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## Arvell Reese

### Draft Press Conference



**Q. Hey, Arvell. Congratulations. What's this feel like to be drafted by the Giants? How are you feeling?**

ARVELL REESE: It's good. Words can't even explain it. I'm happy right now. I'm just super excited. Had this moment with my family. I'm honestly ready to get to work.

**Q. They said they were very surprised you were there at five. Were you surprised that you were still there at five?**

ARVELL REESE: You know, even before the draft I always said that nothing was guaranteed. It was all just speculation and stuff. Whatever happened was God's plan. I ain't questioning nothing I wouldn't say I was surprised or not. I'm just blessed to be here.

**Q. Throughout your process, Arvell, there's been so much talk about off ball, edge rusher. Where do you see yourself fitting in in this defense?**

ARVELL REESE: I had talked with Coach Bush, Coach Harbaugh. They told me how they would use me. From that I just say I'm going to be used and, you know, in a unique way. I'm a weapon. That's how it's supposed to be.

**Q. Arvell, obviously a lot of pass rushers on this team. Are you excited about the potential of what this defense could look like up front?**

ARVELL REESE: Yes, sir. Yes, sir. That's what I -- as soon as I settled down, that's what I thought about. Dang, you got Kayvon Thibodeaux. You got Brian Burns, you got Abdul Carter. That sounds like a great situation playing alongside those guys.

**Q. I know you're familiar with Abdul Carter playing in the Big Ten, just what excites you about playing with him knowing that you've faced him a couple of times?**

ARVELL REESE: Ask that one more time.

**Q. With Abdul Carter, you guys are both Big Ten guys. Does that kind of excite you to say, hey, two Big Ten guys playing together instead of opposite each other?**

ARVELL REESE: Yeah, it's very exciting. You can get two guys from the Big Ten. Both dogs on the same defense. That's always a good situation, you know. Very excited for that.

**Q. What about playing in New York? What do you think of that?**

ARVELL REESE: I'm looking forward to that. I'm looking forward to that. One of the biggest cities in America. Goat one of the best fan bases. I'm looking forward to that. Very excited for that.

**Q. The Giants were saying they feel like you're just scratching the surface, particularly playing off the edge. Where do you think your game can grow most?**

ARVELL REESE: I think my game can go in that right there, just playing off the edge. I got limited snaps, limited practice time and reps in practice at it. A majority of time in practice I was outside backer. They send me down to do a one-on-one rap later on in the week but it was never nothing intentional with the pass rushing. Right after that, I think my coverage can be way better. Can be way better pass rushing. My pad level. Plenty of times had to be set. So I'm just excited to get to work and get better, to be honest.

**Q. Coach Harbaugh said you're going to be primarily an inside backer, like a weak side backer. What was the split and what did you hear from teams about playing inside backer for potentially being an edge guy?**

ARVELL REESE: The majority of teams told me outside backer and then there were a couple of teams, including the Giants that mentioned inside backer.

**Q. Did it matter to you? What did you think of the idea of being an inside backer full time kind of sort of?**



ARVELL REESE: It didn't really matter to me. Getting into the league is what mattered the most to me. It didn't really matter to me. I played both at Ohio State Coach Patricia put me at both roles, so I'm just excited to be in this situation.

**Q. What do you like to play more?**

ARVELL REESE: There's not one or the other I like to play more. I would say I got more reps at inside backer, but I like playing, I honestly like playing both. That was my role last year so I appreciated both, respected both the roles.

**Q. Did you think you might go to the Jets at two?**

ARVELL REESE: I kind of went into the draft like open-minded. Like, I always said even before the draft, I'm not hoping for one team or having no expectations, you know? Nothing is promised, like I said. That wasn't even on my mind. I was just waiting for my name to be called.

**Q. We know the Giants said they were very surprised you were there. What was your pre-draft work up with them like? Your visit here, some guys say they don't let themselves get too caught up in wanting to like a team because they're not real sure if they were going to get to that team. What did you feel with your work up to the Giants?**

ARVELL REESE: I did a formal visit we them at the combine. I did a 30 visit with them and I think I just like those coaches, Coach Dennard, Coach Burns, I sad down with them at dinner and I think that probably -- I think that was like a major part in this. We had a great talk. I also had a great take with coach Harbaugh. I respect those guys. I can truly say those were some of the best conversations I done had on my 30 visits.

**Q. Were the current Giants here when you were here on your visit and did you get a chance to meet any guys?**

ARVELL REESE: Say that one more time.

**Q. Were any of the current guys that you mentioned earlier, the pass rushers, were they here when you were here on your visit or did the program not start yet?**

ARVELL REESE: No, they weren't there. Tre'Maine Chapman was there, though.

**Q. Tre'Maine? What was it like meeting him in that situation?**

ARVELL REESE: I think they were trying to get me to another meeting so it was nothing but like a head nod. Didn't really get to formally meet him.

**Q. Thanks, Arvell.**

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