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## Wan'Dale Robinson

### Press Conference



#### Q. What's life like with a new quarterback?

WAN'DALE ROBINSON: It's been nice. I mean, a guy that's been in this league a long time. He tells you exactly what he wants out there, running routes and the spots he needs you to be in. So it's been really, really nice.

#### Q. How's it been trying to build chemistry? Obviously, you just talked to us about you guys throwing together, getting to know you guys. How's that chemistry process going for you with him?

WAN'DALE ROBINSON: It's been great. I mean, ever since he came down to Atlanta to throw with us in the offseason, it's just been going up ever since then. Each and every day, just trying to build more and more, and just continue to grow out there on the field.

#### Q. It's the same offense, maybe the same play caller, different quarterback. Do you think your usage will be a little different? Do you think maybe there's more diversification of routes for you this year?

WAN'DALE ROBINSON: Yeah, definitely. I definitely think I'll be moved around a little bit more. Might be outside a little bit more, get some deeper shots down the field.

But at the end of the day, it's just going to continue to just get open and just be a valuable target for our quarterbacks.

#### Q. Well, can you tell -- I'm sure you knew a lot about Russell Wilson before he got here. He's been in the league, you see him on TV all the time, interviews and everything. Is there anything that you're like, wow, I didn't know that about him, I didn't know what he was like off the field?

WAN'DALE ROBINSON: I mean, he's just the same guy every day. Like a lot of guys, you see that they're a little different when they come in. After you first meet them, then you kind of start to see how they are on a regular basis.

But he's the same exact guy every day. In here early every day, doing what you're supposed to do. He's been coaching us up just the way that you would want your quarterback doing.

#### Q. I mean, it's a different personality. He's a big personality. You say he's the same every day. What is that every day?

WAN'DALE ROBINSON: I mean, just his leadership. I mean, you see it every day. I mean, from the first meeting to whenever we're out there on practice, he's just doing everything right. You can just kind of see why he's been in the NFL for so long.

#### Q. By virtue of experience in the position, has he just naturally evolved as the leader, like as one of the leaders, at least?

WAN'DALE ROBINSON: Yeah, I mean, I would definitely say that. I mean, just his presence. And, I mean, obviously, everything he's accomplished. And just his command that he's already kind of just tried to take in the room, in just an offense room, and you just see the leadership that he has.

#### Q. Can it wear you out a little bit? You know what I'm saying? As far as he's so -- there's a lot of him, right?

WAN'DALE ROBINSON: I mean, yeah, I mean, but at the end of the day, that's what you want. I mean, you don't want your quarterback to be lackadaisical or anything like that. You want him to be high strung, really motivated, detailed, and that's exactly what he is.

#### Q. What about the ball that he throws? I mean, what have you noticed that's been different from other quarterbacks that you've caught balls for?

WAN'DALE ROBINSON: I mean, that deep ball just drops right in the bucket, for sure. And then, I mean, whenever he's throwing just the shorter routes and stuff like that, it kind of comes in like a pillow. It's really, really easy to catch, which I like.



**Q. You guys have the same -- for all the changes this roster made at pretty much every position, the position there, the top four is unchanged, receiver. Do you guys take that as a vote of confidence, and can that help you guys hit the ground running, the four of you?**

WAN'DALE ROBINSON: Yeah, no doubt. I mean, we're all confident in our abilities. And we just feel like whoever's back there, as long as we get some chances and can make plays with the ball after the catch and things like that, we feel like we're going to be just fine.

**Q. Obviously, you talk a lot about (indiscernible). If a guy came in and had all of that, and then when he stepped on the field, couldn't play, you guys would probably know that pretty quickly.**

WAN'DALE ROBINSON: Yeah, I would definitely think so. I mean, usually from the time we kind of go through the first routes on air and seven on seven, you kind of get a feel for how your quarterback's going to be.

**Q. And you're confident that, at age 36, regardless of what's gone through, he's the guy that you thought you were going to see when he walked in?**

WAN'DALE ROBINSON: Yeah, no doubt. I mean, even whenever -- like, the first time we threw, me and Slay were both like, This is actually better than we expected.

And so, no, we were ecstatic about it, and couldn't be more happy that he's our quarterback.

**Q. Because of what you had heard outside --**

WAN'DALE ROBINSON: Mm-hmm, just everything we have heard, and then just the way he just commanded, even just that little session of just the three of us, me, Slay, and Theo. It was just kind of like we haven't had a quarterback that's just going to command everything and you know exactly what you want.

So, no, he's been great, though.

**Q. In what ways was he better than you expected?**

WAN'DALE ROBINSON: I mean, just like I said, the leadership and just even just throwing the football. Obviously, we don't watch full games of a lot of teams, so you don't really get to see all the time exactly how a quarterback plays and things like that.

So as soon as we actually got to throw with him, we were like, okay, he can spin it still. And so we're excited

about that.

**Q. What have your first impressions been of Jaxson?**

WAN'DALE ROBINSON: He's a funny, goofy dude, but he's going to go out there and work, too. Real resilient. We had to tell him a little bit like, hey, you're an NFL quarterback now; you don't have to do some of those things that you might have did in college.

But he's going to go out there and put it all on the line and do a great job.

**Q. Like what? What's he got to do in college?**

WAN'DALE ROBINSON: Definitely no, like, diving, things like that. I mean, at the end of the day, you're the quarterback, so you got to keep you healthy and make sure that you're out there ready for Sundays.

**Q. On the note of team chemistry, have you guys gotten to do anything fun off the field to kind of build that chemistry too?**

WAN'DALE ROBINSON: I mean, we just kind of go out to eat. I'd say that's kind of the big thing, just going to different restaurants and just trying to get together like that.

**Q. Speaking of leadership, you now are in the -- you've been in the league a few years now. And with the incoming rookies, how have you been a leader for them? How do you think they'll mesh with this?**

WAN'DALE ROBINSON: I think they're doing just fine. For me, I mean, I just try to be a resource for them. Obviously, I've been through it. This is my fourth year now. And obviously I was at the start of it with Dabs and them.

So going through installs and stuff, just being a resource for anything. Any type of help that they may need, learning the offense, any questions about routes, how they might see this, how they might see that. So just trying to be there for them with whatever questions they may have.

**Q. Wan'Dale, do you already see, with this offense and the limited start you have so far with this offense and with Russ, that there's going to be a lot less of you running six yards, turning around, catching the ball, and getting tackled by three guys? Seriously, I mean, that was --**

WAN'DALE ROBINSON: I would hope so. Obviously, I don't call the plays, and I think we'll be just fine in that category.

**Q. Do you care who calls the plays?**

WAN'DALE ROBINSON: I mean, no, I don't. I think it'll be -- it's collaborative right now, I'm sure. I have no idea who's talking in that headset when Russ is getting the calls. So let's go out there and get open.

**Q. Wan'Dale, what gives you confidence? For a couple years now, especially last year, scoring has been a problem for this offense; yet the Giants decided to bring back 10 of the 11 offensive starters and the same coaching staff. Why will the offense be better?**

WAN'DALE ROBINSON: I just think the details and everything that we just got to do going into camp and going into week one. And obviously I think it starts obviously back there with that quarterback position. And I think we all have confidence in him, and it'll trickle down from there.

**Q. Kind of referenced how you hope your role maybe changes a little bit. How do you look at last season for you? Obviously, you had a ton of catches, but do you feel like just maybe not the impact on the big plays you were hoping for?**

WAN'DALE ROBINSON: Yeah, no doubt. I mean, I definitely want to impact the game with a couple more big plays. And obviously I like being a guy that the quarterbacks can rely on to just be there whenever and so that way you have a completion. But I want to impact the game a little bit more too.

**Q. Is there anything to -- I mean, this might sound a little strange, but your quarterbacks were very, very big guys here, 6'5". Russ is certainly not 6'5". First of all, is it nice to have a conversation with a quarterback? You can look at him? And is there a difference on the field, him throwing you the ball?**

WAN'DALE ROBINSON: Not too much. I say for me it's always kind of been, when I'm going across the middle, I'm looking through linemen and different things. So it's always been a little bit of a struggle, just kind of seeing the ball as soon as it comes over. So it's never really too much of a difference for me.

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