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General Manager Adam Peters

Opening Statement:

“Thanks for coming out guys. Of course. I know it's not easy to come all the way out here and everything, so I appreciate it and hopefully you're enjoying some sun. It's a little hot.”

On releasing Los Angeles Chargers C Tyler Biadasz:

“Yeah, so I mean that's an interesting question, and I don't want to like get into all the specifics of all the guys. We talk about because you guys know like we have conversations all the time and you never want those things to get out right with if you're talking about different players, whether you're trading for them or looking to trade them away. A lot of times you're not even looking to trade them, it's just teams will inquire about guys, so, you're going to have these conversations. Sometimes they get out, but that's what our personnel department's job is to know what's out there both coming in and going out. So, without getting any specifics on Tyler, you know, we explore everything and ultimately that was the decision we thought would be best for the team to move on.”

On why he thought it was the best decision for the team to release Biadasz:

“Yeah, I think, again, I really don't want to get into specifics and, and we've talked with Tyler about that and so, but I will say is like he was one of our first guys that we signed. You know, really appreciate, you know, what he did for us the last two years and wish him a lot of luck in LA and I think he's going to do well there. But in terms of the specifics, I think we could just keep those in house.”

On how he feels about addressing the defensive end position in free agency:

“Yeah, we're really excited about the guys we brought in, the guys that we have and so, that was certainly a point of emphasis to get there and to get [DE Odafe] Oweh, to get [DE K'Lavon] KC [Chaisson] and we still have the guys that we have in the building. Just really that was something we needed to address and we did. And so, I was actually like pretty surprised we were able to get both of those guys and especially with, I thought K'Lavon would be a little bit more but you know, I think because we were patient on some things, we were able to kind of sit back and wait and let some things come to us. I think, you know, he's going to be motivated because he's still really young. He's still really, you know, he's still ascending. So, I think he's got one year to prove it and I think he's going to do really well then obviously getting Oweh long term and he's the same way where we think he's still ascending and so we're super excited about all that.”

On contingency plans for getting different free agents while maintaining cap space:

“Yeah [laugh] we were still able to spend a lot but yeah, I mean you have to, you have to have all those plans, right, because you don't ever know, free agency's very unpredictable. And so, you know, you think you can have the best situation that you know the right people, the right coaches, the right scheme for somebody and they still don't come to you for whatever reason that is. And

sometimes it's a great reason. Sometimes you don't think it's as good of a reason, but you can't count on that. So, you really kind of just go down the line and just always keep your options open. And I think there was a point there where we made a couple signings and okay, let's just sit back and reassess and see where we're at and let some things come to us and that's what happened this year and we were able to get some guys that, I didn't think we were going to be able to get and we're really happy that we got them.”

On if having fewer draft picks this year motivated a more aggressive free agency approach:

“Yeah, I think it was just more we needed to bring a lot of good players in. So, obviously, with fewer picks, you know, you're not going to have, as you know, we don't have a second, we don't have a fourth for [T] Laremy [Tunsil], which, you know, I'm fine with that, you know, [laugh]. But, you know, so you do have those holes in the draft, but I think it's just more, we just needed to get some good players in here and guys that fit our play style and I think we did a really good job of working together with the coaches to achieve that.”

On his view of the wide receiver room and if he wants to add more:

“Yeah, I think, I mean really every room is a room we'd still like to add. I mean it's March 30th right now, so, but in terms of that room specifically, I mean obviously we have [WR] Terry [McLaurin] and Terry's the number one receiver. We brought [WR] Treyton [Burks] back, which I'm really excited about. I think he's got another level to go to. He showed us a lot and you know, at practice and in games when he was able to make some plays there. [WR] Luke [McCaffrey] and [WR] Jaylin [Lane], another couple guys that are, you know, being a year older and we're excited about and then bringing [WR] Dyami [Brown] back and [WR] Van [Jefferson]. We have a couple young guys in there too. So, I like the room right now, but I think just like everywhere, you know, we have a lot of time to add before we play in September.”

On the priority of getting more athleticism in the middle of the field in the linebacker room:

“Yeah, I think it's really more athleticism everywhere, you know, so not just the middle of the field, but certainly, wanted to be faster. And so, [LB] Leo [Chenal] definitely fits that bill and really is, most of the guys we brought in fit that bill in terms of that. So, you know, the whole reason we signed him was just because [of] that clip where he jumped up on the bus, that was it for me. [laugh] you know, did you guys see that? No, but I mean that it speaks to his athleticism, but he's certainly another guy who we think has another level to him. You know, he's hungry. He really wanted to be with us and he's versatile so he can play on the edge of the line of scrimmage. He can play off the ball. He was a really good special teams player. He can drop in coverage. So, his athleticism, his versatility and he's young and he is hungry to prove that he can be a better player than he was at the [Kansas City] Chiefs, which he was pretty good.”

On how the fluidity of the draft affects free agency:

“Yeah, I think, you know, one of the things we wanted to do is make it, so we don't have to force a pick, right? We don't have to pick for me. We don't have to pick a certain position. So, we're in that position now. So, it's really just, you know, especially with that, pick number seven's a big pick. And so, just finding someone who can really impact our team, you know, impact our team right away and impact our team long term. So whoever that is, and there's a lot of good players in there, but, with what we did in free agency, it's not like, ‘okay, we have to go get this because we have a gaping hole here or there’ and you guys can debate on, you know, where we need to add and all that. And I understand that, but for where we sit, we don't feel like we need to reach for anything.”

On if it's hard to gage what other teams will do during this upcoming draft compared to other drafts:

“Yeah, that's a great question because I feel that way. Like I have no idea who's going to be there at seven right now. I mean, there's a couple guys that I know are going to be gone, but then how that goes after that, I don't know and it changes every week, you know. I think if you look at a mock draft this week, next week, the next week it's kind of changed. So, it'll probably get a little more clear as we get closer to the draft and obviously we're still right in the middle of our draft meetings, so the more work you can put in, we still have a lot of touch points with the guys. We have 30 visits coming in, so kind of getting an understanding of the landscape and who these guys are even a little bit more. But, yeah, it's a mystery to me right now. And so, we just got to be ready for anybody.”

On if the fluidity makes it harder for teams to move around during the first round:

“Yeah, I honestly don't, without having a ton of quarterbacks, I don't know that there's going to be a lot of moving around or moving back. I wouldn't anticipate it. You don't really see that happening, unless it's for a quarterback because it's pretty costly to do that if you want to move up. But, so, yeah, I haven't heard much about that in terms of teams moving around.”

On if he would have any trepidation of taking a running back with the seventh pick:

“I mean I wouldn't have any trepidation about taking anyone at seven that I think can really help our team that we think can really help our team. But you know, also we got [RB Jacory] Bill [Croskey-Merritt] in the seventh-round last year, so you can get the, you can get running backs at a lot of different ways. But certainly, if we think that any running back or any really position no matter what it is, if it's a, you know, there's the premium positions as people would say and there's positions that are maybe less premium depending on who you ask. But if that person can impact your team in a certain way, then you would take them, you know, regardless of their position.”

On if he knew who the team would take right now if given the choice:

“No [laughs].”

On remaining discrete about potential picks while attending pro days and having visits:

“Yeah, I think there's definitely strategy to that in terms of how much time or you know, how much work you put into certain guys. But at the same time, you also want to know as much as you can about these guys have as many touch points as you can. So, does that mean you don't do a 30 visit because of that? Because then you're missing an opportunity to spend time with them, you know? And our scouts have done an excellent job starting really in August all the way until now of getting as much information as possible. But, you know, as we go through that process, we're still learning about these guys and we're still asking questions and learning new things. And there's guys that I haven't seen, there's guys that [Head Coach] DQ [Dan Quinn] hasn't seen that we'd like to spend some time with. So, to me that's a great question that outweighs the kind of cloak and dagger element of not bringing guys in. I've done that in the past where we didn't, we just didn't talk to somebody after the combine when we picked them. But I don't know, you know, how much that's, you know, how much that really matters. Like does the team at number five really care who we like, right? I mean, I hope not. I hope they just pick [laugh] yeah, but I mean, enough to trade up, I don't know.”

On the financial decisions around picking a “non-premium position” player:

“Yeah you consider it, but I really consider more how much they can impact us and, you know,

talking with our coaches, talking with the staff and the other scouts, like, 'okay, how much can this player impact us? You know?'. And whether you're saying it's a running back, whether it's a safety, whether it's a linebacker that are non-premium positions, but at the same time, like I had [San Francisco 49ers LB] Fred Warner in San Francisco and I can't tell you how much that guy impacted our team. And so, like there are, you know, there are exceptions to that. And so, I think you can overthink it by doing that sometimes, but just, I would like to say take the best player you can help us now and in the future and worry about the second contract later."

On involving coordinators and coaches in draft decisions:

"I'll just speak on the guys we have right now with [Defensive Coordinator] Dorante [Jones] and [Offensive Coordinator] David [Blough] and they've been fantastic. They've been really, really good. We went to Ohio State together, but during the draft meetings, during the free agency meetings, there's been really a ton of open dialogue, which has been really good. Learning because we just need to learn, we need to learn what they're trying to do, how they're trying to use certain guys and that'll give us the answers, you know, to bring up certain guys for them. And the back and forth has been really fun. Those guys, both of them are really smart. They're really, really smart. They're really good guys and they really want to collaborate. So, it's been really good so far."

On picking someone who will have immediate impact versus someone with potential:

"Yeah, I think, you know, picking at seven, you know, you'd hope you get somebody that can help you right away. You know, I think other times if you look into the later parts of the draft, there's some guys that aren't going to help you right away depending on who you have there and where they are in their development. So, I think you weigh that a little bit more later in the draft. But I think picking on the top 10, you really want to get somebody who can come in and play right away and impact your team year one."

On if there were any concerns around QB Jayden Daniels participation in flag football:

"Yeah, I try not to watch too much of it, but I mean, we talked about this really for, oh gosh, when did it start that when the thing came out maybe in September. So, we've had an open dialogue with Jayden about that throughout. And so obviously you're concerned, I think any, all of us probably are concerned about that. Not just me, probably me the most, but [laugh]. But understanding that it's something that was important to him and you know, just talking about the risk and the risk versus reward and all that. And then he's got to make the decision on his own in terms of that. But we support him in whatever he wanted to do. And you know, he loves the thing about Jayden is he loves football. He loves playing. He loves competing. And so, you know, I think that was something that was important to him. So, I'm glad he did it. I'm glad he came out healthy."

On how the league can avoid situations similar to Las Vegas Raiders DE Maxx Crosby's trade experience:

"I don't know. I mean that, that's hard to answer. That's a big, long philosophical question that I'm just. Yeah, no, not right now."

On Crosby's physical:

"You know, I don't know all the specifics of that. You know, obviously, those two teams had talked and they understood what his health situation was. But I don't know in terms of the nitty gritty, what went down there, but certainly it does give you pause, you know, and I don't know if there's, there's a great answer for it though. Otherwise, they would've probably had it already. I'm not like the answer guy."

On his reaction to Crosby's physical announcement:

"You know, my reaction honestly was I felt bad for Maxx, you know, I felt bad for Maxx going to a new team and this has nothing to do with the [Baltimore] Ravens or the [Las Vegas] Raiders first of all. Those are both great GMs, guys that are friends of mine, so I'm not going to get into who was right and who was wrong, but it just felt bad for Maxx in terms of, you know, going somewhere and that happening to him. But, you know, also, I think it's a cool opportunity for him to go back to the Raiders now."

On his general process of how he wants to use the cap space:

"Yeah, I mean, first of all, I want to hand it to [Senior Vice President of Football Operations] Brandon [Sosna] and [Vice President of Football Administration] Rob [Rogers], we're in a really healthy cap situation and it's really good and that's on purpose. But also understand that we spent a lot of money, we've spent a ton of money. So, it's not like we're not spending, but we're also doing a really good job staying in a healthy cap that way that does give us the ability, if we want to make, make a move, we can make a move. But it really keeps us so we're not having to make decisions that aren't the best decisions for the team because they're based on the cap. And you've seen that with teams, you know, recently where there's certain things they want to do or tried to do, but they can't do because of their cap situation. So, this helps us really now, but also in the future as well."

On using funds for future investments now so that calls don't have to be based around cap space:

"I mean that's one way to look at it, but I think I'll go back to that. We've spent a ton already. We've spent a lot of money. And so, we have great ownership and they've been really supportive of Dan and me in terms of what we've wanted to do. And they've been able to do a ton of things in terms of not only on the field players, but off the field with what we've done with our facility and everything like that. So, at the same time, you also want to be smart and not overspend. So, you know, I think that all goes into it as well."

On the way fans perceive cap space in comparison to team staff:

"They're pretty different. They're pretty different [laugh]. So, I mean, it is a little misleading at times when you're looking at that but it does say that we, you know, we do have flexibility, but in terms of, if you look at what we've spent over the last few years, we've spent a lot. And so, we've been really aggressive in terms of acquiring players and doing the things we need to do to be competitive. And [Managing Partner] Josh [Harris] has given us that opportunity and flexibility. So, I think, you know, there's a lot that's not in that website, you know, that goes into what we've been doing."

On cash versus structure when it comes to cap space:

"Yeah, I think it's what you're spending like cash, you know, year over year. And, you know, I mean, I don't want to get into big old another philosophical debate here, but I mean, teams are, most teams spend, you know, over the like cash over cap, you know, they spend over the whatever the cap is for that year and we do too. And so, but at the same time, like you have, you do have to have some constraints, otherwise you're going to go crazy. And then what happens is you put yourself in a bad position down the road, it does catch up to you. It's like a credit card it catches up to at some point."