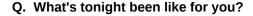
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Dru Phillips

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DRU PHILLIPS: It's been a night. You know, sit there, you wait for a little bit, you don't know. But right now, I can't even explain it, man. This has meant the world to me.

Q. What do you think about coming to New York, playing for the Giants and being in this area and the City?

DRU PHILLIPS: I can't think of another better organization to go play for. You know, one of the Top-30 up there and everyone up there was so cool and it was like, I feel like I fit in right along. So I can't wait to go up there and play ball and fit in with everybody.

Q. What makes you think you fit in, or like on that visit what stood out to you to make you feel that way?

DRU PHILLIPS: I mean, yeah, it came with the history of the program. I love coming to a facility has so much history and then you get to meet the PEOPLE and the coaches and everyone, we bonded so the well and we have the same goal, which is to go out there and win, you go out there and do anything to win the football game. There's good people and that's what I kind of lean towards, so I'm happy to be a part of this organization.

Q. What are the practice battles with Wan'Dale Robinson going to be like?

DRU PHILLIPS: Man, I can't even describe it. We've been talking crap for so long, he even just called me. I mean, I can't wait to go against a great player like him. He's -- inaudible -- himself up there in New York, and being able to compete and just go win and get better each and every day against him, like it's going to be a great competition.

Q. How many years have you played together?

DRU PHILLIPS: We played one year at Kentucky. I was younger, though. He may have bested me back then but I



think it's different for me now.

Q. How comfortable are you playing on the outside? Seems like your best position might be in the slot. How comfortable are you on the outside?

DRU PHILLIPS: Yeah, especially after this past year when I played both, you know, that outside became so comfortable by the last game of the season, look, I was out there, like I was one of the top outside corners but off my skill set and comfortability, it felt like second nature. It was right there really with the inside. It just takes more reps and stuff but I'm right there. I can compete with anybody.

Q. How often were you asked about the interception total throughout this whole process and how do you explain, I would imagine, I don't know if the emotions are frustrating, that you were close. How do you explain not being able to get one?

DRU PHILLIPS: I was asked about it but in the grand scheme of everything, everybody know, I'm sticky. Like in coverage, I'm sticky. Like, I'm going to get the ball up, dudes. I'm going to do my job in that back end. At the same time, they understand who I am, when I was coming in, I'm strong, they are not going to catch no type of balls in that type of sense. You know -- inaudible -- balls off guys, it was a question but they understand it like I'm doing my job, I'm doing it very high level. So they trust me.

Q. How are your hands?

DRU PHILLIPS: Man, they are really good. They are really good. At the same time, there's always work to get better. So I'm always going to work to get better at it. I'm on the JUGS machine. I'm going to be up there in New York and just working, working on getting some turnovers.

Q. What was your night like tonight? What was the setup and what were you thinking? Did you expecting to tonight? Talk about the emotions of it all.

DRU PHILLIPS: Yeah, yeah, so I thought I was going to go tonight. But like I have my family and I have my friends over. It's just how the Draft plays out. You don't know.

. . . when all is said, we're done.



But I just put my faith into God and I was talking to my family, and I was hoping to land in a great organization and I'm glad I landed at the Giants. It's a great fit for me and a great organization, as well.

Q. Do you prefer Dru or Andru?

DRU PHILLIPS: Yeah, yeah, you guys can call me Dru. I go by Dru.

Q. How many 30s did you take?

DRU PHILLIPS: I took basically ten 30s. If you want to count one, the Rams, they don't fly people out, but I did ten 30s.

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