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Q. How has your off-season been?

DANIEL JONES: It's been good. It's been good.

Q. Anything new?

DANIEL JONES: Not really, no. Been up here just getting ready to go. Now we're a few weeks into OTAs. Everything's going well. Just trying to improve every day, get all the new guys caught up, and make sure we're taking a step every day.

Q. You seem to enjoy playing with your new toy out there, No. 12?

DANIEL JONES: Yeah, Darren's been great. I think as soon as you walk on the field, you can see he's a big guy. He can run. He can run every route. Catches the ball really well, great body control. He's been really fun to work with.

Really smart guy. He's picked up things really quickly too.

Q. What's surprised you about his game so far since you've gotten to play with him?

DANIEL JONES: I don't know. I think it feels like you hear about most guys or you see them in the program and they're listed at 6'6", and they're really like 6'4" or 6'5". He's a true 6'6". He's a true 250, 260, and can fly, can run, can run all the routes. He's just an impressive athlete.

Yeah, he's just been locked in. You can tell it's important to him. He's put a lot of effort into learning the stuff and getting caught up. Yeah, it's been fun working with him.

Q. What can it do for your offense? How much of a new dimension does a guy like that bring?

DANIEL JONES: He can do a lot. He's obviously a tough matchup for people, for defenses, for a guy who can run like that with that kind of size, and how you play him in man

and how you account for him in zone coverages.

Yeah, he definitely gives something for a defense to worry about or to game plan for, and we can move him around and put him in different spots. Just a super versatile player.

Q. Daniel, what are your initial impressions of John Michael Schmitz?

DANIEL JONES: He's been great too. He's been great. He's a smart guy. Been in here working hard. He's on it every day, working to learn and understand what we're doing in protections, what we're doing in the run game.

Obviously this is more of a passing camp. So a lot of that run stuff's happening in meetings and then walkthroughs out here. But he's doing a great job, and it's been fun working with him.

Q. What's your opinion of the dead ball snap?

DANIEL JONES: It's been good.

Q. You're okay with it?

DANIEL JONES: Yeah, I'm good with it. He's accurate. Yeah, I'm good with it.

Q. He said he was going to ask you if you wanted to do it basically and you're okay with it. So I assume by that answer you said yeah?

DANIEL JONES: I did, yes. He asked me, and I said yeah.

Q. Did you notice the difference in speed with this team from a year ago? Receiver-wise. Does it feel like you have more guys that can run a fly and beat guys?

DANIEL JONES: Yeah, I think we've got -- we've got a lot of guys who have played a lot of football, have really good experience in this league, making a lot of plays, who can do different things.



Yeah, speed is certainly part of that, and like we're learning what everyone's good at or how they feel -- what they feel comfortable doing and trying to set guys up to do those things and put us all in a position to be successful.

Q. With regard to Darren Waller, what have you learned about him kind of as a guy, a guy you're probably going to connect with a lot on the football field, but I would guess also try to connect with him to some degree off the field?

DANIEL JONES: He's a real deep thinking guy. You can tell he cares about the relationships he has with guys on the team and is extremely humble and authentic in who he is. I have a ton of respect for that and who he is as a person, as a teammate.

For all the reasons I said before and all those reasons, it's been a lot of fun working with him.

Q. Daniel, is this the most excited you've been since you've been able to (indiscernible)?

DANIEL JONES: Yeah, I think I've been excited going into every year, but there's a lot of work to do, but like I said, we've got a lot of good players who have made a lot of plays in this league and can do a lot of different things.

I'm excited. I think we all are. But there's a long way for us to go. For us now, we're focused on taking a step every day.

Q. What's your mindset being in the second year of the same system now? How beneficial is that?

DANIEL JONES: Yeah, it's definitely beneficial for myself as well as all the guys who have been here, having learned it once. I think in that we don't want to skip steps or look over anything during this time of the year. We're focused on continuing to evolve and change-up what we're doing, experiment with different things that may be good for us.

In that, we're always kind of learning. We're always adjusting and trying to work on new and different things.

Q. Daniel, how strange is it to be out there without Saquon? From your standpoint, how important is it that that gets resolved at some point?

DANIEL JONES: I think that's obviously Saquon's business. That's been him and the team. Obviously Saquon is a close friend of mine, and he's been a very important part of what we've done here, and he's a tremendous part of this offense. I hope they can get something done. That's between them.

Q. How often are you in touch with him at this point?

DANIEL JONES: I talk to him pretty regularly.

Q. Is it interesting throwing to a tight end who wears a 12 as opposed to an 80?

DANIEL JONES: Not really. No, he looks good, and that's his number. I think it looks good on him.

Q. You had a meet-up in Arizona?

DANIEL JONES: We did, yeah.

Q. I guess how impressed were you with the turnout you got from your teammates? And that fact that Saquon, he was there. He obviously can't be here, but what does that say about him?

DANIEL JONES: Yeah, we had a good turnout in Arizona. Just about everybody made it out there. I think that was good for us to spend some time together. We spent some time on the field working out and introducing some stuff.

Like I said, Saquon's a big part of what we've done here. He's been a great teammate to everybody in the locker room. Yeah, I think that says a lot about him as a guy.

Q. Are you guys going in with the impression that he'll still be playing with you and he'll show up at some point, whether it's in the summer or whatever?

DANIEL JONES: Like I said, that's between him and the team. I hope they can get something done. He's a great player and a big part of this team.

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