



DENVER BRONCOS QUOTES

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QUARTERBACK CASE KEENUM

On how the day went

"It was good. We did some good things. The defense mixed it up a little bit and brought some good pressures, so we have a lot of good tape to watch from today. We did some good things, but there are a few balls I want back. We're growing and we're learning. It's spring. From where we are today from where we were a month ago, I think we've made some big steps. There's a lot to grown on, too."

On getting the ball out of his hand quickly

"I always thought that it was my job to get the ball out of my hands, get it into the fast guys' hands and let them do something with it. If I'm stuck with a ball, usually it's not a good result. I try to get it out of my hands and to those guys who can do something with it, and we have a lot of those guys. However we do it, however [Offensive Coordinator] Bill [Musgrave] is going to draw up different plays to do that, I think that's always been my job."

On WRs Courtland Sutton and DaeSean Hamilton

"'Court,' (Sutton) he's a friendly target and I like throwing him the football. He's done really, really well. I think he's come a long way and I'm excited to throw him the football. DaeSean is just in the right place at the right time. He doesn't act like a rookie and he's not playing like a rookie. To have a receiver that you can count on to be in the right place at the right time, that's always a huge plus."

On TE Jake Butt

"Jake is a competitor. He wants the ball no matter what and I like that. I like a guy that comes back to the huddle and, 'Hey, were you open on that play,' and even if there were three guys on him, he's like, 'Yeah, you could've fit it in.' He wants the ball and I love that. He's hungry right now for knowledge, for how to run routes, for how to maneuver with leverage and I'm excited for him to continue to keep going."

On how he's grasping the offense

"I think I have gotten better. It's just a constant thing where you're trying to see the defense like Bill sees it. As the play caller, what's he trying to get to here on this play? We've got priceless reps right now. It's priceless experience running so many different plays and so many different looks against a defense that's really, really good. I think we're getting a lot better. I still think that these next two days are going to be really important for us."

On working with Quarterbacks Coach Mike Sullivan

"It's great, I love 'Sully' (Sullivan). He does a tremendous job getting us prepared each day for practice. He's very meticulous, but we have a good time in the meeting room, too. It's all business, but we're building a good relationship and good rapport. We have a good quarterback room. All those guys, I'm really appreciative of how the quarterback room is operating."

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On the importance of a young running back stepping up

“You never know with that group. You never know which of the guys are going to step up or which of the guys are going to have to step up, so you want to work with all of them. You want to talk through all different decisions and things with all of those guys. I think they’ve all come along. I think they’ve all come a long way and I’m excited to see those guys when they put pads on. That’s really when the competition gets going for the running backs, when you put the pads on and you see those guys running down hill.”

On how often he throws between minicamp and training camp

“I’ll throw a couple times a week, two to three times a week depending on what my schedule is and what’s going on. I try to stay fresh. I think I’m going to work with [Head Strength and Conditioning Coach] Loren [Ladow] and make sure that my body is ready to go for training camp. It’s fine tune and it’s continue to work on little mechanic things that show up during the spring, especially now that we know the offense and know the system and the work that they’re looking for, so it’s a lot easier to work in the summer time.”

On what makes the next two days of mini camp so important

“There are not many practices in the spring. I think we’re 10 OTAs and one minicamp down. That’s only 11. To think how much we’ve gotten done in 11, to add two more to that, you’d like to make another big jump. I don’t know if there’s anything in particular. Obviously we’ve had our goals, that we wanted to get on the same page, we wanted to talk the same language. This was kind of from the beginning of spring, but just a mastery of the offense, that’s what I want. I want to master this offense. I want to get on the same page as [C] Matt [Paradis], as [WR] D.T. (Demaryius Thomas), [WR] Emmanuel [Sanders] and all those guys on the outside, so that we don’t have to communicate as much on the field. [I want to get to] we’re communicating so much during the offseason and off the field that it just comes naturally.”

On throwing with teammates in the offseason

“It’s going to be an undisclosed location, so none of you guys are lurking around and creeping on us. If I see any of your faces, I’ll call the cops on you guys (laughs).”

On if he’s set it up and if it will be in Arizona

“I may or may not have. Who knows, we may be going international—Broncos Camp International (laughing).”

On if the players will have to wear disguises

“I don’t need many, but some of these other guys—we were somewhere with [QB] Paxton [Lynch] the other day and it’s hard to walk around with that guy (laughing).”

On what challenges lie ahead for the offense

“New challenges arise each day. Today, we had some different protection looks that we need to make sure when defenses line up like that, that we’re all on the same page. We’re trying to do new things, trying new concepts and really build a foundation of what our protection and our offense is going to be. That way during the year when we get into scheming and game planning, we can mix up certain things, try new things and really accentuate what those guys do well outside so we can get them the ball. It’s a lot of things. It’s new each day and that’s why I love this game. That’s why I love getting to know these guys and building new relationships. Not just on the field, but off the field, too.”

On writing his new book

“It’s pretty cool. After this past season I had three or four people approach me about writing a book. I never dreamed that I would possibly be able to author a book, but I had some really good help. Andrew Perloff, who’s with the Dan Patrick Show, is helping me out. Publisher is LifeWay. Yeah, I got a chance to write a book. It’s called *Playing for More*. It’s kind of the story of me off the field, not just on the field, but why I play, why I do what I do and why I get to stand up here and talk to you guys—be the Denver Broncos’ quarterback. It’s pretty special to me and I’ll let people in and tell some pretty cool stories that a lot of people may not have heard. It’s just a blessing. God has been so good in my life. If it encourages and challenges somebody, then I’ve accomplished something with it.”

On his relationship with Head Coach Vance Joseph

“Vance has been great. Like I said when I first talked with you guys, we go back a few years. Talking through situationally, I’ve really enjoyed. We’ve gotten a bunch of two-minute drills, we’ve gotten some situational work and just talking through, ‘Hey, what are we thinking here? Are you going to take a timeout, are you going to spike this, do we need to try and take a shot?’ We’ve gone back in and watched the film. I’ve gone up to his office and watched with him, breaking down some stuff, even defensive, breaking down some film from last year. It’s been great; it’s been a lot. He’s a wealth of knowledge and he’s an open book, so I’ve really appreciated him.”

On how long it takes to master a new offensive scheme

“I guess it depends on your definition of ‘master.’ I’m always trying to master it. I’m always trying to perfect my craft. I think to get to master level—it’s hard to say. It’s different for every offense. We’re getting there. We’re getting close, but I never feel like I’ve arrived. I’m always working, I’m always looking for little nuances and little things, like, ‘Hey, when you get this look into this play, think about this.’ I always try to add notes to my folders and add notes to different looks and plays, so no matter what comes up, I’m prepared for it and I’m ready for it.”