



DENVER BRONCOS QUOTES

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HEAD COACH VANCE JOSEPH

On having Pass-Rush Consultant DeMarcus Ware around the team

“It’s good for us. Obviously, he’s a guy who can teach pass rush. He’s going to be our pass-rush consultant. He’s going to be in here a couple times a week, hopefully for home games also. It’s good to have DeMarcus because he was with [OLB] Von [Miller], [OLB] Shane [Ray], [OLB] Shaq [Barrett] and those guys. They have great respect for him. Watching him teach pass rush is special. It’s a special moment. He has so much knowledge about pass rush—not just with those guys but also with [DE Derek] Wolfe and [NT Domata] Peko [Sr.] and the inside guys. It’s a good piece to have as part of our staff.”

On how much Ware can help the interior defensive linemen

“Pass rush is pass rush. It’s about winning one-on-ones, hand placement and different rip moves that he’s taught those guys. Again, it’s about the respect factor that those guys have for DeMarcus. When he speaks they listen, so it’s good to have him aboard as our pass-rush consultant.”

On if Ware’s role will be primarily on-field coaching

“He’s going to be in some of our meetings also. Again, it’s a part-time position, so he’s going to be in here probably four days a month and hopefully for home games also. It won’t be a lot of scheme stuff, but more about pass-rush technique.”

On Ware’s impact on Miller

“It’s great for Von. Again, D-Ware was the guy that Von followed. He became a great, great player under D-Ware’s watch, along with the coaches also, obviously. It’s great to have him here for all of our guys—for Wolfe, for Peko, for Von and all those guys. Rushing the passer in this league is a premium. You’ve got to rush the passer, and our scheme is built around rushing the passer. So to have D-Ware be a part of our staff is a great thing.”

On Ware’s potential impact on OLB Bradley Chubb

“It’s huge. The knowledge that D-Ware brings about pass rush, the experiences and playing against different types of tackles and different types of schemes—DeMarcus played in this exact scheme his entire career from Dallas with [Rams Defensive Coordinator] Wade [Phillips] to Wade here. He has great knowledge about our scheme also.”

On WR Carlos Henderson’s injury

“He’s got a hamstring. It started in Phase 2 and hasn’t gotten better. He’s got to get back on the field if he wants to make this football team.”

On WR Kenny Bell missing practice

“Same deal there. Kenny, he’s been nicked also all offseason. Again, you can’t make the football team on the sideline, so those guys have got to get back on the field, especially in that room. It’s a competitive room and it’s a full room. If you’re not practicing, your chances of making the team are slim to none.”

On evaluating the running backs without pads

“It’s not the evaluation, it’s more about the concepts—the running concepts. I’ve been a part of OTAs and offseasons where the running game wasn’t a premium, and you get to the fall and it isn’t very good. So even though it’s not full contact, you have to work your concepts—even for your defense to see double teams and see certain gap blocks. You’ve got to do it, even though it’s not full pads. It’s a must.”

On the end-of-game drill at the conclusion of practice

“It impressed me that the offense drove the ball and got two field goals. That’s the key. You want to practice winning games offensively. You want to practice stopping them on defense. Most of our practice is always about scoring and stopping scoring. That’s no different and will be done all offseason.”

On TE Jake Butt’s progression

“I’m very excited. He works so hard and he’s obviously a playmaker. You watch the guy make plays catching the football. He’s a playmaker, so he’s going to be a great addition to our offense.”

On if practice seemed crisper today

“I don’t know. Yesterday started a little slow, in my opinion. It was a four-day weekend/ That’s tough on guys and it was a long practice. Today was a little crisper in my opinion. They came out with more fire and more energy early on. After four days off, it’s tough to get going that quickly, but I agree with you, it was better today.”

On if more rookies will play this season than did last year

“Hopefully, yeah. It was a good class. It’s a mature class, so hopefully we get more guys playing. Last year’s class, we had three or four guys that we thought would play for us, but last year’s team was pretty much intact. This year, we’ve got more spaces for young players. Again, it was a good class and it’s a mature class so we expect those guys to help us.”

On Wide Receivers Coach Zach Azzanni

“He’s got a hard coaching job. I think any receiving job in this league is tough because it’s a lot of personalities, but Zach’s the perfect guy because he is a grinder. He will challenge guys, he will fight with guys and he’s on every day. When you’re coaching those kind of athletes, you can’t give them a moment off. Zach is on every day and that’s what it takes to push those guys.”

On if he’s pleased with the chemistry between QB Case Keenum and the receivers

“Yes, it’s working out. It helps to have a guy who’s your starter working with your first team. It’s the first time we’ve had this in three years. Yes, it’s absolutely getting better every day, but again, it helps to have a guy who’s a starter.”

On what he wants to see addressed in the final day of mini camp

“Tomorrow, one thing is to stay healthy. All the work is pretty much done now. We’ve had three months with these guys and we’ve had two long days of football. Tomorrow’s going to be just a cap day for us. It won’t be long at all.”

On RB Devontae Booker

“Booker is an experienced back. He’s our most experienced back now. I’ve been impressed with his football IQ, as a third-down back and how he’s got the ball. I’ve said this four or five times: we want two or three guys to be our main core backs. Booker’s definitely going to be in that mix. He’s our most experienced back so I’m expecting big things from Booker.”

On if he’s seen T Cyrus Kouandjio and OL Billy Turner take advantage of added snaps at right tackle

“Yes, especially Kouandjio. He’s gotten better. He’s healthier than he was last year. He’s had some good days and so has Billy. Billy’s going to play some guard for us also. Billy’s a guy who can play guard or tackle, and that’s special in this league. He can play left guard, right guard, right tackle or left tackle. We’ve definitely got a spot for a guy like that, but obviously [T] Jared [Veldheer] is going to be a guy that we look to be our right tackle during training camp.”

On if he'd like to see Turner fit into one position at training camp

"We're going to have a couple guys that are going to be cross trained. Billy's going to be cross-trained as a guard and tackle. We're going to cross train [G] Max Garcia to be a left guard and right guard now. [G/C Connor] McGovern is going to be a center/guard. You want guys to be cross-trained because on gameday you're dressing seven guys, so you have to have guys who can play multiple positions. That's always the key for the offensive line, to have guys who can move around."

On the young players in the secondary

"Our young safeties have been really impressive. Dymonte Thomas and Jamal Carter have been impressive. Trey [Marshall], they've been all impressive. Our young corners have done some good work also. It's a tough league for defensive backs. There's so much information and the physical part of the job is also hard. They're working hard. It's a good young group, they're working hard and they're getting better every day."