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COACH DABOLL: Good to be out here with these guys. They got in last night. Had some meetings today with them. Really going to be kind of a short practice, if you will, a little bit over an hour.

Have some more meetings. Have a very similar in terms of schedule for tomorrow. It's good to get with these guys and start working with them and see what some of the stuff they can do in the classroom. Really, more importantly, and ease them into things outside on the field.

Q. Are these two days really nothing more than to get them acclimated to being a Giant and to understand the program?

COACH DABOLL: I think that's right on. That's what I told them yesterday for you to get to know us, us to get to know you. There's only a couple days we'll do stuff on the field. There's a long way to go, as they can see.

We're not going to overdo it in terms of the installation, give them a ton of things to learn. I think it's important, particularly and trial guys, to minimize the package, not motion and shift and do all these crazy things, and just see who can perform out there. And maybe we find a couple guys in terms of the tryout guys. Look, these guys have probably not been doing a whole lot of true football work. So we'll ease them into things.

Q. You've seen some coaches where they didn't really practice their draft picks at all and rookie mini camp what's your approach to that?

COACH DABOLL: We'll practice ours. We'll have an hour, hour and ten minutes. Almost half of it will be some type of walk-through. We'll do some individual drills. We'll get about 15, 20 minutes, individual stuff. We have seven on seven period we'll do 14 plays of that today. That's it. We don't have a huge -- about an hour, over an hour.

Q. Doing anything on Sunday?



COACH DABOLL: They'll be here in Sunday. We won't be doing anything on the field.

Q. You moved on from (inaudible), how do you feel about the cornerback room now that you moved here from there he's been the number one corner for the last two years?

COACH DABOLL: We have a lot of guys in. Today rookie camp and tryout stuff. A lot of guys today and yesterday really all camp. Guys working hard. Good group. Take it day by day.

Q. Do you expect to add a veteran there?

COACH DABOLL: We'll see. Worry about rookie camp today. Good question.

Q. Would you like to add a veteran? You have a pretty young group back there.

COACH DABOLL: We'll work with the guys we have. We're going to try to add and at times replace guys, when other guys are better. Really a day-to-day process.

Q. You guys had a chance to get the bye after the -- if you wanted, that was after week five. Is that just too early for you?

COACH DABOLL: Where we have it right now, which is after the Seattle game, which is another long trip, then we just kind of pushed it back a little bit.

Q. The on field stuff being what it usually will be how tough is it for a tryout guy to showcase what he can do in this short period of time to make the roster?

COACH DABOLL: I think can you see stuff in terms of the individual drills that you need to see, change of direction, quickness, it's a little harder probably for the bigger guys.

But this is something we've done for quite a bit. If there's a guy out there that stands out, we'll find them.

Q. What have you seen from Aaron Robinson,



watching tape of him, and do you think he could play outside cornerback on a consistent basis?

COACH DABOLL: All I can go by with what we've done out here this past month, which is no pads and things like that, but Aaron's been doing a really good job picking up the system, does a good job in drills, excited to work with him.

Q. Do you think he could be an outside corner?

COACH DABOLL: Yeah, we'll see. Yeah.

Q. What have you learned about Kayvon Thibodeaux maybe that you didn't know before this whole process started here?

COACH DABOLL: It's just been good to get to know them. You have so many different meetings. You meet at the combine. Comes up here. You meet with him. He's a good, young man. Got a lot of energy. Even out there we had a walk through a little ago. He brings a little bit of juice. Good sense of humor. I appreciate it.

Q. It was said to be a pretty deep middle of the round tight end class. What was it about Bellinger that made him your guy in the scouting process, what did you like about him off field, on field?

COACH DABOLL: I think he has good size. He had good speed. Good hands. Did some good things at the line of scrimmage. Thought he had some tools to work with. Obviously liked him when we selected him there. Done a good job here for the short time I've been around him. Good kid. Good young man, sorry.

Q. What have you learned about Daniel Jones as a leader over the past couple of months?

COACH DABOLL: Great to work with. Picked up things well. I think the guys respect him one because he's picking it up well. He does a good job in the huddle. Good job in the classroom. Just a guy that wants to be really good and he's trying everything he can to be the best he can.

Q. What do you see as the biggest learning curve when it comes from college to the pros in the classroom?

COACH DABOLL: Good question. There's a lot. Just having that one year in college. You don't have as much time in the meeting room. Obviously need to install a lot less. We went through a couple of cadences today just on the offensive side. Usually there's claps, not many cadences we put in two -- we put in three. Cut it back

down to two because it took a little while just to get these two cadences. That's just the start. Formations, how you signal into the sideline. There's so many different things.

It's just different way. There's so much fast pace in college where you get signals on the sideline or you are using boards versus huddle and longer play calls and things like that.

We try to minimize that a little bit, but it's still hard on these guys.

Q. What about Yusuf Corker, last time we talked about you hadn't signed the UFAs yet. What about Corker, seemed like he was a guy people thought was going to get drafted fifth, sixth round. You got him UFA?

COACH DABOLL: I think that happens every year, especially if you got drafted in the fourth or seventh or sixth, free agent or this guy should have you be a seventh, second-round pick. We'll see. He's a good kid. I think he's got a good skill set. Put him back there, see how he does.

Q. The fullback position has obviously been pushed aside a lot in the league but you're one of the guys that really still appreciates it. Why do you care about the fullback position so much and why is it so important to your offense?

COACH DABOLL: We have a few guys out here to take a look at relative to that. Again, I think it's just another tool in your offense to see how teams are going to play, whether they want to stay some personnel package, a base personnel package. Simplify them, complicate them? To have many different personnels offensively to put stress on the defense if those people are good enough to put out there, I think is important.

Q. Last time we talked to you Kadarius Toney showed up for voluntary workouts?

COACH DABOLL: He showed up for all of them.

Q. He's been at all of them?

COACH DABOLL: Since we last talked.

Q. Thanks for clarifying that. He was able to get his playbook right. How good has it been to see him in and get him incorporated and what have you learned about him in person?

COACH DABOLL: I told you I had a really good conversation with KT before. I really like him. He's smart.

Again, you're not really -- you're doing things. A lot of them (indiscernible) stuff like that. But you can tell he's got instinctive football. Good quarterback down in Alabama. He's been a pleasure to be around. Good teammate. Smart. It's been great.

Q. A lot of things physically that kind of derailed his season last year. How does he look to you in that regard?

COACH DABOLL: Well, I think, look, every season is a new season. One season I wasn't here in terms of him being a rookie. He's doing everything we're asking him to do. Glad he's here. We've had everybody here. So it's been a good few weeks.

Q. Do you like the way he came in? Did you notice that he was putting in the work in the offseason as well?

COACH DABOLL: Yeah, I mean, that's tough to do. They all come in and they start the offseason program. All these guys are pros. They take care of their bodies during the offseason. You get to pick up a new system learn different things we're doing in the weight room. He's been just like all the other guys. He's been really good.

Q. (Inaudible) the tight end, what did you see in him? What does he bring?

COACH DABOLL: Bisch and Andy Bischoff has some experience with him. Done a good job. Trying to pick it up as quick as we can. We're moving at a fast pace with the veterans. He's done a good job since he's been here. Still got a long way to go but good addition.

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