



DENVER BRONCOS QUOTES

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OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR BILL MUSGRAVE

Opening comments

“Another day, we’ve got one more tomorrow. A lot of work to on offense, but I like the way we're attacking it. Had another good day of good progress today.”

On QB Case Keenum

“He's a winner, number one. He approaches every day the same way—professional. Very much into it, and I think the guys have very much rallied around both on offense and on defense just because he's the same guy every day. He's consistent and definitely cares about his teammates.”

On how the defense has challenged the offense

“Every day they do. They've got the great personnel, and then [Defensive Coordinator] Joe Woods is a terrific coach. We've been having multiple free runners in our pocket, running by and tagging off on the QB. So, we've got a lot of holes to fill. Sometimes it feels like we don't have enough fingers. It's been very challenging, which is good. We're anticipating it being very good training for the season seeing what we see on defense here on a daily basis.”

On what needs to happen for the offense to improve

“I think we'll get to that stage with just more turns. We've been through our 10 OTAs and now two minicamp practices. So, 12 in all—a dozen. We need more turns like anything, and then we've got to focus on what we do well and really gravitate towards those concepts. Again, we can master them and feel great about them when we enter the season versus Seattle.”

On how rookie WRs Courtland Sutton and DaeSean Hamilton are making an impact

They're very mature kids. Since day one they have really attacked the playbook. They're out there working hard. I think we can count on them. The coaches, the players, we feel like they're reliable. They show up every day. We're thankful that they're on our team.”

On the running backs being young

“We're very comfortable with the group. It's a young group. When our two veterans are hurt, like they have been [in the past]—we're young at wide receiver too. We've got some young tight ends as well, but we're definitely young at running back. But those guys are really developing and we're looking forward to them making a big contribution.”

On if he's afraid to play rookies with the first team offense

“No. We're doing a good job rotating them. [Running Backs Coach Curtis] Modkins gets them in there. [RB] Phillip [Lindsay] has been running with the first team a bunch. So, everyone is getting their opportunity, which is the way it should be.”

On QB Paxton Lynch

“He really has [improved]. He did a nice job just now in a two-minute drill. Down in the red area, Paxton continues to make good decisions, which is good. We want those decisions, those habits to become part of his fabric so they can just be natural and reactive. The training of the quarterbacks has been really one of the highlights of this spring under [Quarterbacks Coach] Mike Sullivan and [Offensive Assistant/Quarterbacks] Klint Kubiak.”

On what will make tight end Jake Butt effective during the season

“Jake is working hard, of course he's hungry because he had to sit out with his injury. But whether or not it's the tight end position or outside the numbers in the wide receiver's spot, he's got the body control to get open. He's going to be a terrific asset for us.”

On wanting to get the ball out early on offense

“Yeah, that's our style. I think, that's got to be our style. We don't want to have negative plays either in the run game or pass game. So, let's get the ball out of our hand and let our playmakers do what they do best. Not demand too much of pass protection, especially against the defenders of a modern NFL team. These guys are tough to block. At times they're unblockable. So, we to get the ball out of the quarterback's hand as quickly as possible.”

On mixing risky plays with safe plays

“We want to find that balance for sure because we don't want go up to the plate and just bunt, bunt, bunt so we don't strike out. We want to have some explosives. We need those chunks. The more chunks, the fewer third downs you have to convert. At the same time we want to train our quarterback to make good decisions. [Former NFL Coach] Joe Gibbs used to say, when I coached for him, that ‘A good quarterback knows what to do when it's there. A great quarterback knows what to do when it's not there.’ And that's part of this spring. But really all the OTAs and mini camps are—we're all out here as a team, but it's really for the quarterback to train him on what to do when it's not there. We can train these guys and not throw those interceptions like you eluded to.”

On starting from scratch when training camp starts

“We'll start again. We'll start again at Day 1 and go through, and it'll be the third or fourth time that they've heard it. We did Phase 1, Phase 2, OTAs, and then we'll go training camp. We'll make minor changes to the details. But we'll start back at Day 1 and give it to them all again.”

On the offensive starting to build rhythm

“We're together, we're in concert—the run game, the pass game, getting the ball out of our hand and the stoutness of the o-line. We've just got to do our part and play complimentary football.”