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LB Jamin Davis

On why he feels like he is a good fit for the Washington defense:

“Honestly, just coming into a defense that likes to fly around and make plays, that’s something I am pretty good at. I don’t toot my own horn or anything like that, but that’s just something I was always about. Being around the ball at all times, just being all over the field and being around a group of guys that are talented and like making plays everywhere.”

On his work ethic and mentality:

“That’s just something that came from when I was a child back in my younger days, just not knowing when that last snap might be. I see no reason why you should take a rep off, whether that’s on the field, whether that’s in the weight room or anywhere. You just never know when it’s going to be your last opportunity, so you should always play 100 miles per hour at all times.”

On what it was like hearing his name called last night:

“It was a surreal feeling honestly. I honestly can’t even truly put it into words. My heart just dropped immediately because I thought it was a joke. I didn’t know it was actually happening. It just felt like a blur to me. Now that it’s actually happening and I’m actually here, like I said before just ready to get to work.”

On having common ground with Coach Rivera being linebackers and coming from a military family:

“Yes, ma’am. It just definitely made me feel like I came to the right organization and came to the right coaching staff. Knowing that I am going to have the chance to learn from guys that have been in this situation before and just knowing that I’m going to learn from some of the best.”

On when it sunk in that he had been drafted:

“Maybe when I first got off the phone with Coach Rivera. I just sat there and hugged my mom. I tried to be a tough guy at first and then the tears started falling and I was like ‘man, it actually happened.’”

On not attending the draft in Cleveland:

“Because when I was younger, that was just something I always dreamed of if I got the opportunity to go to the NFL one day, which I knew I was going to work towards. I knew I always wanted to have the opportunity to be with my immediate family, the people who have pretty much been with me from the start. I mean there’s no reason for me to turn my back on what I know.”

On how he felt touching down in Washington today:

“A whole lot of emotion, just reflecting on my path to get here honestly. Now like I’ve always been saying, I’m just ready to work.”

On what the last 12 hours have been like:

“Honestly, it has been non-stop with a lot of people reaching out to me. Family and friends and what not. You don’t want to seem like you’re blowing anyone off, but at the same time I’m just doing everything I can to stay completely grounded. Trusting everything my mom and dad told me from the jump.”

On hearing from Jimmie Johnson on Twitter:

“That was definitely pretty cool. I was actually in the shower; but when I had got out, I had seen that he had tweeted at me, so I was like ‘woah’. That was a starstruck moment. Dale Earnhardt Jr. as well. After I saw that I was like ‘wow, this is pretty cool.’”

On his plans headed into training camp:

“Honestly, just learning everything I can so I can be thrown right into the fire and make an immediate impact. That is one of the first things I asked. How soon can I get started?”

On whom he models his game after:

“I don’t model my game after anyone. I am a fan of [Tampa Bay Buccaneers linebacker] Devin White, [Indianapolis Colts linebacker] Darius Leonard, guys like that that just fly around and make plays by the ball. That is just something I always try to imitate.”

On where he’s most comfortable playing:

“I’ll play anywhere. That is not my main focus. Wherever he wants me to play, I will go out and do everything I can to the best of my ability and just go from there.”

On where he has most experience:

“I have played outside and inside. Wherever he wants me to play I will play.”

On what he remembers from his touchdown vs. Tennessee:

“A lot of it came from film study. I remember just watching a lot of film on Tennessee leading up to that game because it had been a while since we beat them in their own stadium. When the actual play had happened, it was something that I had already seen. On top of that, the quarterback was staring me down and I just knew I had to make a play on the ball. I was a little winded on my way to the end zone, but I definitely had to get there and make a play.”

On why he chose number 52:

“Growing up, one of my favorite numbers was 25 so knowing that I was going to be a linebacker in the league one day I just flipped it around.

On if he has studied the Washington defense at all:

“Ironically, I got a chance to watch them a little bit last year. It is crazy now that I actually get an opportunity to play for them. Currently, I am just soaking everything in and hopefully I can get to work. Watch as much film as possible.”

On which Washington games he’s seen:

“I can’t remember exactly. It might have been the playoff game. I remember sitting there and just watching how guys like [DE] Chase Young were flying around, being a vocal leader and making plays all over the field. That is something I would not mind stepping into. I am going to try and do the same exact thing.”

On Defensive Coordinator Jack Del Rio and Linebackers Coach Steve Russ:

“I love everything about it here so far. Like I have always said, I am always trying to do the best I can to represent myself and my family. Just learn as much information as I can and pretty much be a human sponge.”

On if he's been to Washington, D.C. before:

“This will be my first time. Just looking around and getting a feel for the area. I am interested in what the DMV has to offer.”

On Kentucky Head Coach Mark Stoops:

“Honestly, just buying into everything him and the coaching staff were teaching. I am truly just trusting the process. It does not matter about star ratings or anything like that. The same about where you end up going in the draft. Wherever you end up going you have to step in and make a name for yourself. While I was there, I just trusted what Coach Stoops and the entire staff there did. The strength and conditioning staff, putting on weight and trusting everything. That is the same thing I am trying to do here. Just trusting the process and going to earn every rep that I get.”

On how he plans to build his body up for the NFL:

“I was just referencing back when I was in college because when I first got there, I was a little smaller. Now, if they want me to put on weight or lose weight or whatever the case may be, it shouldn't be a big complication or anything like that.”

On what it's been like at the facility:

“Honestly, just getting a chance to meet everybody and see everything. It's honestly been a little overwhelming getting a chance to just walk around this place. It's been pretty cool to just meet Coach Rivera and everybody and now I'm just, like I said before, ready to get to work.”

On if he has met Washington Football Team Owner Dan Snyder:

“Not yet.”

On what he likes to do in his free time:

“This is pretty much me. I'm a real laid-back guy. I don't really do much - play video games, probably watch movies on Netflix and stuff like that here and there. Of course, like everybody knows now, I'm a big NASCAR fan, so you might catch me watching races each Sunday.”