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Q. You guys done for the night?

JOE SCHOEN: (Laughing). That's a very good question. Maybe not. We'll see how things go down.

Q. There was a trade right before you, right before you picked. Obviously a player in a position you needed. Talk us through that.

JOE SCHOEN: We had targeted Colton Hood as a guy, corner's a premium position, and a player we really like. So the fact that he was there, there's some good players taken in front of us certainly, but really excited to get Colton where we were able to get him, and again add some really good depth and competition to the roster we currently have.

Q. Does he fall into the category of your two previous picks of guys who love to play football?

JOE SCHOEN: Absolutely. High-character kid. He's been at Auburn and Colorado, then Tennessee, and we spent some time with him at the combine, but a kid that's tough, that shows up on tape, he's not afraid to throw his body around and tackle, he's physical, and truly loves ball.

Q. How do you envision him fitting into the cornerback room?

JOHN HARBAUGH: Competing to start. That's what he's going to do. The we got a got a cornerback room now. It's amazing how one addition changes the math in a room. Cornerback room is good, but now it's really good. He's going to push everybody, and he'll be -- I know one thing, he's planning on coming in here and trying to win a starting job.

Q. Is there something that you guys liked about his personality? It seemed like when McCoy went down, a lot of talk down there was that he really stepped up his

game even more so on the back end and kind of reaped the benefit.

JOE SCHOEN: He's a phenomenal kid. We spent some time with him. He checks all the boxes. He has makeup in terms of our football and personal character, hard worker, former baseball player that has tremendous ball skills along with traits. So checks a lot of boxes along with the football makeup that we desire within the group. Add him to the other two players that you guys got to talk to today that were here and he fits right in with those guys.

Q. I know you guys answered this last night, but since then there was a report that you guys had conversations with the Saints recently about trading for Kayvon Thibodeaux. Has anything changed in that regard, and how likely is the Kayvon space for tonight?

JOE SCHOEN: No, nothing's changed. I wish I could just put anything out in the Twittersphere and just let people run with it, but no, there's no truth to that. We have not had any conversations today about Kayvon. That's not true.

Q. What would a scenario then be, how would you get back into the third round?

JOE SCHOEN: We're pretty high in the fourth round. We're five picks from -- we have the fifth pick tomorrow, so we're not far off.

Q. You're using that with (inaudible.)

JOE SCHOEN: Yeah, I wasn't thinking anywhere near along the line that you were thinking, but yeah, just maybe picks that we currently have to get back into the bottom of three potentially.

Q. This is more a question about yesterday's unfoldings, but it's kind of unique to have two guys like Reese and Bailey go so close, obviously. And there are going to be natural comparisons in the New York area and whatnot. As football guys and even as fans, how interesting and intriguing do you think that will be as their careers unfold here, even though

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they're different types of players and whatnot. I'm sure you did a lot of work on Bailey as well, I'm assuming?

JOE SCHOEN: You're talking about CC and Bailey.

Q. No, no, Reese and Bailey.

JOE SCHOEN: Oh, Reese and Bailey. That's a good question. Again, because of our current roster and the construction of it, with the edge guys we currently have, we put Reese under the microscope as an inside backer. So all along that's how we were looking at him, pairing him with Tremaine, along with the edge guys that we have, and then some of the third down stuff he could do. So in that scenario we're comparing him to Burns and Abdul and Kayvon, because that's our current roster construction. To add his size, speed, and character to what we currently have, and the versatility that he has. So we're kind of looking at him in two different roles, the way the Jets are going to use Bailey and how we'll use Reese.

Q. Do you think it will be, even though, again, you're going to use him in different ways, but two guys, linebackers picked in this town, that close, picking them that close, hopefully for both cases they're going to be here for a long time. How intriguing could that be to see how it unfolds?

JOE SCHOEN: Hopefully they're saying the Giants got it right. Ideally that's how it plays out.

Q. You mentioned before the cornerback room is good and now one player make it's really good. There was kind of a perception the cornerback room was not good beforehand, or not good enough. When you came in, you looked at this room, like Cor'Dale Flott left, signed somewhere else and you signed Newsome. When you looked at the room, you kind of liked it? I mean, obviously you add another player --

JOHN HARBAUGH: Good, average, not good, whatever. It's an opportunity to get better. There's guys in there with opportunities. I'm looking at Tre. Tre, he hasn't played that great, he'll tell you that. But is he capable of playing a lot better? I think he is. That's on us and on him to get him to play better. So imagine if he takes this step and what does that do for the room. Is Paulson capable of playing better than he did last year? I would say so. So let's go. Let's go play better. Let's go play at a level we're capable of playing at. You got Paulson and Deebo, he's a highly-decorated vet in this league, and after what I saw last week I thought he looked good. I thought Tate looked really good last week. So that's the kind of thing I'm going on. I don't really care what the perception was a year ago or two years ago. I'm looking at what I see you. I see a

good room. But I want a great room. I want a dominant room. I want a bunch of pit bulls out there flying around making plays on the football, and Colton Hood gives us another guy in there to do that and compete and push everyone. So you put another guy in there, another pit bull in the room, let's see what he does. He plays the ball, he plays hard. He comes from a great family. Coached his uncle in Philly, he was a corner for us, Rod Hood. So I know the type of family this young man comes from, and the type person he is. I know the kind of athlete he is. This is a corner with traits and ball skills. Traits and ball skills at corner. Plus he's a high-character guy. So he's going to light a fire in that room. You better be ready. You better be ready to compete.

Q. You guys made a decision on Banks's fifth year option?

JOE SCHOEN: We're going to talk about that early next week. Yeah.

Q. Joe, just curious, obviously we saw somebody Steve Tisch in the room today and yesterday, and curious what did you tell him he's -- where does that leave his role now?

JOE SCHOEN: He's the chairman of the team and he's in the draft room like he is every year.

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