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RD.	NO.	PLAYER, POSITION, HEIGHT, WEIGHT, SCHOOL
1	12	(a-traded to Houston)
2	42	(b-traded to New York Jets)
3	73	(a-traded to Houston)
3	74	Cedric Tillman, WR, 6-3, 215, Tennessee (b-from New York Jets)
3	98	Siaki Ika, DT, 6-3, 335, Baylor (compensatory pick)
4	111	Dawand Jones, T, 6-8, 374, Ohio State
4	126	Isaiah McGuire, DE, 6-4, 268, Missouri (c-from to Minnesota)
5	140	Dorian Thompson-Robinson, QB, 6-2, 203, UCLA (d-from Los Angeles Rams)
5	142	Cameron Mitchell, CB, 5-11, 191, Northwestern
6	202	Luke Wypler, C, 6-3, 303, Ohio State
7	223	(e-traded to Baltimore)

a - March 20, 2022: The Browns traded 2022 1st, 2022 4th, 2023 1st, 2023 3rd, 2024 1st and 2024 4th round picks to Houston for QB Deshaun Watson and 2024 6th round pick.

b - March 22, 2023: The Browns traded 2023 2nd round pick to New York Jets for WR Elijah Moore and 2023 3rd round pick.

c - April 30, 2022: The Browns traded 2022 4th round pick to Minnesota for 2022 5th round pick and 2023 4th round pick.

d - April 30, 2022: The Browns traded CB Troy Hill to Los Angeles Rams for 2023 5th round pick.

d - April 29, 2023: The Browns traded 2023 7th round pick to Baltimore for 2024 6th round pick.

2023 CLEVELAND BROWNS DRAFT TRADES

TRADE 1:

Browns receive:

2024 sixth-round pick

Ravens receive:

2023 seventh-round pick
(229th overall)

2024 CLEVELAND BROWNS DRAFT PICKS

- Own picks in rounds 2, 3, 5 and 7
- 5th round pick from Carolina as part of QB Baker Mayfield trade
- 6th round pick from Houston as part of QB Deshaun Watson trade
- 6th round pick from Baltimore as part of 2023 draft day trade
- 7th round pick from Atlanta as part of LB Deion Jones trade
- Browns 1st and 4th round picks sent to Houston as part of QB Deshaun Watson trade
- Browns 6th round pick sent to Atlanta as part of LB Deion Jones trade

3RD ROUND

CEDRIC TILLMAN

POSITION WIDE RECEIVER

HEIGHT 6-3

WEIGHT 215

SCHOOL TENNESSEE

BORN XXXX

ACQUIRED D3A - '23

EXPERIENCE R

CAREER TRANSACTIONS

Originally selected by the Cleveland Browns in the third round (74th overall) of the 2023 NFL Draft.

KEY NOTES

- Played five seasons (2018-22) for the Vols after electing to return for his super senior season in 2022.
- Saw action in 44 games with 21 starts and caught 109 passes for 1,622 yards and 17 touchdowns.
- His 17 receiving touchdowns finished tied for 10th in Vol career annals.
- Tallied 24 catches of 20-plus yards, 12 catches of 30-plus yards and 10 receptions of 40-plus yards.
- Produced six 100-yard receiving games, which tied for eighth in UT history.
- Owns the school record for consecutive games with a touchdown catch at seven from Oct. 16 to Dec. 30, 2021.
- Three-time member of the SEC Academic Honor Roll, 2021 All-SEC Second Team (Phil Steele) and was a Reese's Senior Bowl Offensive Player of the Week (at Pitt, Sept. 10, 2022).
- Graduated from Tennessee in December in 2021 with a degree in communication studies.

PERSONAL

- Native of Las Vegas, Nev. and attended Bishop Gorman High School.
- Hauled in 37 passes for 774 yards and seven touchdowns in 2017, earning Second Team NIAA All-State honors as a senior and First Team All-Southwest League honors.
- Father, Cedric, played wide receiver at Alcorn State and was selected in the 11th round of the 1992 NFL Draft, playing four NFL seasons, including 1992-94 with the Denver Broncos and 1995 with the Jacksonville Jaguars.
- Older brother, Jamir, played wide receiver at Navy from 2013-16 and was the squad's leading receiver.

3RD ROUND

SIAKI IKA

POSITION DEFENSIVE TACKLE

HEIGHT 6-3

WEIGHT 335

SCHOOL BAYLOR

BORN XXXX

ACQUIRED D3B - '23

EXPERIENCE R

CAREER TRANSACTIONS

Originally selected by the Cleveland Browns in the third round (98th overall) of the 2023 NFL Draft.

KEY NOTES

- Played in 40 games with 23 starts between Louisiana State (2019-20) and Baylor (2021-22).
- For his career, posted 65 tackles, five sacks and three passes batted down.
- Earned 2022 All-America Third Team (Phil Steele), 2022 All-Big 12 First Team (Coaches, AP, Phil Steele), 2022 Finalist for Polynesian Player of the Year Award, 2021 Big 12 Defensive Newcomer of the Year (Coaches), 2021 All-Big 12 Second Team (Coaches) and 2021 All-Big 12 First Team (AP).
- Played in 12 games with 11 starts at nose tackle as a senior, totaling 24 tackles, including two for a loss, with five QB hurries and two pass breakups.
- Played 13 games with 12 starts as a junior and tied for the third-most sacks on the team (four) and tied for the sixth-most tackles for loss on the team (six).
- Member of LSU's 2019 National Championship team and played in 13 games at nose tackles as a true freshman, recording 17 tackles and 1.5 tackles for loss.
- Majored in health, kinesiology and leisure studies.

PERSONAL

- Native of Salt Lake City, Utah and attended East High School.
- Has one son, Siaki Jr.

4TH ROUND

DAWAND JONES

POSITION TACKLE

HEIGHT 6-8

WEIGHT 374

SCHOOL OHIO STATE

BORN XXXX

ACQUIRED D4A - '23

EXPERIENCE R

CAREER TRANSACTIONS

Originally selected by the Cleveland Browns in the fourth round (111th overall) of the 2023 NFL Draft.

KEY NOTES

- Spent four seasons at Ohio State (2019-22) and was a veteran of 41 games played, including 27 starts.
- Started all 13 games at right guard in 2021, and all 13 games at right tackle in 2022.
- Earned first-team All-America honors in 2022 by CBSSports.com and second-team all-Big Ten Conference honors by the league's coaches.
- Earned second-team all-Big Ten Conference honors in 2021.
- Helped lead Ohio State to a No. 9 ranking nationally in total offense (490.7 ypg) and No. 2 in scoring (44.2 ppg) in 2022.
- Was working on a degree in communications before electing to forego his final year of eligibility and enter the 2023 NFL Draft.

PERSONAL

- Native of Indianapolis, Ind. and attended Ben Davis High School.
- Talented two-sport athlete who also excelled on the basketball court.

4TH ROUND

ISAIAH MCGUIRE

POSITION DEFENSIVE END

HEIGHT 6-4

WEIGHT 268

SCHOOL MISSOURI

BORN XXXX

ACQUIRED D4B - '23

EXPERIENCE R

CAREER TRANSACTIONS

Originally selected by the Cleveland Browns in the fourth round (126th overall) of the 2023 NFL Draft.

KEY NOTES

- Played 40 games (30 starts) at Missouri over four years (2019-22) and totaled 103 tackles, 16.5 sacks and one forced fumble.
- His 16.5 sacks were 13th in program history.
- Earned 2022 All-SEC Second Team.
- Started in all 12 games as a senior and finished his career by making 23 straight starts on the defensive line.
- Finished the regular season with 39 total tackles, 13 tackles-for-loss (second on the team), 7.5 sacks and four QB hurries.
- Started all 13 games, 12 at defensive end and one at defensive tackle, as a junior.
- Finished fourth on the team with 55 tackles in 2021, while his 14 tackles for loss ranked second on the Tigers and he led team with six sacks for a total loss of 36 yards.
- Produced a career-high 13 tackles in the bowl game against Army West Point (Dec. 22, 2021).
- Majored in general studies.

PERSONAL

- Native of Tulsa, Okla. and attended Union High School.

5TH ROUND

DORIAN THOMPSON-ROBINSON

POSITION QUARTERBACK

HEIGHT 6-2

WEIGHT 203

SCHOOL UCLA

BORN XXXX

ACQUIRED D5A - '23

EXPERIENCE R

CAREER TRANSACTIONS

Originally selected by the Cleveland Browns in the fifth round (140th overall) of the 2023 NFL Draft.

KEY NOTES

- Played 50 games (40 starts) under center at UCLA from 2018-22 and completed 860 passes for 10,710 yards with 88 scores on 1,359 attempts for a 145.6 rating.
- Added 471 rushing attempts for 1,826 yards and 28 touchdowns.
- Starter in all 13 games as a senior and finished the season sixth in the nation in completion percentage (.696) to set a new school season record.
- Had six games with at least a .700 completion percentage, ran for at least 50 yards in seven games, ran for multiple touchdowns in four games and threw for multiple touchdowns in nine games.
- One of only two FBS QBs to finish the season with as many as 27 touchdown passes and 12 rushing touchdowns (Bo Nix, Oregon).
- Completed his career as UCLA's all-time leader in total offense (12,536-only UCLA player to ever record over 12,000 yards), completions (860), total touchdowns (116), touchdown passes (88) and passing yards (10,710).
- Named honorable mention All-Pac-12 by the league coaches and was a Davey O'Brien Award semifinalist.
- Named to the Athletic Director's Honor Roll for Spring 2020 and Winter 2019.
- Was an African American Studies major.

PERSONAL

- Native of Las Vegas, Nev. and attended Bishop Gorman High School.
- Hobbies include drawing and listening to music.

5TH ROUND

CAMERON MITCHELL

POSITION CORNERBACK

HEIGHT 5-11

WEIGHT 191

SCHOOL NORTHWESTERN

BORN XXXX

ACQUIRED D5B - '23

EXPERIENCE R

CAREER TRANSACTIONS

Originally selected by the Cleveland Browns in the fifth round (142nd overall) of the 2023 NFL Draft.

KEY NOTES

- Saw action in 35 games at Northwestern with 119 tackles, 1.5 sacks, two interceptions, 20 passes defended, two forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries.
- Earned 2022 and 2021 Big Ten Honorable Mention honors.
- Led Northwestern and recorded a career-best nine pass breakups as a senior, as well as adding a career-best 52 total tackles.
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PERSONAL

- Native of Bolingbrook, Ill. and attended Bolingbrook High School.
- Four-year varsity letterwinner and two-time team captain.
- Earned Southwest Suburban All-Conference honors as a junior and senior.
- Father, Deon, played wide receiver at Northern Illinois.

6TH ROUND

LUKE WYPLER

POSITION CENTER

HEIGHT 6-3

WEIGHT 303

SCHOOL OHIO STATE

BORN XXXX

ACQUIRED D6 - '23

EXPERIENCE R

CAREER TRANSACTIONS

Originally selected by the Cleveland Browns in the sixth round (190th overall) of the 2023 NFL Draft.

KEY NOTES

- Played three seasons at Ohio State (2020-22) and was a two-year starter at center in 2021 and 2022 with 26 consecutive starts (13 each year).
- A two-year OSU Scholar-Athlete and Academic all-Big Ten Conference honoree.
- Named third-team all-Big Ten Conference in 2022 by the voting media.
- Earned honorable mention all-Big Ten honors by media panel in 2021
- Centered a line in 2022 that allowed the sixth-fewest TFLs in the country (50) and the seventh-fewest sacks (12).
- Helped Ohio State to No. 9 ranking nationally in total offense (490.7 ypg) and No. 2 in scoring (44.2 ppg) in 2022.

PERSONAL

- Native of Montvale, N.J. and attended St. Joseph Regional High School.
- Earned first-team All-State honors by NJ.com.
- Played in the Army All-American Bowl in San Antonio.

ON HOW FIRED UP HE IS TO BE CATCHING PASSES FROM QB DESHAUN WATSON:

"I'm fired up. You know Deshaun Watson is one of the best quarterbacks in the league and I'm really looking forward to getting to know all my teammates and new brothers, new coaches and stuff, so I'm excited."

ON JOINING THE BROWNS WIDE RECEIVERS AND WHAT THEY ALL BRING TO THE TABLE:

"We'll see. I'm excited. Like I said, I know all those receivers, those are all good receivers. I'm really excited to join them and be a part of the Cleveland Browns receiving group."

ON THE MENTAL FIGHT TO OVERCOME HIS INJURIES LAST SEASON AND TO GET BACK TO BEING READY TO GET DRAFTED:

"Yeah, you know, it's tough. Last year didn't go the way I necessarily wanted it to. I, unfortunately, got hurt. Like I said, that adversity, I fought through it. I fought to get my ankle back ready to go and I'm a hundred percent now and ready to go."

ON HIS CONTACT WITH THE BROWNS BEFORE THE DRAFT:

"We talked at the combine and stuff like that. I believe we talked a few times outside of it. Like I said, I'm excited to be a Brown."

ON IF IT WAS A SURPRISE TO BE DRAFTED BY THE BROWNS:

"I was a little surprised, but it was a good surprise. I'm ready to go."

ON HOW HE EXPECTS HIS SIZE AND HANDS TO HELP HIM AS HE MOVES TO THE NFL FROM THE SEC:

"Those things you named, I use those to my advantage. I'm working hard each and every day to get better at the things I may not be the best at. So I'm just going to bring my tools, my hands, my body. I'm going to dominate. That's what I plan on doing."

ON IF HE HAD ANY EXPOSURE TO JIMMY HASLAM DURING HIS COLLEGE CAREER AT TENNESSEE:

I have. He's come to practice quite a bit of times. Obviously, there's a relationship there.

ON WHY IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR HIM TO FIGHT THROUGH HIS ANKLE INJURY LAST SEASON AND BE THERE FOR HIS TEAM:

"I'm a football player. My job is to go out there and compete with my brothers. You know, I wanted to go out there and compete. I played in the SEC, the best. So I want to go against the best of the best and help my team win and it was important for me."

ON IF HE'S WATCHED WR AMARI COOPER OVER THE YEARS AND HOW EXCITED HE IS TO PICK HIS BRAIN:

"I'm very excited, I've watched Amari Cooper since his Alabama days. So having one of the best receivers, one of the best route runners, being able to learn from him will be huge for my game. I look forward to it."

ON HOW MUCH INFLUENCE HIS DAD HAD ON HIS LIFE AND WHAT IT MEANS TO HIM TO BE DRAFTED LIKE HIS DAD:

"It's huge. It's a blessing. Especially to be a Cleveland Brown, one of the great historic franchises. I'm ready to go. It hasn't been an easy journey, but I wouldn't replace it for a thing and I'm excited to go."

ON HOW HE BENEFITED FROM HAVING A DAD IN THE LEAGUE:

"Just having someone who has done it at the highest level, being able to coach me and help me out. Tough love at times, but it's definitely needed and definitely has been huge in my success."

ON WHAT TYPE OF COMPETITOR HE IS AND WHAT HE IS HOPING TO PROVE:

"I'm a great competitor. I go out there and I compete every day, especially one-on-one situations and team situations, so I give my all on the field. Like I said, I'm looking forward to joining those other great receivers you just named."

ON WHAT IT MEANT TO REPRESENT HIS BROTHER WEARING THE NUMBER 4 AT TENNESSEE:

"It's huge. Like you said, my brother didn't necessarily have the opportunity to, so being able to represent him through my high school and college career was very important for me."

ON WHAT HE WAS THINKING WHEN HIS TEAMMATE WAS DRAFTED AND WHAT HE THOUGHT ABOUT BACK-TO-BACK TENNESSEE RECEIVERS:

"I wasn't expecting them to go back to back. Like I said, I'm blessed and happy for (Jalin) Hyatt. That's my brother and we've been through a lot together. I'm proud of him and he's gonna ball out and I plan on doing the same."

ON HOW THE TENNESSEE OFFENSE PREPARED HIM FOR THE NFL AND WHAT ADJUSTMENT HE IS GOING TO HAVE TO LEARN:

"I think, obviously, Tennessee really helped me. I learned how to play fast and really compete for the ball down field, run downfield routes. Going to the league, it's a different type of game. Route running is going to be an important key, so I'm going to learn from one of the best in Amari Cooper, and that's going to be dope."

ON PLAYING PRIMARILY ON THE RIGHT SIDE IN COLLEGE AND IF HE'S COMFORTABLE MOVING AROUND:

"Absolutely. Like I said, we played a fast-tempo offense. I can play anywhere, flat, outside, left, right—it doesn't matter."

ON IF HE'S A JUNIOR:

"Yes."

**ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER AND VICE PRESIDENT OF PLAYER PERSONNEL GLENN COOK &
ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER AND VICE PRESIDENT OF FOOTBALL OPERATIONS CATHERINE RAICHE
4-28-23**

OPENING STATEMENT:

Cook: "Really excited to have him (WR Cedric Tillman) on our team. You never know how it falls, so we worked through scenarios where he would be there and really looking forward to adding his size, his ability. We obviously feel really good about this addition."

Raiche: "I'm super excited to add (WR) Cedric (Tillman). Great person, good player. It'll be another tool in our toolbox for (QB) Deshaun (Watson), so very excited with the addition."

ON IF THE PICK WAS TO KEEP SUPPLYING WATSON WITH WEAPONS:

Cook: "Yeah, I mean, it's a blend of few things. I think we understand how important it is to have a really strong passing attack just to balance out, obviously, (RB) Nick (Chubb), who's one of the best backs in the league, so that was in consideration. Also, just as the board falls, you want to make sure you're considering the best talent available and Tillman is definitely in that conversation, so we're really excited to, first, kind of just add the talent and then the added bonus of someone who can enhance our passing attack."

ON IF THEY WERE LOOKING FOR EYES OVER SPEED AT WR:

Cook: "I wouldn't say that's the distinction that we made. I would say that's definitely his strength. He's a big dude, 6-3, 215, but I wouldn't say he doesn't have the ability to contribute on all three levels to get behind DBs and make plays down the field. I wouldn't say we made a tradeoff in terms of size versus speed, but that's definitely his strength."

ON IF TILLMAN CAN HELP IN THE RED ZONE:

Raiche: "Absolutely, he can help us. As Glenn mentioned, I think he's going to be able to help us there, but also on all three levels. He's run a ton of comeback routes in his career. He can create separation on the intermediate level, as well. We just feel that he's going to be able to help in many ways."

ON HOW CONCERNED THE TEAM IS IN HIS MEDICALS:

Cook: "Yeah, we did our work. We definitely did our research in that area and give him a lot of credit, which speaks to just his make-up, the kid battled to get back. He probably could have just kind of held himself out, but I think he wanted to contribute to a really successful team in Tennessee and maybe not have as much on-field statistical production, but still be a part of their high-power success. Obviously, we consider all those things when we're making decisions and we felt pretty good about it."

ON GOING UP TO GET THE BALL IN COLLEGE:

Raiche: "Yeah, definitely a piece of the puzzle. Surehanded, and really someone that's going to be able to come down with the football and help us make a play on offense."

ON HOW TEMPTING IT WAS TO GET A DE IN THAT SPOT:

Cook: "Felt pretty good as it played out when you got to probably three or four picks before we were on the clock. Just our options there. Ultimately, we ended up really feeling good about Cedric being the choice, but we felt good about how the board sat once we were sitting at 74."

ON WHAT STOOD OUT ABOUT TILLMAN:

Cook: "I think you've heard what coach said, smart, tough, accountable. I think that's what I was referencing in my thought process. He plays to his size. He's a big, physical young man. He does not say much, per se, but it jumps out on the film. Just his size and the way he makes plays on defenders down the field. When I speak to that, that's what I was speaking to."

ON THE BIGGEST EDGE CEDRIC HAD OVER JALIN HYATT:

Cook: "I don't know if we considered an edge, per say. Two pretty talented guys. I think Jimmy Haslam is pretty excited to have the compliments that they brought to their offense and I think the league saw similar of the fact they went off the board right behind each other. Again, Cedric has his strengths and Hyatt is a really talented player, as well. I wouldn't say there was a particular edge."

ON HOW MANY RECEIVERS ARE TOO MANY:

Raiche: "I don't know if there is such thing to be honest with you. We are always looking for competition in the room. We're looking to put the best players on the field and give as many weapons as we can to our quarterback."

ON HOW IMPORTANT HAVING DIFFERENT BODY TYPES AT RECEIVER IS:

Raiche: "I think when we think about it from a draft perspective, we're really just trying to acquire the best talent available. However that falls at the pick that we're picking, that's what we're going to go for. Now, having some diversity and looking at different skillsets definitely helps. But again, when we think about our board and where it fell, it's really about acquiring the best talent that is out there."

ON THE SEC PEDIGREE:

Cook: "I think when you talk about his toughness and his competitiveness, I think we understand all the talent that is in this league in the secondary. It's not going to come easy to you and he expressed some of the potential to really compete downfield and use his ability to make plays and contest situations. The margins are thin and I think he showed the ability to make plays in that way."

ON HOW MUCH OF AN ADJUSTMENT THERE WILL BE COMPARED TO WHAT WAS RUN AT TENNESSEE:

Cook: "That's a good question. It's definitely something you consider. You know, they do a really good job of putting their guys in position to make plays and utilize all their tools. I think we have faith that (HC) Kevin (Stefanski) can do the same thing. I think all college players, especially at the receiver position, there is a learning curve and it takes them a little bit of time to transition at times. We feel good about his makeup and feel good about what he can do. It may not be seamless. We'll see. We're not concerned about the transition."

ON WHAT IT WAS LIKE WAITING FOR 73 GUYS TO GO OFF THE BOARD BEFORE MAKING A PICK:

Raiche: "It was definitely worth the wait. We had our strategy going in and we were not just sitting there, we were really looking at different scenarios. Whether it would be to go up or down, and really kind of figuring out however the board falls and what we were planning on doing. Excited to finally make that pick."

ON HOW BIG OF A LEARNING CURVE THEY ARE ANTICIPATING WITH CEDRIC:

Cook: "Yeah, I think we're comfortable, starting with CO (Chad O'Shea), who we think is a really talented receiver coach. AVP (Alex Van Pelt). Kevin. I think we're comfortable with the abilities we have on that side of the football to make his onboarding process as seamless as we can. You never know. We believe in his ability to learn the game, he is a smart young man. He works really, really hard, so I do not think we have significant concerns on his ability to transition. Again, we'll see. He has to go out and compete, but we believe it's in him."

ON HIS FATHER PLAYING IN THE NFL AND HIS BACKGROUND STORY:

Cook: "I think just the beauty of who he is, I guess. I think we had a chance to meet with him at the combine, have him in for a 30 visit. Obviously, we have strong ties to the University of Tennessee. I went to two games this year, so had a lot of opportunity to just be around the young man. He's just, first and foremost, an exceptional individual. He's a work-first-speak-second-type-of person. All of those things, really, are more appealing than what he can do on the field, first and foremost. Just what he's going to bring, I think we're really excited about that."

ON IF HE CAN BE A NO. 1 WR IN THE NFL:

Cook: "It's in him. We'll see. I don't have a crystal ball on that. You know, we believe in what he can do and coach is going to utilize him to the best of his ability and we'll make sure we maximize what he can do."

ON HIM LINING UP PRIMARILY ON THE RIGHT SIDE IN TENNESSEE'S OFFENSE AND HOW IT FACTORS INTO THE EVALUATION PROCESS:

Raiche: "When we go through the evaluation process for these guys, we look at everything. So we definitely look at all the information that's out there. Now, how that's going to translate and how we're going to use him at the next level, that's something we leave up to our coaches and our coaches are going to make sure that they maximize just the glance point, maximize their strength and put these guys in the best position to develop and succeed."

ON HIS ROUTE RUNNING ABILITY:

Raiche: "Well, as we mentioned, that's a guy that we think can make plays down the field. That's a guy that did come down with the ball in contested situations on the third level and he's a guy who can help us in the red zone. As I mentioned earlier, that's also a guy that runs a ton of curls and that can get open at the top of routes and on the intermediate level. So really, that's someone that we feel good about the overall skillset, ability to run the routes that our coaches are going to want to put in the game plan and be successful."

ON HOW THE OTHER WIDE RECEIVERS CAN HELP HIM:

Cook: "You know, I think we're fortunate to have someone like (WR) Amari (Cooper), and honestly, even like (WR) Elijah (Moore). Different types of competitors, but I think when you have two guys like that in the room, and some of the other players we have in the group, it's about competition. I think those guys, they'll raise the game of each other, but it's definitely awesome to have it got like Amari setting the example for how to approach the game of football as a receiver"

ON IF HE CAN YOU PLAY INSIDE:

Cook: "I think Kevin will find a way to use him. I think we're still working through how we want to deploy everyone on offense. I think Kevin will, like I said before, put him in the best positions for him to make plays and help us."

**EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT OF FOOTBALL OPERATIONS AND GENERAL MANAGER ANDREW BERRY &
HEAD COACH KEVIN STEFANSKI
4-28-23**

OPENING STATEMENT:

Berry: "We're really excited to add (WR) Cedric (Tillman) and (DT Siaki) Ika to our roster. These are two guys that we liked a lot throughout the draft process. I know Glenn (Cook) and Cat (Catherine Raiche) talked a little bit about Cedric earlier this evening. A big-sized receiver, a ton of strength, really consistent hands and was very productive when he was on the field for Tennessee. We're excited to add him to the mix. Workman-like attitude, real quiet. I think he'll fit in really nicely with our group. Then Siaki, he is another player that we really identified early in the scouting process. I think the first thing that stands out is his size, but he actually moves pretty well, especially for a bigger defensive tackle. We saw him as more scheme versatile, even though he played in an odd front at Baylor. We really enjoyed our time we spent with him this spring when he visited us earlier this month. Two players that we're excited to add and we're ready to get going."

ON HOW TEMPTING IT WAS TO TAKE A DE AT 74:

Berry: "There were a number of players that we liked at 74, across a number of different positions. I'll be honest, we felt like the board fell favorably. There are a number of prospects that were in play for that pick that we would have been very excited to have. We just felt that Cedric was the right fit for us. Very clean profile, adds an element to the receiver room that we don't currently have with just his excellent size. We were really excited when he was there at 74."

ON WHERE IKA'S WEIGHT IS AT AND WHERE THEY WANT HIM TO BE:

Berry: "I'll call it a 'Schwartzism.' He (DC Jim Schwartz) wants guys to be as big as they possibly can, without sacrificing movement. For some guys at defensive tackle, that may be 305 and others that may be 355. Siaki has been anywhere from 335 to 355, depending on what the scheme required. For us, we'll work with him when he gets on site for what we're going to ask him to do, but he has played effectively throughout that weight range."

ON IF THEY WERE CLOSE TO MAKING A TRADE OR IF THEY WERE COMFORTABLE:

Berry: "Yeah, actually we were. We had a couple opportunities around both picks. As I mentioned earlier, we were pretty pleased with the pool of players available at 74, so we felt comfortable sitting. We were really excited when Ika was there at 98. With that being said, there was an offer that we strongly considered a few picks beforehand. Just the team that we were dealing with, their player came off the board, so that made it a pretty easy decision for us to just sit with that pick."

ON IF SIZE WAS A PRIORITY WHEN ADDING TO THE RECEIVER ROOM:

Stefanski: "I don't know that going into tonight or going into the draft that size, specifically, was a priority. I think for us, we're always looking for traits. I think Cedric does possess those dominant traits; size, ability to go get the football. Like Andrew mentioned, we did a lot of work on these guys. A lot of really good football players, so we're excited. As coaches, you sit there and you know that you're adding good players to the roster, and I think Cedric fits the bill."

ON THE TRANSITION TILLMAN WILL HAVE TO MAKE TO THE NFL FROM COLLEGE:

Stefanski: "I don't think it'll be a transition. I think you see his skillset, you see him come off the ball. Yes, he's winning outside quite a bit, working outside. He's very intelligent and it will not be an issue moving him around at all."

ON IF TAKING A DEFENSIVE TACKLE DEALS WITH DT PERRION WINFREY AND HIS SITUATION:

Berry: "No."

ON UPDATE ABOUT WINFREY:

Berry: "No. I mentioned earlier. I'm not going to comment any further on pending legal matters."

ON IF IKA AND DT DALVIN TOMLINSON CAN PLAY ON THE FIELD TOGETHER:

Berry: "Absolutely."

ON IF HAVING BIG GUYS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE LINE IS A CHANGE IN PHILOSOPHY:

Berry: "Honestly, it's not, I know it appears that way from the outside. That just happened. We viewed Siaki as a little bit unique, because you don't usually see those bigger guys that you feel comfortable to play in an over front. We did and we thought that he actually has an mobility to do and that's what attracted us."

ON ADDING MORE WIDE RECEIVERS TO THE ROOM:

Berry: "I'd say in general, you can never have enough playmakers, guys that can do something with the ball in their hands. I also have mentioned in the past here that part of our job in building our roster is to think about both the present and the future. I think, specifically with the pass-catching group, we like the variety that we have in that position room, where guys can produce and win in different ways. We're optimistic that it will grant Kevin and the offensive staff more flexibility as they gameplan."

ON IF HE THOUGHT THE WRS REALLY NEEDED TO BE UPGRADED LAST YEAR:

Stefanski: "No, I think every season you go in knowing that you lose players to free agency, to whatever it may be. You trade players, you add players. That's just the normal life of the NFL season, where you're adding more to it. For us, we're looking at good players wherever they come. In this case, talking about some pass catchers. We were able to add guys that we feel really strongly about. A bunch of picks left. I promise you Andrew and crew are working nonstop throughout the calendar year to add good players."

ON TILLMAN NOT HAVING MANY DROPS IN COLLEGE:

Berry: "It's certainly something that's important with this profile. His size, his strength, he is a very good athlete, despite his dimensions, and has really strong hands. That being said, while he's not necessarily your vertical stretch player, his speed is just fine, so we thought it was a nice wholistic package more than anything. Certainly, the hands were a big part of it."

ON MOVING TILLMAN AROUND THE FIELD TO DIFFERENT SIDES:

Stefanski: "It's not uncommon in college football to play left and right. You see it in the NFL, think back to Marvin Harrison, Reggie Wayne. It's not uncommon. Watching the kid work out, what he's capable of. It's not an issue for receivers to bounce around. Again, his intelligence, I think, plays a big factor in that as well."

ON IKA'S DIMENSIONS AND HIS COMPARISON TO VITA VEA:

Berry: "I don't think of most players in terms of comparisons, because I think oftentimes when people do that it may be the school they went to, their size, their ethnicity. I think most players strike me as unique, so I think it would be unfair to compare Siaki to Vita at this point in his career. Certainly, they are both bigger guys that have a lot of power to the game."

ON IKA PLAYING AS A TRUE FRESHMAN AT LSU:

Berry: "Honestly, his power really stood out. Even on the LSU film, even at a young age, he was a pretty big human being. Even though he didn't necessarily know what he was doing and was just kind of part of the rotation, you can see a really big disruptive presence in the middle of the line of scrimmage. When he was really allowed to attack in the manner that we are going to ask our defensive line to do so, we thought the skills were certainly transferable."

ON IF THE GIANTS TRADING UP AFFECTED ANYTHING:

Berry: "No, it didn't."

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Berry: "At that point in the draft, I rarely guess. I mentioned, we had a pool of players that we really liked there and we were happy to get Cedric."

ON IF JIMMY HASLAM DID THE PRIMARY SCOUTING:

Berry: "[Laughs] No, but Jimmy certainly knew a lot about Cedric, given his time at Tennessee."

ON THE IMPACT OF LAST YEAR'S PROBLEM WITH STOPPING THE RUN:

Stefanski: "I think year in and year out, you look at what your strengths are, some things that you struggled with. You hope to address that. Sometimes in free agency, sometimes in the draft, sometimes schematically, whatever it may be. Certainly trying to have a well-rounded defense and I think adding some of the guys that we did up front, I think, will make a big difference come fall."

Berry: "I don't think either Dalvin or Siaki was with a specific goal of just stopping the run. I think Jim will tell you, our emphasis is really on getting after the quarterback and really stopping the run with numbers in the box, as opposed to just bigger bodies or size. When you can find guys that you think can be multidimensional players with size, that is certainly an added bonus."

ON INTERACTIONS WITH THE TWO SELECTIONS BEFORE THE DRAFT:

Berry: "Cedric, we spent most of our time with at the combine. We had a really good feel for him coming out of the fall. His background was pretty easy and really the thing that stood out is he's just a consummate pro. Then Siaki, he was one of the players that we actually had in Berea. I think the thing that stood out with him was just his energy. He is a very energetic, big personality. And that comes across with the coaching staff, it came across in his meeting with me, came across with our support staff. He made a really favorable impression."

ON IF THE IMPRESSION OF BEING A CONSUMMATE PRO CAME FROM HAVING A PRO AS HIS DAD:

Berry: "I think that certainly helps, definitely."

ON THE COMPETITION CREATED BY THE DRAFT:

Stefanski: "I think competition is great. As you know, you can't keep everybody and when you add great players to the room, it elevates everybody's play. It adds competition to rooms and that's what our guys love to do. We've talked about it already this offseason. We want to compete every day. You add new faces into a room via the draft, via free agency, whatever it is. I think guys are always welcoming new teammates. Ultimately, we're looking to make the team better and looking to make individuals better through competition."

ON WHAT HE SAW FROM IKA ON TAPE:

Berry: "I think one of the most impressive things is—I joked with him on his visits, 'Ok, what is a 340-pounder doing in the Big 12?' That's the worst possible conference for you to be in. I think what was impressive is just a guy who could keep going, keep going, keep going in a conference that the offenses are really predicated on space. I think it was in those moments that we were able to see him. Even though he was in a different scheme, do some of the things that we would really ask him to do here, which is certainly different from what he did at Baylor. I think his motor stood out, his power stood out and we do think that he has understated pass rush."

**DT SIAKI IKA AND WR CEDRIC TILLMAN
THIRD ROUND 2023 NFL DRAFT
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ON HIS HIGH SCHOOL TEAMMATE IN QB DORIAN THOMPSON-ROBINSON ALSO GETTING DRAFTED BY THE BROWNS:

Tillman: "I was very excited. I was on the plane and my mom just showed it to me. I was just talking about how it would be cool if Dorian came, too. Kind of just throwing it out there. Life is funny sometimes, but it's great."

ON WHAT THE LAST DAY HAS BEEN LIKE:

Ika: "Not really. This is all I have been looking forward too. Got the call—speechless. Just glad to be here."

Tillman: "Same. Family and friends watching. Finally got the call, was really excited. Ready to go. (QB) Deshaun (Watson) texted me last night, telling me he was ready to go, too. That was pretty cool."

ON WHAT DC JIM SCHWARTZ MEAN WHEN HE SAID HE WANTED IKA TO BE A FERRARI:

Ika: "To be honest, I don't know what it means (laughs). I will do whatever he wants me to do. I will be a Ferrari. I will be a Chevy, if you want me to be. Probably means just growing up, becoming a pro. Definitely going to start looking at myself as a Ferrari now."

ON IF SCHWARTZ HAS TOLD HIM HOW HE PLANS TO USE HIM:

Ika: "Yeah. We talked a lot about the front and improving the run defense. I'm a run stopper. It's something I love to do. Excited to get here and contribute to that."

ON HOW SCHWARTZ LIKES HIS DEFENSIVE LINEMEN TO ATTACK THE QB:

Ika: "I like getting after the quarterback. I'm not the first person people would look at to get after the quarterback, but it's something I think I can do. It's something I think I can do here with the coaching and development."

ON MAINTAINING HIS SIZE AND SPEED:

Ika: "To be honest, I never put much thought into it until once I got to college and I realized that I do move pretty well for a big guy. Since then, it's something I've prided myself on. I feel like that's what I brought to the table."

ON IF HE'S SURPRISED THE TEAM DRAFTED SOMEONE BIGGER THAN HIM IN T DAWAND JONES:

Ika: "I didn't think it got too much bigger (laughs). Good for him."

ON PLAYING AGAINST GEORGIA AND HIS CONFIDENCE IN WHAT HE CAN DO IN THE NFL:

Tillman: "I'm confident. Playing in the SEC, I feel like it is going to help me prepare to get ready for the NFL. I know there is going to be different challenges and there are going to be better players on this level, so I'm just looking forward to it."

ON WHAT OFFENSE HE RAN IN HIGH SCHOOL WITH THOMPSON-ROBINSON:

Tillman: "It was a more traditional offense."

ON WHAT THEY KNEW ABOUT CLEVELAND BEFORE YESTERDAY:

Tillman: "I didn't know much about Cleveland, honestly. I've never been here, but I'm excited. This organization took a chance on me and I'm going to make sure they don't regret it. I'm excited to get going."

Ika: "I feel the exact same way. He put it perfectly. Glad to be here. Thankful that someone took the chance and I'm gunning to prove it wasn't a mistake."

ON IF ANYONE RECOGNIZED THEM AT THE AIRPORT:

Tillman: "A little bit, yeah."

Ika: "A little bit."

ON FOLLOWING IN HIS DAD'S FOOTSTEPS AND WHAT THAT MEANS TO HIM:

Tillman: "It's cool. Like I said, the second-generation thing. It's really cool to have a dad that played in the league and now it's my turn and I'm excited for it."

ON HOW EXCITED HE IS TO PLAY AGAINST SOME OF THE BEST WIDE RECEIVERS IN THE AFC NORTH AND HOW HE STACKS UP AGAINST THEM:

Tillman: "You know, I let my play do it. Obviously, I want to be one of the best at my position. I want to be a great teammate, too, so I'm excited to be a Brown. I'm looking forward to it."

ON IF GIVING HIS JERSEY NUMBER BECAUSE WATSON HAS IT:

Tillman: "That's fine (laughs)."

ON THE TEXT HE RECEIVED FROM WATSON:

Tillman: "He just told me that he was excited. He's ready to work. He just said take the moment and just enjoy the night. He's ready to work and he's ready to go. Same here."

ON IF HE HAS EVER CROSSED PATHS WITH WATSON:

Tillman: "No. That was the first time I ever really got a text message from him. I'm glad I saw it, because my phone was kind of blowing up and I was like, 'Oh, snap. Ok. I may need to answer this.' It was cool."

ON PLAYING IN THE SEC AND HOW COMPETITIVE THAT CAN BE:

Tillman: "Yeah, it was cool. Like I said, SEC, I feel like it's the best conference. Week in and week out, you're going against top teams, top competition. Tennessee was great. Like you said, a great fan base. They really care about their Volunteers. I appreciated my time there, but now I'm a Brown. Now, I'm going to embrace this fan group and let's go."

ON IF HE HAS HEARD FROM DE MYLES GARRETT YET:

Ika: "He hasn't reached out, but , I'm looking forward to when he does. He doesn't know this, but he's going to be my best friend (laughs). That's my goal, as of right now, to be best friends with Myles. I'm really excited to play with him."

ON IF HE HAS WATCHED OR STUDIED DT DALVIN TOMLINSON IN THE PAST:

Ika: "Yeah. More recently, once I figured out that I'm coming here. I am trying to get to know the other players here. I'm excited. Like I said earlier, excited to get in and help stop the run and I feel like me and him can do it."

ON IF THE TEAM HAS TOLD HIM WHAT WEIGHT IT WANTS HIM TO PLAY AT:

Ika: "They haven't, but I want to lose some weight, for sure. I would rather play lighter."

ON BEING ABLE TO MOVE AS A BIGGER GUY:

Ika: "I never really looked at it that way. I never thought I could really run that long. I'm more of just a 'five inches to stay afloat.' Now, I'm just ready to do it all over again, get better at it. Put me in a position where I don't struggle with it, I guess."

ON WHAT WORKS BEST FOR HIM IN THE MIDDLE OF THE LINE:

Ika: "I'd say being stout. I mean, blocks coming at me. I like hitting blocks head on. I like going straight through the blocks. I don't want to patty cake around anything. I feel like that's what has given me the most success this far."

ON IF HE HAD AN INTERACTION WITH SCHWARTZ WHEN HE CAME HERE:

Ika: "Yeah, I did. Nothing too crazy. Just a 'hello,' a visit. Just talking."

ON WHERE HIS DEMEANOR COMES FROM:

Tillman: "Naturally, I'm a little bit—I wouldn't say reserved, but maybe more on the quiet side, until I get comfortable. For sure my mentality is let my play speak for itself. I don't really do too much talking on the field. I kind of let everybody else talk and just do what I got to do."

ON IF HE WILL ATTACH HIMSELF TO WR AMARI COOPER AND IF HE WILL BE HIS BEST FRIEND:

Tillman: "I don't know. I got to get him to talk to me first. Obviously, looking forward to learning a lot from Cooper, he's one of the best receivers in the league. Definitely be on his hip and trying to learn information."

ON WHAT THEY LOVE MOST ABOUT FOOTBALL:

Tillman: "Me, I just love to win. There's no better feeling in the world than just winning. Football, camp days, we're just out there in 100-degree weather. It's for something bigger. The bigger picture. That's what makes it so much more satisfying. So, just winning and competing."

Ika: "I'm the same. Just the competition. I've always been a competitor, competing in everything I do. Love the competition."

ON WHAT WEIGHT HE WOULD LIKE TO PLAY AT:

Ika: "Probably somewhere around 335-340, 340 is the lightest I've played at this past season. I think I could knock a couple pounds down. Maybe get a little bit faster, move a little better."

ON IF HIS SON IS HIS "WHY":

Ika: "For sure. Definitely makes it that much more worth it. He's named after me, Siaki J."

ON HIS DECISION TO LEAVE LSU AND HOW GOING TO THE BIG 12 PANNED OUT:

Ika: "To be honest, I feel like it was real good for me. You know the transfer portal isn't too nice a lot of other players, so I'm just grateful that it turned out to be something real good for me. I mean, I loved it. Big 12 was a little different. SEC, everything is coming straight at you. Big 12, things were more side to side. It just took a little bit of adjustment and I feel like I did that well."

ON IF HE HAS REACHED OUT TO FORMER PLAYERS YET:

Ika: "Yeah, for sure. I saw (LB) Jacob (Phillips) and (S) Grant (Delpit) while I was here on my 30 visit not too long ago. They reached out to me via social media last night. I had two guys I really looked up to, especially my freshman year when I had the chance to get some early playing time. They held me accountable, making sure I was doing my part and doing my job. Excited to get to work with them again."

ON WHAT HE GAINED BEING A TRUE FRESHMAN IN A DIFFICULT CONFERENCE:

Ika: "It made me grow up real quick. I had to grow up really quick. Like you said, playing D-line in the SEC is not an easy job, especially playing nose. I had a good group of older guys who showed me the ropes and coaches who got me on the right track early."

ON BEING A SECOND GENERATION NFL PLAYER AND ADDITIONAL PRESSURE:

Tillman: "I wouldn't say there was any pressure. My dad, obviously, he coached me up, but he wasn't too bad on me. Just let me be me and was always supportive of me. Like I said, it's cool the second generation thing. Me, obviously, he knows that I always want to compete against him and my older brother and wanted to be better than him, but it's been cool."

ON THEIR PERSONALITIES:

Ika: "I think I'm pretty outgoing. Everyone has pretty much told me that since I was young. I'm a social butterfly. I love meeting new people. I love talking to new people. I talk a lot. Class clown, pretty much."

Tillman: "I wouldn't consider myself a class clown. I think I'm funny, but I don't really talk as much. I'm more quiet, I guess, that's why I filter it through the receiver room. I'll say that."

ON HIS SIZE MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR HIM:

Tillman: "I think it makes a big difference, honestly. One on one, balls in the air, having my body, it's easy for me to box guys out. Also, in the blocking game, a lot of guys can't go toe to toe with me and when I have the ball in my hands, a lot of corners and safeties don't want to tackle me. I know that and I just use it to my advantage."

ON EXPECTING TO DOMINATE AND HIS CONFIDENCE LEVEL:

Tillman: "Yeah, absolutely. I'm looking to stiff-arm people to the dirt."

ON IF HIS FAVORITE THING IS BEING ABLE TO GO OVER THE TOP ON SOMEBODY:

Tillman: "Absolutely."

T DAWAND JONES
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ON HOW EXCITED JONES IS TO STAY IN OHIO:

"It's a great feeling. Just there in Ohio State, they treated me well. The whole state of Ohio, it's just a blessing, honestly."

ON WHY HE DID NOT WORK OUT AT THE OSU PRO DAY:

"I've just been dealing with a couple injuries. I just didn't want to chance anything or make it worse in any type of way, so I talked with my agent. He heard me in the process. I'm just here to work and there's no other words to talk about, but I was very fearful of how it would pan out. Cleveland gave me a chance and I'm just happy to be here."

ON THE INFLUENCE THAYER MUNFORD HAD ON HIM:

"He had a great influence. My first year, I kind of struggled with my offense, but he took me under his wing and he protected me like I was his little brother."

ON HIS BASKETBALL BACKGROUND AND HOW THAT HELPED HIM MAINTAIN HIS ATHLETICISM:

"It's helped me a lot, just working on my footwork all the time in basketball. It just translated over to football, so whether a pass or a switch or cutting off the baseline. It translated over and it helped out, it helped me out in the long run."

ON HIS COMFORT ON BOTH SIDES OF THE LINE AND HOW HIS VERSATILITY COULD WORK WITH THE BROWNS:

"I've played both sides at Ohio State. Just something that we always had a big talk about, being able to jump in and do whatever. Whatever the Browns need me to do, I'm going to do it. I'm just being versatile, just know I'm much of an asset."

ON IF HE WAS THE BIGGEST GUY IN CLASS ALL OF HIS LIFE AND WHAT IT WAS LIKE PLAYING FOOTBALL AGAINST GUYS THAT WERE MUCH SMALLER THAN HIM:

"I don't know. I feel like where I'm from, there's bigger people. There's always somebody to match up with, but I thought I was probably much stronger than most people and a little bit more advanced than those guys. Just my body was a little bit better than theirs, you can just take advantage. When the talent got better in some places, you got to be a certain weight and I had to play up. I was giving my all and I was doing my own thing, playing some guys from back home who are in the draft, so I've been near those big people."

ON IF IT'S TRUE IF HE WANTED TO PLAY BASKETBALL AT KENT STATE AND HOW HE EVENTUALLY PICKED FOOTBALL:

"Yes, I was in between playing basketball and football, I really had no football offers in my senior year. Kent State was there with basketball, they were on me pretty tough and I took my time and I waited and waited and coach eventually sent me a message and said they haven't given me a scholarship. I took a chance and I said I'm just waiting for this one football scholarship—my season wasn't done yet for football—and after that, last day of the season, I got my first scholarship on Monday and it was on me after that."

ON HIS BASKETBALL BACKGROUND AND HOW HE RESPONDED TO TEAMS ASKING HIM IF HE WAS FULLY INVESTED IN FOOTBALL:

"That was my biggest thing, proving my passion for the game. It hurt me knowing and watching my family, they don't see it enough and it makes me go harder."

ON WORKING WITH OL COACH BILL CALLAHAN:

"It means a lot coming from great coaches at Ohio State, so coming to a new staff. It's a higher level, getting the best coach to help me out my rookie year is going to be tremendous, in my opinion."

ON WHAT JERSEY SIZE HE WEARS:

"I'm a 4x jersey, but I don't know all the numbers. Sometimes, they make it wider or make the split different, so I don't know."

DE ISAIAH MCGUIRE
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ON IF HE IS EXCITED TO PLAY WITH DE MYLES GARRETT:

"Absolutely. I've been watching him for some years now, ever since he was at Texas A&M. It's going to be much of a blessing to get to work with him and get to pick his brain."

ON WHAT IT IS ABOUT GARRETT'S GAME THAT HE LIKES:

"Honestly, just power, athleticism, and using his speed around the edge. Not being a one-trick pony, really just being the full package when it comes to our position."

ON HOW PLAYING IN THE SEC IMPROVED HIS GAME:

"Being in the SEC was real cool. Every week, I was going against, most likely, a draft prospect or a draft pick. You always have got to put your best foot forward, in terms of going out and putting on your helmet, your shoulder pads, lacing up those cleats every week. Go out and ball out."

ON IF HE HAS TALKED TO DT JORDAN ELLIOTT AND HOW MUCH OF A RELATIONSHIP HE HAS WITH HIM:

"I haven't had a chance to talk to him yet, but definitely someone I looked up to, in terms of doing the right thing, really taking care of your body, and making sure that you're mentally locked in for the game and whatever opponent was coming up. Definitely good to be alongside him again, for sure."

ON HOW MUCH HE HAS WATCHED OF GARRETT THROUGHOUT HIS CAREER:

"I've watched him for years. Like I said, ever since he was at Texas A&M. Seeing how far he's come in his game and I'm really excited to be able to pick his brain, be able to learn from him and have him as a mentor for this upcoming stage of my life."

ON WHAT PLAYERS HE TRIED TO EMULATE:

"Honestly, he was one of them. Another player was Matthew Judon and another player was Cameron Jordan."

ON HOW ANXIOUS HE WAS OVER THE LAST FEW WEEKS AND HOW HARD IT IS WHEN PEOPLE ARE PICKING HIS GAME APART:

"Definitely a lot of anxiousness, a lot of anxiety, but I know that God has plans and he has put me in the best position just for me. Now, I'm in that position. Excited to get to work."

ON HOW MUCH HIS SIZE PLAYS A PART IN HIS GAME:

"Honestly, like I said, it just contributes to aspects of my game. Firing off the rock, having to wait, or just survive to maintain an edge and just really create havoc."

ON WHAT HE FEELS THE STRENGTHS OF HIS GAME ARE:

"Dominate. Simple as that."

ON HOW IMPORTANT BEING A CAPTAIN WAS AND HOW HE DEVELOPED INTO THAT ROLE:

"That was definitely an honor, honestly. Being voted by my fellow teammates, it was an honor for my last year at Mizzou. To get to enjoy a lot of time with those boys in the locker room. Definitely something I had to grow into, but that's the great thing about life as a pro. Definitely continue in that trend and just continue to get better each and every day."

DIRECTOR OF PLAYER PERSONNEL DAN SAGANEY
4-29-23

OPENING STATEMENT:

"Very excited to talk about the two new additions to the Cleveland Browns. We certainly got a lot bigger this afternoon, adding (T) Dawand Jones from Ohio State and (DE) Isaiah McGuire, defensive lineman from the University of Missouri. With Dawand, we've seen him for a couple years. Obviously, he's had a very good career at Ohio State. Massive human being, I think you guys will really enjoy him when you get to stand next to him and talk with him and see what he's all about. He's a player that we're very excited about. It's a premium position, offensive tackle, for us. We're excited to get him in the building. Really, both guys, you can never have enough pass rushers or tackles. So we're very excited to get both where we were able to scoop them up in the Draft."

ON IF THEY SEE JONES AS A SWING MAN:

"Yeah, I would say it always helps when guys have played both positions in college and the added versatility is a bonus. Really, like I said, it's a premium position for us, so giving him to Bill (Callahan) and Scott (Peters), I think those are the two best o-line guys in the league, in my opinion. Very excited about how he can grow as a player and continue to develop him. Any versatility added is a huge bonus for us as we go through the year."

ON WHETHER JONES LOVES FOOTBALL ENOUGH TO MAKE IT HIS PROFESSION:

"Yeah, we've spent some time with him through the spring process. Very comfortable with taking him where we took him. Realistically, we spent a good amount of time with him. The Ohio State program has been great to us through the years sharing information. We're very comfortable with our process with the person and we're excited to get him in. Really, you give a guy like this to Bill and Scott, work our process here, we're pretty excited about where he can be as a player."

ON IF THEY FELT SIZE WAS SOMETHING THEY NEEDED MORE OF:

"Well, this happens to be the biggest human I've ever seen, so it's kind of a unique circumstance. I wouldn't say it's been a theme, it's really how the boards fall. We're very active with trade calls and, really, we're trying to take the best consensus players that we can with our coaching staff, with our scouting staff and with football research. We feel with the way things have fallen, we're very happy with. Again, adding to the defensive line and offensive line are two very important things for us, really, every year, if we can. Excited to get these guys where we can."

ON WHAT STANDS OUT ABOUT MCGUIRE:

"Isaiah is a long defensive end with some good pass rush upside. Again, a guy that we view as potentially having inside, outside rush flex. We're going to be attacking up-the-field defense and looking forward to seeing him rush off of the edge. We do think he eventually has the ability to rush inside, as well. High-motor player who has been very productive in the SEC and again excited to add to the d-line any chance we get. Just like the o-line room, as well."

ON MCGUIRE'S PRODUCTIVITY IN THE SEC:

"Obviously, you want to see guys play against the best competition and we were able to do that, really, with other players. Both guys have played against the highest level of competition. Dawand had a really good game against Georgia and had a lot of really good tape out there the last couple years. Isaiah, really in my opinion, and our groups opinion, came into his own this year. Particularly, in the pass rush side of things. Any chance we get to add a defensive lineman we're excited about it, who has produced against the best, that only adds to it. We're excited."

ON SCOUTING GUYS WHO HAVE AN ATTACKING STYLE OF PLAY:

"You guys will hear coach (Jim) Schwartz talk a lot about what he coaches the defensive line to do. It's really go mess 'you know what' up. Isaiah's a guy that we think can do that. Again, he's proven it against the best players in the country. Really, the skillset overall just fits what we do really well. To get him in the fourth round, we're really excited."

ON HOW BIG JONES IS:

"You guys will see in person. To give you a funny story on Dawand, I happened to be scouting him two years ago at the Oregon game, which was I believe was the first game of the season for the Buckeyes that year. I had an unnamed family member watching the game and they were like 'Who is the right tackle? That's the biggest human being I've ever seen.' That was my first exposure to Dawand up close and I would second that. To see a guy that big that moves that well again, really excited to get him in the mix."

ON JONES PLAYING BOTH SIDES OF THE LINE:

"Yeah, he's moved around. I think it's the added versatility if anything with offensive linemen is a bonus for us."

ON HOW JONES BLOCKS WITH HIS SIZE:

"I would say he absolutely does. The good thing about Dawand, for a guy his size, he's so nimble and agile. I think if you guys watch his high school basketball highlights, you will probably see how he moves. There's a lot of good highlights of him out there pulling, doing things that we ask our guys to do. For a guy that size, the athleticism and the quickness really stands out on tape. We think he can do a lot of things well that we do in our system and, again, really looking forward to seeing him develop as a player."

ON MCGUIRE AGAINST THE RUN:

"A very good run player, in our opinion. A guy that has length, that has power in his body. A younger guy that's going to continue to develop and add more strength and quickness and power. The baseline for him, we think, is really good in the run game and he really turned it on this year as a pass rusher. [We] view him a versatile wave player who's going to come in and compete to contribute pretty early."

ON JONES AND DE MYLES GARRET PLAYING ONE-ON-ONE BASKETBALL:

"[Laughs] That would be a great one-on-one game. You guys can go ahead and set that up this spring. It would be fun to watch. Both guys got some pretty good highlight tapes out there."

**QB DORIAN THOMPSON-ROBINSON
FIFTH ROUND 2023 NFL DRAFT
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ON COMING TO CLEVELAND AND JOINING A QB ROOM WITH QB DESHAUN WATSON:

"Luckily, I've had plenty of times to be able to meet Deshaun. He's been able to come out to UCLA, work out there and me just wanting to go out there and get extra work in. Him allowing me to work out with him has been very beneficial for me throughout my college career. Now, to finally be able to join up with him, I think, will be really special for me and my development. I think it will go a long way and I think as well as his development. I think I can help him out, too, giving him an extra set of eyes and ears just from everything I've learned in college so far."

ON COMING TO CLEVELAND WITHOUT PRESSURE ON HIM TO PLAY/START:

"Everything you just said is pretty much the plan. I plan on coming in and, obviously, working as hard as I can to gain the team's trust. At the same time, my development, I think, is going to be the most important part in this whole piece. Obviously, you guys have Deshaun and he's going to do wonderful things this year. For me to be able to learn from him and then, ultimately, be able to take the reigns later on, I think will be very beneficial for me."

ON WORKING OUT WITH WATSON AND IF HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH WATSON HELPED HIM END UP IN CLEVELAND:

"I would like to think so, for sure [Laughs]. I think just right place, right time when it comes to meeting him. Luckily, like I said, through UCLA and guys wanting to train in L.A. for the NFL, we've been able to just run into each other. Like I said, luckily he's been able to welcome me in with open arms every time, even though I was the young recruit and young college kid every time he would come out. I think our relationship prior to me getting into the program, I think will help us out a bunch come season time."

ON HOW PLAYING IN CHIP KELLY'S OFFENSE HAS PREPARED HIM FOR THE NFL:

"I think everything that you see us running on Saturdays at UCLA has been shown in a cutup tape or some type of example from when coach Kelly was in the NFL. I've been running an NFL system for quite some time now. Coach Kelly has been able to add on more stuff to my plate to make sure I'm getting as prepared as I can for the next level and I thank him a bunch for that. I think I'm extremely prepared, just with the offense I ran, the responsibility I had in the offense. Then, just my head coach trusting in me. I think that's the biggest part for a quarterback, gaining your coaches' and players' trust. For me to be to do that, I think, is huge."

ON HOW SIMILAR HE THINKS HIS GAME AND SKILLSET IS TO WATSON:

"Deshaun is a very unique and special player in his own right. I think I do have some very similar traits and some special talents of my own. I think the one thing that me and Deshaun really have in common is how we play the game from the neck up. He's a real smart dude, really knows how to study a playbook and break it down. He's like a coach on the field and I try to come with the same approach, so I think that's kind of where we're similar."

ON WHAT QUARTERBACKS HE EMULATED GROWING UP:

"This might not have been the best example for a young kid, but Aaron Rodgers. I was a big fan of his growing up and watching him for the Packers and everything when he took over for Brett Favre. That's kind of been my favorite quarterback. Recent years, I've definitely watched a lot of Deshaun. Obviously, a lot of Jalen Hurts with the success he's had."

ON HIS SCOUTING REPORT ON WR CEDRIC TILLMAN:

"Ever since high school and ever since the first time I met Cedric, super down-to-earth person, super humble. He's a workaholic and someone that just needs an opportunity and he can take the rest. That's the one thing I love about Cedric, is he has never needed any handouts or anybody to give anything to him. He truly is about his business and everything that the Browns got him for is definitely true. I have the utmost respect for Cedric and I can't wait to play with him."

ON HOW MUCH EXCITEMENT IS ADDED TO TODAY KNOWING HE CAN RECONNECT WITH TILLMAN:

"He texted me this morning wishing me good luck and everything. I was a little frustrated that I didn't go yesterday, so he gave me some words of encouragement there. I'm super ecstatic to be able to not only live with Cedric, but I have a bunch of former teammates on that team in (S) Bubba Bolden, who I played with at Gorman with Cedric. Then, (RB) Demetric Felton Jr., who I played with at UCLA, so definitely a lot of familiarity there. They've all reached out and congratulated me so far, so I'm super happy and super ecstatic. Blessed to be a Brown, for sure."

ON HIS BIGGEST AREA OF GROWTH:

"I think just taking another step and making sure that I'm checking off all the boxes when it comes to things outside of the field. I think I'm pretty naturally talented and can figure stuff out on the fly when it comes to just playing football, but really having all the answers. Over these past two years, before I even stepped out onto the field and knowing exactly what the defense is giving me and knowing exactly how to attack that, I think has been really beneficial for me. It has really taken my game to another level, like it did these past two years."

ON HAVING FAMILY CONNECTIONS TO OHIO:

"Yes, so I have an uncle that's at my draft party right now. He is from Ohio. My grandparents on my mother's side are from Ohio and my mom was raised there. I want to say it's somewhere around Marblehead. I think my uncle lives in Columbus."

CB CAMERON MITCHELL
FIFTH ROUND 2023 NFL DRAFT
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ON IF HE HAS TALKED TO CB GREG NEWSOME II AND WHAT HE HAD TO TELL HIM ABOUT CLEVELAND AND THE BROWNS:

"Yeah, I just got off the phone with him. I mean, I've been up there before to visit him, but he's just excited. Just telling me, 'Let's go!' Just hyping it up, talking about how we're about to lock everything down. He's excited."

ON IF HE GOT A SENSE THE BROWNS HAD INTEREST AND HE MIGHT END UP HERE DURING THE DRAFT PROCESS:

"I was talking to my agent a bit. He said, 'If you're still around late, the Browns might draft you, so don't be surprised.' That's all I really had. I never spoke to them at the combine, so leading up to this, that's all I really had."

ON WHERE HE LIKES TO PLAY AND WHERE HIS GAME HAS GROWN THE MOST AT NORTHWESTERN:

"I really don't like to put myself in a box. I feel like I can flourish outside and inside. I would just say where my game has grown the most is just psychologically. Just understanding all three levels of the game and I feel like that just helps my versatility. Understanding what the safeties, linebackers, and D-line is doing. It just helps me understand and has given me the versatility to be able to play inside and out."

ON STEPPING IN FOR NEWSOME II AT NORTHWESTERN IN 2020 WHEN HE WAS INJURED:

"The whole season, I was really prepared for that starting role. Once Greg got hurt, we talked about it in the locker room and he was just like, 'You're going to have to go out there and finish this joint.' I was ready for it, I was ready for the challenge. I went out there and performed."

ON WHAT HE KNOWS ABOUT THE BROWNS CB ROOM AND IF HE HAS MET CB DENZEL WARD:

"I know the room is deep. I did meet Denzel when I came out there one time. I have not met Martin (CB Martin Emerson Jr.). I know he's a dog after what he did on the field last year, and then, my boy Greg. I know the room is going to be deep and I'm going to have to come in and be ready to learn and ready to work."

ON IF HE KNEW NEWSOME II BEFORE GETTING TO NORTHWESTERN:

"Yeah, I've known Greg since I was 11-12 years old."

ON HOW THAT RELATIONSHIP STARTED AND HOW IT HAS GROWN:

"It started, we used to play seven- on-seven for Midwest Boom out here in Chicago. Then, he ended up at Northwestern and he was in the coach's ear about me early on when I was a freshman in high school. He was big on recruiting me to there. Now, I'm here in Cleveland. It seems like I can't get away from him [Laughs]."

ON HOW FACING OHIO STATE HAS PREPARED HIM FOR THE NFL:

"I prepare for every game the same way, but you know when you have games like that, you circle them. You look forward to those a little bit differently and when you see those kinds of matchups, you don't run from them, you run to them. That's just how I approached it. I knew that those were the games that were going to get me the looks that I needed to get to this level that I'm at right now, so I look forward to those games."

ON LEARNING FROM NEWSOME II AND WHAT MIGHT BE IN STORE IF HE MOVES INSIDE:

"Well, I know that the defense is going to be a little bit different than it was last year for me, but I just know Greg will mostly be able to affect the game. He obviously didn't feel like he could affect the game as much on the inside. I played slot a little bit in my career, especially early on, so that's a role that I'm not new to."

ON THE DIFFICULTY OF BUILDING A HIGHLIGHT TAPE WHEN THE BALL ISN'T THROWN TO YOUR SIDE:

"It's difficult, man. Like you go on YouTube, you type in 'Cam Mitchell highlights,' you're not going to see too much. There's games out there where I'm just out there making tackles and just not getting thrown at. It's all good. When these coaches turn on the sound, they see what they need to see. The highlights are for everyone else, but the coaches know what they get."

ON HOW MUCH PRIDE HE TAKES ON MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN SPECIAL TEAMS:

"Like I said a little bit earlier, when it's a deep room, I'm just trying to get on the field any way I can. Special teams is something I've always done throughout my entire career and going into this, that's kind of something I expected being a part of my role my first year, so I'm excited for it."

DIRECTOR OF COLLEGE SCOUTING MAX PAULUS AND AREA SCOUT DAN ZEGERS
4-29-23

OPENING STATEMENT:

Paulus: "We just took (QB) Dorian Thompson-Robinson here in the fifth round and also (CB) Cam Mitchell out of Northwestern. Very excited about adding two talented players to the mix here. Dorian Thompson-Robinson will leave UCLA as one of the most-prolific passers ever to come through there. Cam Mitchell is versatile player, who has inside-outside flex. He has very good man cover instincts. So, very excited to add both of these guys to the group."

ON LIKING THOMPSON-ROBINSON'S MOBILITY:

Paulus: "Absolutely. I mean, we all know the game has changed a lot, where mobility for the quarterback position is crucially important. That's one of the pieces of Dorian's skillset that is admirable. He's very quick, he can escape, create plays with his legs. That is one of the things we really liked about his skillset."

ON HOW EARLY THEY BECAME INTERESTED IN THOMPSON-ROBINSON:

Paulus: "Our west coast scouts, both Zach Ayers and Josh Cox, did an outstanding job identifying him early. Both as a guy that we feel has a very strong arm. Somebody, again, that is very mobile. He had a great year leading UCLA to a 9-4 record and he has really stuck the landing throughout the spring process here. He had a great week out at the East-West Game in Las Vegas. We met with him in Indianapolis. Had him here on a visit. He's really somebody that we kind of liked every step of the way and we are very fortunate that he was there at 140."

ON THOMPSON-ROBINSON BEING A HIGH SCHOOL TEAMMATE OF WR CEDRIC TILLMAN:

Paulus: "To be honest, it really didn't play a big piece in it at all. It's just a crazy coincidence. But it will be great that both of those guys have familiarity with one another. The first thing that Dorian said on the call was, 'You all got my guy Ced out there.' So, they know each other, they're friends. Obviously, quarterback-wide receiver relationship is important, so it's another feather in each of their caps."

ON WHAT STANDS OUT ABOUT MITCHELL:

Zegers: "First off, thank you to the Northwestern staff. I mean Coach Fitz (Pat Fitzgerald), Darby (Darby Dunnagan) and Johnny (Jonny Kovach), they have been great every time that we go through there. I don't think the good schools with good pro liaisons that help us get enough credit. I just want to say thank you there. For Cam, I mean, him and (CB) Greg (Newsome II) are tight, they're boys. He learned first hand from Greg. He's a good leader, sets the example for the team, good worker, he's smart and he can do a lot on the field for us. We're excited to add him to that room, as well."

ON MITCHELL AS AN INSIDE OR OUTSIDE CB:

Zegers: "We'll see where the coaches shake him with that, but he's versatile player. He can do both. He's fast, athletic, quick, so he's got the skillset to do both. We're excited to see what he can do on the field."

ON PICKING RB JEROME FORD LAST YEAR AND IF IT WAS A HIT:

Paulus: "I think we're very fortunate where we got Jerome last year. I think he showed a lot of flashes in Year 1, both as kick re-turner and limited carries as a ball carrier. We are very much looking forward for him to take a big step here in Year 2. Just like any other guy in Year 2, we're really hoping that he takes a big step here and looking to see what he can do on the field."

ON BRINGING IN THOMPSON-ROBINSON:

Paulus: "I think we all know how important the position is and we are always going to be looking, especially for that position. I think it's just like any other position in the locker room, where the more competition you can add, the deeper you can be is a great thing. Every year A.B. (Andrew Berry and Co. will make it a priority to do our due diligence on the quarterbacks. We're just fortunate that D.T.R was here at 140."

ON THOMPSON-ROBINSON SHOWING HIS IMPROVMENT:

Paulus: "I think that's an excellence point. If you look at how he played last year versus the big step forward he took this year, I think that was a big piece of the puzzle. Then, how he performed at the East-West game, how he performed at the combine, how he was in carrying himself in interactions with us. Those all played big pieces of the puzzle. I think that all comes together and makes us excited about taking a player like that at 140."

ON THOMPSON-ROBINSON COMING TO THE TEAM AS A DEVELOPMENTAL PLAYER AND HOW MUCH QB DESHAUN WATSON MAY HELP HIM:

Paulus: "Absolutely. I think especially at that position, when there's not a lot of pressure to play right away, you can take your time with players like that. I think it helps to get out there, see the bullets flying. I think especially at that position, when you can crawl before you walk, it's a huge thing. We have a great staff here. (HC) Kevin (Stefanski) and company are great developing quarterbacks, so we really feel confident about where he's at right now and where he will be in the future."

ON WHAT THE STAFF SAW IN THOMPSON-ROBINSON'S GROWTH:

Paulus: "Yeah, I think the big two things that we saw specifically from 2021 to 2022 was decision making and accuracy. We think in both of those areas, he took a big jump forward in 2022."

ON IF THEY TALKED TO NEWSOME II ABOUT MITCHELL:

Zegers: "Through the whole process, we hit every source we can. Greg made sure to let me know when we go into the school, 'Hey, give my boy some love' or 'Tell him to take the ball away.' We made sure to do that when we went through there. It's all love with that staff and you know what you're going to get with players from Northwestern and the culture they have. Excited to get him in here."

ON HOW MITCHELL FITS IN ON SPECIAL TEAMS:

Zegers: "He's tough. He's got the speed, quickness, he's built. He's physically built. He's got the speed to run down there and he's a willing tackler. He's got the mindset to do it. I don't think there will be any transition issues there."

ON MITCHELL'S AREAS OF GROWTH OVER HIS CAREER:

Zegers: "Probably confidence, just the more he was out there. He is a confident player. He may not have taken the ball away a lot, but he's got a lot of PBUs. Just because, they're not throwing his way. He's a confident player, he's got the speed, quickness, athleticism and he'll bring that to the field for us."

ON WHAT DC JIM SCHWARTZ WANTS IN A CB:

Paulus: "I think one of the things that Jim has hit on is instincts and play speed. Specifically for that position (CB), being able to identify players that can play man and have ball awareness is crucially important there. Obviously, speed is one of the most important factors at corner, right? Not just the 40 time at the combine. How fast they play. When they're running alongside fast receivers. Those are really the things that Jim drives home. Honestly, once you get to this point in the draft, the more you can do is vital. With Cam, we really feel confident that he is a player that can provide inside-outside flexibility. like Dan said, provide some depth on special teams. Really, just a very versatile, well-rounded player overall. Excited to see where he lands here."

ON IF THEY ARE TYPECASTING QUARTERBACKS TO HAVE SIMILAR TRAITS:

Paulus: "You know, I would say that Dorian is similar to Deshaun in playstyle and athleticism, but that is not—I wouldn't say there's any typecasting going on. Really, we're trying to evaluate what every player does well. Just in this situation, I would say that their strengths are similar, but I wouldn't say that is something we're looking for moving."

ON HOW CRUCIAL THE QUARTERBACK ROOM IS AND IF THEY FELT LIKE THERE WAS A HOLE THERE:

Paulus: "No, I wouldn't say that. I think we really like the two other guys in the room, as well. Obviously, signing (QB) Josh (Dobbs) back and picking up (QB) Kellen (Mond) after cutdown day last year. We think both of those guys are very talented, as well. Like I said, I think there comes a point where that position is just so important to get it right that we're always going to be looking to add to it. In this situation, the opportunity presented itself and we pulled the trigger."

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT OF FOOTBALL OPERATIONS AND GENERAL MANAGER ANDREW BERRY 2023 NFL DRAFT CONCLUSION 4-29-23

OPENING STATEMENT

"So we have at least come to the end of the draft, although our scouts and coaches are hard at work as we get organized for the post-draft undrafted free agent signing period. We are excited about the guys we added this weekend. I think we a number of young players that we're excited to get with our coaching staff. For us, while we will maybe take a breath after tonight's finished and when we sign a number of undrafted free agents, it really is just that we still have work to do on the roster. We will explore every opportunity, trade, veteran market to continue to add depth and competition to all spots. This is a good point in the offseason and we are really excited about the guys we added over the past three days."

ON PERSONAL CONNECTIONS BETWEEN THE SELECTIONS THIS YEAR:

"It really is happenstance. It's a nice side effect of how the board fell and who we selected, but I can't say that we intentionally went about it that way. It is certainly nice to have these guys coming into the building with some familiarity."

ON HAVING NO TRADES UNTIL THE END:

"I'll be honest, we were actually talking about that in the draft room throughout the latter half of today. It's like 'Man, are we really not going to make a trade?' We came close on a number, but it just didn't come to fruition. Fortunately, the one with Baltimore really kind of came out of nowhere. Eric (DeCosta) gave a quick call. We were actually both joking on the phone as we were calling it in. He was like, 'I keep getting beat up here, because we haven't made any trades. My phone hasn't been ringing.' It was mutually beneficial, I guess you could say."

ON THE FIRST FOUR PICKS SEEMING TO BE ABOUT SIZE AND IF IT WAS A COINCIDENCE:

"No, it is. All four players that we liked at their respective slots and I would also say that even though drafted some bigger bodies, it's not just like they're big guys that can't move. That's something that we will always prioritize, because I do think the NFL is becoming more and more of a space game. If you have big athletic players at any position group you'll take them."

ON SO MANY LINEBACKERS COMING OFF INJURY AND NOT GETTING A LINEBACKER IN THE DRAFT:

"I think we really look at guys that we think have talent. Certainly, positions we prioritize and if its a right pick for where we are picking. We're confident in the group that we're bring back. We're confident in the guys that are going though their rehab process. Like I said in the opener, we'll look to add at in every spot."

ON WHERE T DAWAND JONES:

"We think he is a young, talented guy. A work in progress, like a lot of the guys that come into the league. It's hard to find someone that has that rare of size and also his movement skills. He was very productive at Ohio State and we think we have the best offensive line coach (Bill Callahan). We know we have the best offensive line coach in the NFL. We can't want to get him the building and allow Bill and Scott (Peters) to get their hands on him, because we do think he's a lump of clay that we can really develop here."

ON DRIVING COMPETITION FORWARD ON THE ROSTER WITH THE GUYS THEY DRAFTED:

"Well, hopefully, we have taken a big step there. I mean, I think any player that you bring into the organization, whether it's through draft, whether it through free agency, whether it's through a trade or some other means, you are hopeful that you can easier raise the floor and/or ceiling a position group. We have the same aspirations for this class of seven players, but we have to wait and see until they hit the grass."

ON IF DC JIM SCHWARTZ OR QB DESHAUN WATSON INFLUENCED THEIR DRAFT DECISIONS:

"I would probably push back a little on both notions. The idea that Jim is pushing for size, that's really not true. He's looking for good football players. With Deshaun, I think any team that has a quarterback and feels set at that position, wants to make sure to surround that with individuals that can help accentuate his skillset. I wouldn't necessarily say we went into it with a specific plan that was going to drive the offense or the other side was going to drive the defense. We were looking for good football players that, ultimately, fit our vision."

ON WHAT HE LIKES MOST ABOUT QB DORIAN THOMPSON-ROBINSON AND THE IMPORTANCE OF HAVING SOMEONE OF SIMILAR STYLE TO WATSON:

"Dorian, we love his playmaking ability. He's got a strong arm, he's really dangerous off schedule, he's had a lot of starts at UCLA and the other thing that stands out is he is very, very tough and very, very competitive. In terms of the style, I think that's a little bit overblown. We would, largely, just look for good quarterbacks or a good backup quarterback. The stylistic component is a plus, but we don't really subscribe to the notion that your backup has to have the same style as your starter."

ON HOW HE'S LOOKING TO BUILD THE QUARTERBACKS ROOM:

"I think it's probably two things. One, you want to try to get the best player possible. Again, you just never know when your starter may be absent or what could happen. The other thing is, I think that relationship between starter and backup and the relationships in that room are important, because everyone has got to know their role in terms of preparation for the week. It is like other positions where you do want to drive competition and talent and it's the most important position on the roster."

ON IF HE STILL FEELS THERE IS A NEED FOR A VETERAN SAFETY:

"I'd say there's a need everywhere. We're just trying to add talent and competition."

ON IF HE'S MADE A DECISION ON T JEDRICK WILLS JR.'S FIFTH-YEAR OPTION:

"I think I've touched on this in previous pressers. I won't talk about it in this setting. We're pleased with Jed."

ON DRAFTING FIVE WIDE RECEIVERS AND THREE CENTERS IN HIS TENURE:

"I think each situation is different, honestly. I wouldn't say there's some grand, overarching theme at receiver or center. We try to match our resources to opportunities. Can't really force things in the draft, necessarily, and I think even with the eight players you've identified, they all have different skillsets, strengths or weaknesses that made them attractive at the time we made the selection. I'd like to say there is some pattern or something there, but honestly, there really wasn't."

ON IF THREE OF THE RECEIVERS BEING DRAFTED IN THE THIRD ROUND IS ALSO A COINCIDENCE:

"It's a totally fair question. Honestly, yeah."

ON IF DE ISAIAH MCGUIRE IS AN IMMEDIATE CANDIDATE FOR THE THIRD DE SPOT:

"I think all of that has to be played out. I think particularly on the lines, it is tough for rookies to transition into the NFL on both sides of the ball. I'm not going to limit any player that comes in. If the individual earns the role, they earned the role. It's just got to play out on the grass, to be honest."

ON WHAT HE LIKED ABOUT CB CAMERON MITCHELL:

"We liked his ability to play press man coverage. We think he's very physical, very competitive. We also liked his versatility to play inside and outside. We have a number of guys in our corner group that we cross-train in that regard, because it just gives us more flexibility in our sub packages and we feel Cam fills that role, as well. The other thing I should mention on Cam is we did like his appeal in the kicking game and on special teams, as well."

ON WHAT SPECIFICALLY HE LIKED ABOUT MCGUIRE:

"Isaiah, I'd say it's two things. His natural power, both in the run game and pass game. Also, I think he's got what I would call 'slipperiness' as a rusher. Those two things combined, we thought allowed him to be highly productive and then the other thing is with his size and strength. We do think there's probably some inside-outside rush appeal."

ON IF ANY TRADES JUMPED OFF THE BOARD:

"I understand it certainly had a size-power theme. I can't say going into it, that was necessarily the holistic thought. I think it was mentioned that the size profile for a handful of our picks was obviously apparent. Again, the horse trait can be anything. It's not necessarily a theme. It just depends on who the prospects are and what we're looking at that point on the board."

ON WHO EMBODIES HORSE TRAIT THE MOST:

"I think you probably have to go with Dawand, because he's not just big, he's human orca big. I just don't think you really see people with that size and that movement ability."

ON IF THERE WAS A GUY THAT THEY GOT AT A SURPRISING TIME:

"Probably (WR) Cedric (Tillman), realistically. We thought there could be some opportunity that he may go a little bit later than maybe he would have at this point a year ago, because of the injury. You're never really sure until you get into the actual draft. We were pleased to get him at 74."

ON WHAT WAS DIFFERENT ABOUT MAKING TRADES THIS YEAR COMPARED TO THE LAST THREE:

"I think that the board is so random once you get to the middle rounds. It really just disperses across the league and we actually had probably two or three lined up, agreed upon. It was just really a function of if a particular team's guy was there or was not there. It didn't work out. We're very pleased with the outcome, with the guys that we were able to acquire. I just think it's how the board falls. You can never predict that you're in, you're out."

ON HOW GUYS DRAFTED BEFORE SCHWARTZ ARRIVED IN CLEVELAND WILL BE AFFECTED:

"I would say it's more like—while Jim's scheme has differences than what we've played in the past, there's probably a lot more overlap than there isn't. So, with Jim's system, there may be a little bit of a different coverage philosophy. Then, really, how we deploy the front in terms of the defensive linemen's responsibilities. That may change a little bit, but the profile players is actually very similar."

ON IF GOING AFTER PLAYERS FROM BIG SCHOOLS IS A PHILOSOPHY OF HIS:

"It is not. Talent comes from everywhere, it's just kind of worked out that way."

ON WHAT KIND OF C LUKE WYPLER:

"We thought Luke was very productive for a very, very good Ohio State offensive line. We think he has quickness and movement ability. I think what drew us to him was we thought he was a really good pass protector, particularly when he was isolated in one-on-one situations. That's what really appealed to us in that regard. His visit with us, he's incredibly smart, incredibly driven. We were excited to take him off the board in the sixth round."

ON IF THEY GOT THE IMPRESSION FROM THOMPSON-ROBINSON THAT HE'S CONFIDENT:

"I haven't met very many quarterbacks that aren't confident in themselves and that's probably a good trait. Dorian is a, look he's started a lot of games. He's got a lot of experience, he's got a lot of talent and we're looking forward to working with him."

ON WHAT IT MEANS FOR THE ORGANIZATION TO GET THE YOUNG QUARTERBACK IN THE BUILDING:

"I think I mentioned maybe a couple weeks back, just how important the backup quarterback position is for us. We've invested in it, whether it was (QB) Case (Keenum), whether it was (QB) Jacoby (Brissett), (QB) (Josh) Dobbs this past spring. Even as we acquired (QB) Kellen (Mond) and drafted Dorian. For us, I'd say it's probably less about the avenue that we acquired the player and we're always going to be looking, because it is the most important position in sports."

ON WHAT IT MEANS FOR WR DAVID BELL TO PROVE THAT HE DESERVES TIME:

"I think for all the guys in that room, it really is just about competition. I think if, for any player that comes in the NFL, if you're not ready to come compete for your job, then it's just not the league and it's just not the sport for you. That's the reality for young players, rookies and vets. That's just kind of the way it is and that's kind of the way that we'll build out the roster."

ON HOW HE FEELS ABOUT DRAFTING AND DEVELOPING:

"I guess I might answer it in a little bit of a different way. We look at our role as building the best roster that we can through any avenue possible. We want to try and pull on every lever that we can and that we have at our disposal. Really, our job is resource allocation. How we deploy our picks, how we deploy our cash, how we organize our cap. That's really more the perspective I look at it from and really the overall roster health."

ON JONES' SIZE AND IF THERE IS A COMPARISON:

"He actually reminded me when we were in Philadelphia, like Jordan Mailata, because it really is like a modern day Goliath. You just don't see humans that are that big. But there aren't very many people on earth that are his size. Even in the NFL, he's a giant among giants."

ON JONES' ABILITY TO MOVE AT HIS SIZE AND IF BASKETBALL CAME INTO THE CONVERSION WHEN DRAFTING HIM:

"Yeah, I think a lot of tackles in the NFL, tight ends or maybe former failed basketball players—you can definitely see that in Dawuond's movement, particularly his feet. That's something that we definitely saw as transferable for him as an athlete."

ON IF JONES IS THE CASE ON WHY YOUNG KIDS SHOULD PLAY MULTIPLE SPORTS GROWING UP:

"Yeah, I think. I guess if this could be my PSA on that topic, I think a lot of the guys we draft or a lot of the guys who are top players in the NFL, and probably across sports, really were fantastic multi-sport athletes in high school. Whether it could be baseball or track and field or volleyball or wrestling. Usually these guys that become professional athletes, they had a very diverse background. They didn't specialize from the age of five in one sport. I guess any kids watching, go play what you want to play and have fun."

ON WHAT SCHWARTZ MEANT BY CALLING IKA A FERRARI:

"It means that he no longer has the two gap. He just has to get up the field and disrupt, get off the ball, get off the ball, get off the ball, as opposed to just build a stone wall and hold up the offensive line."