq has had a good offseason so far. Obviously, Shaq has played SAM and WILL for us, he's playing some off-the-ball backer also in our dime package. I think Shaq can be a special player. He's shown over the years that the more he plays, the more plays he can make. I'm excited to see Shaq get more opportunities, because in my mind, he can be a top-tier rusher in this league."

**On the complexity of Offensive Coordinator Bill Musgrave's system**

"It's been fun to watch Billy with his shifts and motions. When you play a defense like ours and it's really a man-free, five-man rush, aggressive defense, the shifts and motions really slow you down a little bit because you have to get aligned. He's done a great job of doing those things—shifts and motions and just smoke and mirrors—and it's the same concept but it looks different to the defense. That's important when you're playing a defense with great rushers and great corners like we have."

**On if WR DaeSean Hamilton's route running ability is rare for a rookie**

"I'm not sure, but it's a skillset that we saw at the Senior Bowl. Having him for a week was a good deal for us. He's a guy that's been a four-year starter in college and that's rare, to have a guy that's played four years of college football. I think the more guys who play four years, the more you'll see that skillset shine."

**On the team's energy**

"It's good. It was a grind today, it was a long practice with a lot of reps. We challenged our guys to go six plays in a row, just to get in great shape. Everyone's very engaged, everyone's happy to be here and is excited about the season."