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## **LB Bobby Wagner**

### **On LB Von Miller and on what he can add to the team:**

"I thought it was great, man. It's exciting to get somebody whose career has been magnificent, been fun to watch, fun to learn from, excited to get to learn from him in person. A guy that I think still has a lot left in the tank, someone offenses have to respect just because his ability to get to the quarterback. And somebody just fun to be around. Great person, great guy, going to be great in our locker room. So, I'm excited."

### **On Miller's impact on those around him:**

"Honestly, it's just his work ethic. You see a great come out and how he works every single day, how he prepares what he can give to the other guys, old and young. He can really help his team a lot."

### **On QB Jayden Daniels working to build on last season:**

"I think the coolest thing is, I think he had a really, really good season last year, but I don't think he's satisfied with where that's at. I think that's the biggest thing is, he has a chance to be a really, really good quarterback and you could see that the way he prepares, the way he's locked in, the way he's focused and that's the biggest thing. He's just locked in. He's ready to go and I'm excited to see where he takes it to a new level."

### **On the linebacker room and on LB Jordan Magee:**

"Yeah, he's a guy that everybody is watching and seeing and his growth, understanding the defense. I think the biggest step for a younger guy when you first come into the league, you don't know what to expect. You don't know the plays, you don't know how the league is, things of that nature. And you get a full season, and you get to come in and just focus on being the best linebacker, not everything else that comes with the game. And so, I think that's been the biggest thing is watching him prepare, watching him really get comfortable and confident within a defense. So, I'm excited to see where he is going to take it."

### **On becoming a minority owner of the Seattle Storm:**

"Yeah, so I'm a minority owner of the Storm. I'm really excited to be a part of the W and the WNBA. I think it's a great time, I've always watched them from afar being in Seattle. And so I'm really excited to be able to be a part of the growth and stay connected to a community that I still love."

### **On talking to Washington Commanders limited partner Earvin "Magic" Johnson about becoming an owner of the Storm:**

"For sure. I definitely talked to him, he's been a really big mentor of mine. He's helped me out so much. So, he's definitely a guy I ran this idea across before I made the decision and he was a huge help because he's obviously done it, he's done it at a high level. So, that's definitely somebody I lean into to really think about that."

**On his football why:**

"I just want to be great, honestly. I'm not going to be a coach when I'm done. So, my job is to push this thing as far as I could take it and pass down all the knowledge that I have while I'm here. So, I want to make the people around me better and I really want to take this however far I could take it."

**On the business side of football and on how ownership groups and teams go through the process of negotiations:**

"I think everybody's different. I think ownership groups look at it differently. Obviously, every player has a different agent. So, that agent's strategy is different. I would encourage guys to really dive into the business side of the game because I feel like, especially now, you grow up and you have an agent, guys are getting agents earlier now. And so, you have this middleman that is basically taking care of everything for a long time. And things that I see when guys retire is that middleman kind of goes away. And this sport that you played or endorsement that you had your whole career, you never took the time to understand how that business was running. You lose that relationship, because the relationship was with the agent or with the third party that was helping you. So, I understand we get endorsement deals. I understand we have deals with different teams, but I encourage guys to not only learn the business, but make sure you're the one that has that relationship as well, not just whoever's working for you."

**On when he decided to start representing himself:**

"I had an agent when I came out. I had an agent, I think until maybe 2016 or 2019, one of the two. But from most of my biggest deals, I did. And it was my version of, obviously I'm playing the sport all the time and so it was my version of taking a chance in the business world and I took a chance with myself."

**On what it means to see LB Frankie Luvu make the NFL Top 100 list:**

"Man, that was amazing because I've always watched Frankie from afar when he was with the Jets, Panthers, you watch. And unfortunately those teams weren't as good, so they didn't get the media, didn't get the attention. So, finally seeing how great of a player he is, his ability to rush the passer, his ability to get sacks, his ability in pass coverage. And not just that, his leadership and what he brings to this team and his city. It was really cool to see him finally get the recognition he deserved."

**On the concern level in the locker room with WR Terry McLaurin's absence:**

"I think guys like to, at least myself, it's a business and so some of the business is not your business, you know what I mean? And so, you let them take care of the things that need to take care of and you focus on yourself. But understand that he's still a part of the team. He's still somebody that is a huge presence in his locker room. He's an amazing figure in this community and this locker room, somebody that we are excited to have whenever the business gets worked out. And so, you just sit there, and you wait, and you hope that something gets done and that's what you do. And when it gets done, you celebrate, and you bring them in and we move on. That's really how it is. And so, we talking about a real number and so let business take care of business and it's going to take care of itself however it's supposed to."

**On getting older and gaining a better understanding of the game:**

"Some of it I think is the media's perception of what old is, because if you say 35 in any other industry, we're considered super young. But 35 in this industry, you almost think that we [are] like 200 years old or something. So, I think it's the media pushing in, my opinion, that narrative. But

where that marriage comes is, it's always kind of funny, if you watch a guy that's been in the game for a long time that understands and you watch a rookie, there's not that many steps because you know where the ball's going. So, he might take 10 steps to get to where he needs to while I'll just take two. And so, I don't waste movement. And so that's kind of where that comes. You hear checks, you hear different things, and you can make up from maybe some of the speed or whatever by just knowing where the ball's going. And so, this guy that's moving quick and moving this and doing that, you beat him to the spot just because you know where the spot's at faster than he is. So, I've always thought this game has been more mental and physical and as you get older, you gotta use your mind."

**On why players want to play for Head Coach Dan Quinn:**

"I just think he's an amazing leader. He's a guy that wants to see you be the best version of yourself, not like be anything else but yourself. He wants you to be whatever that looks like, whatever the best version of yourself is, he encourages that and not a lot of places do that. A lot of places want to change you, or have you conformed to what their idea of what a good player looks like to them. When you come around a coach that wants you to be yourself and wants you to be the best version of yourself, he cares. He understands that this game is not just the game. There are other things like personal, family, different things that go on that play a role. If your life off the field is not in order, it will affect you on the field. When you have a guy that understands, that understands passionately that you have a life outside of this game and he wants to help that side too. Everybody wants to play for somebody like that. No matter where it's at too players will travel to the east coast for him."

**On Daniels' biggest areas of growth coming off of his rookie season:**

"I always thought he was really smart. I think the biggest thing, I think he'll, in my opinion, I think the confidence will grow and the understanding what teams are trying to do, the mixing of coverages, the different looks. I haven't been in college in a long time, but I'm pretty sure defense in the NFL is a little bit more complex. So, having a year to watch yourself playing against these defenses is going to serve him really good. I think he's going to make a big, big leap. That's why [I'm] excited by our team. Everybody has something that somebody's doubting or something that says you can't do this or, it makes everybody hungry, and I think a team full of guys like that, that has something to prove, something to show the world is a fun team to be on."

**On finding ways for himself to improve as a veteran:**

"I think there's always something in your game that you can improve. I think there's things that maybe you do well, you can do better. There are things that you don't do well that you can do better. I think that's just the mindset. I remember being a younger guy and [Linebackers] Coach [Ken] Norton would put on tape of Von Miller's get off and we would watch that tape for [Former Seattle Seahawks LB] K.J. [Wright] and some of the other guys that were playing SAM. Just how fast his get off was. That was the first thing that you noticed when you were out here. Just how different his get off is. Again, to the point earlier is he has a really good beat on when the ball's going to be snapped and whether you are old or young, that is mental. That is training, that is getting off the snap for a really, really long time and at a really high level and some of those things you just can't teach. You can go as young as you want, but some things are just God given and you can't teach that, and older players have it too."

**On finding ways to balance and stay fresh for the season:**

"I think that's the myth. In my opinion. [Former NFL QB] Peyton Manning said it one time is, as he

got older, he had to work more. That's really the thing that you fight. You fight the idea that as you get older you have to do less, but everybody is telling you to do less. Analytics is telling you to do less. Coaches are telling you to do less, like to preserve your body. But it's all about training and keeping your body at tip top shape. And I think that's the biggest thing. One thing I do want to add, I'm just a part of the [Seattle] Storm. Magic was a big part of me doing that, but [Former Los Angeles Lakers SG] Kobe [Bryant] was a really big part of doing that. Shout out to "Sherm" [Former Seattle Seahawks CB Richard Sherman]. He was somebody that I was fortunate enough to meet before he passed. Sherm knew how big of a Kobe fan I was, so he set up that meeting. I watched what Kobe was doing for women's basketball and the WNBA and what he was trying to do. Me being a fan and me being somebody that watched him and watched some of the business moves that he made this was something that was important to me because it's almost like trying to pick up where he left off. Obviously, I'm not him whatsoever, but I could do my part because I think women's sports is amazing. I have daughters, I have sisters and it's important to really be a part of change and I want to be on the right side of change. Kobe's legacy is something that I take a lot of pride in, and I really feel a type of way about how people have been talking about him lately. He is the, if not, the best player of all time and nobody can defend him or he can't defend himself, because he's not here unfortunately. But he got guys like myself and I'm pretty sure pretty a lot of other people that will defend his legacy until as long as I'm here. All the people that's trying to take away from his greatness, shame on you, you should have said it when he was here but he was a big part of this as well because I watched what he was doing for women's sports from afar and him being somebody that I, I looked up to it's only right for me to try to do my part in continuing that legacy."

**On if this is the start of more investing into women's sports:**

"I've already done a lot. This is the most, probably public that I've done but I've invested in women entrepreneurs, women led funds. I invest in a fund that is solely women and women's sports. Women in tech and women's sports. This is not my only investment, this is just the one that you guys see. I've always, I've already kind of been doing it. It's just, it's the one that's just talked about more than others."

**On when ownership conversations first started:**

"This is probably, maybe five or six months ago, give or take. I got connected through a good friend and we just kind of talked about it and they knew how much Seattle means to me and the city means to me. I've always watched them from afar. Playing in Seattle, obviously what they were doing on the basketball court, but the most impressive stuff that for me was what they were doing off the court. There were all of the initiatives, all of the help, anything in the community, I would say they were the first to do it. I don't know if we said it enough, they inspired our organization a lot. I'm really excited to be a part of an organization that has been inspiring me for a long time."