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WIDE RECEIVER COURTLAND SUTTON (Rd. 2, No. 40, Southern Methodist University)

On his relationship with WR Emmanuel Sanders

“He’s a guy who I was able to reach out to a couple times while I was at SMU and talk to him about how to get to that level, especially when we’re coming from a smaller school where it’s so hard to gain the attention of Dallas fans and gain national attention. Being able to have that relationship with him and being able to talk with him—it wasn’t an everyday thing but we would talk a few times about how I get to that level and how I continue to climb to be the best that I can be, even with that big fight against me coming from a smaller school.”

On what he feels his biggest strengths are

“Outside of my work ethic, I am a guy who is going to come to the field and demand respect wherever I am on the field, whether it is in the slot, whether it is on the outside, on the right or the left. Wherever I am at on the field, if it is a pass play or run play, defenses have to know where I am at because they know that I am going to do my job. I am going to do it above and beyond with what is inside of me. That is the thing that I think I bring to the table. I am going to make plays and I am going to continue to make plays. I am not going to be a guy who sputters and makes plays every now and then and disappears during game time. I am a guy that every time I am on the field, I demand that respect. Needing to know where I am at and needing to know what is going on every play. I think that is a huge trait that I bring to the table outside of just being a big 6-4, 220-guy. I have been that presence on the field.”

On what he has to improve on and whether he knew he was on the Broncos’ radar

“I think one big thing that I can improve on is just learning the position of wide receiver. Anyone who has followed me and followed my career understands that I was a safety coming in to college. I got changed over to receiver by [Former SMU Head Coach/ Hamilton Tiger-Cats Head Coach] June Jones. I am very new to the position. I am learning as I go. I am taking a little bit of knowledge from everybody that I get a chance to take knowledge from. That is a lot of guys who played the position at a very, very high level. There are guys that I really trust and guys that I watched dominate the game at a high level. I trust that the things that they did at that level are the things I need to do to get to that level. I also did not know I was on the Broncos radar. I had no idea that I would be a Bronco. I knew that me being a part of that organization would be huge if I would be able to make that move. I finished stressing about what was going to happen. I knew that whatever team decided to take me, I was going to come in and work my butt off. I was going to learn from the best guys who are killing the game right now. I was going to learn from them and figure out what I need to

do to be able to accomplish a dominant all-pro receiver in this league and hopefully help my team get to a Super Bowl and win a Super Bowl.”

On being switching from safety to wide receiver in college

“Honestly, I was really excited to be able to make that transition from playing safety to playing receiver. I loved playing safety, but I feel like in my heart I was a true receiver. Coming into SMU, I was told that I was going to be able to have the opportunity to play on either side of the ball. They played me at safety but Coach Jones saw that I had the ball skills and they needed some grit on that other side of the ball, so they moved me over and I was really excited. It’s something that I was really looking forward to, to learn the position. He put [Cowboys WR] Cole Beasley and [Sanders] in the league, so he’s proven that if I bought into what he put out there, that I could be a great receiver. I knew I was going to be able to dominate at the position if I bought into what they were trying to get me to do. I think those are the things that got me to the point I’m at right now, being a top-tier wide receiver and also learning and understanding how to grow at my position.”

On how it feels to hear President of Football Operations/General Manager John Elway say he has tremendous upside

“When a person like Mr. Elway says something like that about somebody like me, it gives me hope that the things that I’m doing to become an elite player at this position are being recognized and noted. When you’re a guy who’s trying to be great at what you do, you want people who have already been proven true at the thing that you do, to be able to say, ‘Look, you’re a guy who has a huge chance to be great.’ When somebody that’s proven says that, and it’s a guy who’s respected in our business, that’s something that we all look for. To have Coach Elway say that about me, that’s a huge honor.”

On being fired up

“Honestly, that is probably the best way to describe my demeanor. I’m excited to get in there and become a Bronco and to get in there and learn from [Sanders] and to learn from [WR] Demaryius [Thomas]. I want to come in there and learn how to become the best version of myself I can be in this position. I’m trying to come in and help this organization get back to the Super Bowl and win it. I’m really excited to be a part of this organization and be a part of something that’s greater than myself. To just be able to have this opportunity, I’m blessed. I’m very thankful for the Broncos organization giving me this opportunity to come in and prove myself and to help the organization get to where we want to get to.”