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Bradley Roby

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Q. What was it like for you to miss those games last season?

BRADLEY ROBY: It was an unfortunate situation, but I have a strong faith in God, and I always feel like every step of the way he's always put me in a position to where you know everything's going to work out on its own.

Last year a lot of things was going on. It was a lot of things negative in the building. So I think it just pulled me away and give me a big picture view. I got to see how I did things wrong. I got to see how a lot of things work, and it just made me mature even more.

Q. What was negative in the building?

BRADLEY ROBY: I don't want to speak on last year because that was last year. No one is here from last year. So I don't want to be like dwell on that too much.

Q. Can you share with us what happened in your situation beyond what you said?

BRADLEY ROBY: Everything I said is what happened. It's unfortunate, you know, and it is what it is.

Q. How tough will it be missing your first week?

BRADLEY ROBY: It will be tough, but they added that extra game on, so I'll still be playing 16. It's unfortunate. We're playing against Urban Meyer, my college coach. I'll miss talking trash to him a little bit, but I'll see him later in the year.

Q. What is it you've seen with the guys that step up?

BRADLEY ROBY: I think a lot of guys are stepping up. I think we've gotten better in the position since last year. I think guys have matured, and the scheme is a little better also. I expect the guys to go out there and make turnovers and do their thing.

Q. What are your battles like with Nico?

BRADLEY ROBY: He's a Michigan guy, man, so I already don't like him. I think he's going to be a good receiver. He's tall, big, uses his body well, can go up and get the ball. I just want to keep motivating him and keep working with him and try to pick and choose where I can really go against him and see how he runs his routes and help him if possible. I look forward to helping him mature.

Q. What did you expect from yourself this season?

BRADLEY ROBY: I expect just better than last year, more turnovers. I expect to play all 16 games. I haven't played all 16 since I've been here in two years. So that's my goal, turnovers and playing every game.

Q. What are the overall changes in this team, a big change in coaching staff, scheme, and all that.

BRADLEY ROBY: Coaching staff, scheme, players. In the NFL, it's my eighth year, so I'm starting to realize the turnover is so fast. I was just telling them there's only about five or six guys from the team that I came in here with. So you know now I'm kind of a veteran in the organization, so I kind of take that, and I kind of want to set the standard and just try to bring the energy and the juice, man. Just bring everything I can to create a culture here.

Q. Do you like the direction?

BRADLEY ROBY: I do. I like the direction. It's positive. I feel like we're all on the same page. That's the first thing. You know, the first thing is about being on the same page and working together. Right now people aren't saying positive things, but the season hasn't happened yet. No one's lined up yet. Everyone's All-American. Everyone is this and that.

We have to just go out there and do our thing. I'm positive for the season, and I can't wait.

Q. What sort of unique dynamic does it create having so many of those new guys here on one-year contract? Is it like any other team you've been on?

BRADLEY ROBY: It's unique. No, it's not. It's a very unique situation. NFL is a very competitive business, one of the most competitive sports in the world. So it's just creating a competitive environment.

One thing I know from Denver, when we won the Super Bowl a long time ago, but it was a very competitive environment on both sides of the ball. We were competing every day. If you're competing against the other guy across from you and the people in your room, you know the best comes out of you. For instance, I watched the hurdlers in the Olympics, both races, girls and boys, set world records. Why? Because someone was right next to them giving it their all. I think that's just going to bring the best out of us.

Q. If you could speak to Urban right now, what would you tell him?

BRADLEY ROBY: I'm proud of him, and I'm excited. Let's get it.

Q. What's going to happen week 1?

BRADLEY ROBY: Week 1, I don't know. I'm not a fortune teller. It's going to be interesting. They've got a rookie. He's a new coach. We've got a new coach. So it's going to be fun. I think I'll be watching at the house, and I'll be rooting for us, of course.

Q. What receivers have impressed you out here?

BRADLEY ROBY: A lot of receivers are good. We've got a lot of vet guys that play good ball. I'm impressed by Cooks, of course, and I really like Nico. I really like Nico. I think he can add to us. And I like the rookie tight end also. He's been showing some good stuff to me. So I think the guys we brought in, you know, the young guys especially, will help us this year.

Q. Tell us what you learned about yourself since last season. You said you've had a chance to step away from it. What's different about it?

BRADLEY ROBY: Just -- I just matured in certain ways. It's just about playing a role, not trying to do too much. Let everyone do their job. You can't do your job and someone else's job. You're supposed to do your job. I think I kind of got carried away with trying to do too much last year. Now I'm just focused on me and my group of guys, and that's all I want to focus on.

Q. When you take a step back and you look at the other defensive players on the field, what do you see? Who's impressed you so far?

BRADLEY ROBY: I think we all have been kind of doing our thing. I like Vernon. I think he's better than he was last year. T. Mitch is competing. The young guys are doing good also. I think it's a solid group. It's competitive. It will be interesting to see in the preseason who stands out when the lights come on.

Q. Do you think Urban's going to change his coaching style?

BRADLEY ROBY: No. Urban is going to be Urban Meyer, and that's why he's a winner. He's won everywhere he went, and I don't think he's going to change for anyone. That's what I love about him.

Q. Are you going to text him to get in his head?

BRADLEY ROBY: No, I'm not going to text him. I know he's already scheming me up already, so I don't need to add anything extra. When we go on that field, I will for sure.

Q. For the guys that did carry over from last year's team to this one, how much do you think all the turnover on the roster has helped keep some of that negativity in the past?

BRADLEY ROBY: It's a fresh start, man. The guys that we have brought back are all positive, good guys, and we can start from there. We can start a base and a culture from there because the base and the culture comes from the players. It's set by the coach, but the players have to carry it out and enforce it. I think the guys that have carried over and the new guys, we're going to buy in, and I think they're going to start from somewhere, and I think it's a good start.

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