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Drew Lock

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THE MODERATOR: Good morning, everyone. We have Drew Lock available. We'll take questions.

Q. Drew, just take us through what went through this process and why you wanted to come to New York.

DREW LOCK: Yeah, no, this is my second year of going through the free agency. I always thought this was going to be a little less stressful than the time before. But free agency is free agency. You're picking a new place to live, picking a new building, a new coaching staff. Just a lot that goes into it.

One, the New York Giants are an iconic franchise. Me and Daniel have a great relationship. Daboll is a wizard with quarterbacks. There's a lot of those reasons that I came here.

Both the place that I was coming from in Seattle was a whole new staff, as well. Either place that I picked, whether it was here or there, it was going to be a new offense, it was going to be a new coaching staff. There's a lot of unfamiliarity in both sides of it.

That kind of cleared me up to maybe feel like I can go somewhere else and learn a new offense, get behind a new coaching staff and see where it takes me.

Q. What have you been told about your opportunity to come in and compete and potentially start?

DREW LOCK: Daniel Jones is the starter of this team. Now, I need to come in and push Daniel to be the best that he can be. That's the role I played for Geno. That's the role I played for Teddy. That's the role that Brett Rypien played for me when I was a starter in Denver.

I've had both sides of this. I've been a guy to push the starter, I've been a guy that's been pushed by the backups. It's about making that room the best it can be. If we can do that, the sky's the limit for that.



Q. I'm not sure if you saw the comments John Schneider made. Was it some confusion with your message to him or...

DREW LOCK: Yeah, I got told about it. I'm not on social media too much.

I had one conversation with him. I called him after I made the decision to come here. I wanted to say thank you for the opportunities they gave me and bringing back the old player I used to be. That's really where it got left.

He asked me if it's a one or two. I said it's a one. He said awesome. I just said thank you one more time. He said you were great for us, appreciate all you did for us.

That's all the words I had for him in that conversation.

Q. Being a one-year deal, what are you looking for going forward?

DREW LOCK: I noticed through my five years that I've had in the league, I've had three different OCs. You can look at it like I keep learning new offenses, keep getting familiar with new plays. That only comes with practice, only comes with game reps.

But being able to have those three different offenses under my belt, now being able to add a fourth, I feel like I can pick up things quicker. There's nothing you can't throw at me in the playbook that I haven't seen anymore. I wanted to add a playbook like Daboll (indiscernible), what he did with Josh, all the quarterbacks he's had, what he did with Daniel.

Just seems like a really awesome opportunity.

Q. How do you know Daniel? You said you had a great relationship with him. How did that manifest?

DREW LOCK: Senior Bowl 2019, roommates. My roommate was Daniel Jones. We had Jon Gruden at the time with the Raiders. He was our coach. We were both a little nervous going to those meetings. Him getting up, making us stand up, do the play call, call out plays that we



learned a day ago.

I remember both of us sitting there with our books late at night. It was like, all right, who is going to fall asleep first? Who is going the beat the other guy saying I studied more that night?

I had a lot of fun that week. Built my relationship with him. Being able to come now and have a relationship with him here, it's pretty cool.

Q. Sloppy, not sloppy?

DREW LOCK: He was a great roommate. He might have thought I was a little messy at times, but he was great. I enjoyed that week with him. I'm just excited to work with him.

Q. How do you look at this next chapter in your career? Another team, another new start. You're only 27. I'm sure you want to play. How do you see this as a one-year opportunity here?

DREW LOCK: Yeah, I mean, everybody in this league wants to play as much as they can. I'm looking at it as I'm joining a great football team. I want to help this team in any way I can, bring as many wins home to this program as we possibly can, make a run into the playoffs and see what happens from there.

Really I don't have any, like, super specific things besides I'm going to help this team every single day as best as I can. Whether that's me helping me or me helping Daniel or me helping the backs, the O-line, whatever it may be, I'm going to do that for this team.

Q. When you do join a new team, what goes into this family-wise, personally? You got to learn a new offense. How overwhelming is it in free agency to join a new group?

DREW LOCK: Yeah, picture moving schools as a third grader. That's what it feels like. You're making new friends. You don't know the bus route. You don't know when you're getting on the bus, off the bus. It's all those feelings you might have had back then right now. You're a little more mature. You realize what it is. You're excited for the opportunity, excited for the new school.

Yeah, there's a lot that goes into it. But with the coaching staff that they have here, the players that they have here, how comfortable I felt with Daniel, it was an easy decision.

Q. Daniel is coming off an injury. No shame, but conceivably they could need you to start the season.

Might be a different opportunity here than if you were joining a team where every quarterback on the roster were healthy and ready to go.

DREW LOCK: Yeah, we haven't got into the specifics on when Daniel would be back, when he wouldn't be back. I just know there's a possibility for me to get a lot of reps in OTAs. That's all I know.

Q. Can you reflect on the growth that you have experienced from first coming in the league. You've had some ups and downs. Talk about that growth, where you're at today, where your ceiling is.

DREW LOCK: Yeah, I'd say I'm more confident than I ever have been. That comes with each rep that you add on to your tool belt. There's a lot that I needed to learn when I came into the league. We caught fire, played really well when I first started playing. Then you get into that second year, the ups and downs, the roller coaster began.

I felt like I've just learned a numerous amount of things since then. I know I'm a different quarterback. I know I'm a different guy than what I was two, three years ago. My first year in Seattle, I'm a different guy my second year there.

It's a product of being around really good coaches, quarterbacks. Geno was amazing to me. That was one of the harder relationships to leave. I really appreciate everything that G has done for me. Confidence, teaching me the game.

The ceiling is really high, in my opinion. I'm excited to get here and show this place what I'm made of.

Q. As a competitor, obviously you want to start. When you aren't starting, how do you stoke that competitiveness within yourself?

DREW LOCK: Yeah, I think you can let it out in other ways. I probably won't go too easy on the first team defense during scout team reps. There's a thousand different ways.

But really I've had great quarterback rooms in my career that have helped me be the best starter I could be. I just feel like when I am the backup, it's my job to return that. People have been great to me when I was a starter, when I was a starter in Denver, the two weeks I started last year in Seattle. It's just time for me to give that back.

Q. You brought up Daboll and Daniel. How familiar are you can Mike Kafka and Shea?

DREW LOCK: Got to talk to both of them. I'm originally from Kansas City. With Kafka being from Kansas City, I've definitely heard a lot about him. I'm excited to work with those two guys. I've had a blast talking to them.

Football is going to be football. We're going to talk X's and O's for the majority of time. When you have a good relationship with the coaches, you feel like you can talk to them on a day-to-day basis. Both of those guys have given me that vibe. I'm just excited to work with those guys.

They're here for a reason. They're really good coaches. To be able to mix in, them being cool guys at the same time, is awesome.

Q. What have you heard about Kafka?

DREW LOCK: We'll keep that between me and him and me and the team here (smiling). Good things. All good things. Plenty of good things.

Q. What was your pre daft experience with the Giants? Did you take a facility visit? Pat Shurmur was the coach at the time. I remember him liking you. Did you think there was a chance you were going to end up as a Giant then?

DREW LOCK: Mike Shula was the quarterback coach. I spent a lot of time with him. Really seeing faces again that I remember seeing five years ago. I enjoyed my time here, I really did. Thought there was a chance, but obviously ended up in Denver. It came full circle.

Shurmur and Shula ended up going to Denver. Now I'm leaving Denver, coming back to New York. Football is crazy, man. It's a cool, cool sport. I'm just really excited to be here.

Q. The other thing Schneider said was the Baker Mayfield comparison. Do you have any idea where that came from? Was his name conveyed to you by the Giants or you to Schneider?

DREW LOCK: No, Baker Mayfield is a heck of a football player. We're good friends, me and my wife and his wife.

No. I like talking about Baker, but I did not have a talk with John about Baker.

THE MODERATOR: Thanks, Drew.

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