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## Theo Johnson

### Press Conference

THE MODERATOR: We have Theo Johnson available. Questions, please.

**Q. Just, first off, how are you doing with your injury? I know you had surgery. I believe you had surgery, right?**

THEO JOHNSON: Yeah, I'm doing really good right now. Getting better every day. I like where I'm at right now. Yeah, I'm feeling good, really good right now.

**Q. Any time table yet on when you'll be back, or are you good to go at this point?**

THEO JOHNSON: We're taking it a day at a time. Like I said, I'm getting better every day, and I like where I'm at right now.

**Q. How does it feel this year being back for work? Obviously last year was just a learning period. What was it like for you to kind of be in this year? Do you feel more comfortable and everything?**

THEO JOHNSON: Yeah, it's really cool to know what to expect and kind of have my feet under me this year and not be a rookie and feeling like everything is kind of coming at me at a million miles an hour.

It's really great to start from the beginning of the offseason program as well. I'm excited to get a full offseason here. So, yeah, I'm really excited to be back and get back to work.

**Q. A couple of things. One, for you I don't know if you heard when we first got the chance to talk to Russell Wilson, one of the first guys he started raving about was Theo Johnson. I'm curious, I know you've gotten a chance to work with him a little bit. What do you think about your new quarterback, who I would imagine you've watched a lot are on TV through high school and college?**



THEO JOHNSON: Yeah, I'm super excited to work with him. You know, the little bit that we've worked together, I think he's going to be not only great for our offense, but for our team. Just the energy and the enthusiasm he brings every day with everything that he does and just the leadership he's going to bring and the experience, I think it's going to be super valuable for our offense.

We've got a young offense, a young skill unit, so I think it's going to be super valuable for us. I'm super excited to see what we can do with him throwing us the balls this year.

**Q. I thought Penn State was always Linebacker U, but it seems to have a nice tight end flavor the last couple of years with all you guys out there. We were at the combine, and we had your buddy talking about how much you were a mentor for him. Thursday is going to be a big night for him, and I'm curious, have you put in a good word hoping that -- obviously it doesn't look like they're coming to take your spot here, but the team on the other side of town might be looking for a tight end in that spot. I'm curious your conversations with Tyler and what you have shared about the process and the NFL?**

THEO JOHNSON: I've always had nothing but good things to say about Tyler. I have a ton of respect for him. He's one of my closest friends. We keep in contact a bunch. We've been talking a whole bunch through this process for him.

I think he's going to be a stud in this league. Whoever gets him is going to get a tremendous tight end that's going to play for a long time. He handles his business the right way. He's already a pro, and he's not even a pro yet.

I'm not sure where he's going to end up, but I'm super excited to see where he ends up, and he's going to do really well. I'm excited for him.

**Q. Basically, if he comes to New York, you guys are going to be looking for an apartment in East Rutherford?**

THEO JOHNSON: I'll be juiced up if he's over here. Truly,



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I'll be super thrilled. Playing next to him made my job a whole lot easier. We made each other better every single day. I'm a better after having played with him. So I'm super excited to see where he ends up.

**Q. You were a teammate of Andre Carter for two years at Penn State, is that correct?**

THEO CARTER: Andre Carter? Doesn't ring a bell.

THE MODERATOR: He means Abdul Carter.

**Q. Yeah, yeah. Two years, right? What do you remember about him as a teammate?**

THEO JOHNSON: The guy brings a lot of juice. Good ballplayer. I think he's going to do really well in this league.

**Q. Were you out with Russ in San Diego or Atlanta at all?**

THEO JOHNSON: He came to Atlanta and threw with us.

**Q. Were you able to do anything, or were you just kind of watching at this point?**

THEO JOHNSON: No, I was in the filming session.

**Q. Can you tell he's a veteran right away just from throwing with him the first time, that kind of stuff?**

THEO JOHNSON: Yeah. From the very first interaction with him, you could tell the guy knows a lot of ball, and the biggest take-away for me was just his passion. He loves football and every aspect of the game, which is infectious and something that he's going to affect in our locker room just his love and his passion for the game.

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