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Cal Bears Chandler Rogers

Press Conference



THE MODERATOR: Questions for Chandler.

Q. You're new to the program this year. What do you see about these guys coming in, what kind of potential do you think this program has to do big things?

CHANDLER ROGERS: Coming into the spring, I definitely noticed that everybody is very hardworking. This is a very family environment here. My first day here, everybody welcomed me with opened arms. I was a brother from day one.

The next thing I would say definitely going through spring, very, very talented on both sides of the football. Especially our defense, they're very aggressive. That's the reason why they led the nation in turnovers last year.

Q. What brought you to California from the transfer portal? Being a six-year player, where do you see your role within this team?

CHANDLER ROGERS: To answer your first question, what brought me to Cal, first and foremost, I had an established relationship with this current staff from Coach Wilcox, Coach Bloesch, to specifically I had an opportunity to come here last year but things didn't quite work out. Entering the portal again, it was a mutual interest. Like I say, what's nice comes twice. I really believe in this opportunity. I know they have a lot of returning production coming back. Going to be in the backfield with Jaydn Ott. Why not?

To answer the second question, I didn't come here to sit. As well as Fernando, he's here to play as well. The goal is definitely to help this team win games.

Q. You've been around the block a couple times at ULM, ended up here. What's really stuck out about the differences being at those sort of schools and now to Cal?

CHANDLER ROGERS: The biggest difference is obviously the resources and the money involved that goes into the recovery and the nutrition as well as just the football stuff. We have the sleep pods here, that really helps with recovery as well.

Just being at ULM, for example, we weren't provided meal plans. There was no way for us to eat. In Texas, we had meal plans. There's just a lot more money invested here, the people, alumni, and boosters really care about us. They really give us money to help this program be great.

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