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## **DE Deatrich Wise**

### **On what it's like to be back at the New England Patriots facility:**

“Pretty cool. Exciting, different, a lot of emotions. First time not going through that to start practice. Also, first time being the opposite sideline during joint practices, so it was a little different, but at the end of the day, it's football, so I just kept it football. Just did my thing and at the end of practice said hey to everybody. It was cool. It was cool. It was like a little mini reunion, I would say hey to people that I knew in the past.”

### **On not getting to say goodbye and what New England means to him:**

“I would say New England; New England was everything. They gave me the opportunity. They drafted me. I'm forever grateful. I started my career here. I felt like I learned a lot about life. I grew up as a man. I learned a lot about football. I learned a lot about being a leader. I learned a lot about teammates. I learned a lot here. I always say I got my master's and my PhD here. Now everything else, I'm just showing my knowledge and keep elevating that. But this place was wonderful. From the fans to the ownership, to the support staff. From the grass people to the cafeteria people. When I came back, I said, hey to everybody. I knew the janitors, the owners came through. That was pretty cool. The strength staff, training room, everybody helped me to become who I am today. It's always cool coming back to a place that you spent so much time, gave so much time, gave so much of your body to a place like this wonderful fan base, wonderful team. It's cool to come back and it's been a blast.”

### **On teammates he used to play with not being with the Patriots anymore:**

“It's sad to see everybody go. We all kind of left, but in the same breath, it's the nature of the beast. When you have a new coach coming in, usually they tend to clean house. That's kind of the other side of this business. Outside of all the fun things, the dark side is when you're no longer here or when the coaching staff changes. He wants his people in. That's kind of how that goes, but I always wish the best to everyone who left. I still keep in touch with them. [CB Jonathan] J Jones is still here, so me and J Jones talk a lot, but everyone else, I wish him the best in what they do.”

### **On the team's pass rushers to see another offensive line:**

“It's always good going against other pass rushers, oh, I'm sorry, other o-linemen, other guys. It was really good to see the things that we've been working on coming to fruition.”

### **On New England Patriots OT Will Campbell:**

“Great guy. Very, really good at using his hands. I would say he does a good job of effort. He told me on the field he just wants to get better and learn everything that he does, he takes as a lesson. Kudos to him.”

### **On Campbell's physical traits that stand out:**

“Very strong guy at the point of attack. I met him in the run game a little bit. We kind of like still made it, the ball went the other way, but great player. I think he has a very high, high ceiling. Humbly speaking. No

one has my length, but he has really good hands. [Laugh] I mean, look I faced tackles who've had short arms before, long arms. It's not about the size of the tackle; it's about the heart. He has that."

**On what he's learned about Head Coach Dan Quinn:**

"Great coach. A player's coach. Does a really good job of understanding the game, break down the game. Also does a really good job of setting the standard every single day and in practice, in meetings, and does a really good job of bringing everybody together for one common goal."

**On the confrontations during joint practice:**

"You know how football is. Football is going to have some type of pushing and shoving, but when you, when you're in there, you just make sure everything calms down, break everything up, and then back the ball."

**On Patriots Head Coach Mike Vrabel trying to break up the conflict:**

"Yeah, he dove in there. That was very, he showed some tenacity, you know what I'm saying? [laugh] Showed some grit. Yeah, he definitely [laugh], he's still playing for sure."

**On Vrabel getting injured breaking up the conflict:**

"I saw a little cut, but I feel like that right there just shows, what the Patriots are all about. Being tough. He might think he can still play. [Laugh] No he has his strength. He grabbed some guys today. I was like, oh, he's strong so he probably could give a nice drive."

**On the team's defensive performance:**

"I would like to watch film to really get a good answer, but we showed a lot of fights today. We were definitely upfront, very physical in the run game. Did a lot of good things, but once again, I want to see the film to see what we really did."

**On how defensive has been dealing with practices:**

"Like I said, Coach Quinn has done a wonderful job of bringing everybody together, setting the tone, setting the standards. Telling them about it, what we are, showing us what brotherhood is, showing us what brotherhood is and then going out there every day and highlighting all of our good attributes. Then also telling everybody what we need to work on."

**On his ownership in Veggie Galaxy and how he prepares to show up for games:**

"First with Veggie Galaxy. Yes, I am still the owner of Veggie Galaxy, part owner of Veggie Galaxy. Second, how I show up in the game is how I show up in life. Always dedicated, prepared for things to come, grinding, working hard, work ethic, learning about what I need to get into before I get into it and then once I'm in it, try to elevate it and get better. That's pretty much it."

**On any differences he's noticed in Patriots QB Drake Maye:**

"No he's always been that poised quarterback that I've seen. Made some really good throws today, even though he was sacked a few times. I'm not going to say anything, but he did a great job today. I saw him hand the ball off to certain guys, but that's about it."

**On what it felt like when he first came on the field today:**

"Different. Wearing a different uniform, different pads, not coming up the same way, it felt a little odd but I embraced it and just played football."

**On what he's learned about himself by being on a different team for the first time in his career:**

"I would say being here for eight years I learned one way. I learned a lot of great ball, I learned leadership, learned a lot about bringing everybody together, I learned a lot about myself. Now, coming over here they're asking different things of me and it's allowing me to use the things that I've learned and then open up with it and keep stepping up."