## **Kristi and Marcus Conf**

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Stenographer Extraordinaire

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Training sesh

Q. Am I having fun yet?

KRISTI USREY: Yes!

MARCUS: I did a revision

KRISTI USREY: I also did a revision.

Q. Yet another revision...

Q. What's your biggest takeaway tonight?

NICK SIRIANNI: Shoot, you know, the guys played hard and fought. Um, there was not, obviously had the limited roster. I don't know how many we ended up with on the -- we rested a lot of guys or didn't play a lot of guys, so just was happy with the way they fought, and, you know, some guys that might have been their last opportunity to fight but, you know, sometimes that's not for just our team. They have 31 other teams to be able to make it so I was happy with those guys.

Q. What have you learned about constructing a roster that maybe you didn't know before you became head coach?

NICK SIRIANNI: Let the whole process play itself out. Even if you feel like you know early on, you don't have to make any decisions right away. Just keep letting the evaluation process make itself out, um, I've been wrong on -- multiple times I'm like this guy might not be able to make it, and then he keeps developing and he makes it. So, just not to be quick to jump to any conclusions and, um, let the whole process play itself out.

Q. Sitting here a handful of days away from that final decision-making day, how many tough decisions do you think you guys have to make?

NICK SIRIANNI: Shoot, the better the roster, the more



the tough decisions you have to make. So, we're going to have a bunch of tough ones. These guys who will end up getting cut, they made it hard on us. We'll evaluate this tape tonight. We still have some questions marks on who it's going to be. Looking forward to watching this tape, and hopefully some of these guys made it hard for us.

Q. Sort of tilt things in just one game. Been through a lot for one game. How much can it tilt?

NICK SIRIANNI: Yeah, you know, I've been on teams that the last game, the player played himself into it. Austin Ekeler comes to mind. Not sure he was going to make it beforehand and then had a big game in San Francisco back in 2000 and -- what year was that? '16? '17? I think it was '17, and made it. Yeah, we're watching everything. We're watching everything. So, you know, we'll go back and evaluate this tape and see who popped up on tape.

Q. You got to see a lot of Tanner McKee. What maybe surprised you about it appears like pretty good development from camp.

NICK SIRIANNI: Yeah, I wouldn't say anything surprised me. We drafted him because he liked him and, you know, we liked the accuracy he showed on tape. We liked the decision-making he showed on tape and he's continued to show that throughout practice and throughout games. He's put three good games together, you know, and so was excited to work with him and, um, you know, I'm really pleased with how he was this preseason.

