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Louisville Cardinals Quincy Riley

Press Conference



THE MODERATOR: Questions for Quincy.

Q. I notice that you debated declaring for the NFL Draft but opted to come back. What went into that decision for you?

QUINCY RILEY: What really went into the decision for me to come back to college football was my coaches, the fans and my teammates. Really where can I see myself being next year if I come back again and believe in my staff.

Q. What is it like being on an island against you for a wide receiver?

QUINCY RILEY: Kind of scary. When you going to get the ball, you may not get the ball for the whole game. You just don't know what you going to get. You just know that it's going to be hard. That's all I can say.

Q. In high school you won the South Carolina AAAA 100 and the 200 meters. You earned All State and All Region in track. You were named the team's MVP. You were named to the South Carolina Boys AAAA Track Player of the Year in 2019. With all that running, why did you not aspire to be a running back in football?

QUINCY RILEY: Really don't want to get hit. I was small (laughter).

Running was fun for me. I just switched over to DB. I thought it was funner. New technique, a hard position to learn. I feel like it's a challenge for me.

Q. How do you feel track and field helped you for your position as well as other football players who do track in order to prepare for the football season?

QUINCY RILEY: First, for me, track keeps you in shape. It will also help you learn real running form. When I'm playing football, you hardly ever see my strain and show

my real speed because I feel like I have good running form where I can just really, like, feel like a job but know how to run, keep up, play at a different type of speed than a normal player that didn't run track and know how to run. You see him probably straining when he don't have to just because he don't know the running form for real.

Q. You mentioned the coaches as a reason why you came back to Louisville. Is college football in a place right now where guys in your situation feel a little more comfortable coming back and not necessarily feeling like they have to make the jump right away to the NFL?

QUINCY RILEY: As in NIL aspect?

Q. NIL, coaches...

QUINCY RILEY: Like I said, it's never about the NIL. It's more so about the coaches, what I can gain from coming back from those coaches.

Like I said, that was the main aspect, the coaches. Playing under Jeff Brohm, Ron English and Steve Ellis, I feel like I can gain the most I ever did playing college football than jumping right into the next level and being under-coached.

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