



# CLEVELAND BROWNS TRANSCRIPT

**Head Coach Kevin Stefanski  
Cleveland Browns vs. Chicago Bears  
Preseason Week 3  
8-27-22**

**Head Coach Kevin Stefanski:**

**Opening statement:**

“Guys fought hard there right to the end. Proud of the effort throughout the game, especially in that third and fourth quarter. A lot to clean up. That is what the preseason is for – it is for identifying areas that you have to clean up. Way too many penalties, some missed assignments and those type of things, just have to drill down in them and make sure the guys play clean because you have to play clean, you have to play smart and you do not want to beat yourself. Injury front, (G) Wyatt Teller and (S) Grant Delpit, held them out precautionary, but obviously, we will know more on all of our guys over the next couple of days.”

**On QB Jacoby Brissett’s performance:**

“Obviously, we would have wanted to move the ball more consistently as an offense early. I thought Jacoby saw it very clearly in terms of coverage and did a nice job operating in the huddle, at the line of scrimmage, on the sideline and those type of things.”

**On if he is optimistic that Teller’s and Delpit’s injuries are not serious:**

“I am.”

**On WR Anthony Schwartz having multiple dropped passes:**

“I think as you know, we have talked about Anthony. Anthony has spoken to you guys. He is very accountable. I know he wants to be better. I know he will work very hard. All of our guys are going to continue to try to get better, and I know Anthony will, as well.”

**On if he was happy about the team’s operation despite the result of the game:**

“I think the preseason, you are supposed to set the results aside, and not just win-loss, just in terms of we want to get a true evaluation of these guys. There are things that you are doing to make sure that you are getting another rep of this or another rep of that. Operationally, I thought it was decent. Offensively, we wanted to spread the ball around and make sure a bunch of guys touched it, the skill players that is. Then defensively, some good moments. Had a couple too many blown coverages, and blown coverages can turn into seven points so that is something that we definitely have to get better at.”

**On Brissett’s performance:**

“Like I said earlier, I think he played well. I think as an offense, we did not do enough early, just not getting first downs. In terms of what we ask him to do, getting us into the correct plays, seeing the defense and delivering the ball on time, I thought he did a good job.”

**On WR Mike Harley Jr.’s and WR Javon Wims’ performances and if they are making pushes for roster spots:**

“With all of those guys, it is a body of work. It is going back to April, what they have done in practice, what they did in these preseason games and all of the training camp practices. All of the guys, they worked very hard, and we will see on all these decisions how it all shakes out. I just told the team you would love to keep everybody. The reality of the NFL is you keep 53 and some guys on the practice squad. We will work through all of those things, but I am very, very appreciative of the effort of all of the guys.”

**On if he has seen Schwartz’s confidence slip at all following recent drops:**

“Any and all receivers, they work very hard at this game. You understand that there are going to be drops. That is how it works. It is something that comes with being a receiver so you just have to work through it.”



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## **On continuing to call Schwartz's number even after drops:**

"Right now, I tell you we are trying to work. These games are like out in Berea. We are trying to get reps for our guys and get work out there together. That is kind of how we look at all of what we are doing out there on the field."

## **On how much consideration he gave to putting the whole supporting cast around Brissett as part of preparation for the regular season:**

"It is a balance. There were guys that we held out in this game, and you kind of take it case by case on each guy. We have had a lot of good reps of Jacoby again in Berea. We feel confident in what he has been able to do with the entire group of ones."

## **On Brissett being the Browns starting QB and if QB Joshua Dobbs has been given consideration to start any of the first 11 games based on performance in preseason and training camp:**

"Jacoby is our starter, yes, but I am proud of Josh Dobbs. He has done a really nice job. Again, he is somebody who has worked very, very hard from the beginning when he walked in the door with us in the spring and through now. He plays well in these games. He is a very, very accountable teammate. Very pleased with Josh Dobbs."

## **On if Dobbs has looked like a QB who would be ready to go in at a moment's notice if needed:**

"That is the part of the backup quarterback. That is where you have to be ready to play and you have to be ready to go at a moment's notice and sometimes not without any reps and those type of things. Josh is a very smart player. He has done a real nice job in this camp."

## **On if Dobbs' performance has decreased the urgency for the team to find a more experienced QB to backup Brissett:**

"Honestly, I would not get into those type of roster things. I would just tell you Josh Dobbs has done a great job. He has done everything we have asked him to do, and I think his teammates recognize how hard he works."

## **On how tough it is to make roster decisions for the backup OL:**

"It is all tough. Yes, it is all tough. Again, all of these positions, you want to keep all of them. That offensive line works very, very hard as you see every day. It is tough. These are really tough times for this team to make these difficult decisions. You trust (Executive Vice President of Football Operations and General Manager) Andrew (Berry) and the crew with some great dialogue for the past weeks you will make the right decisions."

## **On if Schwartz is in any jeopardy of being cut:**

"No. Respectfully, we are going to make sure that we deal with things that are important, which are our players and how they respond to these things."

## **On S D'Anthony Bell forcing another fumble:**

"Yeah, it was great. It was awesome. He is a very ball-aware player. He does that in practice. We chart every single one of those, the guys that rip and punch and try to get that ball out. He is always near the top so a very ball-aware player."

## **On RB D'Ernest Johnson's performance:**

"I like what I have seen from D'Ernest from the minute I got this job. He does what he is supposed to do. He is accountable to his teammates. He always makes sure that he knows what to do and plays at a high level so he has done a nice job."

## **On injuries and touchbacks complicate evaluations in the return game:**

"They are doing what they need to do for their team, and sometimes you do have injuries where you might not want to cover it so maybe they were in that type of scenario. We are working through it. Like I told you guys, we have a lot of guys who have done it and I trust in. We are just going to work through it and make the right decision for September 11."



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**On if it nice to see a rookie like K Cade York make two FGs after missing the first one:**

“I think like anybody you like to see the ball go in so it is good for him. He does not lack confidence.”

**On if he has a good feel for York’s range entering the season:**

“I do, but that adjusts based on the game situation, it adjusts based on the win and all of those types of things. I do think we have a pretty good feel for his distance.”

**On if he was aware of York’s 70-yard FG in pregame warmups:**

“Yes.”

**On if he saw York’s 70-yarder:**

“I did not see it, but yes. I am always, as you can imagine, talking to (special teams coordinator Mike Priefer) Prief based on the workout for everybody – how did the punter did, how the kicker did and how the returners did.”

**On if it would have been conceivable to potentially try a 70-yard FG tonight:**

“In the preseason? Yes, you can do anything you want in the preseason (*laughter*).”

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**QB Jacoby Brissett:**

**On today's performance and heading into the regular season:**

"I thought today was a step in the right direction. Obviously, we have more time coming up in the next two weeks. Today was definitely a good stepping-stone – getting in and out of the huddle, calling the plays and hearing it from (Head Coach) Kev (Kevin Stefanski). I thought today was good."

**On if he knew how much he was going to play:**

"I knew I was playing. I just told them just tell me whenever you are taking me out. I did not want to put a number on it or anything like that. Just going out there and just playing."

**On if he wishes he had all of the Browns starting offense playing with him today to get a better feel for Week 1:**

"I am fine with how it went. It is just giving other guys opportunities, especially in games in the preseason where a lot of jobs are at stake. I was fine with the guys that were in there."

**On keeping confidence in WR Anthony Schwartz after a few dropped passes:**

"As you saw, I kept going back to him because of the confidence I do have in him. Look, it is part of the game. It is nothing to beat him up about. I was talking to him on the sidelines like, 'It is just scar tissue. Just go back to work. Keep trusting yourself. When the page turns, you are on the other side of it.' Just continue to feed him and continue to give him opportunities."

**On how he can help uplift Schwartz after drops:**

"I told him on the sideline, 'Look, you would not be in this position if they did not think you could do it. At least cherish the part that they are putting you back out there no matter what. It is only because they want to see you succeed, and they want you to see yourself succeed.' I think he is going to do that. It is unfortunate that those things happen, but it is part of the game. I am sure it is like plays that I would like back and throws that I would like back. It is a learning process. This game is hard if we make it hard. I am sure he is going to get over it."

**On if he thought he had Schwartz open on the deep pass that fell incomplete:**

"Oh yeah, for sure. That is why I threw it. We did not catch it."

**On if that deep pass to Schwartz was catchable:**

"I have to go back and watch it. I haven't had a chance to watch it yet."

**On operating the Browns offense and his performance in his first preseason game:**

"I thought it went smooth. Getting in and out of the huddle was one of the biggest things that we wanted to do, getting up to the line of scrimmage, making the calls, seeing the defense and seeing the structure of the defense. I thought that went well. Obviously, I knew where I was going with the ball at times and seeing it well. Like I said, it was a good step in the right direction. Have two more weeks."

**On taking the bulk of first team reps in recent weeks and only playing in one preseason game and if he feels prepared for the season opener:**

"For sure. Like I said, we have two more weeks so I will get a lot more reps in."

**On what he and the Browns need to do over the next two weeks to be ready for the season opener:**



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"Continue to grow in this offense. Going back and watching this game, putting those reps in my memory bank and learn from this. When Week 1 comes, Week 1 will be here. We have time before it gets here so I am not trying to jump the gun."

**On if getting in and out of the huddle is more difficult than most people think:**

"I think that is just the details of it and not taking anything for granted. Getting in and out of the huddle, getting the center-quarterback exchange, calling the plays right and things that would seem so basic, those are things that you want to make sure you hammer down before you get to Week 1. You do not want to have those hiccups."

**On Stefanski choosing to go for fourth-and-two and the Browns converting:**

"It was big. We had talked about, 'Hey, we want to try to extend drives as much as possible.' It just shows the confidence in this offense and the guys who are out there. Being able to extend drives, those are the things that we are going to need throughout this season. It was good that we got to do it today."

**On establishing chemistry with TEs David Njoku and Harrison Bryant and if that is encouraging heading into the season:**

"Definitely. I keep saying this, we are going to just keep banking more and more time, repetition and rhythm with those guys. Being able to throw those guys the ball in live action and coming to the side and saying, 'Hey, this is why I put the ball here,' or 'This is what I was thinking.' It is part of the process."

**On having a ball batted down at the line of scrimmage and if the pass could have been a reception if knocked down at the line:**

"I have not seen it. I heard the ball bat, and I looked to see where the ball was."

**On if he re-watched the interception:**

"No, we can't watch film on the sideline."

**On WR Anthony Schwartz getting knocked down by a Bears player on the interception:**

"I have not seen it yet."

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## BROWNS PLAYERS

### **S D'Anthony Bell:**

#### **On if and how he has been able to earn coaches' trust:**

"I think I have prepared myself well. The coaches have sent me film, extra stuff and have met with me outside of the normal practices. I try to put myself in the best position I can put myself in."

#### **On his ultimate goal when joining the Browns:**

"The ultimate goal was just to help the team and to make the team – to do whatever I can to get onto special teams and help the team. Be behind those guys, learn and just do what I can to help."

#### **On if he thinks he made the team after tonight's performance:**

"I never think I made the team. I come in here every day like I have to make the team and make the play. I sit next to JJ (S John Johnson III) and always ask him questions. I ask him like, 'What did you see on this? What did you see on this play?' I feel like he has great awareness, and I am trying to work on that part of my game as well."

#### **On if he is absorbing knowledge from teammates:**

"Most definitely. I ask those guys questions all of the time. I ask what they see on certain formations. They give me the knowledge that they have and help me with my game, as well."

#### **On the biggest lesson during his time with the Browns:**

"The pace of the game and not to move as fast. It looks like it is happening fast, but I have learned to just slow it down and process the things you see and trust your eyes."

#### **On if he will be nervous during the next couple of days when learning whether or not he made the team:**

"Most definitely. I have to put my phone on ring. I am really nervous. Hopefully, God will help me make this team. It is nervous in a good way, though. I think I put my best foot forward, but there is more to come. I have to improve my game more and learn a lot more. I have to be the best I can."

### S John Johnson III:

#### **On the questions S D'Anthony Bell asks him:**

"He asks me questions about the formation or if I was in the right position on a play. I want him to think how I think or think how a great player would think. I have been around great players who have taught me things so I just want to pass along whatever I can. It is not as much as teaching because he has a tremendous ability. He is going to be a good player, but it is more about changing the mindset a little bit."

#### **On if he sees a difference in development from Bell on tape:**

"He is always in the right place. It is a little different because he has been playing stronger. Back in my day, I played a little strong, but that is just the nature of the game."

#### **On how far ahead he is now compared to last year entering the second year in the defense:**

"It is night and day. I was not comfortable last year. It was a battle. Now, it feels natural. I don't even have to think anymore – my body just does it. It is night and day."

#### **On if the team will be ready for the season opener in two weeks:**

"I think so. I want to say we are ready right now, but we will be ready. We have a lot of time up until that point – a lot more practice days and a lot more growing to do. I wish we knew who is going to be here, but I definitely think we will be ready."



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## **LB Jeremiah Owusu-Koramoah:**

### **On always staying competitive:**

"We still have the point system up. It doubles when the game happens. You know everybody is trying to run and fly around. It is not just because of the point system. It has just really been ingrained in us. We are always trying to compete and get better, and that is what we do."

### **On S D'Anthony Bell forcing another fumble:**

"Bell has been doing a phenomenal job. He is on my team. He has always been that guy right now and during training camp always trying to get that ball out. We appreciate him for that."

### **On watching what is practiced play out in a game:**

"I think anytime that you spend time putting forth in practice and focusing on a goal, then seeing it come to fruition is always a glorious feeling. It is always a glorious feeling and a phenomenal energy when that does happen because you spend so much time focusing on it. It is a great feeling."

### **On if he was able to get done what he wanted to during training camp and the preseason:**

"The more the merrier in reference to getting better. I feel like my preseason went well. We got at least a lot of mental reps and other things that I could have corrected in my mind."

### **On what he will do now to prepare for Week 1:**

"First and foremost, take care of your body. The best ability is availability. For right now, just focusing on where everybody needs to be in reference to being one hundred percent."

### **On what being a high-energy player does for him:**

"I try to incorporate more energy in everything that I do because how you do one thing is how you do everything. When we are out there, we want to be really excited. It is something I try to focus on."

## **K Cade York:**

### **On making a 60-yard FG in warmups:**

"I hit the ball well. It does not really matter in pregame. I was just warming up."

### **On his overall FG range:**

"Whatever they put me out there for. I missed a 58-yard field goal today. I did not hit the best ball then, but I think they are just testing me a bit in the preseason. When the game is on the line and we need something, we can push it back a little bit. We will see what happens moving forward."

### **On if his performances during the preseason have been what he hoped:**

"It really has not felt anything different from college. Just going out there and kicking the ball. I would have liked to have seen the one go through today. Other than that, I have gotten reps. Getting out there and getting comfortable. It has been good."

### **On the strategy of some kickoffs going short of the goal line:**

"Just hanging the ball up. Still need to work on it some more. I need to be able to manage it through the game and hit different balls. It is definitely my main focus to work on right now. I just need to do it a little bit better."

### **On his comfort kicking FGs:**

"I hit them well. There have been a couple that I would like back. I still hit the ball well. The longer field goal I had to hit a lot better."

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## **Bears Head Coach Matt Eberflus:**

### **Opening statement:**

“Good evening. I want to start out by thanking the players for the whole preseason. I thought we took some good steps. We’re trying to lay the foundation here of how we want to play and I thought they did that. The first game was okay. The second game was a little bit better. I thought this game was a little bit better than that. Guys are playing hard. Their alignment and their technique keeps getting better. The intensity with which we play is starting to improve. We just have to always be mindful of the football. We’re doing a really good job so far. We have to do a better job. Situational football has been decent. It’s been decent for us. Again, I can’t say enough about the players. They really bought into it. To run our systems the right way, it takes mental toughness in practice and in the way we do things. Again, I can’t thank them enough. A couple injury things that happened prior to the game that we’re squared away with here. 58 (LB) Roquan Smith had some tightness when he was warming up, so we decided to pull him and not play him today. 33 (DB Jaylon Johnson) had earlier in the week, on a red zone day, so we decided not to play him. He had some tightness. 94 (DE Robert Quinn) we just decided not to play at all. 4 (DB Eddie Jackson) was day-to-day. Those are the guys right there, and I’ll open it up to questions.”

### **On the first-unit offense:**

“It was just good operation, overall. We ran the ball solid. I thought the play-action was nice. The boots and waggles were good. We took the completions there. Then, we did a nice job of handling getting a takeaway and then a score. That’s complimentary football. Then we end up giving the ball away and we end up stopping them and holding them to three points. That was a good swing of four points right there for us.”

### **On QB Justin Fields performance:**

“I just think he’s getting better. He’s just getting better. Like I said the other day, he is a young player. He needs experience. This was a game-like experience for him that he needed to have. He took a big step forward for him and for our football team. He’s just getting comfortable and operating the offense, doing his thing. I thought he did that tonight.”

### **On whether he sleeps better after a game like this knowing the regular season is next:**

“No, I mean I sleep good every night. I would say that it’s really more about what you need to do next. What is the preparation? We’re making our cut downs and trimming up our roster. Then, we’ll get the transition day. We’ll clean up this game. We have a lot to learn from this game. We have a long way to go to get ready before we’re ready for the first game. We’ll just take it day by day. We’ll set a plan. Obviously we have set a plan. We’ll execute that plan going forward.”

### **On how QB Justin Fields is evaluated when Cleveland sat several starters:**

“You go with what you have on tape. That’s all speculation. I wouldn’t know how to do that. You go with what you see on tape, how he is executing, how he is doing during practice. A lot of times, you focus more on the practice reps than you do on the in-game reps. This was a good step forward.”

### **On how the first-unit offense should feel after having three first half touchdowns:**

“I think they feel positive about the performance. When you have a good performance or you have an okay performance, or whatever that performance is, you can always learn from it. Let’s take it play-by-play. What can we learn from each play to get better as a football team?”

### **On QB Justin Fields facing imperfect circumstances and setbacks:**

“That’s called Adjust, Adapt, Overcome, right? That’s one of our mottos that we have. It’s never going to be perfect. You’re going to go out there with a game plan, and all of a sudden you have to figure things out and have in-game tactics. When a play breaks down, you have to figure it out. It’s a scramble drill. All the things that we practice.”



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**On TE Cole Kmet:**

"We're excited where Cole is. Cole had another good game this game. We're excited where he is. He has been practicing his tail off. He's been working hard. He's been blocking at the point, obviously catching the ball well in the open field and running after the catch. He's been doing some nice things. We're pleased with where he is."

**On QB Justin Fields and the simple plays that keep the offense moving:**

"He is getting better. That's one of the parts that he's getting better at. That's really about his footwork. He's been working on that - the timing of his feet with his throws. He's getting better every day."

**On the importance of the offense being able to get out of holding penalties and out of the hole:**

"That's great. Usually those things set you back. When you get a holding penalty like that, it sets you up. We did a nice job having a good chunk play after that, and scoring on that drive. That was really good. I think it was (TE Ryan) Griffin that scored on that. He had the penalty and scored on it, so there you go. He did a nice job."

**On RB David Montgomery:**

"He practices really well this week, so it's no surprise. You play how you practice. He was excited all week to do it and he performed tonight. We're excited about where he is."

**On the team's connection with OC Luke Getsy:**

"It's been great. The offensive chemistry has been good. The defensive chemistry has been good. The team chemistry has been great. I always tell the position coaches and the coordinators that your guys will play as a reflection of you. They've been doing a good job."

**On whether LB Roquan Smith said he couldn't play or if it was a trainer's decision:**

"It's a group decision. We all get together, huddle together, and say 'yeah he is a little tight there', so we are just going to keep him out."

**On the challenge of LB Roquan Smith not playing any preseason football:**

"No, he has played a lot of football. This guy is a good player - a really good player - and he's played a lot of football. He's got a lot of snaps under his belt. Just like Rob (DE Robert Quinn), they have a lot of snaps and they'll be ready to go."

**On the specifics of the tightness that LB Roquan Smith experienced:**

"Just tightness."

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**Bears QB Justin Fields:**

**On what he thinks the first half signifies for where the Bears are offensively heading into the regular season:**

"I just think we are continually getting better each and every day. We are just building off the previous days, and we are ready to get back to work next week and keep going."

**On the first touchdown and how they were able to overcome the holding penalty quickly and the value of turning something like that around:**

"Before the game, we knew that we were going to run into adversity so it was a really good job by the guys – the O line, the receivers and the running backs – just to show that we can get past that adversity and keep driving on."

**On whether they gained confidence in tonight's game now that the regular season is two weeks away:**

"Yes, for sure. This week is kind of like a mock game week or a mock game in the regular season week. So, we are just coming into the regular season on a good note."

**On seeing the scheme work and what kind of confidence that brings:**

"I think it gives all the guys confidence. We did a great job in giving everyone confidence and trusting the offense and trusting the process of the game."

**On having RB David Montgomery back and having the physicality that he runs with and what it means for the offense:**

"It opens a play action game and all that stuff. I am glad he is back."

**On how Montgomery back fits in with the identity that they want the have:**

"He is the definition of it, so when you have a guy like that running the ball with that force and power that he runs with, it shows what you want to show for our football team from an identity standpoint."

**On what he was motioning to Bears TE Cole Kmet after his touchdown pass:**

"After the touchdown, I just told Cole that route I just wanted him to be a bit wider. Cole did a great job taking the corner and safety to what we got. I did not want that corner to fall off and take away his route."

**On that play and how much he can control things with a speedier roll out, his eyes and just manipulating the defenders:**

"We have so many different route combinations with the naked and stuff like that. You can manipulate them pretty well. The biggest thing in those plays is that you do not want to take a sack. You want to make sure you get a completion or a positive play out of it, whether it is a short completion, whether I run for a few yards or whatever."

**On his trip here last year and whether he reflected on that during this game:**

"For sure. I was of course thinking about that. I am glad that No. 95 (DE Myles Garrett) was not playing today (*laughter*). I am glad, definitely."

**On comparing how it felt playing last year versus this year:**

"It feels pretty normal. We practice it so much where you are repping, repping, repping and you are used to different outcomes that may happen on that certain play. With the amount of times that we have run those kind of plays, we have grown really fast."

**On it taking years to get the roughing calls and it being the beginning of the year and he's already getting them:**

"I feel good, and I am glad I got the call. Definitely happy about that."

**On it taking a pretty egregious penalty to get roughing calls:**



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"Hopefully, it does not have to be that egregious next time for them to call it."

**On whether certain games feel different, especially with this game since every throw seemed like it was on the money:**  
"I kind of felt it beforehand. Sometimes you just feel good going into the game and feeling confident. Hopefully, we can go into every game feeling like that."

**On whether he saw his OL start shoving guys following the hit:**

"I heard it and then got up. I felt a little bit dizzy when I got up on my feet. I heard it. I was trying to make sure that they did not get a flag for us so they would not offset. I do not know what to say. I do not know if we are going to get fined or what."

**On it being a good thing that his OL stood up for him:**

"That is definitely a good thing."

**On the touchdown pass to Bears WR Dante Pettis:**

"Just went high zone, kind of a one-on-one matchup. The other defender was the underneath flat defender. Pretty much one-on-one, little bit of inside leverage so just stayed patient on his route and of course he ran a good route. He is a great route runner, probably one of the best ones we have on the team. He executed the route perfectly and through the ball to him."

**On scoring three TDs in four possessions:**

"I think it is just execution on all parts. I think the O line did a great job protecting today. I told them that multiple times. The receivers did a great job with scramble drill, just running the right routes at the right depth and stuff like that. Again just protection wise, run the football and that will open everything up with play-action and our bootlegs."

**On if he sees the performance as a turning point for the offense or just a regular preseason game:**

"Definitely a turning point. I think we can build on this. We will go to next week, get better and prepare for San Fran."

**On if it feels he is gaining chemistry with TE Cole Kmet in this scheme and if Kmet is poised for a breakout year:**

"Yeah, for sure. We all know Cole is a great player. He works hard. He is a leader on this football team so I am excited to see what he does this year for sure."

**On Bears Head Coach Matt Eberflus' comments that he did a good job taking the completions that were there and if his mentality on that has developed since his rookie year:**

"Yeah, for sure. Just kind of knowing the situations, knowing the percentages of when to take a chance and when just to take a completion and stuff like that. You kind of have to think about that before the play with down and distance."

**On if he is interested in seeing how the Bears' roster gets cut down to 53:**

"We are about to see in a couple of days."

**On if it will be tough to see guys be cut:**

"Yeah, for sure. I feel like a lot of the guys we have had up to this point, I feel like they have been on the team for longer than they have been here. I feel like I have built great relationships with all of them, and it is going to be tough seeing some of them go for sure, but I have no doubt in my mind that they will find another team to go to or they will be brought back at some point. They are all great football players and they all work hard."

**On DE Dominique Robinson, a native of Canton, Ohio:**

"I think he has really matured for a rookie for sure. He is married so a family man for sure. He is a freak athlete. He is fast. He has five or six-percent body fat or something like that so he is just a freak. On the field, just a smart guy and he works hard."

**On if he knew Robinson was a QB back in high school:**

"I did not know that. I did not know that at all. I had no idea."

**On how he feels about his passing targets compared to last year:**



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"I definitely feel like I have a better connection with more guys on the team compared to last year. Just kind of been rotating. I think that is one positive thing you can bring out to at first not knowing who was going to be the starting three out there when you are in practice and throwing in different guys. I feel like I have built chemistry with a lot of the guys – the receivers, tight ends and running backs."

**On who else he feels like he can always count on:**

"Yeah, EQ (WR Equanimeous St. Brown). Dante for sure. Byron when he was healthy. Really all of them. I feel like we have had a lot of reps at this point where it is just always getting extra work in and after practice. If you miss a route at practice, you stay after practice. It is just constant building."

**On if the game is slowing down for him in Year 2 compared to as a rookie:**

"For sure. I think every time I get asked this question, I just flashback to last year (*laughter*). Yeah, for sure [it is slowing down]"

**On if he plans to attend the Ohio State game next week:**

"I am going to try and go to the Ohio State versus Notre Dame game next weekend so I am excited for that and excited to see those guys."

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**On how important it is to be make an impact as a wide receiver and on special teams:**

"The more you can do, coaches love that. I am just glad I had the opportunity to play both offense and punt return tonight."

**On how he feels about the reps he has gotten during the preseason:**

"Pretty good. In the first two games, not a ton of action. It is hard when you only play a couple of quarters here and there, but I feel like I took advantage of the opportunities that I have had."

**On if he felt like he belonged in the NFL after his touchdown reception:**

"I know I can play, but it is always good to have those little wins like that. Football is still scoring."

**Bears DB Greg Stroman Jr.:****On what he saw from QB Justin Fields tonight:**

"That is way out of my hands. I can control only what I can control. I can just leave it all on the field and let everything else be everything else."

**On the bond with his teammates, including some he may not see again when the season starts due to roster changes:**

"That is the key thing, it is a bond. Playing this game just brings guys together. That is tough. It is tough when those decisions have to be made. We know they have to be made. Everybody is out there giving their all they have together. It is a team game, so you have to have that bond."

**Bears OL Cody Whitehair:****On how the offensive line performed with the rotating personnel:**

"I thought we came out that second drive, after starting a little slow, and really got things going. It was good momentum going into the season."

**On RB David Montgomery's physical play in the back field:**

"David has always been like that. It was good to see. It was good momentum going into the season."

**On what to take from tonight's game:**

"I felt like we were really clicking on all cylinders. I felt like the continuity was good, the communication was good. It is a good way to start the season."

**On QB Justin Fields' overall performance tonight:**

"He was great. From the second we got out on the field, he was really poised and handled the environment really well."

**On how much momentum stems from tonight's win going into the regular season:**

"We are 3-0 in the preseason, so that is a lot of momentum going into the season. We played a whole half tonight. It was a good way to start."

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