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## Korie Black

### Draft Press Conference



#### Q. Congratulations.

KORIE BLACK: Thank you. So much.

#### Q. What was it like getting the call and finding out you were drafted?

KORIE BLACK: Oh, my gosh it was a crazy. It was like -- kind of like just seeing through the whole day of the draft and stuff like that it's kind of overwhelming. When I heard my name it was a sigh of relief.

Just like happiness, too, and just kind of remembering just how much work I put in and stuff like that. So it's been really -- it was great to hear my name being called.

#### Q. How did it go in regards to your expectations? Like were you waiting for several rounds? How do you think today was going to play out coming in?

KORIE BLACK: Yeah, I wanted to get picked a little bit earlier, but like one thing was just like as long as I'm picked, especially by the Giants, because I took a top 30 visit there so it means a lot.

#### Q. What stood out about your visit to the Giants?

KORIE BLACK: Just about the whole city and then just like the staff as well. Just everybody in the building was just like great, great vibes and stuff like that. Very friendly.

So just kind of reminded me of like a family environment.

#### Q. Was this your first time coming to New York City?

KORIE BLACK: Yeah, so that was my first time.

#### Q. For you coming, did that make it more special being in the big city and enjoying that whole vibe besides getting to know the team a little bit?

KORIE BLACK: Yeah, just like you said, being there are to

the first time is just really eye opening. Just you always see New York in movies and stuff like that, but my first time just be able to actually see it was amazing.

Also with the experience with the Giants was just great altogether.

#### Q. What was the pre-draft like for you, not getting invited to the combine, and how much did that put the weight on your pro day?

KORIE BLACK: Yeah, just added kind of just like fuel to the fire. Just me wanting to show that I was good enough to be able to get invited to those things.

Also gave me more confidence to just really train and stuff like that for my pro day as well.

#### Q. You run a 4.3 40; is that right?

KORIE BLACK: Yes, sir.

#### Q. What does that speed do for you on the field? How does it help a corner back?

KORIE BLACK: I feel like it will help me with my whole game as far as just like playing defense, corner, then also special teams as well.

Just being able to really play as far as corner, just being able to have makeup speed if that's need and stuff like that.

Just playing fast as well like on special teams, just is being able to get down the field fast.

#### Q. Are you usually the fastest guy on your team?

KORIE BLACK: Yes, sir. I've always been the fastest on my team. It's been fun. It's been good for sure.

#### Q. You got some more competition here I'm sure, right?

KORIE BLACK: Yes, sir, yeah. I'm ready for some friendly



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competition.

**Q. What special teams unit did you play on in college?**

KORIE BLACK: So I played punt and punt return a lot. During my earlier years I wasn't as heavy so like playing like kind of kick return and stuff like that. Having to block was just kind of where I kind of lacked at just because of my weight and stuff like practice.

Because I came in to college at 160 so I was kind of small. Being able to play gunner and doing things like that was where I could really showcase just me being a good football player coming in.

Because I wasn't playing as much defense, so just being able to show I'm a good player using my speed and making plays really I feel like helped me with the rest of my career.

**Q. Did you talk a lot like in terms of a role with special teams with the Giants? Was that a focus of your visit?**

KORIE BLACK: Yes, ma'am, kind of. Just showing that I could play defense, but coming in, you know, just having to develop, learn, and stuff like that. Special teams was a big thing of just, again, just getting my feet wet for this new level that I'll be playing at.

And using my, you know, athletic ability would be beneficial as well for me on special teams.

**Q. Are you close with anybody on the Giants? Any players that you know pretty well?**

KORIE BLACK: No, not many. I am under the same agency as Tre Hawkins. We're kind of from close to the same city. He's from Temple and I'm from Waco. So we're kind of close.

But we talked a few times. Not a lot.

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