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Q. Talk about the running game for us, what you expect?

JORDAN JENKINS: We have a bunch of great veterans in that room right now, great leaders and we're pushing each other and it's great to be able to learn from them. Everybody's different in that room, and they have done a lot throughout their career.

So for now, you know, you guys want a big story about competition, like we are a brotherhood in there but they are a great bunch of dudes. We are all married and all got kids so we are on the same kind of page. So when we get in these meetings with Coach DB and everything, we're teaching each other and learning from each other and having each other's back and that's what it's all about.

Q. What did you think of practice today?

JORDAN JENKINS: I mean, I'm trying to get used to it just like anybody else. You know, I take it one game at a time. So for me it's just like staying consistent. That's the name of this game. Doesn't matter if you do well tomorrow, today, but it's about the next day, the next day. I'm just looking forward to the next day doing what I can to stay healthy and doing what I can to help my team and pick my -- keep marking all them brains to make myself better and help them out as well.

Q. How is the running back room?

JORDAN JENKINS: The running back room is versatile. We all come from -- I was talking the other day like first time I seen mark was when I was in elementary school because I used to watch him and watch his highlights and now I get to really pick his brain and great dude. Rex was in Nebraska. It was funny.

So it's great to just get to meet all of them, David Johnson, all of them. And just learn from them. So we have a good time in that running back room. It's probably one of the best running back rooms I got to be around.

Me and Mark, we were right next to each other so we talk all the time. We are similar personality-wise so we kind of click.

Q. What did he tell you --

JORDAN JENKINS: He kind of shakes his head because he's more like, you know, hey -- you know what for him, it went by fast. But it's great to have him here. It's fun.

Q. A lot of the players -- first two days of practice?

JORDAN JENKINS: It does matter. It's not about me going out there and just showing up. I want to go out there and do my part, and I want to be a great teammate and I want to showcase my explosiveness and that's what I want to do. I'm doing this for my family. That's all that is in my mind. Other than that, I just want to continue to pick the brains of the great running backs in our room and just have a great bond because that's what it's all about.

Q. When you have a quarterback like Tyrod, how does that create more opportunities for the running backs?

JORDAN JENKINS: Tyrod is one of the greatest dudes in the locker room and one of the greatest leaders I've seen in Tyrod and he's had a rough couple years and he's put a lot into this. Just the fact that he can trust us and wants to get us all involved in it. Was different in Denver being with somebody that's young to coming to somebody that's been in the league this long. It's night and day. Tyrod is a great person and he's going to do some great things.

Q. From a strategy standpoint, the defense has to account for the quarterback running, how does that make life easier?

JORDAN JENKINS: He's going to keep you on balance because he can move and he also can throw and he's consistent, and you guys going to see that throughout the time. You go back and watch his film, he's always on top every year. I'm excited for that.

Q. What do you want to work on in camp?

JORDAN JENKINS: One thing I want to work on in camp is continue to work on my route running, catching and just being more just all around person, and I think coach deny

Barrett is going to do a great job of taking me to another level in my young career.

Q. Justin said he wanted to prove something. Do you feel that way, too? Is there a chip on your shoulder?

JORDAN JENKINS: I have a big chip on my shoulder. I definitely did. For me, I feel like I'm always being disrespected, you know and for me it's like I'm going to go out there and I'm going to show it. In my head, I'm the baddest dude there is, period. I don't care who else in there in the NFL or anything like that, you've still got to deal with me and that's just how I act.

But it's not just about me. It's about our team. And that's all I care about. So as long as we're winning games and stuff like that, things will come. Accolades will come as time goes on but it's about team. It's about winning.

Q. That idea you just stressed and Justin expressed, you have a chip on your shoulder --

JORDAN JENKINS: You've got a bunch of us. Think about it, everybody come in here and for some reason they think we're the scumbucket, I don't know what they got going on in the media. Everybody has something to prove because there's some great dudes in there and also they are really talented and they played a lot of football and we just want to get on the same page and we're going to do that over time and put some games together and win a lot of games. That's our goal.

Q. You said you're the baddest dude out there. Are you badder than Ingram?

JORDAN JENKINS: Why are you trying to compare us, he's a bad dude, just look at his resume, David Johnson is a bad dude, Rex is a bad dude, Scott Phillips is a bad dude, Dontrell Hilliard is a bad dude, Buddy is a bad dude, all of us are bad. It's a mindset every time you touch the ball.

Q. Is it a distraction, DeShaun being in the background?

JORDAN JENKINS: It's not weird to me. At the end of the day I'm coming in here, I'm new, I know DeShaun, the type of person he is. He's a good dude. Whatever DeShaun got going on, that's between him and him.

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