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RD.	NO.	PLAYER, POSITION, HEIGHT, WEIGHT, SCHOOL
1	13	(a-traded to Houston)
2	44	(b-traded to Houston)
3	68	Martin Emerson Jr., CB, 6-2, 201. Mississippi State (b-from to Houston)
3	78	Alex Wright, DE, 6-5, 267, UAB
3	99	David Bell, WR, 6-1, 212, Purdue (compensatory pick)
4	108	Perrion Winfrey, DT, 6-4, 290, Oklahoma (b-from to Houston)
4	118	(c-traded to Minnesota)
4	124	Cade York, K, 6-1, 206, LSU (b-from to Houston)
5	155	(d-traded to Dallas)
5	156	Jerome Ford, RB, 5-10, 210, Cincinnati (c-from Minnesota)
6	193	(d-traded to Dallas)
6	202	Michael Woods, WR, 6-1, 204, Oklahoma (d-from Dallas)
7	223	Isaiah Thomas, DE, 6-5, 266, Oklahoma (e-from Detroit)
7	246	Dawson Deaton, OL, 6-5, 306 Texas Tech (f-from Buffalo)
7	257	(e-traded to Detroit)

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 - April 29, 2022: The Browns traded 2022 2nd round pick to Houston for 2022 3rd, 4th and 4th round picks.

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

d - March 16, 2022: The Browns traded 2022 5th round pick and 2022 6th round pick to Dallas for WR Amari Cooper and 2022 6th round pick.

e - Aug. 30, 2019: The Browns traded QB David Blough and 2022 7th round pick to Detroit for 2022 7th round pick.

f - March 20, 2022: The Browns traded QB Case Keenum to Buffalo for 2022 7th round pick.

### 2022 CLEVELAND BROWNS DRAFT TRADES

#### TRADE 1:

##### Browns receive:

2022 third-round pick (68)  
2022 fourth-round pick (108)  
2022 fourth-round pick (124)

##### Texans receive:

2022 second-round pick (44)

#### TRADE 2:

##### Browns receive:

2022 fifth-round pick (156)  
2023 fourth-round pick

##### Vikings receive:

2022 fourth-round pick (118)

#### TRADE 3:

##### Browns receive:

2023 fifth-round pick

##### Rams receive:

CB Troy Hill

### 2023 CLEVELAND BROWNS DRAFT PICKS

- Own picks in rounds 2, 4-7
- Compensatory 3rd round pick (Kwesi Adofo-Mensah to Minnesota)
- 4th round pick from Minnesota (2022 draft day trade)
- 5th round pick from L.A. Rams (CB Troy Hill trade)
- Browns 1st and 3rd round picks sent to Houston (QB Deshaun Watson trade)

# MARTIN EMERSON JR. CORNERBACK 23

HEIGHT 6-2 WEIGHT 201  
SCHOOL Mississippi State  
BORN 9/7/2000  
ACQUIRED D3a - '22  
EXPERIENCE R

**CAREER TRANSACTIONS** Originally drafted by the Cleveland Browns in the third round (68th overall) of the 2022 NFL Draft.

## KEY NOTES

- Finished his career with 28 total starts in 36 games played.
- His 89.6 coverage grade was the highest by an SEC cornerback since 2020.
- Amassed 154 tackles, six tackles for loss, one interception, 16 pass breakups and forced a fumble over three-year career.
- Ranked 11th in forced incompletions (11) among Power Five cornerbacks, according to Pro Football Focus (min. 200 coverage snaps) in 2020.

## PERSONAL

- Nickname is "MJ".
- Son of Tara Davidson and Martin Emerson Sr.
- Native of Pensacola, Fla. and attended Pine Forest High School.
- Played strictly WR growing up until midway through high school when he switched to corner and played defense for the first time in his life.

# ALEX WRIGHT DEFENSIVE END 94

HEIGHT 6-5 WEIGHT 267  
SCHOOL UAB  
BORN 9/5/2000  
ACQUIRED D3b - '22  
EXPERIENCE R

**CAREER TRANSACTIONS** Originally drafted by the Cleveland Browns in the third round (78th overall) of the 2022 NFL Draft.

## KEY NOTES

- Played in 31 games from 2019-21 at UAB, posting 91 tackles, 11.5 sacks, five pass breakups, three forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries.
- Second Team All-Conference USA in 2021 after playing in 12 games with eight starts.
- Tallied 46 tackles on the season with seven sacks, three pass breakups and two forced fumbles.

## PERSONAL

- Native of Elba, Ala. and attended Elba High School.
- Played wide receiver in high school, while also playing the Saxophone and the clarinet in the high school band.

DAVID  
BELL  
WIDE RECEIVER  
18

HEIGHT 6-1 WEIGHT 212  
SCHOOL Purdue  
BORN 12/14/2000  
ACQUIRED D3c - '22  
EXPERIENCE R

**CAREER TRANSACTIONS** Originally drafted by the Cleveland Browns in the third round (99th overall) of the 2022 NFL Draft.

#### KEY NOTES

- Started 26 of 29 games over three seasons for the Boilermakers from 2019-21.
- Concluded collegiate career with 232 catches for 2,946 yards and 21 touchdowns.
- Caught 93 passes for 1,286 yards and six touchdown receptions in 2021 and was named first-team All-Big Ten Conference for a second consecutive season (2020-21).
- Bell's total (1,286) fell just 21 yards shy of the school record for a single season, settling for second all-time.
- Set a new Purdue record with 17 career 100-yard receiving games, which included seven during his 2021 All-American season.
- Ranks in the Boilermakers' program all-time Top 10 for receptions (fourth), receiving yards (fifth) and receiving touchdowns (tied for fifth).

#### PERSONAL

- Given name is David Kyreem Bell.
- Native of Indianapolis, Ind. and attended Warren Central High School. Also played lettered in basketball.
- Majored in financial counseling and planning at Purdue.
- 2018 Indiana Gatorade State Player of the Year.

PERRION  
WINFREY  
DEFENSIVE TACKLER  
97

HEIGHT 6-4 WEIGHT 290  
SCHOOL Oklahoma  
BORN 8/15/2000  
ACQUIRED D4a - '22  
EXPERIENCE R

**CAREER TRANSACTIONS** Originally drafted by the Cleveland Browns in the fourth round (108th overall) of the 2022 NFL Draft.

#### KEY NOTES

- An All-Big 12 Second Team selection by the league's head coaches in 2020 and 2021, while also receiving the same honors from the Associated Press in 2021.
- Started 20 of 23 games at Oklahoma from 2020-21, posting 42 tackles, six sacks, three pass breakups and one forced fumble.
- Started all 12 games he played in during the 2021 season and totaled 23 tackles, 5.5 sacks, and one forced fumble.
- Compiled 55 tackles, 9.5 sacks and one forced fumble in his two seasons (2018-19) at junior college, Iowa Western, before transferring to Oklahoma.

#### PERSONAL

- First name pronounced PAIR-ee-ahn.
- Native of Maywood, Ill. and attended Lake Park High School.
- Majored in communication.
- Voted Senior Bowl MVP.
- Is an avid horror movie fan and wore famous horror movie characters on his thigh pads during games at Oklahoma.
- Nickname was "The Norman Nightmare" at Oklahoma.

# CADE YORK KICKER

**3** HEIGHT 6-1 WEIGHT 206  
SCHOOL Louisiana State  
BORN 1/27/01  
ACQUIRED D4b - '22  
EXPERIENCE R

**CAREER TRANSACTIONS** Originally drafted by the Cleveland Browns in the fourth round (124th overall) of the 2022 NFL Draft.

## KEY NOTES

- The highest-drafted kicker in the NFL since 2016.
- Selected Second Team All-SEC by coaches in 2021 as a junior, connecting on 15-of-18 field goals and all 39 PATs to reach a streak of 118 consecutive PATs made, a new school record.
- Appeared in all 10 games, earning second team All-America honors and first team All-SEC distinction, as a sophomore in 2020.
- Connected on 18-of-21 field goals and 36-of-36 on PATs.
- His 18 field goals led the SEC, while his 85.7 field goal percentage ranked No. 3 in the league.
- Played in 15 games and converted on 21-of-27 field goal attempts for 77.8 percent and was 89-of-93 on point-after touchdowns as a freshman in 2019.
- Led the nation in PATs (89) and finished second in country in scoring (152).
- His 152 points were the most by a kicker in college football in 2019 and trailed only Wisconsin running back Jonathan Taylor for points scored (156).
- He set the SEC record for points by kicking (152) and broke the league mark for PATs made (89) to earn second team All-SEC from the AP and was a member of the Freshman All-SEC team.

## PERSONAL

- Native of McKinney, Texas and attended Prosper High School.
- Earned a 3.9 GPA in college as a finance major.
- Played soccer all of his life until transitioning to only football at LSU.

# JEROME FORD RUNNING BACK

**34** HEIGHT 5-10 WEIGHT 210  
SCHOOL Cincinnati  
BORN 9/12/1999  
ACQUIRED D5 - '22  
EXPERIENCE R

**CAREER TRANSACTIONS** Originally drafted by the Cleveland Browns in the third round (99th overall) of the 2022 NFL Draft.

## KEY NOTES

- Joined the Cincinnati Bearcats' program early in 2020 after two years at Alabama.
- Helped led the Bearcats to an undefeated season (13-0) in 2021 and finished with 1,242 yards rushing, 19 rushing touchdowns and 20 total touchdowns. Both touchdown marks tied the school records set by Michael Warren in 2018.
- Finished collegiate career with 319 rushes for 1,953 yards and 30 touchdowns. Also added 31 catches for 282 yards and one score.
- Appeared in the 2022 College Football Playoff.

## PERSONAL

- Native of Tampa, Fla. and attended Armwood High School.

# MICHAEL WOODS II

## WIDE RECEIVER

### 12

HEIGHT 6-1 WEIGHT 204

SCHOOL Oklahoma

BORN 3/19/2000

ACQUIRED D6 - '22

EXPERIENCE R

**CAREER TRANSACTIONS** Originally drafted by the Cleveland Browns in the sixth round (202nd overall) of the 2002 NFL Draft.

#### KEY NOTES

- Started 38 of 43 games in his collegiate career from 2018-21, catching 118 passes for 1,648 yards and 12 touchdowns.
- Earned honorable mention All-Big 12 honors from league's coaches in 2021 after transferring to Oklahoma from Arkansas. He started nine of 11 games and hauling in 35 receptions for 400 yards and a pair of scores.
- In 2020, Caught 32 passes for a career-high 619 yards while starting all 10 games for the Razorbacks.
- He also tallied five touchdowns to match his total touchdown output from his first two seasons combined.
- Started all 12 games in 2019 and led team with 33 receptions and four receiving touchdowns.
- Racked up 423 receiving yards for an average of 12.8 yards per catch and 35.2 yards per game.

#### PERSONAL

- Native of Magnolia, Texas and attended Magnolia High School.
- Got into photography at the beginning of the pandemic and started his own YouTube channel (WoodVille), now at over 5,000 subscribers.
- One of his closest friends that he trains with in the offseason is Cowboys WR CeeDee Lamb.
- Basketball was his main sport in high school before solely focusing on football after his sophomore year.
- Enrolled at Arkansas early and graduated in three years with a degree in recreation and sport management.

# ISAIAH THOMAS

## DEFENSIVE END

### 58

HEIGHT 6-5 WEIGHT 266

SCHOOL Oklahoma

BORN 12/3/1998

ACQUIRED D7a - '22

EXPERIENCE R

**CAREER TRANSACTIONS** Originally drafted by the Cleveland Browns in the seventh round (233rd overall) of the 2022 NFL Draft.

#### KEY NOTES

- Started 22 of 43 games played for the Sooners from 2017-21 with 81 tackles, 18.5 sacks seven pass breakups, four forced fumbles and three fumble recoveries.
- An All-Big 12 Second Team selection by league coaches in 2021 after starting 11 of 12 games played.
- Totaled 38 tackles, 11.5 tackles for loss, team-high eight sacks, four pass breakups, three QB hurries, three forced fumbles and one fumble recovery.
- A second-team All-Big 12 selection by league coaches and media and an Academic All-Big 12 Second Team honoree in 2020.
- Notched 32 tackles with team highs of 8.5 sacks and 13 tackles for loss.
- Also credited with two fumble recoveries, a forced fumble, eight QB hurries and two pass breakups.
- Played in 11 of 14 games and registered seven tackles and two sacks in 2019.

#### PERSONAL

- Native of Tulsa, Okla. and attended Memorial High School.
- Majored in human relations.
- Named after former Detroit Pistons star Isaiah Thomas.
- He loves basketball and played through high school.
- Enjoys acting and took multiple acting classes at Oklahoma.
- Partnered with SoonerScoop.com in his redshirt senior season for a reoccurring show called "The Isaiah Thomas Show" on YouTube.

#### BEYOND FOOTBALL

- Active in the community and his mother says her proudest moments have been watching Isaiah volunteer for community events like reading to children at elementary schools and helping with Fall Festival parties.
- Visited the Tulsa Boys' Home in 2021 to offer them some encouragement and make a \$1,500 donation to help out the residential treatment facility near Sand Springs. The donation was from his NIL earnings.
- Also gave each of the boys a hoodie with Isaiah's logo and the slogan on the front, which says, "I'm coming for everything they said I couldn't have."

# DAWSON DEATON GUARD 52

HEIGHT 6-1 WEIGHT 306

SCHOOL Texas Tech

BORN 5/6/1999

ACQUIRED D7b - '22

EXPERIENCE R

**CAREER TRANSACTIONS** Originally drafted by the Cleveland Browns in the seventh round (246th overall) of the 2021 NFL Draft.

## KEY NOTES

- Played in 44 games (35 starts) for the Red Raiders from 2017-21.
- His 35 starts led all offensive players and was third on the team among players who spent entire career at Texas Tech.
- Part of an offensive line that allowed only 1.5 sacks per game, good for second in the Big 12 his sophomore season.

## PERSONAL

- Native of Frisco, Tx. and attended Frisco High School.
- Has a daughter, Parker.
- Earned his degree in marketing. Mom, Angela and Dad, David, also graduated from Texas Tech with a degree in marketing.
- Brother, Jackson, was a starting offensive lineman in 2019 as a senior at Army.

**ON JOINING THE BROWNS, WHO HAVE A STRONG DBS ROOM:**

"It is exciting. It is exciting just going in with guys who have been in my position. Great players and just going in and learning from them, it is going to be great. Just coming in, I am going to compete and give it all I have. Bring a little size. Bring some physicality. I am just going to bring everything I have. Excited just to be a part of the team and be a part of the defensive back group."

**ON IF HE EXPECTED TO BE DRAFTED BY THE BROWNS THIS WEEKEND AND HOW MUCH COMMUNICATION HE HAD WIT THE TEAM PRIOR TO TODAY:**

"I had a formal meeting at the combine. We really did not talk that much after so I did not expect it."

**ON IF HE EXPECTED TO BE DRAFTED TODAY:**

"I do not really know honestly. I did not really ask my agent too much. I was just going in with an open mind, and just wherever I went, I was just going to go in and make the best of it and go in and compete."

**ON HIS STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES AND AREAS FOR GROWTH AS A CB:**

"My strengths, just being versatile, coming in and being able to do anything the coach asks me to. If that is going to press, playing off, zone, blitzing or whatever. Just being versatile. I feel like I can bring that to this team. What I need to work on, I feel like it is getting more turnovers. That is going to be a goal of mine is getting turnovers for the team and helping us win."

**ON IF TEAMS DISCUSSED HIS ONE INTERCEPTION IN COLLEGE PRIOR TO THE DRAFT AND HOW MUCH THAT MOTIVATES HIM TO IMPROVE:**

"It is kind of like a personal thing honestly. Some teams brought it up to me – maybe two that I can remember off my head about of did I have ball skills or whatnot. That is just something that I want to prove to myself is to just get the ball because I know I can get the ball. I just want to prove it to myself and make that happen."

**ON WHAT PROMPTED HIS SWITCH FROM WR TO DB IN HIGH SCHOOL, GIVEN HE ONLY PLAYED DB FOR ONE FULL SEASON IN HIGH SCHOOL:**

"My high school coach actually [prompted the switch]. I wanted to play offense. I always loved playing offense. He kind of forced me to go over there, and I excelled at it. I started getting offers at the position so I just stuck with it, and I ended up falling in love with it. That is kind of how it happened."

**ON HIS CURRENT LOCATION AND WHETHER HE AND HIS FAMILY SPENT THE DRAFT TOGETHER:**

"I am in Atlanta, Georgia right now with my family."

**ON WHAT HE KNEW ABOUT THE BROWNS PRIOR TO BEING DRAFTED BY THE TEAM AND WHAT STANDS OUT ABOUT THE TEAM:**

"I do know about the Browns. The defensive back group [stands out] – the defensive backs I am going to work with."

**ON HOW THE TRANSITION FROM WR TO CB HELPED HIM MOLD HIS GAME:**

"How did it mold me? It was a great transition really. I am just trying to think – that is a good question. I would probably say just thinking like what a receiver likes to do and probably just thinking what a receiver would like to use against me and how I was thinking when I played receiver. That probably helped."

**ON HAVING A LOW TARGET PERCENTAGE DURING HIS COLLEGE CAREER AND IF NOT BEING TARGETED AS MUCH LED TO NOT HAVING AS MANY TAKEAWAYS:**

"Yes, ma'am, but at the same time, I feel like that is kind of making an excuse for me. I do not try to make any excuses. I did get targeted so I feel like some of the plays I could have made and got interceptions. Yeah, I do feel like that played a role, but I do not really try to look at it like that."

**ON COMPETING AGAINST QB DESHAUN WATSON AND WR AMARI COOPER IN PRACTICE:**

"It is going to be great. They are great players. They are the best at what they do. Me coming in, it is going to be great just getting better and working with those guys."

**ON WHERE HE WAS EXPECTING TO BE PICKED IN THE DRAFT:**

"My agent told me second or third round."

**ON IF HE HAS EVER PRACTICED AS AN INSIDE CB:**

"Yes, sir. I have at [Mississippi] State actually. I have practiced on the inside. I played a lot of it in high school; I know that is a different level, but I have. I try to be versatile so whatever coach wants me to do, that is what I am going to do."

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**ON INITIAL THOUGHTS OF PLAYING ACROSS FROM DE MYLES GARRETT:**

"It is like a dream come true because Myles Garrett is one of those rare breeds that I used to and still look up to to this day, not only as a person but on the field and how he works off the field – the stuff that he does behind the cameras.

"Being able to just watch him and now have the chance to play across from him is like a dream come true. It feels surreal. I have goosebumps right now."

**ON IF HE HAS EVER INTERACTED WITH GARRETT OR OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BROWNS DL:**

"No sir. I never have. Just being my first time meeting him will probably be like, 'Wow, this is Myles Garrett.' I can't wait. I can't wait."

**ON THE STATUS OF HIS PEC AFTER STRAINING IT AT THE NFL COMBINE:**

"I did. I am cleared now. Thanks to my doctors. I am cleared. I am getting ready to work. I am back 100 percent, and I am ready to work"

**ON GOING FROM 210 TO 270 POUNDS DURING HIS COLLEGE CAREER, AS WELL AS STEPPING AWAY FROM FOOTBALL FOR A PERIOD OF TIME PRIOR TO COLLEGE:**

"It is about just taking it one step at a time, just baby steps. I did as much as I could, and I did what I was comfortable with along with the coaches, the trainers and strength coaches and just felt what I was comfortable with. I did not want to be too big or too small. Just taking baby steps and being sure of what I could maintain. That was the route we decided to take."

**ON IF HE WILL BE ABLE TO SLEEP TONIGHT IF GARRETT TEXTS HIM LATER:**

"Probably night. I am not even going to lie, I would be so hyped. I will be in disbelief, I will probably be shocked. I am not going to lie."

**ON IF HE STILL HAS ROOM TO GROW INTO HIS BODY FRAME, GIVEN THE BROWNS SAID THERE IS SOME DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY THERE:**

"I still feel that way. They are not wrong. I still feel like I have a lot of growing to do, whether it is the physical traits and not just physical but IQ wise. I could learn while I grow, physically and IQ wise."

**ON HIS COMMUNICATION WITH THE BROWNS DURING THE DRAFT PROCESS:**

"It was really genuine. You could tell that it was from the heart and that they meant what they said. Just going through and talking with D line coaches, DCs and just talking to every coach, it felt genuine and it felt like that was my home. They never made me feel anything negative. It was always positive, and they spoke positive. That is one thing that I like about Cleveland. It is an honor for me to even have the chance to go to Cleveland."

**ON WHAT STANDS OUT ABOUT THE BROWNS DEFENSE, IN ADDITION TO GARRETT:**

"Just being able to be myself and add on to the positivity. We all have one goal in mind, and that is just to win. I just want to make myself better, but I also want to make the guys around me better, no matter whether it is DBs, linebackers, corners or even the special teams. Just cheering them on and keeping it positive. The whole mindset is positivity, just win and hard work."

**ON POTENTIALLY HAVING THE OPPORTUNITY TO PLAY INSIDE DL:**

"I feel very comfortable because that was one of those things in college that I wanted to do and I wanted to try it out. Coming as a result in practice, it was like baby steps. I was like, 'I can do this in a game,' and then when it showed in the game, that was just one of those things like, 'I can do this. I can be more versatile. I do not have to rush on the outside.' I look forward to rushing on the inside."

**ON WHAT DREW HIM BACK TO FOOTBALL AFTER TAKING SOME TIME OFF EARLY IN HIS CAREER:**

"Just the vibe of being in Friday night lights. Me being from the south, football has taken a lot serious, and there is no other thing like it. Me being me, I wanted to be a part of that because I was in a band and I like music. I wanted to take a break from music but still keep it on the side, but I wanted to focus on football because I felt like football was a sport where I could get myself back into and I could see myself having fun at it. When I saw myself adjusting back to the game and then having fun with it, it was just the environment, whether it was the band, whether it was the smell of the grass or whether it was the lights on Fridays. It was just the environment. I fell in love with the environment, and I wanted to get back out there."

**ON WHAT KIND OF WR HE WAS IN HIGH SCHOOL:**

"I was good at blocking at wide receiver. Then I had go routes. I was good on slant routes. The crazy part about it, I never scored a touchdown – I think I never scored a touchdown at home. I never scored a touchdown. Yeah, I did. I scored one touchdown at home, but most of them was like tight end than wide receiver."

**ON THE EXPECTED TRANSITION PROCESS INTO THE BROWNS DEFENSE:**

"This adjustment, that is also part of learning. That is also part of growing as a player. Me wanting to get better, that is my characteristic. You can always get better at things. That is my deal when it comes to football, film, nutrition and anything. Me wanting to get better as a person, I am welcome to and I can't wait to switch adjustments and switch to a different defense. I can't wait for it."

**ON HIS HOPES TO LEARN FROM GARRETT ABOUT ALL ASPECTS OF FOOTBALL:**

"He might have to get tired of me because I am asking questions. I am asking everything, whether it comes from little things or small things. How do you get from the stance to your eyes? Feet to eyes? I am asking everything. Arms, hand placement, I am asking everything – bending, knees, everything I am asking. He is probably going to get tired of me asking."

**ON WHAT INSTRUMENT HE PLAYED IN BAND AND IF HE STILL PLAYS IT:**

"No, I did not. I played in band with woodwinds. I played saxophone, alto saxophone, tenor saxophone and baritone saxophone, and I even played clarinet so I play mostly those, and I was pretty good."

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**HEAD COACH KEVIN STEFANSKI & VICE PRESIDENT OF PLAYER PERSONNEL GLENN COOK**

4-29-22

**OPENING STATEMENT:**

Cook: "Obviously, we moved back a few picks and picked up what we think are two really good players in the third round. They both really speak to the moniker of smart, tough, accountable, resilient and gritty young men. They give us a ton of agency on that side of the football so we are really excited to add both (CB Emerson) Martin and (DE) Alex (Wright) to our defense."

**ON THE COMMON SAYING OF 'YOU NEVER HAVING ENOUGH CORNERS':**

Cook: "You never have enough good players. We love his length, his size and his ability to press. Like I said, it will give us a ton of multiplicity and versatility on that side of the football so we are excited."

Stefanski: "But yes, you can never have enough corners (laughter)."

**ON IF WRIGHT NEEDS MORE DEVELOPMENT, GIVEN COMMENTS IN A THIRD-PARTY SCOUTING REPORT:**

Cook: "We do not expect him to come in and be perfect right away. What we do love about him is he is big, he is long and he is physical. He will definitely come in and contribute in the run game right away. Then we can kick him inside. He did not get a ton of opportunities to do that at UAB, but we see some of that ability in him, and that will help us out on third down."

**ON IF THE BROWNS VIEW THE SELECTIONS AS LONG-TERM, BIG-PICTURE PICKS RATHER THAN PLAYERS WHO ARE EXPECTED TO HAVE AN IMMEDIATE HIGH IMPACT:**

Cook: "I think AB (Executive Vice President of Football Operations and General Manager Andrew Berry) spoke to that in his pre-draft presser. We kind of take that approach just in general so I guess the short answer is yes, but not just in the mid-round – our expectation is to help our guys grow and develop over the course of time and be pretty good."

**ON THE MOTIVE TO TRADE BACK IN THE SECOND ROUND:**

Cook: "We just thought it was good value. I think Andrew will speak more to it, but how the board was set and where we were at that point, we felt really pretty good about the trade."

**ON THERE BEING A RUN ON WRS IN THE FIRST AND SECOND ROUNDS AND IF THE BROWNS WERE COMFORTABLE IN THAT SITUATION:**

Cook: "We talk about it. We run through all of the simulations and all of the different possibilities. Honestly, how this one played out, we were pretty prepared for it, and we moved accordingly."

**ON MARTIN'S ABILITY TO GET INTERCEPTIONS AND SAYING HE WANTS TO IMPROVE THERE, GIVEN MARTIN ONLY RECORDED ONE IN COLLEGE:**

Stefanski: "I think sometimes the interception numbers for corners can be a little misleading. You always talk about offenses staying away from a certain guy, but those are all things – speaking of player development things – that we feel like we can work with him. Played in a really difficult league. Played against some great players. Like his size a lot. Somebody I think coach (defensive coordinator Joe) Woods, (pass game coordinator/defensive backs) Coach (Jeff) Howard and (assistant defensive backs) Coach (Brandon) Lynch, they can really get with him over the course of his career and early on get with him and start developing some of those traits. Like Glenn I mentioned, I think he has it in him."

**ON IF IT IS CHALLENGING WATCHING MANY PLAYERS BE SELECTED PRIOR TO THE BROWNS MAKING THEIR FIRST DRAFT PICK:**

Stefanski: "No, I think it is exciting. We are sitting up there like you guys watching it on TV and seeing the names come off. The truth is you fall in love with a lot of players during this draft. There are some great football players out there, and you wish you could have all of them, but I thought Andrew and the crew here did a great job of staying true to the board and making sure that we can add

value later and add players that we feel like can have an impact this season and really beyond.”

#### **ON WRIGHT’S STRENGTHS:**

Stefanski: “Big and long. We had him in here for a pre-draft visit so we got to spend time with him and see him up close and personal and get to know the person. To your point, that is a really good defense. They do a great job on defense down there. Got to talk to him about that and how they deployed him, but you definitely see his length on tape.”

#### **ON REPORTS THAT THE BROWNS ARE IN DISCUSSIONS WITH THE PANTHERS ABOUT POTENTIALLY TRADING QB BAKER MAYFIELD:**

Stefanski: “We are not going to discuss those types of things in this setting.”

#### **ON IF THE REPORTS ABOUT TALKING TO THE PANTHERS ABOUT MAYFIELD ARE ACCURATE:**

Stefanski: “We are not going to discuss that type of thing.”

#### **ON WRIGHT’S VERSATILITY ON THE DL:**

Cook: “I think there were snapshots of it. That is a part of it where you are trying to project, ‘Hey, can he do this? Can we help him grow in this area?’ I think some of the opportunities he did get to do it, he really displayed the potential, the ability and the effectiveness as an interior pass rusher. We put a ton of value on being able to keep people inside, especially in some of our ends – you see (DE) Jadeveon (Clowney) do it and (DE) Myles (Garrett) do it. It is pretty exciting to see if he has similar potential.”

#### **ON EMERSON COULD POTENTIALLY PLAY INSIDE CB, GIVEN HIS SIZE:**

Cook: “I will kind of leave that to the coaching staff in terms of how they will deploy him, but he gives us a ton of versatility – that is the big piece. Kevin always talks about on offense, but we want that same versatility on defense. If you look at our division, you just look at how people are playing across the league. Like you said, you never have enough [cornerbacks].”

#### **ON TAKEAWAYS FROM HIS INTERVIEWS FOR GENERAL MANAGER OPENINGS THIS PAST OFFSEASON:**

Cook: “It was a great opportunity. You get an opportunity to see yourself in a different setting. You get feedback on how people view you and honestly some of the areas you can grow. I was very grateful for the opportunity, but I really want to focus on these young men today. Appreciate the question.”

#### **ON MANY FANS OR MEDIA EXPECTING OR HOPING THE BROWNS WOULD TAKE A WR IN THE DRAFT BUT NOT YET TAKING ONE MIDWAY THROUGH THE THIRD ROUND:**

Cook: “To your point, there is still a lot of the draft left. We will stay true to the board. I think we have done a good job of preparing and stacking and setting the players where we think we should take them. We trust our group to make decisions across every position and try to add as many good players as we can.”

#### **ON HOW MUCH INJURY HISTORIES OF SOME PLAYERS IN THE DRAFT FACTORED INTO TRADING BACK FROM NO. 44:**

Cook: “We weight that into how we evaluate each individual player. I will not speak to anyone specifically, but we definitely factor it into our overall evaluation.”

#### **ON IF THE BROWNS COACHING STAFF ENCOURAGED TO THE PERSONNEL GROUP TO ACQUIRE MORE DEPTH AT CB:**

Stefanski: “No, it is not coaching-staff driven. Although, it is a (former Vikings Head Coach) Mike Zimmer comment [of never having enough depth at cornerback], but I think he got it from (Pro Football Hall of Famer) Coach (Bill) Parcells. I think it is an organization think. You have a good football player in Martin right there on the board. He is a valuable player to what we do in trying to defend the pass. Just felt like it made our team better, but I would say it was organizationally, we value those players.”

#### **ON HOW TO START EMERSON’S DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING AS IT RELATES TO PLAYING INSIDE AND/OR OUTSIDE CB:**

Stefanski: “That is a good question. With all of these guys, you have to get your hands on them at the rookie minicamp in a couple of weekends and really start with the basics. I think that is where our coaches do a really nice job. We consider ourselves developers of a player. You can’t just X and O and scheme them up. You have to develop the traits of these guys. We will see where he is. Ultimately, like Glenn mentioned, we like guys who play with versatility, and you also have to go off the pace of each player allows, if you will. We will see what he is comfortable with. Played outside and used his length well, but if he is a guy who can bounce inside, I think that just adds to what (defensive coordinator) Joe (Woods) and the defensive staff can do.”

#### **ON IF THE BROWNS HAVE A STARTER AT BOTH DE SPOTS AS OF RIGHT NOW:**

Stefanski: “When are we playing our next game (laughter)? I think we have a bunch of players there. We are going to constantly add and constantly churn this roster like we always do, but I think we have a lot of players who we like. How it all shakes out for Week 1, I do not know that for right now, but I think we are adding players who we like.”

#### **ON WRIGHT’S LENGTH AND HOW THAT FACTORS INTO VERSATILITY:**

Cook: “I think that is one component of it. You can’t buy the size and the length. He was born with that and gifted with that. What we will try to do and what the coaching staff will try to do is develop some of his other skills to maximize it, but you definitely can’t buy that.”

**ON IF THE TRADE BACK IN THE SECOND ROUND TO GAIN MORE DRAFT CAPITAL WAS IMPACTED AT ALL BY THE SELECTIONS SENT TO HOUSTON TO ACQUIRE QB DE-SHAUN WATSON:**

Cook: "No, I think you know Andrew – he is always trying to maximize our on-field and off-field value so that was not a factor."

**ON IF WRIGHT COULD STILL GROW MORE INTO HIS BODY:**

Cook: "He came into UAB at 210 pounds. He is 270 pounds now. Yeah, he still has room to grow. There is a lot of clay to work with there. We are going to get him with our sports science group and with the coaching staff and see what his best weight is and go from there. We are excited about what he could be."

**ON IF THE BROWNS TALKED ABOUT WRIGHT PLAYING IN THE BAND:**

Cook: "No, I did not personally have that discussion."

**ON IF IT IS RARE FOR A TEAM TO ONLY MEET WITH A PLAYER AT THE NFL COMBINE AND THEN NOT HAVE MUCH DISCUSSIONS WITH HIM OR A 30 VISIT PRIOR TO SELECTING THE PLAYER:**

Cook: "I think it is on a player by player basis. We utilize the different opportunities to spend time with these young men as we see fit. Meeting at the combine was sufficient for us in this instance."

Stefanski: "I think it happens a lot. I think you bring guys in for different reasons, and you only get so many of them – 30. For us, you have the combine meeting, but there is so much that goes on prior to that meeting with the intel that you are gathering from the scouts, and then from that meeting, different zoom calls you may have with coaches to understand the guys."

**ON IF IT IS CHALLENGING TO EVALUATE A CB LIKE EMERSON WHO WAS NOT TARGETED OFTEN AND HAD ONE INTERCEPTION DURING HIS COLLEGIATE CAREER:**

Cook: "I think Coach said it earlier, we do not strictly look at how many interceptions he had or how many pass breakups he had only, but you look at the full body of work, how he goes about covering, utilizing his instincts and all of the different components to being a DB. Yeah, I think you are onto something with that."

Stefanski: "You can watch the target tape, and you can pull up just the targets, but as you spend time with these guys, you want to see in the course of the game how often teams go away from his side because he covered his guy. You can still watch him on the ball goes or to the right side and you can watch the left side and still evaluate his cover skills."

**ON IF THE BROWNS SAW OPPONENTS FREQUENTLY PLAYING AWAY FROM EMERSON:**

Stefanski: "Obviously, it is going to happen, but more than anything, I think we are just talking about the body of work."

**ON IF THE CBS SELECTED EARLIER IN THE SECOND ROUND OF VIKINGS CB ANDREW BOOTH JR. AND BEARS CB KYLER GORDON IMPACTED THE BROWNS decision to trade back and how Emerson compares to those two players:**

Cook: "We are not going to compare, but I think they are both good players and wish them the best. We really like Martin and what he can provide for us."

**ON IF THE BROWNS ENTERED THE DAY FEELING THAT THERE WAS MORE VALUE IN THE LATER ROUNDS OR IF THAT IS HOW THE DAY PLAYED OUT:**

Cook: "Like I said, we prepared for a ton of different scenarios so I would not say it is one or the other. We were ready for however it played out the first 10 or so picks."

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**WR DAVID BELL**

**4-29-22**

**ON HIS REACTION TO BEING DRAFTED BY THE BROWNS, PARTICULARLY BEING CLOSE TO HOME AND HIS COLLEGE:**

"It was definitely an amazing feeling. I definitely shed tears. It is something that I have been dreaming about my entire life just to get that phone call and see my name get called on draft night. It is definitely a blessing just to be one state over. Friends and family can come to watch me play. It is not too far. It is close enough. It is just outside of the city just for me."

**ON PLAYING ALONGSIDE WR AMARI COOPER, WHO HE SAID HE HAS STUDIED IN THE PAST:**

"It is amazing. I have been studying Amari since he was at Bama so to get the opportunity to see him and how he works in practice and to see what he does to be one of the top route runners in the game today is definitely an honor that I am definitely going to take from and learn a lot from it."

**ON HOW MUCH IS HE LOOKING FORWARD TO PICKING COOPER'S BRAIN:**

"A lot. He had success in college. He had success when he was in Oakland also in Dallas. I imagine he is going to have success now. Just trying to see what he has done just to be successful up to this point so I can implement it into my game, also."

**ON HOW MUCH IS HE LOOKING TO IMPROVE ON HIS SPEED, GIVEN HE DID NOT PRODUCE AS WELL AS DESIRED AT THE NFL COMBINE:**

"It is definitely something that I am improving on right now. I did not perform how I wanted to at the combine, but since the combine, I have been working on getting faster and more explosive in my lower body so I can break away from DBs just to show that I am a more explosive player."

**ON HIS REACTION TO FORMER BROWNS AND NFL WR AND OHIO STATE WIDE RECEIVERS COACH BRIAN HARTLINE TWEETING TO SHOW HIM RESPECT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DRAFT BY SAYING ANOTHER TEAM SHOULD TRADE UP TO SELECT HIM:**

"It is definitely nothing but respect. He recruited me when I was at Ohio State, and we just have that mutual respect for each other, even when I decided not to go to Ohio State. I personally called him and told him that I would be going to a different university, and he was just glad that I was a man at such a young age being able to call him and tell him that I went with a different decision. Definitely hats off to him. I appreciate him for shooting out that tweet. Much love."

**ON WHY HE CAN EXCEL PLAYING INSIDE AND OUTSIDE WR:**

"I think being able to understand defenses. Inside, just a lot more trying to feel out the zones and learning linebacker leverages and also with safeties. On the outside, it is also similar. I think what I did last year playing inside and outside, it is definitely going to help me this upcoming season."

**ON WAITING TO HEAR HIS NAME CALLED AND IF HE HAD AN INDICATION IT MIGHT BE THE BROWNS:**

"I definitely had an indication early. I met with them at the [combine]. They said they liked me, but I did not hear much from them after that. The whole process up until I had my name called, it was very stressful. Seeing guys get drafted, I was getting a little bit impatient, but God has his plan, and he put me in the right situation."

**ON IF HE PLAYED AGAINST CB GREG NEWSOME II IN COLLEGE:**

"I went up against Greg my sophomore year. He is definitely the best defensive back I played in my collegiate career."

**ON RARELY DROPPING PASSES DURING HIS COLLEGIATE CAREER:**

"I take a lot of pride in that. Our receivers coach said, 'We are not receivers. We are takers.' Anytime the ball comes near us, we take it out of the air. Me and [Cardinals WR] Rondale [Moore], when Rondale was with me at Purdue, we used to catch 500 balls a day. I still do that to this day. Just practicing catching the ball in different ways – over the shoulder, over the head – just trying to find different ways to be able to catch the ball is something that makes me one of the best."

**ON WHAT HIS STRONG PERFORMANCES IN HIS SENIOR SEASON AGAINST IOWA AND MICHIGAN STATE MEANT TO HIM DURING THE DRAFT PROCESS:**

"I think it definitely had a lot of consideration. Iowa is known to be one of the top defenses in the country year in and year out. For me to do what I did against them and us to get that big win is definitely something that not only the scouts but the GMs and head coaches see what I can do in the top games. The same with Michigan State. They had a phenomenal year this year, but it is just a team effort and I was put in the right situation thanks to [Purdue Head] Coach [Jeff] Brohm and also my receivers coach just to be able to succeed."

**ON IF HE CROSSED PATHS WITH WR JARVIS LANDRY WHILE TRAINING WITH HOUSE OF ATHLETE:**

"Yeah, me and Jarvis, we trained together about two or three times."

**ON IF HE HAD HIS NECKLACE SPECIFICALLY MADE FOR THE DRAFT:**

"Yeah, I had it made for the draft. My name is David Bell so it is just a D and a bell. I got my homie who passed away, Dijon Anderson, on the back of it. 'RIP D3.' That was his number in high school, and that is why I wore number three in college. He [passed] in May of 2017."

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**EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT OF FOOTBALL OPERATIONS AND GENERAL MANAGER ANDREW BERRY**

**4-29-22**

**OPENING STATEMENT:**

"Before starting, I actually wanted to take a moment just to wish my daughter Eden happy birthday. It is her first birthday so that is the first thing. You will forever be my best first round draft pick (laughter)."

"Always looking forward to draft weekend and Friday night adding good young players. With [CB] Martin (Emerson), [DE] Alex (Wright), and [WR] David (Bell), we are excited about the talent and energy that they will bring to those positions rooms. I know our coaching staff is excited to work with them once they get on campus. They are three guys who we think can really help improve our account base across the roster. We are really excited. We realize we have a lot of work to do tomorrow because we have a number of picks on Day 3."

**ON WR DAVID BELL:**

"It probably starts really with just his hands. We thought he had some of the best hands in this draft class. He is also very savvy as a route runner, just very nuanced and polished and has the ability to separate. We think he is a guy who can really play both outside and inside, but we think that he can really make a living with his size, his savvy and his hands in the slot, but we are excited to get to work with him. Ultimately, that will be (Head Coach) Kevin (Stefanski) and AVP (offensive coordinator Alex Van Pelt and CO's (pass game coordinator/wide receivers coach Chad O'Shea) decision."

**ON THE DECISION TO TRADE BACK FROM NO. 44:**

"Each decision in terms of trading up or moving back is largely based on the pool of players that we have on the board at that time. For us, that decision was made because we did feel like we had a number of players who were graded similarly. I would say that even in this draft class, we did feel like the sweet spot was more mid-to-late second day and in the middle rounds. It is really just how the board felt at some of the different spots that we were targeting. We felt good about the value and adding to the volume picks that we would have this weekend."

**ON THE CONCEPT OF NEVER HAVING ENOUGH CBS AND IF THAT IS IMPORTANT:**

"It is. It is. That is a position group there to some degree they are like racecars. When you have good ones, you really feel it in a positive way, and if you are banged up or you do not have depth there, we felt that a number of times before where you really are holding your breath from play to play. Martin is a young, long corner who can press and play off. We were excited to get him there at No. 68."

**ON IF THE BROWNS CAME INTO THE DAY HOPING TO TRADE DOWN FROM NO. 44 OR IF THERE WERE PLAYERS THE TEAM WAS TARGETING AT THAT SPOT BEFORE TRADING BACK:**

"We did not consciously come in saying, 'Hey, we are definitely going to trade down from No. 44.' It was how the board fell for us. Now that being said, we do believe in adding volume, whether in the present year or in future years, so we will perhaps always be a little bit more naturally inclined there, but we never go in with a hard and fast rule to say, 'Hey, regardless of what the what is there, we are going to trade out of it or trade out of the pick.'"

**ON IF THE BROWNS ARE DISAPPOINTED THAT THERE WAS NO TRADE FOR QB BAKER MAYFIELD YET:**

"No. What I would tell you is probably the same thing I told you guys beforehand, that is a fluid situation. We will deal with it day to day. My focus has really been on the guys who we acquired and who are going to be rookie players in the next fall."

**ON REPORTS ABOUT DISCUSSIONS WITH OTHER TEAMS ABOUT POTENTIALLY TRADING MAYFIELD THROUGHOUT THE EVENING:**

"I would not comment on any discussions that we have with other teams. I have said that before. I also cannot comment on the reports because I have not seen them."

**ON A REPORT THAT A POTENTIAL TRADE FOR MAYFIELD BROKE DOWN OVER THE AMOUNT OF MONEY EACH TEAM WOULD COVER ON THE CONTRACT:**

"I would not comment on any speculation."

**ON IF THERE IS A SENSE POSSIBLE LANDING SPOTS FOR MAYFIELD ARE DWINDLING AS THE DRAFT PROGRESSES:**

"No, honestly, our focus is really what we are going to do with our own picks as opposed to necessarily what other teams are doing in the quarterback market. We had enough to think about on Day 2 with the number of picks we had and the moves we made. That was really our sole focus."

**ON WHEN DISCUSSIONS OCCUR ABOUT POTENTIALLY TRADING BACK, INCLUDING AT NO. 44 WITH THE TEXANS:**

"What typically happens since the draft has gone to this three-day format, especially if you are picking closer to the top of the second round, as everybody resets their board, there is actually a fair amount of conversation throughout the day. We had a number of teams that we had discussions with of potentially moving up or moving down quite frankly. That was throughout the day, but then as the names started falling off the board, that determines the strategy for not only us but other clubs. We had a fair amount of communication with a number of teams really since the morning, and then obviously, that carried through to when we made a decision when we were on the clock at No. 44."

**ON IF HE EXPECTED THIS HIGH AMOUNT OF MOVEMENT AND VOLATILITY IN THE DRAFT:**

"You learn that every draft is unique. I think that this draft certainly has been even more unique than others in the past, but it is great. The ability to have movement or have different opportunities makes it unpredictable, but it also creates chances to improve."

**ON WRIGHT:**

"With Alex, he was really a favorite across the organization – scouts, coaches and our research and strategy group. We like him because he is a player who profiles as what we call a big end or a strong-side end, but with Alex, he really has the versatility to rush outside and inside. We love his frame. We love his ability to rush the passer. This is a guy who when we brought him in for a 30 visit, everybody just spoke glowingly. He is very driven, he is very smart and a very humble individual, and we think he is a player who can really grow into the ideal big end for us and rush inside and out. We are excited to have him. He is a perfect scheme fit for our defense."

**ON IF THE BROWNS THIRD ROUND EPITOMIZES THE TEAM'S BIG PICTURE, LONG-TERM APPROACH TO THE DRAFT AS OPPOSED TO FOCUSING ON IMMEDIATE IMPACT:**

"I would not necessarily classify it that way. I think that in terms of big picture versus [immediate] impact, I think with many young or rookie players, regardless of if they were picked first overall or whatever the last pick is at 230 or whatever that ends up being. I think at least how we maneuvered or navigated this draft, it was really dictated just by circumstances. One thing, if you are not picking up at the top of the draft, you really can't dictate to it so you really have to be flexible, adapt and adjust and ultimately try and stay true to your board and opportunities that present itself because when you force things, that is usually when you kind of turn around and regret it. We are hopeful that the decisions that we made tonight will prove fruitful for us, but we will not know that for really a couple of years."

**ON WRIGHT'S ABILITY IN RUN DEFENSE:**

"Candidly, he has the frame to be excellent over there, but we think that is an area where he can improvements. We think that Alex shows the natural pass rush ability, he has the length, he has the size and really as he continues to mature and develop physically, we would expect him to have the potential to be an effective three-down player."

**ON IF WRIGHT'S ABILITY TO PLAY WOODWINDS FACTORED INTO THE DECISION:**

"I wish I could say it did (laughter)."

**ON THE BENEFITS OF HAVING A LEADER LIKE DE MYLES GARRETT IN THE BUILDING TO HELP MENTOR YOUNGER PLAYERS:**

"We are very fortunate to have Myles Garrett. He is one of the best in the game and can really model the work ethic needed to be at the top of the profession. Young players in that position group are very fortunate, and we certainly do not take it for granted either."

**ON MANY PEOPLE BEING SURPRISED THE BROWNS' FIRST PICK WOULD BE A CB:**

"I do not know that I would have said that either. Candidly, I have told you guys before, we do look at it like we have an expansion team and we try to take advantage of the opportunities that are there. Yes, there are preferences maybe going into the weekend where you are like, 'Hey, it would be great if we could select an individual at this specific position at this specific value,' but you also can't force it. We feel like Martin is an excellent prospect for us at a premium position. We are looking forward to having him in the building."

**ON IF THE BROWNS WOULD BE AVERSE TO PICKING MORE DES OR WRS TOMORROW:**

"I would not be averse to anything."

**ON WHY WR DAVID BELL WAS STILL AVAILABLE LATE IN THE THIRD ROUND, GIVEN BELL'S PRODUCTIVITY AT PURDUE:**

"I think part of the reality of it is just he did not run as well as he had hoped or as expected in the spring, but a highly productive player and has a skillset that is playable in the NFL, and we are happy to have him."

**ON CONFIDENCE BELL CAN PRODUCE IN THE NFL DESPITE NOT BEING THE FASTEST WR:**

"At the receiver position, there are a number of different styles that produce. Look, everybody loves speed across the field, but there are also fast guys that really don't have the route running ability to actually separate; they can run really fast, but everyone is pretty fast in the NFL. There are also receivers that are bigger body types that have the ability to separate laterally or have the savviness to win at the top of the routes. I think good receivers come in different shapes and sizes, and although David may not be the fastest player in the NFL, I think he has a number of compensating factors that will allow him to produce."

**ON BELL'S PRO DAY, GIVEN SOME PLAYERS PERFORM BETTER AT THEIR PRO DAY THAN THE NFL COMBINE:**

"Going in as we looked at David's profile, our expectation was not that he was going to come into the spring and run a 4.3. That is not why we drafted him. You have to go in knowing here are his areas of strengths and his skillset, and then the question becomes given what he does well, as you talk through it with your coaching staff, can we utilize those strengths where he can have an effective role. Even though he may not be the burner, can we use his size, his hands and his ability to separate at the top of a route and is that something that is playable in terms of how we want to design the offense? That is really more how we go about it."

**ON IF BELL IS VIEWED AS MORE OF A SLOT WR:**

"We think he can play inside and out. Just because a player does not play inside or does not play outside, it really is more projecting forward, we think he has the physical characteristics and quite honestly the mental acumen where he can use it effectively."

**ON IF THE DRAFT ADDITIONS AFFECT THE POSSIBILITY OF BRINGING BACK FREE AGENTS DE JADEVEON CLOWNEY OR WR JARVIS LANDRY:**

"Any veteran additions would really be independent questions for us."

**ON EMERSON'S STRENGTHS:**

"We actually thought Martin has a pretty well-rounded game. Obviously, he has top-level size for the position. We think he is effective in press, but usually when you get those longer, bigger corners, they have a level of leginess when they are playing from depth, in zone or in space. You see less of that with Martin. Whatever you do see, he makes up for with his instincts. We actually thought he had a pretty well-rounded game [in terms of] press, zone, off and good run supporter. We liked him a lot."



**ON EVALUATING THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PLAYERS AVAILABLE AT NO. 44 AND LATER IN THE EVENING, ALONG WITH THE DECISION TO TRADE BACK:**

"I think certainly for the individuals that may have been the best fit for our offensive and defensive systems, there was maybe a little bit of a flatter curve in terms of the talent base. That does not mean that there were not really good players who went ahead of No. 44 or went between No. 44 and No. 68, but we did feel comfortable taking that risk given the additional picks that we were able to acquire."

**ON COMFORT WITH HAVING QB BAKER MAYFIELD ON THE ROSTER AFTER DRAFT WEEKEND CONCLUDES:**

"We feel fine. Like I mentioned, it is something we will deal with day to day. The focus is really on the players who we can add to the team, and we will deal with that situation as it progresses."

**ON THE CHALLENGE OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES WITH MAYFIELD AND TRADE DISCUSSIONS:**

"I would not say it is any more challenging than really a lot of situations that cross a general manager's desk. I would say over the past two and half years, we have all probably dealt with a number of unique ones, starting with the pandemic. It comes with the territory in terms of dealing with different roster situations. I would not say that it is unique in that regard."

**ON WR DAVID BELL'S STANDOUT PERFORMANCES AGAINST IOWA AND MICHIGAN STATE AND HOW BELL COMPLEMENTS WR AMARI COOPER:**

"David has certainly risen to the occasion in big moments and big games against top level competition in the conference so that certainly stands out. It is not the end-all-be-all, but it certainly stands out in his case. I guess I think about it less in terms of complementing Amari, and we really try and just get the best group of pass catchers that we can, given the constraints and given the resources at our disposal."

**ON HOW HAVING YEARS OF EXPERIENCE WITH HEAD COACH KEVIN STEFANSKI, THE ENTIRE COACHING STAFF AND ORGANIZATION IS BENEFICIAL COMPARED TO THEIR FIRST DRAFT TOGETHER:**

"It definitely makes it a lot smoother. Even just thinking back to the first offseason, you talk through it and you try and go through A to Z so that you understand the vision that your coaches and your coordinators have for the team, but then there also is the element of seeing it play out over the course of seasons where you are like 'OK, maybe how I thought about this was the wrong way' or, 'OK, this is actually how we are utilizing a certain skillset.' Definitely with time, it does make it easier and it does make it a little more seamless."

**ON HOW TO BEST EVALUATE A PLAYER LIKE EMERSON WHO WAS NOT TARGETED OFTEN IN COLLEGE:**

"With corners and honestly with DBs in general, there still is a lot of information in plays where a guy is not targeted. He is targeted enough and you get a sense for his ball skills and in those competitive situations. It is also a good thing at times where they are doing a job that they may be doing something well away from the ball. When we evaluate these guys, it is not just following the ball and using those as the only relevant plays; it really is a little bit more wholistic."

**ON THE RUN ON WRS EARLY IN THE DRAFT:**

"The runs are always interesting. For me or at least where I feel like I have matured is just the things that you can't control. There is no sense in stressing about it and just realizing that you have to be adaptable and flexible in terms of how you navigate the day or how you navigate the board. We feel good about the guys who we acquired today, and we are looking forward to tomorrow."

**ON PLAYERS SEEMING TO GET PICKED EITHER HIGHER OR LOWER THAN THEIR INITIAL THIRD-PARTY DRAFT GRADES, PARTICULARLY AT CERTAIN POSITIONS:**

"I think that may speak to maybe how the talent pool flattens out over the course of the three days where there may be in certain stretches players who are very similar but how they will be valued in a certain organization or certain offensive or defensive system may swing wildly. The reality is when you get to Day 2, you are getting the individuals who may have a few more weaknesses than the ones who go in the top 10, and depending on what those strengths and weaknesses are, it may be a better fit in one organization versus another."

**ON THE THEORY THAT THE PANDEMIC MAY HAVE IMPACTED THE DEPTH ACROSS THIS DRAFT MORE COMPARED TO OTHER YEARS:**

"I will be honest, I have heard that theory; I have not given it a whole lot of thought. I wish I had an intelligent answer for you, but I really do not."

**ON DETERMINING WHEN TO MOVE UP IN THE DRAFT FOR A SPECIFIC PLAYER:**

"I think it is a couple of different factors. Certainly, the overall talent level of the player, the position, the scarcity of the position and then really the acquisition cost – the cost of the actual trade. When all of those things align, whether it is based on your needs or what you are trying to do on that particular evening, it makes sense to make the move. The reality is if any one of those things do not line up, whether it is there is depth at the position or maybe it does not make sense for us to expend this resource for this particular player if the talent is not there or all of these things line up and maybe we have a trade in the works and then it disappears because of how the board shakes out. I will share this with you, I was telling (Senior Vice President of Communications) Peter (John-Baptiste) on the way down, 'Did we only make one trade tonight?' (laughter) because you have so many conversations every time that the clock is approaching about going up or down. 'Oh man, it was only one movement on the board.' I think that is actually pretty typical at NFL team I have been."



**CB MARTIN EMERSON, DE ALEX WRIGHT & WR DAVID BELL**  
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**ON FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF CLEVELAND AND THEIR EXPERIENCE TODAY:**

Bell: "It has been busy, but it has definitely good being able to get names familiar with faces. I have gotten the chance to meet a lot of great people, but most importantly, I am just ready to get to work. It has definitely been good getting shown around the facility and all."

Emerson: "Just coming in, getting to meet everybody and put some names and faces together, it is good to see the new family. It has been great."

**ON CONFIDENCE IN THE ABILITY TO SUCCEED AT WR DESPITE NOT BEING THE FASTEST OF ALL WRS:**

Bell: "I don't really think it will be an issue for me. I have never been the fastest going back to high school and college, but I really take a lot of real hard look into my craft. I like to be really technical on how I can beat defensive backs, and that is one thing I take pride in. Knowing that I am not the fastest, I have to find different ways to win."

**ON RETURN TO THE CROSSCOUNTRY MORTGAGE CAMPUS AFTER DOING AN IN-PERSON VISIT DURING THE PRE-DRAFT PROCESS:**

Wright: "I am glad I am back because this was like my top visit that I liked the most out of all of the visits. Just getting to meet everybody again, even down to the equipment people. It is fun to be back. I am glad I am back. Just here to work."

**ON WHAT MADE THE BROWNS THE BEST VISIT HIS BEST BEFORE THE DRAFT:**

Wright: "Just the vibe around everybody. You could tell it was genuine, and you could tell I really felt like I was wanted here. Just being able to sit down and talk with everybody about not just football but about, life also, outside of football. That is what kind of stood out to me."

**ON IF HE HAS HEARD FROM DE MYLES GARRETT YET:**

Wright: "I have not heard from Myles yet, but like I said, I am going to be looking at the phone hoping he will text me. We will see."

**ON WHAT HE HOPES TO LEARN FROM WR AMARI COOPER:**

Bell: "I hope to learn a lot, not just on the field but off the field, too. He has had a successful career in both. Most importantly, how he has been able to take care of his body and how he was able to translate from college to the pros and have success as soon as he stepped on the field. That is definitely something that I want to ask him to just pick his brain so I can be the best that I can be this upcoming season."

**ON IF HE KNEW WR DONOVAN PEOPLES-JONES PRIOR TO JOINING THE BROWNS:**

Bell: "Yeah, I used to watch him when he was at Cass Tech. I watched him back then. I watched him at Michigan. The same, he has definitely had a successful NFL career up until this point, and he is going to continue to have the same success in the next few years. I am asking the same exact questions like how did you get to where you got to where you have gotten to? What did you do to separate you from the rest of the guys?"

**ON THE BROWNS TRADING CB TROY HILL TO THE LA RAMS TODAY:**

Emerson: "I did not know. I did not know that, but it does not change anything for me. Just come in, compete and do whatever I can for the team."

**ON IF HE HAS PLAYED A LOT OF SLOT CB:**

Emerson: "I have. I practiced at (Mississippi) State. A couple of games, I played the slot but not really much."

**ON THE RICH HISTORY OF DBS WITH BROWNS:**

Emerson: "Yes, I know it is a rich tradition here. The Cleveland Browns always have great defensive backs. Also, back in Pensacola, Florida, where I grew up, he was here a couple years back – (former Browns and free agent DB) Damarious Randall. That is my guy."

**ON IF HE PREFERS TO GO BY MJ:**

Emerson: "Yeah, I like MJ better."

**ON WHAT RANDALL TOLD HIM ABOUT PLAYING IN CLEVELAND:**

Emerson: "I really did not get the chance to talk to him. He called me last night, but I was so busy. My phone was just going crazy. He just told me congratulations. I am going to talk to him later."

**ON HIS PRODUCTION AT PURDUE, BEING ONE OF THE BEST WRs IN THIS TALENTED DRAFT AND OF THE BIG TEN AND IF THAT SAYS A LOT ABOUT THE WAY HE PLAYS THE GAME:**

Bell: "I think it definitely does, just the competitive nature that I have on the field playing in one of the best conferences in the league and for me to be named the best receiver in that conference. The first round, you had (Saints WR) Chris Olave, (Commanders WR) Jahan Dotson and (NY Jets) Garrett Wilson go so to be able to beat those guys out and to outperform them last season, it definitely is a huge accomplishment for me. It is something that I strived to do."

**ON PLAYING WITH QB DESHAUN WATSON AND HOW THAT WILL HELP THEM:**

Bell: "I think for me personally, he already solidified the type of great quarterback that he is. The success he had at Clemson and the success he had in Houston, he going to continue to be great. He is definitely a top-five quarterback in this league. Of course, you could say I am biased now, and I can say he is No. 1. It is definitely going to be fun to learn a lot from him. I am going to try to stay close to him so I can understand the playbook better. Hopefully, I can become his best friend."

Wright: "Making sure that he keeps and boosts his awareness. Just try to get back there to chase him as much as I can. Boost him out of the pocket. Just trying to keep him on his feet. The more I can keep him on his feet, the better that is going to make him at what he needs to do and that is going to make me better at what I need to do. The more we both keep progressing and getting better then there is no negative. That is always positive because that is the ceiling, and there is no ceiling for getting better. We are always getting better, whether it is awareness, where it is bending corners or whether it is chasing or giving effort. Just getting better on both sides of the ball."

**ON IF HE REMEMBERS ANYTHING IN PARTICULAR ABOUT PLAYING AGAINST CB GREG NEWSOME II, WHO HE SAID WAS THE BEST CB HE PLAYED AGAINST IN COLLEGE:**

Bell: "It was hard to film on him because the previous year, he was out. I only got to watch like nine plays so I was kind of out there freelancing. He definitely got the better of me. I am definitely looking forward to getting my one-on-one matchups in practice. He is a real patient corner and really technical. That is what the best DBs do. They are really technical, and I consider myself a technician, too, so there are definitely going to be some battles in practice."

**ON CONFIDENCE HE CAN CONTRIBUTE AS A ROOKIE:**

Emerson: "I put on a lot of work for my craft. I work hard. I am just going to come in and be the same person every day, go as hard as I can as possible and make everybody around me better from the receivers to the quarterbacks to the DBs. I am just going to learn, keep filling my toolbox and go from there."

**ON IF HE HAS MET CB DENZEL WARD OR OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BROWNS SECONDARY YET:**

Emerson: "No, I have not actually. I have not talked to anybody in the secondary yet."

**ON WHETHER HE LOOKS FORWARD TO MEETING MEMBERS OF THE BROWNS SECONDARY:**

Emerson: "Yes, ma'am. All of them. I am looking forward to meeting all of them."

**ON THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE OF PLAYING INSIDE CB:**

Emerson: "Probably the biggest challenge is there is just more field to cover. On the outside, the sideline is your friend. There are not too many routes a receiver can run from the outside, but the inside is a bigger challenge, I would say."

**ON IF BROWNS COACHES HAVE TALKED WITH HIM MUCH ABOUT MOVING INSIDE:**

Emerson: "No, sir."

**ON IF HE LEFT HIS NECKLACE AT HOME:**

Bell: "Yeah. I left the necklace at home. My grandpa, he wanted to wear it around for a little bit (laughter). I decided to let him have it for a day or two."

**ON IF HE HEARD FROM DIJON ANDERSON'S FAMILY AFTER HIS DRAFT SELECTION, REFERENCING HIS HIGH SCHOOL FRIEND WHO PASSED AWAY IN 2017:**

Bell: "His mom was actually at my draft party. She did not know that I had on the back of [the necklace] 'RIP D3.' She did not know that until after I showed it to her and then she busted out in tears. It was definitely an emotional moment. I am always trying to keep his name alive because he was just a big brother to me, not only a big brother but to a lot of people in our community. I am just trying to make sure he lives through me, and I am going to continue to do that the next few years in NFL."

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**ON HIS DRAFT WEEKEND EXPERIENCE AND IF HE POTENTIALLY EXPECTED TO BE SELECTED ON DAY 2:**

"I expected to go early, but to be honest, I needed this. This was a wake-up call, and this gave me all of the fuel and all of the fire I needed to come into the league and dominate so I would not change a thing."

**ON WHY HE BELIEVES HE WAS STILL AVAILABLE TODAY:**

"Because the Lord saw fit for me to be there today. I am a dawg now, though. I am a dawg now. I can't complain."

**ON WHAT HE BRINGS TO THE BROWNS:**

"A dawg mentality. Come on now. I am coming in to kill right away with my boys. I am lined up next to (DE) Myles Garrett, the best defensive end in the game. We are fixing to take this over. It is over with. I am telling you, it is over with. I am going to come in and work every single day until I can't work anymore. They will feel me every single day, sir. I am going to give it my all on and off the field. Anything that is a negative in my game, I will turn it into a positive by the beginning of the season."

**ON THE SOURCE OF HIS WORK ETHIC AND MENTALITY:**

"It comes from having nothing. I come from nothing. I have never had anything. Anything in my life that I have to get, I had to go and get it. Nothing was ever given to me. That is where this comes from – this grit, this passion and everything about me. I have never had anything. Anything that I have ever had to get, it had to be taken so that is why I live my life the way that I live it."

**ON HIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE EXPERIENCE AND HOW IT IMPACTED HIS DEVELOPMENT:**

"I am a JUCO baby like (Packers QB) Aaron Rodgers. It turned me up another notch. It brought me to a place that I probably would never have been able to go to if I had not gone to JUCO. It just let me know that there is always going to be adversity in your life, and what are you going to do to let that adversity shape you? Are you going to let it shape you in a positive way or a negative way? That adversity shaped me in a positive way."

**ON HOW HIS ENERGY WILL HELP HIM IN THE NFL, INCLUDING WHEN PLAYING WITH TEAMMATES LIKE DE MYLES GARRETT:**

"On another level. On another level. I will look to the left of me, and I have No. 95 right there. Oh, it is over with. Oh, it is over with. Every third down, every second down, every first down, man, we are going to get that ball – I am telling you."

**ON IF HE HAS PREVIOUSLY MET GARETT:**

"Never met him. I am going to meet him soon though. One of my best friends is on the team though, (CB) Greg Newsome (II). We are about to have a blast down there in Cleveland."

**ON HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH NEWSOME:**

"I have known Greg since high school. I played Greg a couple of times in high school before he went to IMG. We have always supported each other's careers. We have always been close friends. He texted me yesterday, and he said, 'I want you to be a dawg.' Come on now. I am a dawg now [barks]. It is over with."

**ON IF HE HAS ALWAYS HAD A HIGH-LEVEL ENERGY:**

"This is me. 100 percent concentrated. No smoke. This is how I wake up – juiced up. To be honest, I just woke up at 10:40 a.m. It is 11:30 a.m., and I am juiced. No coffee needed."

**ON NY GIANTS DE KAYVON THIBODEAUX COMMENT THAT HE LIFTS THE MOOD WHEREVER HE GOES:**

"I take extreme pride in being able to encourage my teammates around me. If I am not juiced up, my teammates are not going to be juiced up so that is one thing that I do everything to make sure that I am bringing the juice, the intensity and the energy so the rest of my boys could go live."

**ON WHAT THE DRAFT EXPERIENCE HAS MEANT TO BOTH HIM AND HIS MOM:**

"Not just my mom, but obviously my dad. My mom and my dad are the first two dawgs I have been around for my whole life. I say that because throughout any adversity that they ever went through, they showed me that you can get through it with a little hard work. That is why I am the way that I am. That is why I was born into being a dawg because my parents were already dawgs when I was conceived. That is why I play the game the way I play the game. That is why I come the way I come because of where I come from."

**ON WHY HIS JUICE AND ENERGY ARE SO IMPORTANT TO HIS GAME:**

"If you are not playing juiced up, why are you playing this game? I love the game of football so it is nothing for me to come in there energized and ready to go every single day."

**ON WHERE HE IS AND WHAT HE IS DOING AT THE MOMENT:**

"I am in my house. I am pacing back and forth because I just can't believe it. Guess what? You asked what I am going to do next: it is time to work. From this point on, I am going to work because once I get in there, they are going to have to drag me up out of there. I am coming in every single day and putting my best foot forward every single day from this point on."

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**K CADE YORK**  
**4-30-22**

**ON JOINING THE BROWNS AND KICKING IN TOUGH CONDITIONS AT FIRSTENERGY STADIUM AND IN THE AFC NORTH:**

"Definitely, yes, I have heard the stories about the wind and stuff like that, but is really you just have to be able to strike the ball well, learn about the wind and go in there and figure it out. I am excited to get down there and start getting to work."

**ON THE MENTAL ELEMENT TO KICKING AND HOW HIS EXPERIENCE WILL HELP HIM WITH IT IN THE NFL:**

"When it really comes down to it, there is nothing different. You are kicking the same ball. You are kicking on the same uprights. You just have a skinnier field. There is added pressures of it being you are on contract and stuff like that, but when it comes down to it, you are really playing the same game so I do not think the mental side of it changes that much from college."

**ON MANY EVALUATORS CONSIDERING HIM THE BEST K IN THE 2022 NFL DRAFT AND WHY HE BELIEVES THAT IS TRUE:**

"I believe that I am the best kicker in this draft because I have been able to make big kicks in big situations. I have been put out for a lot of long field goals in tough situations, and I still brought out good results in it. I think that is what makes me the best."

**ON HOW HE HANDLES THE PRESSURE OF KICKING IN TOUGH CIRCUMSTANCES OR FOR A GAME-WINNING OPPORTUNITY, INCLUDING AS A ROOKIE IN THE NFL:**

"The best thing I can compare it to is I started as a freshman at LSU. I came in, and that was the national championship year. Yeah, I had lows and there were learning curves for sure, and I am going to have some of those. I am going to have to grow and get better. I do not want to peak as a rookie. I want to peak 10 years down in my career. I think it is just living in the moment and knowing that you do what you can to succeed and then growing when you make a mistake – it is not the end of the world; It is just moving on and getting better."

**ON IF HE HAS EVER MET FORMER BROWNS K PHIL DAWSON:**

"No, I have not met Phil Dawson."

**ON WHEN HE DECIDED TO BE A K AND IF IT WAS WHEN HE WAS LITTLE:**

"No, it was actually not [when I was little]. I grew up playing soccer for most of my life, actually, until I was about 17. When I was 17 or maybe about 16, it kind of flipped on me [to football], and I ended up getting ranked pretty high as a kicker. In a matter of a few months, I was committed to LSU."

**ON PLAYING IN THE 'FOG GAME' AT LSU AND HOW OFTEN HE WAS ASKED ABOUT IT BY NFL TEAMS DURING THE PRE-DRAFT EVALUATION PROCESS RELATED TO COMPETING IN ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS:**

"I would not even call that a weather problem. That is more of a visual problem. Yeah, I did get asked questions about that game, what I thought was the biggest situation I have been in and then I got asked about weather games, too. That one came up pretty often just as that probably was my most prolific kick in college. I was definitely asked about that multiple times."

**ON BENGALS K EVAN MCPHERSON KICKING FOR FLORIDA OPPOSITE OF HIM IN THE 'FOG GAME', JOINING MCPHERSON IN THE AFC NORTH AND IF HE CAN HAVE A SIMILAR IMPACT AS MCPHERSON DID WITH CINCINNATI:**

"I totally believe that in myself. I am just excited to get out there and start putting points on the board."

**ON IF HE HAS HEARD FROM ANY BROWNS PLAYERS WHO ALSO PLAYED AT LSU:**

"I have not heard from any yet, but I have played with a few of them. I know I played with (S) Grant (Delpit) and (LB) Jacob Phillips. I know (CB) Greedy (Williams) was there the year before me. I am excited to get down there."

**ON THE STRENGTH OF HIS MENTAL GAME AND HOW THAT HAS DEVELOPED:**

"It is definitely something – like I said – learning curves my freshman year at college. That is the biggest thing I changed in college my freshman year was improving that mental game. It is not necessarily trying to eliminate pressure because one of my favorite quotes is 'Pressure is a privilege.' It is just knowing that you are going to have times when you feel pressure, but it is making sure that your body can take over, you go back to muscle memory in those moments and your mind does not take over. It is just doing the best that you can in certain situations to have a certain thought process that allows your body to take over and you do not start having a bunch of negative thoughts."

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**4-30-22****ON K CADE YORK:**

"Really excited to add Cade to our roster here. Cade is really a consensus player across our organization between the personnel, research and scouting. A very talented young player with a strong leg. A player we got really familiar with through the evaluation process here this spring. We saw him kick on multiple occasions and really feel good about adding him to the roster, hopefully solidifying the position going forward and looking forward to seeing what he can do off and on the field."

**ON DT PERRION WINFREY'S ENERGY:**

"Perrion is an extremely passionate guy. I think you guys are going to love him. I think the Dawg Pound is going to love him. He is a high-energy player all day, and he loves football. We are really excited to add him to the room, to the roster and to see him out there at practice every day. I had the opportunity to see him practice this year in Oklahoma and practices pretty early in the morning. He was the first guy out there getting ready. You could feel his energy through the entire practice. I think anybody who was at the Senior Bowl would have seen the energy that he brings daily and then to the game. Obviously, he had a great game. We are really looking forward to adding him to the room and seeing what he can do."

**ON TRADING PICKS TO MOVE BACK WHEN NOT KNOWING WHAT OTHER NFL TEAMS WILL DO BETWEEN THOSE SELECTIONS:**

"I really think we kind of look to see where we are at on the board, we typically have a handful of players who we would consider taking a certain spots and then - AB (Executive Vice President of Football Operations and General Manager Andrew Berry) touched on it last night - we spend most of the day on the phone fielding calls, seeing where we should go up and down depending on who is available. Our pro scouting staff does a great job putting together team needs. We do our best research as we can to try to make the odds as favorable as we can to pick players that we think will be available when we get to those picks. Again, AB touches on it, we are always looking to move either up or down depending on what opportunities are available."

**ON IF THE BROWNS EXPECTED YORK MIGHT GO LATER IN THE FOURTH ROUND IF THE TEAM DID NOT SELECT YORK:**

"You never know. We know there were a lot of teams that were interested in kickers through this process. The round thing is really fluid year to year. We are excited to add him because of the talent we think he brings to the room, regardless of what number of pick we take him. Very excited."

**ON COMPARING YORK TO BENGALS K EVAN MCPHERSON:**

"That is a great question. Every kicker is different. Every position player is different year to year. Evan McPherson is a really good player. We are going to see them in the division for a long time obviously. Cade, we kind of evaluate each player as an individual and what they can bring to the Cleveland Browns. Again, through our process, this was a high consensus player who we are really excited to have."

**ON EVALUATING A K'S ABILITY TO KICK IN TOUGH WEATHER CONDITIONS WHEN THE PLAYER KICKS IN THE SOUTH:**

"It is obviously a difficult place to kick here. A lot of kickers around the league all come from different weather environments. They all come from different parts of the country. Really, we are judging the talent that we see. We are judging the makeup of the player across all positions. Kicker obviously the environment does create certain circumstances that can be difficult depending on where you kick. Cade is a guy who we like his mental makeup - I think that is a big part of it - and we really like his overall talent level for kicking in an outdoor stadium."

**ON A REPORT THAT THE BROWNS CONSIDERED DRAFTING BENGALS K EVAN MCPHERSON LAST YEAR:**

"I can't comment on the round where we would have taken a player. Through the draft process, we thought Evan was very talented. Again, we look at each scenario and each pick really as its own situation, and it comes down to who is available on the board in certain spots and what we are willing to do. Again, really excited to have Cade with this pick."

**ON STRENGTHS OF WINFREY'S GAME AND IF THE BROWNS WERE SURPRISED WINFREY WAS STILL AVAILABLE:**

"I will start with his game. I love his game. Perrion is a guy who is a great scheme fit for us as far as coming off the ball. He plays with violence. He plays quickness, speed and power. He is an up-the-field, penetrating type of player as a 3-technique which is again a difficult skillset to find. He was a two-year starter at Oklahoma. You saw his game grow as his career there continued. Him fitting into our system, again, we have great faith in our staff here to continue to work to develop him. His skillset is something that we truly do look for in that spot. As far as him being available, again, every spot is different. Everybody's board is different. We got pretty familiar with him through the process through this spring. We loved what he did in the Senior Bowl against the best competition you are going to see him go against. He really kind of checked those boxes that we wanted. Again, addressing the board this morning and kind of resetting things as Andrew talks about, we felt really good about it if he was there."

**ON WHAT STOOD ABOUT YORK DURING THE PRE-DRAFT PROCESS, INCLUDING YORK'S MENTAL MAKEUP:**

"Prief (special teams coordinator Mike Priefer) obviously spent a good amount of time with him in the process. Eventually, you guys will get to talk to him about what he saw. In general, it is kind of a combination of talent with the mental makeup. This is a guy who

kicked in a lot of big games for LSU at a high-powered program where every game is a huge game down there every week, and he made a lot of kicks. When you combine that with the talent, that is something that we were really excited to get here.”

#### **ON YORK ADJUSTING TO THE UNIQUE ENVIRONMENT AT FIRST ENERGY STADIUM:**

“I would go back to kind of the mental makeup of the player. You really never know until you get into a stadium, you see how the wind feels at the stadium and you get used to kicking there. Our guys go down there during the season and during the off season and do a good amount of kicking there just to get used to that. Again, when you are projecting players into the NFL, you are looking for specific traits and a specific makeup. When those things combine to make up what you think will be a pretty good player, you are excited to pick him.”

#### **ON IF THE BROWNS SCOUTING DEPARTMENT EXCLUSIVELY RELY ON SPECIAL TEAMS COACHES TO SCOUT A SPECIALIST:**

“No, everything we kind of do here in our evaluation process comes back to three things: it comes back to the coaching staff, it comes back to our scouting staff and it comes back to our football research department. Cade was a guy across the organization here that everybody felt great about this entire process. Very excited to add him. I think that started with our area scouts doing a great job this fall seeing him live multiple times. Coach Priefer getting a chance to see him kick a couple of times and spending the time and putting in the resources to get to know Cade.”

#### **ON IF THE BROWNS ADJUST THEIR OFFENSIVE STRATEGY WHEN HAVING A K WITH A STRONG LEG:**

“To be honest with you, that would be a great question for (Head Coach) Kevin (Stefanski) as far as game management goes. I am not going to put any words in his mouth. It certainly gives you a level of comfort knowing that you have a guy who can hit from long range. I think everybody feels good about that. Cade is a very talented guy, and we will see where it goes in the fall. Looking forward to seeing him get a chance to kick in our stadium.”

#### **ON IF THERE IS ANYTHING NEW THE BROWNS LEARNED ABOUT WINFREY AT THE SENIOR BOWL AND IF IT ELEVATED THE TEAM'S EVALUATION:**

“When evaluating Perrion, again, you saw all of the traits on tape. That part was great. You saw him improve over his time at Oklahoma. The Senior Bowl is always a great opportunity. Jim Nagy does a great job of getting the best talent in the country there. Your next question is, ‘OK, is he going to continue to improve and ascend in that environment?’ which we thought he did a great job down there and had a really good week. I was fortunate that I got a chance to see him practice this fall, and you can feel him on the practice field. As soon as you get to Senior Bowl, he is a guy who you can see his teammates kind of rally around him and he was the energy guy on their team. Those are all things that we are looking to add intangibly whenever we can with a player. It is a nice addition to a guy with a really quality skillset for our scheme and for our system.”

#### **ON WINFREY INITIALLY PLAYING AT JUNIOR COLLEGE DUE TO ACADEMIC REASONS AND WINFREY SEEMING LIKE A SHARP PERSON IN THE INTRODUCTORY MEDIA INTERVIEW:**

“I think you guys are going to love talking to him. Like I said, his energy is something that you feel all of the way. There are a number of players who come into college football every year and come into the National Football League that went the junior college route initially. Got to know him through the process, and we feel really good about adding him to the room.”

#### **ON THE STRENGTHS IN THE MIDDLE ROUNDS OF THE DRAFT AND THE BROWNS DECIDING TO ADD MORE PICKS IN THAT RANGE:**

“Obviously, this was a unique year not picking in the first round. When you really try to go through all of our situational planning work that we put a couple weeks into before the draft, you really kind of come away working through different situations. You work through a number of what ifs, trade scenarios and where should we be looking to acquire more picks. There is always a fine line, and you always have to get great conversation around do you sit and take a player here or do we try to move back and increase our odds of getting two players we really like here at a slightly later spot in the draft or acquiring future picks. It really comes down to – I know you guys probably get sick of us saying it – every pick really does come down to unique situations, who is available and the opportunities that are presented to us through making trade calls and doing our due diligence to work up and down the board to make sure we feel comfortable.”

#### **ON IF ANYTHING IS EASIER IN THE DRAFT PROCESS THIS YEAR FOR THE BROWNS AFTER HAVING CONSISTENT PERSONNEL AND COACHES FOR THREE YEARS:**

“I honestly do not feel like anything is different the last couple of years. Our coaching staff does an absolutely phenomenal job in this process. Our scouts do a phenomenal job in this process. It is great that we have been able to come together physically this year, but really, the challenge of a new staff coming together in the middle of a pandemic, everybody checked those boxes as we went two years ago. Last year was great through the process, and this year, it is nice to have everyone back in the building and we like to work together in person. Again, I can't compliment our staff enough for the work that they put into this process, and again our entire college scouting staff is on the road all year away from their families – it is what they do and what they are passionate about. Our football research group is again spread out – some are in the building and some are spread out throughout the country – and everybody coming together and working together on the process is phenomenal to watch. When it all comes together, we are all really excited about the guys we get to add this weekend. We feel good about it.”

#### **ON HOW WINFREY PLAYED IN COLLEGE AND HOW THAT IMPACTS HOW THE BROWNS WILL USE HIM IN THE DEFENSE:**

“It is funny, the way they used him and when you speak to their coaching staff, he is an up-field penetrator all day. You can put that

guy over the center. You can put him over a guard. You can really try to cut the offense in half. His skillset is fun to watch. Again, I think he fits projecting him to a true 3-tech spot here is really the overall skillset that we are looking for in that spot, but you can play him at 1-technique and he is going to get off the ball and he is going to chase and play hard, and you are going to get all of the same production.”

**ON PAST NFL COACHES LINING UP ACROSS OF A PLAYER LIKE WINFREY:**

“I am not getting in front of him, I will tell you that – he would break me in half (laughter). I don’t even think I would be able to get my hands on him at this point to be honest. You guys are going to love watching Perrion practice. Again, this is a guy I think the Dawg Pound is going to absolutely love. I feel like you guys are going to see it every day out there at practice and you are going to be able to feel him. Hopefully, he will continue to develop and turn into a really good football player for us and help us win games.”

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**RB JEROME FORD**  
**4-30-22**

**ON JOINING A STRONG BROWNS RB ROOM:**

“That was one of the big things that I looked at when I first heard that I was drafted by the Cleveland Browns, just the opportunity to be able to learn behind two great running backs and spend some time getting to learn pretty much everything that I can and soak up everything I can from those guys because they are pretty much doing what they are supposed to do in the league, and they are big names in the league. I would want to one day have my name up there with theirs. I am looking forward to it.”

**ON BEING EFFECTIVE IN THE PASSING GAME AND HIS DEVELOPMENT IN THAT AREA:**

“Just becoming more of a student of the game. Learning the details of pass concepts, detailing my routes and just accepting coaching and listening to my coaches. I think that has been a big help with me in developing.”

**ON WHAT HE HOPES TO LEARN FROM RB NICK CHUBB AND RB KAREEM HUNT:**

“My route running. I want to improve my route running and just overall pretty much that transition to the NFL. They pretty much tell us that things move faster in the NFL, and just sitting behind them and being able to watch them play, watch the game speed and even take coaching from them, I think that will be exciting for me.”

**ON IF HE EXPECTED TO BE DRAFTED BY THE BROWNS AND HIS COMMUNICATION WITH THE TEAM PRIOR TO THE DRAFT:**

“It was definitely a surprise. I had Zoom calls with the Browns. We talked at the Combine actually and at Senior Bowl. It was definitely kind of a surprise because like you said, you have two great running backs already. I am excited to work hard to be the third.”

**ON HOW MUCH HE IS STUDIED CHUBB AND HUNT DURING HIS CAREER:**

“Our coach gave us cut-ups of running backs and put them in a folder. We had Nick Chubb in one of the folders. We pretty much watched every run he ever had in his NFL career. We were just sitting there watching and pretty much trying to steal moves and seeing what he was doing differently to improve your game.”

**ON DEALING WITH HIS PAST EXPERIENCE OF COMPETING FOR PLAYING TIME, INCLUDING TIME AT SLOT WR AND HOW THAT TRANSLATES TO THE NFL:**

“Pretty much me being willing to do whatever it takes to get on the field to help my team, and that is the same case with the situation I am in now. If they ask me to play slot receiver or run the ball, I am ready to do it.”

**ON THE GRATIFICATION OF MAKING IT TO THE NFL AFTER HIS COLLEGE CAREER AT ALABAMA AND CINCINNATI:**

“It feels good honestly seeing your hard work paying off and getting to where you always wanted to be. It has always been a dream of mine to be in the NFL, and I am just about here.”

**ON IF HIS RUNNING BACKS COACH AT CINCINNATI PROVIDED THE FOLDER WITH CHUBB’S RUNS:**

“Yes, ma’am.”

**ON IF HE KNEW ANYTHING ABOUT CHUBB BEFORE HIS COACH PROVIDED THE FOLDER OF CHUBB’S RUNS:**

“Yeah, I knew about Chubb before the folder.”

**ON CONTINUING HIS CAREER IN OHIO AFTER GROWING UP IN FLORIDA:**

“It is definitely something that I am used to so it won’t be a big change for me. I have never been to Cleveland so that is exciting. As far as Ohio, most dudes have to go somewhere they have not been. Pretty much, I get to go right back where I was.”



**ON THE PRIDE HE TAKES IN HIS SPEED:**

"I take a lot of pride in my speed. I do think it is a separator. I think being fast in this league pretty much it can change the game with you not getting tackled at the 10-yard line and you turn it into a touchdown or getting tackled at the 50-yard line if you break a long run. I think speed is big at this level so I take a lot of pride in my speed."

**ON HIS DECISION TO GO TO ALABAMA AND THEN TRANSFER TO CINCINNATI:**

"(Alabama Head) Coach (Nick) Saban recruited me pretty good. Alabama does a good job of recruiting. Pretty much everything about Alabama is the place that you want to be. I was the only running back taken in my class in 2018. Coach Saban landed a helicopter on the 50-yard line at my high school (laughter). He did a good job of recruiting me honestly. Going to Cincinnati, they also did a good job of recruiting, but my mom really liked Cincinnati through the recruiting process. If she was able to pick for me, she probably would have picked Cincy. When I was getting ready to transfer, OI I am hitting those dudes up, and it was all love once I was able to get in contact with them."

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AREA SCOUT MAX PAULUS

4-30-22

**OPENING STATEMENT:**

"Hey, everyone. We just took (RB) Jerome Ford here in the fifth. Jerome had a very productive college career at Cincinnati. We are excited about adding another fast playmaker to our running back room. That is why we chose Jerome here in the fifth."

**ON THE BROWNS ADDING ANOTHER RB TO A STRONG ROOM:**

"We are very happy with our running back room as it currently stands, but no different than any other position, we are always going to be looking to add competition. I think Jerome is going to do that. Jerome is a fast and explosive runner. We are always going to be looking to add playmakers and give (Head Coach Kevin) Stefanski pieces to play with on offense so that is why we chose Jerome here."

**ON IF FORD HAS EXPERIENCE AS A RETURNER:**

"He has not [in games] at the University of Cincinnati, but he has worked on it in practice. That is something that (special teams coordinator) Coach Prief (Mike Priefer) will work with him here."

**ON FORD'S ABILITY TO CATCH THE BALL:**

"Jerome showed very consistent and confident hands this year. No different than any other player, we are looking for versatility both in the running and passing game and feel comfortable of him adding that skillset here."

**ON IF RB DEMETRIC FELTON JR. IS VIEWED AS MORE OF A RB OR A WR:**

"(Executive Vice President of Football Operations and General Manager Andrew Berry) AB has addressed this in the past. Demetric will be in the running back room moving forward. Like I said earlier, we are going to concentrate on adding competition to each and every room, and the running back room is no different."

**ON HOW A ROOKIE LIKE FORD GETS PLAYING TIME IN A ROOM WITH SEVERAL GOOD RBs:**

"I think what Jerome adds to our offense is electric speed, burst and explosion, and we are going to work with him on his kick return ability on special teams. He is really going to have to work obviously with the competition that we have in place, but we think he is going to be a nice playmaker for us."

**ON IF THE BROWNS LOOK MORE CLOSELY AT FORD'S GAMES AGAINST NOTRE DAME AND ALABAMA COMPARED TO NOT AS STRONG COMPETITION DURING THE EVALUATION:**

"No, not necessarily. We look at multiple games over multiple seasons. Jerome has proven throughout the course of this year, he averaged 6.1 yards per carry and had 19 touchdowns over the season. I think he did a really nice job in some big moments in other games. In the AAC conference championship game, he had a really nice game against Houston. Not necessarily. We do not put too much weight on those bigger games, but like I said, we really try to look over multiple seasons and over multiple games."

**ON FORD STARTING AT ALABAMA NOT HURTING THE RÉSUMÉ:**

"Nope. Absolutely not."

**ON SOME EVALUATORS COMPARING FORD TO RB KAREEM HUNT:**

"I appreciate the question. I am not going to comp the player, but again, see a fast, explosive playmaking runner for us."



**ON HOW TO TELL IF A PLAYER HAS HIT HIS CEILING YET AND GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES WHEN EVALUATING A PLAYER LIKE FORD:**

"That is a really good question. I think specifically with Jerome here, he has shown very good acceleration with very good speed. Other things that we can help him improve on are his patience and things that (running game coordinator/running backs coach) Stump (Mitchell) has identified as areas of improvement. I think with those more technical things when you identify those as areas he can improve in, then you really feel good about, hey, this is a player who we think has not hit his ceiling yet, but he has shown those tools that are critical for a running back to have and have success with. Those are some of the things that we will look for as areas for growth."

**ON IF THERE WAS A MOMENT THAT STOOD OUT FROM FORD'S CAREER:**

"He really hit the scene fast this year. In his first game against Miami, he had two really long runs. He really came on strong as the seasons went on. Obviously, Cincinnati had a very good season, but he really exploded onto the scene early this season and I would say he made a name for himself early on."

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**EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT OF FOOTBALL OPERATIONS AND GENERAL MANAGER ANDREW BERRY,  
HEAD COACH KEVIN STEFANSKI & CHIEF STRATEGY OFFICER PAUL DEPODESTA  
4-30-22**

**OPENING STATEMENT:**

Berry: "Just wanted to start off by acknowledging and thanking again all of the scouts, coaches and research analysts who contributed this weekend, and quite honestly, continue to contribute this weekend as we prepare for the undrafted free agent process once the draft ends. Really appreciate the work that our groups have done. We always view this weekend as a chance to add young talent to the roster. We are certainly excited about the individuals who we have added the course of three days. We are also very happy about the additional draft resources, both this year and next year, that we were able to accumulate over the course of the weekend. The reality of it is we still do not play until September. There is still work to do on the roster. After we go through the undrafted free agent process, we will take a quick breather and then really get right back on the saddle because there are still areas that we can fortify and add competition before camp. That will be our mindset moving forward."

**ON IF DT PERRION WINFREY WILL BE RUNNING OR BIKING TO CLEVELAND, BASED ON THE ENERGY WINFREY DISPLAYED IN THE MEDIA INTERVIEW EARLIER TODAY:**

Berry: "Probably running (laughter)."

**ON IF THE BROWNS ACCOMPLISHED ALL THAT THEY WANTED IN THIS DRAFT:**

Berry: "I will tell you, I have probably never been a part of a draft where you literally accomplish everything that you want. There are always, whether it is opportunities, players or some other facet, that either do not go your way or maybe it is a bit ambitious. We are really pleased with how we are coming out of the weekend, but the reality is no roster is perfect, our roster is not perfect and we are going to continue to look for opportunities to improve it."

**ON HIS INVOLVEMENT IN ACQUIRING QB DESHAUN WATSON:**

DePodesta: "Certainly [involved] with the senior leadership team throughout. I did not go meet him along with ownership, AB and Kevin. Sort of in all of the meetings throughout all of the months and certainly was a part of those conversations."

**ON ADDING COMPETITION AT RB, CB AND C WITH THOSE ROOMS HAVING DEPTH PRIOR TO THE DRAFT:**

Berry: "Having competition is a good problem to have. I think oftentimes your needs or areas of strengths today are not necessarily the same as tomorrow. We want to go in to camp with as deep of a team as possible, whether it is for injury or other opportunities that may arise. We would view that as a good problem to have."

**ON IF THE EXPECTATION WAS K CADE YORK WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN AVAILABLE WITH THE TEAM'S NEXT PICK IF NOT TAKEN AT THAT TIME:**

Berry: "We certainly thought that was a possibility. You saw that little specialist run in the fourth round when a kicker and I think either two or three punters that went off shortly afterward. Realized that is a little high for where kickers typically go, but we do think that he is an excellent prospect and has a good chance to be a good kicker for a long time."

**ON HOW THE BROWNS MAY CHANGE STRATEGY ON SPECIAL TEAMS WITH YORK:**

Stefanski: "I think you take all of that into account. I want to give Cade a chance to get on campus here, get to work with the coaches and those types of things. Obviously, when you are making in-game decisions, you are taking everything into account."

**ON WHEN MAKING THE TRADE BACK YESTERDAY IF ACQUIRING THE CAPITAL TO DRAFT YORK WAS A SIGNIFICANT FACTOR:**

Berry: "Not necessarily. We had a number of prospects who were in the mix in that fourth-round range. Even as we just reshuffled the board overnight, we had a number of individuals who we felt comfortable in that range, and we just tried to sequence it as best possible to get as many as possible in the next two rounds."

**ON IF THE TEAM WAS SURPRISED THAT IT WAS ABLE TO GET WINFREY IN THE FOURTH ROUND, GIVEN SOME PEOPLE HAD HIM GRADED IN THE SECOND ROUND:**

Berry: "We did think that he went later than what we would have assumed. We were happy that he was there. We think that he is a really good fit in our scheme as an up-field, gap-shooting 3-tech. Obviously, he is as low energy as they come (laughter). We are excited to get him here."

**ON CB MARTIN EMERSON'S POTENTIAL AS A SLOT CB OR IF CB GREG NEWSOME II WILL BE THE TEAM'S TOP INSIDE CB:**

Stefanski: "We have to work through all of that. I think it would be unfair to say yet, but really value versatility among the defensive backs so we want to work with multiple guys in there. You mentioned Greg. Greg has done it in-game. I think with Martin, get him on campus, work with him and see what he is capable of, but we really want all of those guys to feel comfortable playing in there."

**ON IF THE BROWNS KNEW THE TEAM WOULD TRADE CB TROY HILL TODAY AFTER DRAFTING EMERSON YESTERDAY:**

Berry: "No, that was set in stone."

**ON ADDING THREE PLAYERS TO THE BROWNS DL AND IF THAT WAS A POSITION THE TEAM IDENTIFIED AS AN AREA THAT NEEDED TO BE IMPROVED AFTER LAST SEASON:**

Stefanski: "I think Andrew and the crew did a great job of just making sure that we made picks at each spot that made sense based on the board and where the value lied. It happened that it was three defensive linemen, like you mentioned, but those are three guys that we like and three guys that we think fit our scheme and fit what we are about. It just happened to shake out that way, but you are always excited to add young guys in the mix, young guys in the room and add competition to all of these spots."

**ON IF FREE AGENT DE JADEVEON CLOWNEY COULD STILL POTENTIALLY RETURN TO THE BROWNS AFTER THE NUMBER OF DL THE TEAM DRAFTED THIS WEEKEND:**

Berry: "We will continue to keep our thumb on the pulse of all of the veteran markets. I would not comment on a specific player, but we think highly of JD. Like I said, we will take our breath tomorrow, and we will be back at it with roster building next week."

**ON IF THE TEAM IS PLEASED WITH THE RESULTS FOLLOWING THE TRADE BACK FROM NO. 44:**

Berry: "Yeah, we were pleased in terms of how we navigated the board."

**ON IF THE EXTRA FOURTH-ROUND PICKS ENABLED THE BROWNS TO DO WHAT WAS DESIRED LATER IN THE DRAFT:**

Berry: "It did. It did give us a little bit more flexibility, whether it was selecting players in the middle rounds or even moving some picks around into next year. That was all helpful."

**ON WHEN THE TEAM BECAME COMMITTED TO SEEKING THE BEST K IN THE DRAFT, INCLUDING IF IT WAS WHEN WATCHING THE PLAYOFFS OR AFTER THE SEASON:**

Berry: "Honestly, kicker has been a spot that we have monitored for several drafts. Having specialists on a rookie deal, a young, high-potential specialist on a rookie deal is something that is valuable and important to us. Just like with anything, the value and just the opportunity cost of when you are considering that player is important so I would not say it is something that was new in terms of our thinking. I think we all know in this room how difficult it is to kick here in Cleveland. With (K) Cade (York), we certainly think has the raw talent to do so."

**ON SELECTING THREE PLAYERS FROM OKLAHOMA DURING THIS DRAFT:**

Berry: "Someone mentioned it to me when I was coming down. I do not even think it necessarily hit my brain at that time. It just happens to be an interesting coincidence."

**ON RB JEROME FORD:**

Berry: "We really think Jerome has a well-rounded game. A bigger guy who can really run. I actually think one of the areas in his game that is probably a little bit understated is just his ability in the passing game, particularly as a receiver. He is a guy who we think can generate explosive plays for us. We are looking forward to seeing him get with the coaching staff and seeing what he can do."

**ON RB DEMETRIC FELTON POTENTIALLY SPENDING MORE TIME IN THE RBS ROOM AND BEING MORE FOCUSED ON THAT POSITION, GIVEN HE SPENT SOME TIME WORKING WITH RBS AND WRS LAST SEASON, AND AREA SCOUT MAX PAULUS' COMMENT DURING A DRAFT INTERVIEW:**

Stefanski: "I think with Demetric, and what Max is eluding to, is he has and can spend time in two different rooms, and that is again a credit to Demetric. We will be smart about how we do it over the course of the next several weeks. At the end of the day – we have talked about this – Demetric is a football player so he will certainly spend time with the running backs and then just see how it shakes out over the next few weeks."

**ON IF THE BROWNS LIKELY WILL NEED TO TRADE ONE OF ITS CURRENT RBS, GIVEN THE NUMBER OF TALENTED BACKS IN THE ROOM AND LIMITED NUMBER OF CARRIES AVAILABLE:**

Berry: "I would say we will deal with it day by day. You do want to go to camp with a good number there, and I think that is an area that we think we not only have quantity but quality. We will see how it shakes out. We have five months before we are playing so I don't know what the future holds."

**ON THE NEXT STEP FOR RB D'ERNEST JOHNSON, GIVEN THE CONTRACT SITUATION:**

Berry: "I would not touch on any individual contract situation. We still think very highly of D'Ernest. We would anticipate him being here moving forward, but we will see."

**ON QB BAKER MAYFIELD REMAINING ON THE BROWNS ROSTER THROUGH THE DRAFT AND THE STATUS OF THE SITUATION MOVING FORWARD:**

Berry: "I think I would probably just go back to what I said last night: it is a fluid situation. We will deal with it day by day. We are pleased with the weekend and pleased with the guys that we added, and we are looking forward as we turn the page on tonight."

**ON IF THE BROWNS INITIAL PLAN WAS TO MAKE NINE PICKS AND ALSO ADD DRAFT CAPITAL FOR NEXT YEAR:**

Berry: "Definitely not a target. We really do try to take advantage of the opportunities as they present themselves to us. I have mentioned here multiple times that we are flexible either way moving up or moving down, but volume is important to us combined with quality. It is not like we went into the weekend saying, 'Hey, look, this is the number of players that we want to pick.' We just felt like between the prospects who were on the board and the trade opportunities that came to us it was the right decision in specific spots."

**ON IF THE BROWNS WILL NOW LIKELY WAIT TO TRADE MAYFIELD DURING THE SUMMER IN THE EVENT ANOTHER TEAM SUSTAINS AN INJURY AT QB AND IT CREATES A NEW TRADE OPPORTUNITY:**

Berry: "I would probably go back to what I said a little bit earlier: it is fluid, and we will deal with it as circumstances change."

**ON IF MAYFIELD IS ALLOWED TO SHOW UP FOR MANDATORY VETERAN MINICAMP OR IF THE TEAM WILL TELL HIM NOT TO ATTEND IF MAYFIELD REMAINS ON THE ROSTER, GIVEN THE OFFSEASON PROGRAM IS VOLUNTARY UNTIL THAT POINT:**

Berry: "I understand the question. Honestly, all of the hypotheticals, my mind is on the Draft and the CFA process that we are going to have here shortly. Like I said, fluid situation, and we will deal with it as it comes."

**ON IF SPECIALISTS WERE A PRIORITY FOR THE BROWNS THIS OFFSEASON:**

Berry: "It was a big priority for us this offseason to make sure that we had added some competition and talent to the kicking game. I think that is something that coming out of last year that we thought we could make improvements, and we are certainly excited about some of the individuals who we have added to the roster."

**ON IF WINFREY OR SPECIAL TEAMS COORDINATOR MIKE PRIEFER IS MORE EXCITED TODAY, GIVEN WINFREY'S ENERGY IN THE MEDIA INTERVIEW EARLIER TODAY AND THE NUMBER OF SPECIALISTS ADDED, RESPECTIVELY:**

Berry: "Probably Preif..."

Stefanski: "Perrion is louder (laughter). I think Coach Prief is excited. I think we are excited to add those guys. Like AB mentioned, we added competition, and we added good players. I just think you go through every one of the rooms in here, including the specialist and including the return game, we want to add competition."

**ON HOW HAVING A FRANCHISE QB AFFECTS DRAFT PLANS:**

Berry: "Honestly, from our perspective, I do not know that it is too different because I think those are really kind of separate questions or separate issues, so to speak. Certainly, happy to have to Deshaun here. Certainly, happy to have your franchise guy, but the aim with the draft is to try and maximize the pool of talent or the pool of resources that you have moving forward, that is really more of the focus."

**ON HOW THIS DRAFT WAS DIFFERENT DUE TO COACHING, PERSONNEL AND RESEARCH STAFFS HAVING SPENT THE PAST THREE YEARS TOGETHER:**

De Podesta: "Three years ago, we were doing it from home. In that sense, it feels a lot different. I think I talked about this a little bit last night on the radio, years ago, we were drafting rookies so they could come play on our team because we had holes on our team. We wanted to get to a point where we were drafting players who were going to have to compete for any kind of playing time at all. I think that is where we have gotten to now. We were not really drafting for need necessarily in these last couple of days. We were drafting for best player for the most part. These guys are going to have to come in and compete. There have been some questions about depth in different rooms. Hey, those are first-world problems, right? That is what we wanted to try to create and what we have been trying to create for years. In that sense, yeah, it feels different than it did once upon a time, but I think we felt that building and building over the last couple of years."

**ON EVALUATING THE BROWNS WRS ROOM:**

DePodesta: "I think we really like the mix. Certainly - Kevin can talk about this, too - the different characteristics that each guy brings, I think collectively it is a really, really nice room. I think we feel like the room can do sort of do everything. We have some speed. We have some great route runners. We have guys who are tough after the catch. We have guys who have contested-catch ability. In terms of building out concepts within our scheme, I think there is an awful lot we can do with these guys."

**ON IF THE BROWNS OFFENSE WILL TRANSITION MORE TO 11 PERSONNEL COMPARED TO 13 PERSONNEL, GIVEN THE CURRENT ROSTER AND NUMBER OF TEs ON IT:**

Stefanski: "I think we have to get through the next few weeks and get through training camp until you really figure out where you are going to go come September. That is our job to adapt to the roster, so to speak. We want to put our best players on the field. By September, I think we will know who those guys are. It is early to say anything definitively."

**ON IF THE BROWNS CURRENTLY HAVE ENOUGH DEPTH AT T:**

Stefanski: "We feel good about the guys we have on our roster. I think we have guys who work really, really hard. I think it is a good group. Again, this is a big offseason for our players. This is a big time to take a step for some young guys and for some older guys even to get better through these spring OTAs and minicamp. We feel good about the roster where it is."

**ON EXPECTATIONS FOR WR ANTHONY SCHWARTZ, GIVEN THE CROWDED WR ROOM AND THE TIME SCHWARTZ MISSED IN 2021:**

Stefanski: "He is not forgotten by me or us. We are counting on him to have a big year. We are excited about his development. He is a kid who knows he wants to work. He is here. He is working hard with Deshaun. Paul mentioned just the different skillsets in that room so we are excited about what Anthony brings to the table."

**ON THE SHIFT IN THE NFL FOR TEAMS TO BE MORE WILLING TO TRADE PICKS, INCLUDING FOR ESTABLISHED VETERANS, AND WHAT THAT MEANS MOVING FORWARD:**

DePodesta: "I don't know the history in terms of exactly what it looks like today volume of transactions versus what it was two years ago or 10 years ago. A team like New England has always been very active so it is not as though we suddenly have a lot of activity that we did not have previously. I do think teams are sometimes they are in different cycles, and that impacts their willingness to either trade up or trade down. I also think teams are doing a great job just in general of scouting players. Just this last weekend - AB can comment on this if he wants - he was pretty efficient in terms of the way players were drafted. I would say five or six years ago, you get past maybe the first 50 picks, and it just goes in lots of different directions and you are surprised at different guys who get taken in different slots. This year, it was a lot of really good players getting taken in really good slots. Very, very few players were sliding through to later rounds that would surprise you. In that sense, I think teams have gotten very good at it, and they are being aggressive when they go see something or if they do not have something, they are happy trading back. What we never know when we go into a draft is what kind of opportunities we are going to have in either direction. There have been times where we have wanted to trade up and have not been able to and we have wanted to trade back and have not been able to, and there were times where we were ready to take a player and we got an offer we could not refuse to move back. We never go into the draft with the idea that we are going to make a certain number of trades because you just never know what kind of opportunity is going to present itself."

**ON FACTORS LEADING TO TRADING HILL:**

Berry: "With Troy, we just felt like it was a good opportunity for us. It was a position that we felt like we had depth. We thought the value was appropriate for us. Really, it was just as simple as that. It came together relatively quickly."

**ON MAKING A TRADE WITH VIKINGS GENERAL MANAGER KWESI ADOFO-MENSAH, WHO PREVIOUSLY WAS WITH THE BROWNS:**

Berry: "That was a fun one. I will be honest, we had a couple discussions - probably had maybe three or four separate discussions - throughout the weekend about a couple of trades. It was finally nice to actually execute one with him. That was good."

**ON SELECTING HIS FIRST 23-YEAR OLD PLAYER WITH THE BROWNS (DE ISAIAH THOMAS):**

Berry: "[Laughter] I would say this, age is important, but it is not the only thing. It all factors into it. We are not age purists as everyone may believe. We really do want good football players."

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