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Daniel Jones Press Conference



THE MODERATOR: Questions for D.J.

Q. What is the benefit of having OTAs? You guys didn't have them last year. How much do you think this will help you guys?

DANIEL JONES: I think it's important. It's a good opportunity to get on the field, get together, get with coaches. Everyone starts hearing the verbiage, hearing the system again, practicing lining up, getting in and out of the huddle, start developing some rapport on the field with the guys.

I think we've got some good work in with guys and we'll keep working on it.

Q. Do you lose anything with the new guys not being here?

DANIEL JONES: I know everyone is working. We're focused on what we're doing here. I'm certainly focused on my fundamentals and technique. I think that's kind of the opportunity right now in the spring to do that. I know guys are working. We're just doing what we can to take a step every day.

Q. What do you think of the components you're going to have this year? Are you excited? Do you feel like you've got a group to work with that are capable of being game changers?

DANIEL JONES: Yeah, I'm excited to get back out on the field. I think we've got a great group of guys coming in from last year. Like you mentioned, a few new pieces here and there. It's about working together and building chemistry, getting on the field. I'm excited. I think we have an opportunity to improve this spring, keep that going into training camp.

Q. Does that put additional pressure on you?

DANIEL JONES: It's on all of us. It's on all 11 guys to do

their job every play. That's how we're going to make big plays, is everyone doing their job. It's not on any one person more than the other. It's about everyone executing together as a unit. That's how we're going to create explosive plays, be a productive offense.

Q. What were you thinking as you're sitting there this off-season, Dave said it, we need to get help for Daniel. What is going through your head?

DANIEL JONES: Like we've talked about, it's exciting for all of us to have an opportunity to bring in a couple new guys, build on what we already have. We have a lot of good play-makers in the building. You add a few pieces, it's exciting. Looking forward to getting out on the field.

Really this spring, when all that stuff was happening, I think the focus for each of us was on ourselves, on improving our technique, our fundamentals, doing what we can so that when we did get the opportunity to get together now and later on in camp we're ready to hit the ground running.

Q. Coach Judge was talking about your growth as a leader, how you're coming into your own. How do you feel you've taken those next steps as a leader from the end of last year to now?

DANIEL JONES: Yeah, I mean, going into my third year, a lot of it has to do with the relationships you develop with guys. A lot of these guys I've played with each of my first two years. Going into my third year. We have a good group, a lot of leaders who are communicating regularly. Everyone's always thinking about ways we can get together to get better, to improve, do everything we can to be prepared going into camp.

As a quarterback, my role is a lot of times to be that communicator, to bring guys together, to get guys moving toward where we need to go, thinking about our goals and what we want to accomplish come this fall.

Q. A lot of people say the pressure is on the quarterback. How do you balance distributing that pressure?



DANIEL JONES: Yeah, I mean, I think, like I said, it's on all 11 of us to do our jobs. That's certainly something Coach Judge, Coach Garrett remind us as a group, as a team, especially on offense, to do our job. Each person of the 11 has to do their job in order for us to be successful.

Certainly the quarterback plays a role in that, come communication, getting everyone on the same page. I have a lot of responsibility in that, but it's on each of us.

Q. As the longest tenured quarterback in New York football, do you have any advice for your new Jets counterpart?

DANIEL JONES: I don't know Zach. Certainly looks like a talented guy. I'm sure he'll do great. Get used to doing media and talking to you guys (smiling). I'm sure he'll do great. I'm pulling for him.

Q. Did it feel like the off-season the organization was building around you? Every time they signed a wide receiver, they talked about how they were looking to get you play-makers, not the team.

DANIEL JONES: Yeah, I mean, I think I'm not sure I necessarily saw it that way. Any time we're bringing guys in, however we do it, I think it's about the team, it's about building something as a group together, trying to build for everyone in that locker room.

I certainly felt that way as we went about it through the off-season.

Q. You keep saying it's all 11. Do you believe that great quarterbacks can make guys better around them?

DANIEL JONES: Absolutely. I think, yeah, quarterback plays a big part in it. Like I said, communicating, getting everyone on the same page, getting the ball where it needs to be as quickly and accurately as possible. I think that's a huge part of the equation.

I certainly respect that and appreciate that responsibility.

Q. In incorporating these two weapons, how much say do you have when you're talking to Jason Garrett, Joe Judge, in crafting what this offense looks like? Can you make suggestions on how to use them? Are there plays they could install? Are you heavily involved in that element of it?

DANIEL JONES: Yeah, I mean, I think there's a constant dialogue between Coach Garrett, Coach Judge, Coach Schuplinski, all the coaches. Myself, I'm certainly involved

in that, how I see things, what I'm comfortable with, what plays I like. That's a constant conversation and dialogue.

They're the coaches and I'm the player. I certainly understand that. They ask my input. When they do, I certainly provide that. Yeah, there's a constant conversation back and forth there in terms of how I see it, what I like, stuff like that.

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