

RECAP

CLEVELAND BROWNS 2026 DRAFT RECAP | 91ST ANNUAL NFL DRAFT

THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2026 - SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026

2026 CLEVELAND BROWNS DRAFT

RD.	NO.	PLAYER, POSITION, HEIGHT, WEIGHT, SCHOOL
1	6	(a-traded to Kansas City Chiefs)
1	**9**	**Spencer Fano, OT, 6-5, 311, Utah (a-from Kansas City Chiefs)**
1	**24**	**KC Concepcion, WR, 5-11, 196, Texas A&M (b-from Jacksonville Jaguars)**
2	**39**	**Denzel Boston, WR, 6-4, 212, Washington**
2	**58**	**Emmanuel McNeil-Warren, S, 6-3, 210, Toledo (c-from San Francisco 49ers)**
3	74	(d-traded to New York Giants)
3	**86**	**Austin Barber, T, 6-7, 320, Florida (e-from Los Angeles Chargers)**
4	107	(c-traded to San Francisco 49ers)
5	**146**	**Parker Brailsford, C, 6-2, 290, Alabama**
5	148	(f-traded to Seattle Seahawks)(a-from Kansas City Chiefs)
5	**149**	**Justin Jefferson, LB, 6-0, 223, Alabama (g-from Cincinnati Bengals)**
5	152	(h-traded to Denver Broncos) (c-from San Francisco 49ers)
5	**170**	**Joe Royer, TE, 6-5, 250, Cincinnati (h-from Denver Broncos)**
6	**182**	**Taylen Green, QB, 6-6, 230, Arkansas (h-from Denver Broncos)**
6	216	(i-traded to Seattle Seahawks)
7	222	(j-traded to Detroit Lions)
7	**248**	**Carsen Ryan, TE, 6-3, 255, BYU (i-from Seattle Seahawks)**

a - April 23, 2026: The Browns traded 2026 1st round pick to Kansas City for 2026 1st, 3rd and 5th round picks.

b - April 24, 2025: The Browns traded 2025 1st, 2025 4th and 2025 6th round picks to Jacksonville for 2025 1st, 2025 2nd, 2025 4th and 2026 1st round picks.

c - April 24, 2026: The Browns traded 2026 3rd round and 2026 4th round picks to San Francisco for 2026 2nd round and 2026 5th round picks.

d - April 24, 2026: The Browns traded 2026 3rd round pick to New York Giants for 2026 4th round, 2026 5th round and 2027 4th round picks.

e - April 24, 2026: The Browns traded 2026 4th round pick, 5th round and 6th round picks to Los Angeles Chargers for 2026 3rd round pick.

f - April 25, 2026: The Browns traded 2026 fifth round pick to Seattle for 2027 4th round pick.

g - Oct. 15, 2025: The Browns traded QB Joe Flacco and a 2026 6th round pick to Cincinnati for a 2026 5th round pick.

h - April. 25, 2026: The Browns traded 2026 5th round pick to Denver for 2026 5th round and 2026 6th round picks.

i - Aug. 12, 2024: The Browns traded 2026 6th round pick to Seattle for C Nick Harris and 2026 7th round pick.

j - Nov. 5, 2024: The Browns traded DE Za'Darius Smith and 2026 7th round pick to Detroit for 2025 5th round pick and 2026 6th round pick.

2027 CLEVELAND BROWNS DRAFT PICKS

- Own picks in rounds 1-5, 7
- 4th round pick from New York Giants (2026 draft day trade)
- 4th round pick from Seattle (2026 draft day trade)
- 5th round pick from Houston (2025 draft day trade)
- 7th round pick from Houston (T Cam Robinson trade)

FIRST ROUND

OT SPENCER FANO

Utah | 6-5 | 311

CAREER TRANSACTIONS

Originally selected by the Cleveland Browns in the first round (9th overall) of the 2026 NFL Draft.

KEY NOTES

• Appeared in 37 career games with 36 starts (25 at RT, 11 at LT) during three seasons at Utah (2023-25).
• In 2025, started 12 games at RT and was named a team captain. Voted first-team AP All-American and won the Outland Trophy, given to the nation's top interior lineman, the first in program history.
• In 2024, started all 12 games at RT and was named first-team All-Big 12 Conference. Caught a backwards pass trick play and scored a 2-point conversion vs. Colorado.
• Named Freshman All-American and played in all 13 games with 12 starts (11 at LT, 1 at RT) in 2023.

PERSONAL

• Last name is pronounced FAH-no.
• Native of Spanish Fork, Utah and attended Timpview High School.
• Brother, Logan, was an All-Big 12 EDGE at Utah and is also a prospect in the 2026 NFL Draft class. Uncles Gabe Reid (BYU, Chicago Bears), Spencer Reid (BYU, Panthers/Colts), Tenny Palepoi (Utah, Chargers) and Anton Palepoi (UNLV, Seahawks/Broncos/Cardinals) all played in the NFL. Spencer Reid's son/Spencer Fano's cousin, Karene (Utah), was a rookie LB for the Broncos in 2025.



FIRST ROUND

WR KC CONCEPCION

Texas A&M | 5-11 | 196

CAREER TRANSACTIONS

Originally selected by the Cleveland Browns in the first round (24th overall) of the 2026 NFL Draft.

KEY NOTES

• Appeared in 38 career games at Texas A&M (2025) and NC State (2023-24).
• In 2025, was named first-team AP All-American, first-team All-SEC WR and All-Purpose, and won the Paul Hornung Award for the nation's most versatile player. Finished the season ranked tied for third with two punt return touchdowns and led the Aggies with 61 receptions for 919 receiving yards and nine receiving touchdowns.
• At NC State, led the team with 53 receptions and six receiving touchdowns in 2024 before transferring to Texas A&M.
• In 2023, named a Freshman All-American and the ACC Rookie of the Year after leading the team with 71 receptions for 839 receiving yards and 10 receiving touchdowns.

PERSONAL

• Last name is pronounced con-SEPP-see-own.
• Native of Charlotte, N.C. and attended Chambers High School.
• First name is Kevin.



SECOND ROUND

WR DENZEL BOSTON

Washington | 6-4 | 212

CAREER TRANSACTIONS

Originally selected by the Cleveland Browns in the second round (39th overall) of the 2026 NFL Draft.

KEY NOTES

• In 2025 season at Washington, Boston appeared in 12 games and led the team in receptions (62), yards (881) and receiving TDs (11) and was named third-team All-Big Ten at wide receiver and honorable mention All-Big Ten as a return specialist. His 11 receiving touchdowns ranked tied for No. 6 in UW single-season history and 20 career receiving TDs ranked No. 8 in UW history.

• Started all 13 games in 2024 for the Huskies and led the team with 807 receiving yards and nine receiving touchdowns. Named honorable mention All-Big Ten.

• Appeared in 14 games with one start in 2023, recording five receptions for 51 yards. Reshirted his freshman season in 2022.

PERSONAL

• Native of South Hill, Wash. and attended Emerald Ridge High School.



SECOND ROUND

S EMMANUEL MCNEIL-WARREN

Toledo | 6-3 | 210

CAREER TRANSACTIONS

Originally selected by the Cleveland Browns in the second round (58th overall) of the 2026 NFL Draft.

KEY NOTES

• Appeared in all 13 games for the Rockets in 2025, recording 77 tackles, 5.5 tackles for loss, 0.5 sacks and two interceptions. Third-team AP All-America selection, the second Rocket to make the AP All-America team since Quinyon Mitchell in 2022.

• Started eight games and finished fifth on the team with 61 tackles in 2024.

• In 2023, played in all 14 games with five starts and tied for third in the FBS with four forced fumbles.

• Appeared in 13 games with one start in 2022, played mostly special teams while recording seven tackles and a forced fumble on defense.

PERSONAL

• Native of Tampa, Fla. and attended Lakewood High School.

• Majored in individualized studies.



THIRD ROUND

T AUSTIN BARBER

Florida | 6-7 | 320

CAREER TRANSACTIONS

Originally selected by the Cleveland Browns in the third round (86th overall) of the 2026 NFL Draft.

KEY NOTES

• Started all 12 games at left tackle for the Gators in 2025, logging a total of 750 offensive snaps.
• In 2024, started all 13 games at left tackle. Recorded his first collegiate touchdown along with being named SEC Offensive Lineman of the Week in Week 4.
• Appeared in eight games starting at left tackle in 2023, while totaling 561 snaps.
• In 2022, appeared in 13 games with five starts and was named to the College Football News Freshman All-American First Team.

PERSONAL

• Native of Jacksonville, Fla. and attended Trinity Christian Academy where he also played basketball. Helped Trinity Christian win the Florida Class 3A State Championship on Dec. 16, 2020.



FIFTH ROUND

C PARKER BRAILSFORD

Alabama | 6-2 | 290

CAREER TRANSACTIONS

Originally selected by the Cleveland Browns in the fifth round (146th overall) of the 2026 NFL Draft.

KEY NOTES

• Started all 14 games at center for the Crimson Tide in 2025 and was named a team captain.
• After transferring from Washington to Alabama in 2024, started all 13 games at center.
• In 2023 season at Washington, started all 15 games (two at LG, 13 at C). Named Freshman All-American.

PERSONAL

• Native of Mesa, Ariz. and attended Saguaro High School, where he led his team to a state title in his senior season. Also threw discus and shot put on the track team.



FIFTH ROUND

LB JUSTIN JEFFERSON

Alabama | 6-0 | 223

CAREER TRANSACTIONS

Originally selected by the Cleveland Browns in the fifth round (149th overall) of the 2026 NFL Draft.

KEY NOTES

- Started all 15 games in 2025 at Alabama and recorded 85 tackles, 6.5 TFL and 5 PBU, all career-highs.
- In 2024, appeared in 12 games with three starts, recording 60 tackles and 6.5 TFL.
- After transferring to Alabama from Pearl River Community College, appeared in 14 games as a reserve and on special teams.
- In two seasons at Pearl River Community College (2021-22), recorded 143 tackles, 25 TFLs and 3.0 sacks.

PERSONAL

- Native of Memphis, Tenn. and attended Bartlett High School.



FIFTH ROUND

TE JOE ROYER

Cincinnati | 6-5 | 250

CAREER TRANSACTIONS

Originally selected by the Cleveland Browns in the fifth round (170th overall) of the 2026 NFL Draft.

KEY NOTES

- In 2025 season at Cincinnati, started all 13 games and ranked third on the team with 29 catches and four touchdowns for 416 yards. Became the first Bearcat tight end with a 100-yard game since 2018 against Bowling Green.
- After transferring from Cincinnati from Ohio State in 2024, started all 12 games and tallied 50 receptions for 521 yards and three touchdowns en route to All-Big 12 First Team accolades. Set the Cincinnati single-season receptions by a tight ends record, previously held by Travis Kelce (45, 2012).
- In three seasons at Ohio State (2021-23), appeared in 14 games and made four catches.

PERSONAL

- Native of Cincinnati, Ohio and attended Elder High School.



SIXTH ROUND

QB TAYLEN GREEN

Arkansas | 6-6 | 230

CAREER TRANSACTIONS

Originally selected by the Cleveland Browns in the sixth round (182nd overall) of the 2026 NFL Draft.

KEY NOTES

• In 2025 season at Arkansas, played in all 12 games with 11 starts and completed 198 of 326 passing attempts for 2,714 yards and 19 touchdowns while rushing for 777 yards and eight touchdowns on 139 carries. Ranked 9th in the FBS with 13.7 yards per completion.

• Started all 13 games in 2024 season, concluding the campaign with 3,756 (602 rushing, 3,154 passing, 23 TD) yards of total offense.

• In 2023 season at Boise State, played in 13 games with 12 starts and completed 121 of 212 passes (57.1%) for 1,752 yards and 11 touchdowns on the year.

• Named Mountain West Freshman of the Year in 2022 after taking over the starting quarterback position in week five and leading the team with 2,042 passing yards, going 166 for 271 (61.3%) and scoring 24 touchdowns (14 passing, 10 rushing).

PERSONAL

• Native of Lewisville, Texas and attended Lewisville High School, where he also set the school record in the long jump on the track team.



SEVENTH ROUND

TE CARSEN RYAN

BYU | 6-3 | 255

CAREER TRANSACTIONS

Originally selected by the Cleveland Browns in the seventh round (248th overall) of the 2026 NFL Draft.

KEY NOTES

• At BYU in 2025, played in all 14 games with 13 starts, recording a career-high 45 receptions for 620 receiving yards. Named Honorable Mention All-Big 12 Conference.

• In 2024 season at Utah, played in all 12 games with five starts, recording 10 receptions.

• Spent two seasons at UCLA (2022-23), where he appeared in 12 games with eight starts, recording 13 receptions and three receiving touchdowns during the 2023 season.

PERSONAL

• Native of Orem, Utah and attended American Fork High School for his senior season after attending Timpview High School for his first three years.



DAY ONE

Head Coach Todd Monken

4-23-26

Coach, what was it that you guys really saw in Spencer that stood out and made him the guy you wanted there?
"Character, athleticism, toughness."

Todd, where does he play on the line?
"Left tackle."

Are you concerned that he hasn't played that in a couple years at all?
"No."

Why not?
"Uh, ended up as he moved over to right tackle they put Caleb over on that side. Now he is going to play left tackle for us."

What is it like, your first draft as a head coach? What is your experience like?
"Well, we were jacked, to be able to move back three spots, pick up a third and a fifth. What a great job by Andrew (Berry) and get the player we targeted the whole time. I mean, we couldn't be more excited and still have another pick later on tonight."

Jordyn Tyson was still on the board when you guys made the trade down, so obviously then Spencer must have been your guys number one?
"No, we targeted Spencer."

With Spencer being the first tackle off the board, what was it about him that you thought separated him from the rest of this pretty deep tackle class?
"As I said, his character was first, I mean, the way he's wired. I think the expectations that we will have for him won't even match that he has for himself. His athleticism, his toughness, I mean, when you want to start off the first year of your regime, you talk about what you want: character, toughness, athleticism, he has it all."

As there was a lot of speculation throughout the draft process that Spencer might move inside to guard or center just because of the arm length. What did you see on film that alleviates the concern about arm length at that tackle position?
"Well, I think his athleticism and his toughness, I just think all of the above. Do I think that's a part of it, reach? Of course that is. Arm length? Of course it is. But there's other things that are involved with it, other characteristics that go in to that. I think he'd be an elite guard as well, I think he'd be an elite center. I don't care where you put him, I think he's going to be an elite player."

Do you know what George Warhop wants in his lineman? Does Spencer Fano fit better than the others?
"I won't speak to where we had the other guys at, I will just say that we were excited as heck to be able to get Spencer."

Andrew said a tackle is a tackle, but the fact that Spencer played left early on at Utah was that important for you guys to see?
"It's part of the equation, yes."

Their physicality has always been sort of their calling card, how much does that proven DNA do you see in Spencer and how much was that an attractive part of it?
"A big piece of it. You go all the way back to Urban Meyer and then Coach Whittingham, when you get a player from Utah, I mean you get a player that's physical. They are going to practice physical; they're going to play physical, their style, their expectations of their O-Lineman. So again, we're fired up."

Would you still like to get a receiver pretty high in this draft if you can?
"Sure, we would like to add. There are number of areas we would like to add to our team, that being one of them."

Are you a bit surprised how the board fell, previous to your guys' pick?
"I wouldn't say that. I think it fell pretty close within reason. As far as I can tell, being in there with Andrew and his group, it fell off the board the way it appeared to me it was going to go."

Did you get Spencer in for a 30 visit?
"We did, we did."

What stood out during that visit?
"Everything that I already said. I mean, it's pretty easy that, you know..."

Now that you have Spencer Fano as your left tackle, does it affect the movement of any other positions on your line that we saw the other day?
"What we saw the other day was really who we had. You know without them being out, Tytus being a little bit limited and trying to put all the pieces together, ultimately once the Draft is over and free agency and we go to camp, then we will work on exactly where everybody is going to fit that was here the other day."

You came in and talked a lot about how it all starts in the offensive line, you mentioned that at the combine. With the resources you guys spent in free agency to sort of bolster that group, now your first pick is a tackle. Was this kind of, when you came in and took this job, what you envisioned as you thought about kind of rebuilding this offense that it would start with figuring out that group.
"100%."

OT Spencer Fano
4-23-26

You mostly played left tackle to start your career at Utah, talk about the potential to play on either side of the line and also the challenges that come from going from right to left (tackle) or left to right?
"For me I have been blessed in practices even when I was at right tackle, I had some reps at left. I have told everyone that I feel more comfortable where I am taking the reps. So I'm just going to be taking, from what I have been told, I will be taking strictly left tackle reps just getting ready for the season."

Todd Monken was just in here. He mentioned how you came in for a Top 30 visit, just what were your interactions like with the Browns during the pre-draft process, and what are you most excited about playing in Todd Monken's offense?
"My pre-draft process with the Browns I feel had been really special. I drove there straight from Indy (Indianapolis), straight from the Combine. I was the first person in there. I feel like that alone told me how they viewed me. I feel really, really blessed and I'm

so excited to be able to play for Coach Monken and get to work."

What are your impressions of Shedeur Sanders and how it will be blocking for him for the next five years or so?
"I'm excited, I'm excited to be with him. We went one-and-one in our college career, I won one against him and I lost the last one. I am really excited."

Spencer, what do you make of stepping into a role that was filled by Hall of Famer Joe Thomas for so many years? What do you know about Joe and are you looking forward to maybe being mentored by him and coached up by him a little bit?
"Yes, I mean I am pretty starstruck, hoping I'll be able to meet him. Whenever anyone asks me who the greatest tackle of all time is, I say 'Joe Thomas'. I know a good amount him for ten years and what he did with this staff. So being able to learn from him and to follow him for what he did. I am really, really excited to be able to learn from him."

Spencer, I just wanted to ask about making the move for you. We heard from Todd Monken and he said they want you to be the left tackle. So making the move back after you played there as a true freshman, number one. And what did you make throughout this draft process of all the discussion about you possibly moving to the interior and being very flexible, what did you make of all of that?
"I have just been ready. In my training, I have been taking snaps at every position because depending on the team that chose me, I could have been any one of them. I am super grateful to be left tackle with the Cleveland Browns. I am pumped, I am so pumped.

Spencer, I am sorry if this was asked, I just walked in the room, I just want to know your feelings about playing left tackle again. I'm sorry if it's a repeat question.
"No, no, it's okay. I am excited, I am excited. I only changed positions because that's what my team needed me to do. So, I am really excited to be back there, and oh my gosh I am pumped. I'm pumped."

Executive Vice President, Football Operations and General Manager, Andrew Berry
4-23-26

Opening Statement:
"So, listen, we're very excited in terms of how night one concluded for us to get, you know, two of what I would call our short list players to pick up another top 100 pick as well as another pick in the top 150. You know, we were very pleased with just really all the activity this evening. We're really excited about Spencer, his potential at left tackle. He's super athletic, very versatile, elite, you know, makeup. And then KC he's dynamic. He's, you know, an outstanding separator, really good with the ball in his hands, honestly, probably the best punt returner in this class and you know, those two guys will really help our offense moving forward."

Can't hear question
"It was, and you know, we were joking. It's like, okay, well, the board probably fell better than it did in our simulations in the week leading up to it, which is always nice, but we're really excited about the two players that we got, and we're really excited that, you know, we were able to pick up the extra draft resources while, you know, taking a player that we really coveted at nine."

Andrew, did you get a lot of calls for six and KC was the best one or, you know, how'd that kind of go when you were on the clock?
"We did get several calls for six. You know, we thought through -I should say this, we got several calls for six and nine. The combination of six and nine at six. Kansas City made the most sense because it was a big enough move where we could pick up resources, but also small enough with what had happened on the board that, you know, we could get, you know, one of our short list of targets

of which Spencer was at the top. And then at 9, we did get a little bit of action there as well, but nothing that necessarily compelled us to move off at the pick."

I know you kind of believe the tackle is tackle, but in Spencer's case, does it help that you've seen him play on the left side?
"Yeah, it certainly helps, but really, you're looking more for traits in that regard, just because if you think about it, we move guys from the left side to the right side all the time, and it never gets talked about. And that distinction, it's just, you know, you need two of them to pass protect, and one you maybe help a little. The other you help a little bit more. But Spencer, he's super athletic. He's played on both sides. He's really smart. We're excited to have him."

Andrew, KC had some drops. Are you concerned about that?
"Yeah. Every receiver, besides maybe Larry Fitzgerald, has a couple drops. KC, he's been a dynamic producer at NC State, Texas A&M, he's electric with the ball in his hands, and we're looking forward to having him."

Andrew, this offseason, Spencer, the versatility that he has, was that really intentional for you this offseason with maybe what has happened with the offensive line the last couple of years? It just feels like versatility was like, atop your wish list for every player that you brought in that position.
"I'd say if you're on the O-line, you typically need to be able to play two spots. I'd say probably more so than versatility was resiliency within the O-line in terms of how you build that position group. Versatility is one way to do it, strength in numbers is another way to do it. I think we'll be in a position where we have both. With Spencer in particular, we're looking to park him at left tackle and let him play. So while it's nice that he's played several spots, that's not our vision for him."

KC, I know he played inside and out, and. And do you envision him being able to play both roles for you?
"Yeah, we do."

Read the letter that he wrote. Just how impressive is it that he would get where he has, given all he's grown up with, including the stutters?
"Yeah, that's one thing that we talked about. I told him, you know, when he was on his 30 visit, I think it's incredible what he's. What he's overcome and gone through in his life. His agent sent the letter, I'm sure, to every gm, but I actually went and I called him after the letter. I was like, hey, look, I thought that was really awesome, and that was separate from obviously liking him as a prospect. But I'll share one story, when KC visited, I was like, hey, I hope you're a Brown, but if you're not, I sure hope you're in the NFC because I don't want to face you. Then I told his agent afterwards, look, everything that kid's about, everything that he's overcome, if he's not here, he just needs to know he's got a fan. I really love the person and he's obviously a dynamic football player."

Was his punt return ability just a bonus or did it put him over the top among other receivers left?
"I'd say it was a bonus. You know, more than anything, Tony, because it's certainly great if you can get the ball and playmaker's hand in a variety of ways. It allows you to be more explosive as a team, allows you to score more points, but also being realistic that, you know, if you look at former, let's say high pick receivers, whether it's DeSean Jackson back in the day, Dez Bryant early in his career, usually at some point they probably like play their way off of that. So it's not necessarily bankable for their entire career. But with KC, it certainly was an added bonus."

Andrew, Spencer Fano, number one among your targets, but did you give much thought to Jordyn Tyson and was it a little difficult at that moment to trade away from him at all or did you know that you were targeting Spencer?
"You know, we liked a number of those guys up there, including Jordyn, you know, but Spencer was our top target at that point."

A lot was made about Spencer's arm length. I was curious when you watched the film how much that was like a talking point. What are the traits that you've been thinking will allow that to not be an issue in the NFL?
"Yeah, I know it gets talked about a lot. And I remember, you know, the, you know, the legendary, you know, O-line coach Dante Scarnecchia with New England used to say it's just, it's way overrated. I think most times tackles get beat for a lack of feet or athleticism or anchor or awareness, you know, as opposed to length. The biggest thing is like, 'Hey, how can the guys, you know, short the corner?' And with elite athletes like Spencer, they do it with their movement skills. Maybe if you have a guy that just is not as quick or not as agile, then length is a little bit more important. But the difference in his success isn't going to be this. In terms of arm length, he has a number of incredible both physical and mental characteristics that we think will lead to a successful transition."

How do you measure when you have a dynamic athlete like KC, but guys drop balls, how do you kind of measure that?
"Yeah, it's really relative to the population. Like I know that gets talked about, but he has natural dexterity. You know, it's nothing extreme or nothing out of, I guess it's not an outlier, you know, relative to other receivers in the draft class. I know that's been the primary talking point, but we're comfortable with KC's hands."

He drove to Cleveland from Indy. Was he in fact your first 30 visit?
"Great question, Tony. I don't know if he was our first. He was among our first, but we had a couple of guys in right after the combine. He was one of them. I don't, I don't think he was the very first, but he was among our first, yes."

Do you envision using all of the remaining draft picks that you have now that you picked up the extra two?
"Look, I would hope to draft in volume this year, but it really just depends on how the board falls. So I'm also like, depending on how good of a review you guys write us, I'm going to use that seventh rounder. If you guys write something, okay."

Did Todd and you to an extent see some Zay Flowers and how Todd used him?
"You know, I do think there are some similarities in terms of movement skills, the twitch. Honestly, some of the questions regarding the hands coming out, you know, I think the one thing that maybe gets a little bit lost is like KC is a much bigger, you know, player than Zay, but I think there is some overlap in the characteristics. You know, I think, you know, look, if we get a player who's comparable to Zay Flowers, you know, when we're sitting here from three years, we'll be elated."

To go back to Spencer. I mean, early on, I guess how early on in this process had you guys really zeroed in on him as the top tackle in?
"You know, we used the whole process, Ashley. You know, we did feel like Spencer was unique in terms of everything that comprised his on field performance, his physical skills and his makeup. But, we do like to use the whole shot clock."

The terms of the trade with KC. Was it an option to get a 20, 27 pick?
"No."

You wanted an extra third round pick?
"There was no option or discussion of future picks."

I know it only being two picks that you didn't know, but what's that nervous level like saying, okay, you want Spencer, but there's a chance. I mean, were you worried at all that seven and eight could take him?
"You know, that's part of the risk. You know, when we were on the clock at 6, you know, what I told the room is, hey, there are really three guys left that, you know, we'd be elated with, you know, if we had to sit and pick. Moving back three spots and having an idea

of where Kansas City was going. We knew we were going to get one of those three guys. We also felt the teams behind us, you know, Washington they extended Tunsil, they drafted Josh Connerly in the first round last year. New Orleans drafted Kelvin Banks, you know, at nine last year and then Fuaga the year before that. So we felt pretty comfortable that a tackle wasn't going to go unless a team traded into it. But if one did, you know, we felt good with the group of players that were in front of us."

Todd's reaction upstairs, you know, the first round, was he able to contain his excitement?
"He was pretty pumped up. He was pretty pumped up. So we all were – look, you don't always have the board fall way that you predict. And look, the idea is like these guys, they haven't hit the grass, they still have to perform at our level. But it's a start that we are excited about because of the players and the people."

(OT) Spencer (Fano) mentioned Joe Thomas and just how much he looks up to and everything. How much are you guys going to try to facilitate getting those two together? I know Joe's got his own schedule and everything, but how much do you try to get those two together?
"Yeah Joe's obviously one of our distinguished alumnus and he's always involved in our O linemen. Also, there's a connection with Joe and Spencer's representation. But, I think you all know we love having Joe around here and everything like that. I'm sure he will have words of wisdom for Spencer and that's definitely a connection we will look to make."

You obviously talked so much leading up to the drafts just about not being, you know, crippled by needs versus best player available. Sort of that strategy when push came to shove, especially when you were on the clock at 6. Like, how were those, what were those conversations like in sort of deciding what was there and what your needs were? Because as it turned out, you obviously did a end up addressing some of your bigger needs tonight.
"There really wasn't a ton of conversation. All those conversations happened beforehand. Like at this point, it's like I would almost make the quote of like calling plays. You talk through all those different scenarios ahead of time. And this one was straightforward because we viewed (OT) Spencer (Fano) as one of the top prospects in the draft. So it made it pretty easy. We didn't really feel like there was any type of trade off in that regard."

Can you just reflect, Andrew, on how you've rebuilt the offensive line here in these last two months?
"Yeah, I think we are very excited about the players that we've brought in as well as the development that's occurring with existing players. You know, obviously the vets that we acquired, whether it's via trade or free agency or with a cap cut, we felt like we've brought quality production as well as experience to that group. And then obviously with night one adding Spencer, we think that's a big foundational piece to that position group. We'll see where we go from here. Look, we still have nine more picks, we may not be done with the O-line at that point. And like I said, we're excited about some of our younger guys that are going to get greater opportunities, but it's a good start."

You've talked about the traits with Spencer, but I know to be a great O line, there's some personality aspects. Some nasty that the guy has to have. Can you sort of speak to that side of Spencer and what you guys learned about him?
"Yeah, I think one of the cool things about Spencer is you look at how, I guess scheme transcendent he's been. Because what they did in '24 versus '25 was honestly was a lot different in terms of how they structured the run game, how they did pass pro and you can see him move, you can see him maul. I think he's very gifted and very versatile in that regard. And don't be fooled by his kindness when you meet him. Have you guys done your zoom with him already? Yeah, don't be fooled by his kindness. He's nasty on the field."

WR KC Concepcion
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Hey, KC, just wanted to ask you about your versatility, you know, playing inside and out and as well as your special teams work in the return game. And just how much was that attractive when you would talk to the Browns, in your feedback from them?
"Yeah it was very tight. They wanted me to be able to move around everywhere, and be that guy in the return game."

Hey, KC, just wanted to ask, not your side of the ball obviously, but being from Texas A and M, what do you think it's going to be like to be teammates with another Aggie in Myles Garrett?
"Oh, you know, man, it's going to be amazing. Just to have somebody who has came from my same alma mater and be able to have that role model."

Hey, KC, what would you want to tell Browns fans about your strengths as a wide receiver?
"I'm versatile. I make plays. I can play anywhere. I can run any route. Whenever I get there, you guys are going to be getting a dog all over the field."

Hey, KC, when did you know that the Browns are really interested in you, and how did the pre-draft process go with visits in those meetings?
"Yeah, I would say after I had let the Browns know, I was like, the Browns understood. They let me know I was very high on their boards. So, I knew that if I had failed to them, it was going to be a very, a very likely chance that I would end up on the Browns."

Hey, KC, I know you made a point in sort of writing that letter to all the GMs here leading up to the draft and just kind of sharing, you know, who you are and what they're getting in a player. Why was that important to you? And you know, what's your message to Browns fans?
"I mean my message to Browns fans is to get the popcorn ready. I'm ready right now. I'm ready to play. I'm ready to change the organization."

Hey, KC, I know one of the things about you, you know, throughout the draft process was some of the drops that you had last year. And I know you ran the gauntlet really well. Just what is maybe the keys for you to make sure that the drops aren't an issue in the NFL?
"Yes, sir. After the season, I worked nonstop at it. I knew that, you know, that I have had some coverage and drops. So back in the season, off season, during the season, I am going to work non stop to fix that."

KC, I don't know if you've had a chance to look at the Browns receiving core very much, but how excited will you be to work with, you know, tight end Harold Fannin Jr. and Isaiah Bond, Jerry, Jeudy, what kind of receiving core do you think that you guys can have this season?
"We're going to be a special offense. Everybody has a different strength. So I just feel like if we can all put it together, we will definitely be an expolsive offense."

KC, I commend you because, man, I had a stuttering problem and I had to go through therapy as a young person to overcome it. When you get to Cleveland, will you be able to talk to young folks who don't speak often because of the stuttering? Will you be able to talk to them and kind of encourage them to be able to be more vocal?

"Of course. I want to be a role model. I want to be the role model that everybody looks up to and just be that outlet for everybody."

DAY TWO

OT Spencer Fano and WR KC Concepcion

4-24-26

For either one of you guys, just how excited are you to be here in Cleveland? I know, KC, yesterday you mentioned that the Browns fans should be getting the popcorn ready. You guys, what are just some of your guys' feelings just being here?
Concepcion: "Yeah, I mean like it's a blessing. Honestly, it's just a dream come true. Honestly, when I heard my name called it was just excitement."

Fano: "Yeah, I'm so excited. I mean, I feel like I just gotta be honest, one of my first thoughts was I don't have to play Myles Garrett on Sundays. So that's something to be excited about in itself. But I mean, just to be here, be with these teammates, to be able to play for these fans. It's an honor."

Spencer, to follow up on that. I mean, left tackles who have been here before and talk about going up against Myles and that challenge that it is. How much are you looking forward to getting that opportunity at a training camp practice?
Fano: "I am so excited. I mean, I feel like there's no way – there's no better way for me to get better than going against someone like that. I mean he's just maybe the best player in the world. So, to go against him every day is going to be a blessing."

Both of you guys, you talk about versatility, positional versatility. How much more important is that becoming in football that you're not just a left tackle or a right tackle or an outside receiver. How much more important do you feel like it's becoming in the game?
Concepcion: "You know, it's much more important now. The more things you can do, the better your value is. The faster you learn, the more plays you get. Just being able to play all across the field it's just gonna open up many more opportunities."

Fano: "Yeah and it's, you never know what's gonna happen on the football field, like someone could go down. I think it's a good thing to be able to fill in wherever I need to. It's a big thing. And then not only that, it's that knowing how to play multiple different positions just broadens or...I don't know, it broadens your knowledge on the game itself, on how every play works. So, I feel like there's nothing but positives that come with knowing multiple positions."

You were probably playing in games that Shedeur Sanders was playing in. But have you had a chance to watch him play and what will it be like to catch passes from him?
Concepcion: "Yes, sir. So, I actually got a story. So, whenever I had entered the transfer portal after my sophomore season, I had actually went down to Colorado and met Shedeur. He is a great guy, a great leader. I just cannot wait to build that relationship and build that connection with him."

Spencer, what was it like for you to hear Andrew Berry say to you on the phone yesterday during your draft call that they expect you to be their left tackle, their franchise left tackle?
Fano: "I mean, sure, I'm ready. It's such a cool thing to be believed in, and I'm not one that likes to let people down."

Spencer, Andrew told us not to be fooled by your personality. I think he said don't be fooled by your kindness. Is there a switch that just flips when you are on the field?

Fano: "I guess you could say that. I guess you could say that. There's just something about, I don't know, there's something about just - I don't know, that's a little corny, so let me think of something else. It's like the saying that there's no greater joy of moving a man from point A to point B against his will. There's really nothing like it. You know, when you're just pushing that back, he's like, swinging at your arms. There's no feeling like that. And then to be able to put someone in the dirt, it's awesome."

You talked about Joe Thomas a little bit yesterday. First of all, has he reached out to you yet?
Fano: "No."

What drew you to him when you're growing up watching left tackles? And what stood out about his game when you just called him the best of all time?
Fano: "Well, I mean, I feel like a big thing about him that I saw - it's a really big character thing too, is the fact that he played 10 years and didn't miss a snap. I feel like that was the biggest thing at first where it was like...I think that's insane because there's no way that he got through 10 seasons healthy. And the fact that he never missed a snap, I think that just when I was younger too, showed me his character and how well he played those 10 seasons too, or his whole career. To me, it's kind of undeniable that he's the greatest of all time."

Reading that letter you wrote to the GMs in the league and you called yourself, you said you were the best receiver in the draft class. I guess what makes you say that? What gives you that confidence to say that?
Concepcion: "Like I said before, I'm very confident. I feel like I am the most versatile. I feel like I am the best playmaker about a group, but everybody is amazing. You know, everybody has their things that everybody does well."

Well, can you just address the thing that Andrew Berry, when he talked to us, he told us that after he read your letter that he actually picked up the phone and called you to tell you just how much that moved him. What did it mean to you to hear from him in those words when you weren't even sure if you were going to be here or not? How did you feel about that?
Concepcion: "You know, it meant a lot, having him read the letter and him reaching out and showing love and support."

This, obviously you're taking in the experience of being drafted by a team. But how eager are you for the next step of getting to work on these practice fields and taking part of rookie minicamp and really getting to fit into this organization?
Fano: "Yeah, I'm just, I'm excited because I know there's going to be a learning curve. I mean, I am going against dudes that are bigger, faster, stronger than guys I have ever gone against. So, I'm excited to be able to take that challenge head on and just get better."

Concepcion: "Yeah, honestly I'm just ready to work also. I'm ready to compete. I love competing. I'm just eager, excited. I'm ready to get to work."

KC, there was a report that you had a knee scope in March. How are you feeling physically, and do you think you'll be ready for rookie minicamp?
Concepcion: "Yeah, I had a knee scope March 12. I think, about five weeks out, I feel great. I'm back running. I'm back on the routes, I'm back lifting. So, by the time rookie minicamp comes I'm ready to go."

You talked a lot about football stuff, but talk about some of the people that you have that you brought in here and the kind of the influence they played.

Fano: "Yeah, I just brought my beautiful fiancé, Sami. I would have my parents here, but my brother's in the draft as well, so they're at home with him. But so I'll speak as if my parents were here as well - both my parents just sacrificed everything, all growing up for me to get to where I'm at today. There was no sacrifice too great for them. And then her (Sami), she's just been the greatest support of my life. There was some dog days, some days that I was real sick during the season, and she was the one nursing me. So, yeah, I've just had a lot of incredible support."

Concepcion: "Yeah, so over there, I got my dad, my mom, my beautiful girlfriend. My dad, he's the one that, he put a football in my hand since [I was] four years old. He just been the person who motivates me, who pushed me to my limits. My mom, the sacrifices, she had to make. I got four little brothers in the house, it was just seeing her sacrifice a lot. It meant a lot to me. My girlfriend, she has been nothing but supportive. She's just been the greatest supporter, a shoulder to lean on and an outlet to talk to."

I've been watching some of your film tape - your route running has obviously been your strength, and you're joining Jerry Jeudy here, who's also a great route runner, prides himself on that. Have you watched some of Jerry? Do you watch Jerry film at all?
Concepcion: "Of course."

So, can you just kind of talk about him as a route runner and how you guys might be together in that way?
Concepcion: "Yeah, yeah, of course. Growing up, Alabama, it was a powerhouse just seeing those guys be there and dominate. So, once I'm finally able to get to meet him and pick his brain, I felt like me and his game are going to complement each other very well."

Spencer, there's been a lot to say with some of the offensive linemen coming in this offseason about George Warhop, and what he brings to the table as a coach, just how much were you able to overall interface with him during the pre-draft process, and how excited are to work on that?
Fano: "I was able to meet him at the combine and on my 30 visit. It's been awesome. It's been really awesome. It was good to know him, meet him. Just talking to him, I already can tell what kind of coach he is. He's definitely an old school type of coach, like hardcore type of coach. And that's all I've had. So, I think, yeah, that'll be awesome."

I'm sure this has been a lifelong dream for both of you guys, so I'm curious, when you were a kid, what part of it did you dream about? Was it playing? Was it hearing your name called? What was it?
Concepcion: "I would say just playing, honestly. It really didn't matter if I got my name called or not. Just being able to play the game that I have loved as a kid."

Fano: "I was just going to say I feel like every part of it has been my dream. Hearing my name called, I mean, even being here is a dream to me. And then getting out to play on Sundays, I'm really grateful because I feel like just every day I'm out here, I'm in this league, it's gonna be like I'm living my dream, because I am."

This question would be for both of you as well. And that is, it's not every year that you have two first round picks. So, I mean, have you guys kind of had a chance to sort of talk to each other a little bit about how you can be a huge part of the evolution or the transformation of this offense. Andrew Berry was saying that you're culture setters and things like that, so do you feel like you can be part of something big here and get this thing turned around?
Fano: "Let's do it man. Let's do it."

Concepcion: "We really just met. Coming in together and leaning on each other, just help each other out, and just establishing that brotherhood, honestly."

KC, when you were a kid growing up playing, did you pretend you're some receiver, like whoever it might be?
Concepcion: "No. So I actually grew up playing quarterback. Honestly, I didn't start playing receiver until my ninth-grade year in high school. But I mean, growing up, I used to watch a lot of Tavon Austin. Back then his college highlights were legendary."

What do you make of the big deal that was made about your arm length and in the whole pre-draft process and at any time were you worried that was gonna move you down the board or keep you from playing tackle at this level?
Fano: "Nah, it's been confusing. We were talking to someone before, it's like, shoot, I don't even know what my real arm length is. I mean we had measured like 32 and 1/8. Pro day was different. Here when I came out to visit it was 33. The Steelers it was 33. I don't know what it's like to have 35-inch arms and it hasn't made too much of a difference."

Do you feel like that is an overrated aspect from the draft combine process?
Fano: "I feel like, I'm sure it has something to do with it. I mean I don't think people would make such a big deal out of it if it wasn't a thing. But I don't think anyone has the athleticism and feet that I have. So, I figured in my case I don't think it makes a big difference."

KC, yesterday Andrew mentioned too that they thought you were the best punt returner in the class. Just how have you embraced that part of the game and are you looking forward to making waves here?
Concepcion: "Oh yeah, always. You know, it's just another way I can impact the game. It just honestly adds on to my value."

Spencer, how about the fact that you are joining an offensive line that's in the middle of a complete massive overhaul? And that pretty much everybody at every single position is going to be new and different. How might that benefit you to just kind of be on the ground floor of a startup line?
Fano: "I feel like, I don't know, it's going to be exciting. I mean it's going to be – it'll be really fun to have all of us come in at the same time so we can all kind of build relationships at the same time. I don't know, it's cool not going into a room where everyone's already settled down to be able to go into a room where we can all build relationships at the same time. And I'm excited to be everybody's shadow to kind of learn how to be great in this league."

What about the draft process, talking to the Browns, meeting with the Browns and then being drafted by the Browns – what has you excited about the city, about the organization, what gets you excited to be here?
Concepcion: "I mean, honestly, just the relationships, everybody inside the building. From what I can see, it's close – it feels like a family environment. So just being able to be in that type of environment."

Fano: "My two favorite things so far have been first, definitely the relationships. I mean, meeting Coach (Todd) Monken was so cool. He's such an awesome… he's a great man, great coach. Meeting with Coach Hop (George Warhop), I'm so excited to play for him. And my second favorite thing has actually just been the traffic here. It's been unbelievable. I was here at 5 p.m. during my 30 [visit], and there was nothing. There was nothing. There was just straight green lights. I was like, yeah, that was unbelievable."

Was there a moment for one of you guys during your visit that you thought, "wow, this could be my landing spot"?
Concepcion: "I would say probably my walkthrough. After we had our walkthrough, we shot hoops. It was just bonding more, getting to know each other more. And, I felt like, after that it was a strong possibility that if I was there at 24, I could **become a**

Cleveland Brown for sure."

Fano: "I drove here straight from the combine, they drove me here. I feel like that alone, I thought it was pretty cool and I could see myself being here."

KC, the drops have been the one pick on you. How do you ease those concerns when someone brings them up to you?
Concepcion: "I mean I just accepted it. I have had drops. But it's more so concentration, just focusing on the balls. So, I've been working non-stop at it every day. So, it's going to get fixed for sure."

Stepping into the quarterback competition, so both of you guys are going to be part of that. You probably haven't had a whole lot time to think about that yet. But, you know, what do you kind of know so far? A little bit maybe about Deshaun Watson, Shedeur Sanders and how exciting is it to you to see this whole thing play out?
Fano: "Well, just as a lineman, I'm excited to play in front of either of them. I mean, it's so funny hearing Deshaun Watson, it's kind of like a celebrity name to me. And I was able to play against Shedeur in college, too. We went one-on-one. He beat us the year before he left. But to me, it doesn't really matter to me. My job is to block for whoever's back there."

Concepcion: "I would say both of those guys are legendary. Honestly to me, it doesn't matter. It's my job to get open, to catch the ball. So, whoever is back there, I'll just be happy for those guys."

Assistant GM & Vice President of Player Personnel Glenn Cook
4-24-26

Opening Statement:
"So really excited about the players we've added so far. I think Andrew (Berry) said this to you guys, but going into this offseason, I think he stated we would pretty heavily invest on this side of the football. So I think between some of our acquisitions in the off-season and then these first three picks, which, you know, not necessarily how we thought it would play out, it sort of just matches that theme. I think what's beautiful about it is all three of these guys, it's not something that we felt like we reached for. You know, we made the trade back with our first pick and showed a lot of patience with the next two and still got two really, really good players. So excited about the group. Still have a lot of work to do with two picks today as it sits right now and ready to go. With that, I'll take questions."

It's kind of unusual to go back-to-back wide receivers. You guys had all night to think about this pick. Was he prominent all night?
"Yeah, I think it's just like I said, as we took a step back when, as all teams do when the first-round ends and look at your board, it sort of just stuck out to us. Like I said, you know, we didn't necessarily plan to take two receivers back-to-back, but we also couldn't ignore value and again, wanted to make sure that we invested on offense, gave Todd (Monken) and the offensive coaches the resources they need to work with. And I mean, the two players not only fit that bill, but they complement each other and the room really, really well."

Does it feel almost like stealing, getting Denzel Boston at that point?
"I mean, I wouldn't say that, but we definitely are excited. Like I said, you know, we had to show patience because, you know, you just get antsy when you see a guy that you think has a ton of ability. You know, he's big, he has great hands, very subtle, sneaky speed, and just really, really complements things that we have in that room right now. And you just have to exude some patience and allow it to come to you. So, we're excited that we didn't necessarily have to give up any resources to get a player of his caliber."

What do these two picks say, Glenn, about the way you guys assessed the wide receiver room after 2025?
"Yeah, I think it doesn't necessarily only speak to the room, but also just speaks to the two players. KC's (Concepcion) really explosive. He's really talented. We love what he can do with the football. Then Denzel, you know, almost 6' 4, 215 - very physical, competitive and has great hands. So, I think it's just as much about what we're adding and we're always talking about, you know, this is a team building exercise, not a player acquisition exercise. And we're happy with the two skill sets that we added."

Like you mentioned, with his size and the 50/50 ball ability that he has, like, how much are you guys hoping that he can be an immediate sort of red zone threat as a rookie?
"All these guys find their role at different times. What we think he has is a great foundation, and it's those different skill sets that you spoke to but we just, you know, we trust Todd and Travis (Switzer) and the rest of the offensive staff, CJ (Christian Jones), in his room to put them in the right spot. And our biggest focus was like, "Hey, let's give them as much talent, as much versatility and allow them to do their jobs."

Can you kind of talk about how well rounded he is?
"Yeah, I think that's a fair question. At the end of the day, we talk about this. We want to add competition, you know, so if you want to be one of the best offenses, a top tier offense in the NFL, you know, we want the cream to rise to the top. We definitely believe we have talent in the room. Jerry Jeudy is still a talented NFL player, but we're also going to not be complacent and push ourselves to keep making sure that we have what we need to be the type of offense we want to."

There were reports at the beginning of the night about the Browns talking about moving up in this round. If that's true, was it for Boston or someone else?
"I mean, I can't speak specifically about what you're saying. I mean, there's multiple conversations going on. I mean, we had conversations about every direction, you know, moving up, sitting still, moving back. So, I think that's just a part of, you know, managing our position on the board and trying to get a feel for what's happening in front of us and behind us. So, I mean, like I said, I don't know specifically what you're talking about, but yeah, I mean, we're always on the phone. I probably have to go back up and get on the phone again. So that's just a part of it, Tony (Grossi)."

What's the collaboration like with Coach Monk? We saw the with the fist bump from Andrew after making the Boston pick. But you worked with Kevin (Stefanski) for six years and now you're working with Todd, so just what's that collaboration bit like?
"Yeah, I think Todd, as you all probably know, or getting a sense of, he's very direct and he's very clear about what he wants and what he needs. I think you have a good sense of how each skill set will fit into the system and the scheme. And so, throughout the process in the spring, just across all the receivers and a lot of the offensive players, you know, I thought our offensive coaches gave us a really good picture of one, what we needed and then also two, just as a respect to each player, how they would use them. And that just makes it a lot clearer for Andrew and just our staff as a group to walk into it saying, 'Hey, if we take this player here or if we take this specific player, this is how they're going to be deployed in our offense' and feel good about it. So, I think he gave us a good picture for both players, KC and Denzel."

You've invested in receivers in other ways, through trade, but this is the highest this regime has taken -one receiver, let alone two. Was there something different philosophically or in the approach to this draft that led you to two receivers so high?
"Honestly, no. You know, one, you always step back and assess what you can do better within the job. So, yeah, you know, we definitely looked at just across all our picks, you know, and we do that every year. How can we be better, what do we miss, what did

we hit on, etc. But some of it is one, we just had higher picks for the second year in a row. And then it's also just the quality of the players that were sitting and looking at this spot. So, I wouldn't say there was a wholesale change to how we approached it, but you definitely have to step back and assess yourself."

Was Boston at all in the discussion at 24?
"I mean, I'm not going to get into that. I don't want to make it a KC versus Boston thing. What it is, we trusted the board. You know, we think a lot about Denzel's talent and his ability. I think a lot of teams probably had him with the first-round grade or really high up. So, you know, we're just excited that we had the chance to still get him where we were sitting at."

Going through everything in the simulations of your board, you can try to predict as best you can, following your data and everything. But how surprised were you that Denzel fell to you guys right there, and you get your two big wide receivers that are rated high back-to-back?
"I mean, to your point, you can simulate it as much as you can. And we probably spent four plus hours going through a number of iterations, and you still don't get through all of them, right. You still can't 100% pinpoint how it's going to play out. There's probably a few picks in the first round that even with those number of iterations that we went through, you know, sort of caught us off guard. So we try to get as close as possible. And I think what it does help us do is have good answers to the test when they come. And so, hey, if we do get a scenario that's within this ballpark, this is how we would play it out. And I think this is close to maybe one or two of them that we work through. We are just glad we got them."

Did you ever envision being in a situation where you have KC and Denzel?
"Did we ever envision it? Sure. Yeah, I think we did envision it. T tell you that we were very certain that it would happen, I don't know that we could tell you that. But It's definitely something you think about just in terms of how you build the team, how you build the roster. You know, when you get to pick 39, is this something you would do when you take two receivers back-to-back?"

What did you kind of deem from that engagement?
"So, it was pretty interesting because both he and KC were together. Now that I look back, both guys are sitting at dinner, and you're getting to know the two different personalities and getting to understand who they are as humans and young men and so much about their life. And, I mean, Denzel's Academic All-Big Ten, an exceptional kid, loves the game and has a lot ahead in his future. Same thing with KC – just hilarious, funny, a lot of energy, but also very competitive. And just when you spoke to football things, he definitely flips a switch, and you love to see that about him. So, looking back, like I said, to the question that was just asked, I couldn't have envisioned that both players, as we sit there at dinner, would be on our roster. But it's also a thing that I'm not mad about."

Where was that dinner?
"It's just our 30 visits. Yeah, so when we take them out to eat."

We've been talking a lot about KC's (Concepcion) ability on punt returns, but Denzel can also... I mean just how much did that kind of add value to him?
"It's in the back of our minds. We know it, right? It's an added luxury to have players who can with the constraints of the 53-man roster and the guys you can have active to have someone, especially with his dimensions and build to go back and field punts, we're definitely fortunate that he also can do that. Our focus is on his ability at receiver. Same thing with KC, but again it is an added bonus. I should have mentioned that earlier, but that's a good point."

Everyone assumed that offensive line, wide receiver in the first round were the top priorities and obviously that's the direction you went. Now as Andrew Berry mentioned yesterday, he expects this to be a volume draft for you guys, wants to bring in a pretty good size rookie class. Do you feel like now you guys are in a spot where you can kind of start stacking the roster. You don't necessarily have to maybe zero in on needs as much maybe as you might have in the first round?
"Yeah, I hope so. And also, I mean, I wouldn't say we're cornered into zero in on these as well with the first couple, you know, like again, we end up taking two receivers. But we have eight picks, I believe, and we have two more tonight at minimum. And I think it is an opportunity for us to just continue to add guys who will come in and compete in different roles on different sides on both sides of the football. So yeah, it was important for us not to move too many picks because we want the volume and we felt like we needed it. So we definitely are excited about the position that we're in after having three picks in the top 50 and still with eight more to go. It's pretty exciting."

Glenn, when you guys hired Todd (Monken), when he first got here and he kind of talked to you about what his sort of vision was for the offense, not that you could predict what exactly was going to happen on Draft night, like you mentioned, but is this like pretty close to in terms of the resources you guys have used? What that kind of vision, what you guys thought that vision could be in terms of addressing the offensive line, addressing wide receivers?
"Sure, but I also think like the number one thing, and I think you guys may have heard him say this is there's nothing getting in the way of winning. And I think he approaches coaching and calling the game that way. He will have two tight ends on the field, three tight ends on the field, four receivers, different packages. You know, run the quarterback, feed the guy who's having a great game. I think Todd is so diverse in his approach and so open-minded when it comes to how to move the football down the field and score points, because at the end of the day, that's what we're trying to do. From a 30,000 foot view, it just opened up our opportunity across all the players in the draft because you just know you're not necessarily pigeonholed into 'It has to be X skill set, X build, X makeup.' It's really like, 'Hey, we have a good idea of how we want to use this guy and Todd will take it from there.' So, it was more so probably from that lens as opposed to the specific skill sets that receiver or running back or tight end or O-line, if that answers the question."

WR Denzel Boston
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Just wondering how do you feel about both you and (WR) KC (Concepcion) being drafted back-to-back? I know you guys were here on your Top 30 visit together, so what do you think you guys will bring to the table together?
"I think that we're going to bring a good mix of explosiveness and having explosive plays after explosive plays. Both of us have generated tons of touchdowns throughout our college careers. So, I think those are the two things for sure you can look forward to."

So, Denzel, last year, the Browns were last in the league in receiving yards and last in touchdowns. So how can you and KC help turn that around?
"I think with the duo that we just got I think that with us, both of us can take the top off, both of us can make plays in the red zone and also we both got a little bit of YAC on us. You know, I think that with all that together, I think we're going to be able to change a lot when it comes to that."

Hey Denzel, everyone seems to be praising the way that you can win 50/50 balls and use your size. Just how have you developed that and being able to use your size to make some of those competitive plays?
"For me, it's always about making sure that I'm doing whatever I can to make sure I'm refining that skill. So, whether that's putting the bag down, putting the football on top and trying to box that out and grab the ball off of it, all types of things like that. And also, it kind of takes repetition with your quarterback, him understanding I'm gonna put the ball here when the DB's playing you this way.

So, a mix of both of those things allow me to make those great contested catches."

Hey Denzel, just wanted to ask you about, you know, obviously going into the draft, there was some talk about first round potential. What was the weight like, and how did you kind of get through it, and who were some of the people that kind of helped you get through it?
"My parents, my brother, for sure, and also the rest of my team as well. When I didn't end up getting picked in the first round, they were there rallying behind me, saying, 'hey, we're gonna be here tomorrow, and we'll wait until that name does get called.' You know, it was definitely frustrating, but it just gave me a chip on my shoulder to make sure that I got to go do what I got to do."

Hey Denzel, did you know KC before you guys were here together?
"Yeah, we met on a couple of visits and stuff like that. Love, KC. Awesome guy. Can't wait to be with him in the future."

Did you ever picture that you guys would wind up here, let alone on the same team somewhere when you were together?
"Definitely didn't. But, you know, I'm glad that we are, because that's my boy. I mean, spending time at the visit, spending time through the airport and stuff, so I'm very excited to work with him."

Hi, Denzel. It's early on, but have you heard anything from KC yet? Have you guys spoken to each other?
"We haven't yet. I know I liked some of his Instagram stuff going on and stuff like that, so I'm gonna make sure I reach out to him after these calls, though, be like, 'hey, what's up, bro, It's time to go to work.' You know what I mean?"

How do you feel like you two will complement each other here in Cleveland?
"I think that having a taller receiver and you got someone that. We got two different receivers. I can take off the top when it comes to the 50/50 catches and everything, but, you know, he could do that too. We're both great red zone threats. I think with our duo together, his quickness and my size and everything, I think we're going to be able to do great things."

What was it about your visit here in Cleveland with KC, both you guys together, that made you think this could be a destination for not just you, but potentially both of you when you guys came here?
"When we were there, I wouldn't say that we ever even thought that was going to be an option or a possibility, but the fact that it did turn into a possibility is going to be a great thing."

Hey, Denzel, I know it doesn't matter now because you're with a new team, but the reason you didn't run 40s at all in the pre-draft process and what do you think you would have timed if you?
"Yeah, you know, definitely mid 4.4s, that's where all my projections were. And when it came down to it, I had some inflammation in my knee that happened to the combine. There wasn't really a true diagnosis for it but were able to get that out the way and everything. So, it was just best in that time to not run the 40."

Assistant GM & Vice President of Football Operations Catherine Hickman
4-24-26

How far out could you guys sort of start talking with the 49ers about this possibility?
"The way Andrew (Berry) operates in those situations is we start pretty early at a variety of possibilities and at some point he's like, 'hey, from this pick down, let's start making calls, let's start checking in' to kind of see what's out there. And then as you get closer to the pick, things warmed up with San Francisco and he was able to close the deal and allow us to pick a really good player and person."

I think this is only the third time that Andrew has traded up to select the player he's usually going to trade back and collect assets. What was it about Emmanuel's (McNeil-Warren) skill set that made it so appealing? And I know he even mentioned a week ago about positionless hybrid defenders and those big impactors.

"Yeah, I think in this case, we're trying to build a team here. It's not just always about adding assets or collecting picks. When there's a player that's still on your board that's falling to you, that you have really high grades on both as a person, as a player, it becomes a no brainer when you have an opportunity. That's really how we felt about Emmanuel."

Do you guys consider him kind of a center fielder for safety, ball hawk type safety?

"Yeah, we really see him as a versatile player that's going to be able to play at a variety of spots for us. To what you just said, ball hawk is definitely in the description and really just someone that with his size, his athleticism, the way he moves for his size. I was down at his pro day and it's pretty impressive. So I think really someone that's going to be able to give us options."

Other than his pro day, what were the interactions with Emmanuel?

"He was here too for a Top 30 visit. Just a really mature, impressive young man. When we met, he talked about his journey, not having a lot offers coming out of high school, going to 'Juco' and how he felt the connection, the chemistry at Toledo, when he went there, they offered him, he committed on the spot and then he had offers to transfer, decided to stay, which as you guys all know, it's almost, I think something pretty rare nowadays. Just was really loyal to the school that gave him a chance and he wanted to do the best he could there and he did that. So really we're welcoming someone that's going to really add to our culture and someone that's extremely mature and well rounded."

Considering the four players that you were able to end up with, it almost feels like you couldn't have gamed that out if you try. How pleasant of a surprise was it for you guys to be able to get these four players and economize your picks while doing it?

"Yeah, I think to your point, in the draft, there's a mix of skill and luck, and I think we're some of this is coming together this year in terms of how the picks already have played out, and we've just been able to acquire some really good players at every spot so far. And again, that will be additive both on and off the field."

First year you guys have had multiple picks in the fifth round. Does Andrew consider that some kind of magic route or something or what? Just coincidence you guys keep collecting fifth round picks.

"Definitely no magic, but I'd say those assets can be very valuable. Whether that's for coming back up, packaging them to come back up. We really can use them in a variety of ways and if not, make the picks, there's some good players that come out of the fifth round as well, and that can be great additions for our team. So at this point, we just want to continue to improve our team and get the best players we can."

Just from a skill set standpoint, can you just kind of work through what is so special about Emmanuel?

"I think what's so special about Emmanuel is the versatility that he brings. You're thinking of a player that can play high, can play low, a player that has excellent ball skills, size, strength, physicality. So really a player that the way we want to play defense just gives our defensive coaches so many options. And I think they're going to be extremely, I don't think, I know they're going to be extremely pleased to work with him."

It seems like he's so good at that peanut punch in particular and forcing fumbles. Like, what have you guys seen from him on film with that aspect?

"Just like the physicality, to your point, like, two things that Andrew harp on us all the time is to bring guys here in this building that

are tough and competitive, and he embodies that. The way he plays is exactly the type of football that we want to play. And you'll continue to do that here at our level."

How important is that versatility when you guys play as much as three safety packages?
"I think it's huge. And again, like the defensive coaches will obviously figure out how to best use them in different scenarios. But again, I cannot emphasize the versatility point more just in terms of the option that it gives to our coaches to deploy him and maximize his strengths."

When you mentioned you're almost surprised that he decided to stay at Toledo when he could have gone elsewhere, how do you gauge a player's personality when it seems like they'll jump at the from year-to-year transfer?
"Yeah, it's a good question. I think overall, everybody makes their own decision whether that's their own reasons, their personal reasons. So it's not really a matter of judging whether you're transferring or not. It's more a matter of giving him the credit for staying loyal to the school and really wanting to give back to the school that gave him a chance when he didn't really have any offers, now that he was producing and he could have just left. And he said something to me that really stuck out. He said something along the lines of, you know, the long term financials or the big financial gains will come when I make it to the NFL. And that's kind of his mindset. So just, it's just a testament to him and his maturity and his process and all that."

It's obviously not a secret, like not all college programs are created equal. There's the FBS, the FCS, whatever. The MAC schools are considered like the premier programs. But you know, back-to-back years now where you took, you're taking Emmanuel McNeil-Warren out of Toledo, obviously Harold Fannin last year. What are the things you like, see or can use to know like this isn't just a guy who's doing it in the MAC or at a smaller level. This is a guy that we know can play with the other players in the higher up leagues or in the NFL and actually make it.
"I like that you ask that question because that's a conversation we had a lot when I was working in Philly (Philadelphia Eagles) under obviously Howie Roseman and Tom Donahoe, who'd been the GM, obviously been in the league for a long time. And when we talk about level competition, of course you have to take it into account in your evaluation process. But he'd say, 'they play against who they gotta play.' And at some point that's what we need to evaluate and that's our job to project that based on the tools that they have, their athletic profile and how we think that's gonna project against NFL talent and at every level it is a projection now, maybe easier to make in some program than others, but that's our job and that's what we spend a ton of time doing, watching the tape. But at the end of the day, who they play against is the tape we had to watch and that's our job to project."

Andrew had mentioned that, you know, with that more teams playing three safety, that position is sort of gaining in profile. Is that position becoming more and more important as far as like, you know, obviously we always talk about edge rushers and corners and things like that, but is safety starting to kind of reach that level?
"I think at the end of the day, regardless of position, of course there's premium position and those types of things, but at the end of the day, like any position that's going to make an impact, take the ball away for us, take it away, give it back to our offense. Those become playmakers and that's what we're trying to add at every position and Eman (Emmanuel McNeil-Warren) brings that."

The draft is part skill, part luck. How do you improve the skill part of it?
"I think it goes back to your process. It goes back to the ton of film that we watch. That's where it starts and that's years of work from our area scouts. That's really like the ground level, the starting point. And then you add all the other pieces of information that you gather through your process, whether that's the medical information, your character, your testing numbers, the interactions you've had with them, what the coaches think of them. And to me, your process gets better as you get better at aggregating all that information and make good decisions, sound decisions. Again, good player, good person. **Those are things we can't miss on."**

This is a player that was projected by many amateurs as a first-round pick. Do you think he fell farther than you expected or is this the range that you guys predict projected this player?
"We're just happy with where we took him. I mean where he was on our board for us it was a no brainer to get up and get him based on what we think he's going to bring to our program. So, at that point for us it's just really excited about where we got him."

How much does experience help just being able to go through multiple drafts and learn from how you've done in the past?
"I think it's experience. I think it's the team that you have around yourself, that you surround yourself with. Andrew has done an excellent job of having a staff that is diverse in terms of skill, experience. I mean, just at the table right now, upstairs we have Tom Telesco and Chris Polian, you have Jimmy Ray, who's done that for decades. So just the level of experience that we have in advising our decision maker is just diverse and excellent. So, I think that helps. That definitely helps our process and making good decisions when the time comes."

S Emmanuel McNeil-Warren
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Hey, Emmanuel, congratulations. Just wanted to ask, how early in the pre-draft process could you really tell the Browns were interested in you? And over the course of this evening, did they kind of hint that, hey, hang in there, we're looking to come up for you?
"Ever since the beginning of the combine, I feel like the Browns, they love me. They've been supporting me. They've been just telling me how good a player I am, and as a person too. So I had a feeling it would be somewhere with the Cleveland Browns. So I feel like going up there to on a visit too. It felt like home, like family, all the coaches were cool, everything. So I feel like it was just a blessing for them just to be on the same team back in Ohio with them."

Hey, Emmanuel, watching the broadcast when you were selected, I mean, it seemed like you obviously got pretty emotional. Just what was that moment like? Especially after that wait.
"Just, high but, fall a little bit short. I was just thankful for God. God got me in position just to be in this position to nobody else to be in this. So I'm just thankful of him and just all the hard work and dedication that I've been putting through, even when I got hurt my senior year, my junior year, just all the hard work coming back on that field, with my brothers, just being happy to be out there again, just hearing my name called."

Emanuel, when Cat Hickman listed your attributes, she mentioned physicality, versatility, and ball hawking. Of those three, what would you say is your number one attribute?
"I say I'm all three. So I say anywhere I'm a playmaker. So just being all three, I'm a playmaker. I'm just gonna go to that ball. Whatever I see the ball at, I'm gonna go to that ball. So being able to do that at Cleveland Browns to just help us win."

Congratulations, Emmanuel. I guess off of that, given your skill set, where do you think you maybe fit or can have the most success in the Browns defense based on what you kind of know in terms of what, like role you could play?
"I feel like impacting the game anywhere. If that is defense, special teams, anywhere on the field, the deep end, in the box. I feel like anywhere just to help the team out, just to get turnovers and make plays for the defense."

Hey, Emmanuel, Cat Hickman talked about how she was impressed with your loyalty to Toledo. Why was it so important for you to finish your career there when I'm sure you had other options?
"Toledo, they stayed true to me. They developed me as a player. Other schools, they fell off me during high school. Toledo, they stayed right there for me. So I feel like, why switch up on them? They never switch over me. I built a brotherhood and a bond there,

and the coaches, that was like family to me. So I just wanted to build a legacy, seeing one of my ex-teammates come out of Toledo, so I feel like I could do the same thing."

So Emmanuel, did you have offers from like Power 4 conference schools?
"Yes, sir. Coming in, I had Toledo, my first offer. I started getting like Miami, Indiana, Maryland, stuff like that. Then my late high school career, I got hurt and they stopped texting me. But Toledo, they stayed true to me. They never gave up for me. So I feel like I own it to Toledo."

Emmanuel, the Browns normally don't trade up to get a player. So what does it mean to you? What does it say to you that they actually climbed up to get you?
"Man, it means everything. Like I'm gonna give all I got. Ever since I stepped on that facility again, I feel like that's my home. So we gonna put in that work and try to win, get that Super Bowl. I appreciate them for giving me a chance and not giving up on me."

Emmanuel, what's it going to be like playing with some studs on the defensive side of the ball in Myles Garrett and Denzel Ward?
"Man, it's going to be good. Playing with Denzel, Grant Delpit all them boys, just learning from them boys and just trying to get better and grow, man, it'll be a blessing, man. A lot of hands to the ball. That's what I'm going to say. A lot of hands on fire to the ball. Most definitely."

What were your matchups like with Harold Fannin Jr. and did you get to see what kind of impact he had last year as a rookie?
"Man, that matchup, man, I love that matchup. Hey, I'm going to have to talk to him when I get there and just practice going against him, knowing he a great tight end, great player. That's how you grow and get better. This is great. So being down there with him, going against him again, it'll be a blessing."

Hey, Emmanuel, you mentioned Grant Delpit, but just what do you like about his game and how do you think you guys can complement one another?
"He's an enforcing. He's a playmaker. I feel like I've been watching him ever since he was at LSU freshman year. So to watch him now, and now being next to him, playing with him, it'll be a dream come true. I got to show him how to do it, too. We're going to be able to turn heads."

Head Coach Todd Monken
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As you look at everything, all the activity you guys have done, you know, across really the first few days, how much more better do you feel about where this roster is as you kind of take the next step forward?
"Feel great addressing the receiver room and the O-line room along with the safety position. I think as we went into the draft, and I think Andrew (Berry) can speak to this more than I can, but it's where we hoped we would head, where we would address."

Is Austin Barber a tackle or can he move inside?
"(We) see him as a tackle to start, obviously has some flex. We think could move inside."

Talk about, you know, back to back receivers in the first and second round - that doesn't happen often. So what is your reaction to getting those two guys?
"Well, I think it compliments. If you take Denzel (Boston) after KC (Concepcion), I think he compliments KC. He's a different body

type than what we have. We were looking at someone we thought could be a size matchup and especially in the red zone, which we did not have. So loved his competitive spirit. Just talking about Denzel now. Spoke with Jedd Fisch, his head coach at Washington, who I've got a ton of respect for, been in the NFL and raved about Denzel, loves to practice, competitive, a lot of fight in him. He's come a long way as a player and is only going to continue to get better. And we certainly needed to just continue to upgrade that position, and we did."

What's the feeling coming out? To come out of this Draft with four players in the first two nights that a lot of folks had first round greats on.
"Well, I mean ultimately now whether we take them in the first round, second round, third round, whatever their grades are now – it's up to us as a coaching staff to develop them. And that's why we're hired. That's why coaches are hired to develop the players that show up in your locker room. And you know, you're always trying to maximize a player's measurable skill set and that's what we're going to fight like hell to do."

Still kind of a hole in the middle of your offensive line. I know Elgton Jenkins can go there, but how much discussion in the Draft room has there been about the center position?
"There has been and there's a possibility we'll still address that as we get further into the Draft."

Todd I know you talked about Denzel's red zone ability, how important was it to have two receivers that have complimentary skill sets to do what you want to do offensively?
"Probably more important than usual just to the makeup of our receiver room as it sits right now. Would have not have been as big a deal if you would have had some bigger body types. But when you look at some of the body types we have when we take the field every day, we certainly needed to get bigger. We certainly needed to add some size to that room. And you know, Denzel provided that for us."

Probably a better question for Andrew, but kind of unusual to trade out of the room and then come back in. What's the process in the room?
"It was a lot of fun. I mean, it was a heck of a ride. I was just in there for the ride, so it was pretty cool."

Was Austin (Barber) overlooked? And then you guys were like 'Oh, wait a minute, there's a guy we do want after all?'
"Are you talking about Barber? (Yeah.) No. I mean, we really liked him from the jump. You don't know how the board, again, Andrew, can answer this, you don't know my limited experience of this. You don't know how it's going to go. There are certain players that are picked higher than you would have thought, and there's others that are a little bit lower. Certainly, we knew we had to address the offensive line. And so, as he was still up on the board, I think the opportunity to move back and then as it continued then – let's not wait any longer. Let's go up and get him and we're fired up to get him."

The competition now in the receiver room, what do you see in total there?
"Well, I just think you have to keep adding to the room as best you can. You're trying to raise the floor. I mean, ultimately in any position group, you start by raising the floor and developing who you have. And that started this past week. So, it just turned out the way the Draft unfolded and Andrew again, can speak to this, that when we got to the spot that we had at 7 would be actually 39. But today, 7, we did have opportunities and speak to it to move back, but we really thought at that pick take Denzel."

Do you feel with the guys that you added, with the guys that you have, do you feel pretty good about the potential explosiveness of your offense?

"I feel better."

You mentioned safety being something you guys are obviously looking at on the other side of things. Just what strikes you and stands out about Emmanuel McNeil-Warren and what do you like with what he brings to the table?
"Length, speed. Tough. That's it. I mean, he's got great length, excellent speed and he'll hit the heck out of you. I mean, that's three pretty good characteristics of a safety."

Were you kind of surprised on how the board fell today and getting Denzel with a first round pick?
"Surprised? I would not say that. I would not say that of the picks, I would not say that I was surprised, especially on the offensive guys. If you asked me where those picks went, I would have said it was pretty close to where we kind of had targeted, where we thought they would be available. Again, Andrew can speak to that. I'm speaking for me, in terms of where I would have thought because I did evaluate all those players and I would have said that was about right and the board actually played out that way."

How much more fun is it if fun is the right word, doing this as a head coach instead of offensive coordinator?
"Well, I have one more level of input I guess as opposed to a step down, you know, from the head coach end to the offensive coordinator. But ultimately, it's more fun because, you know, when you're an offensive coordinator, you're really not responsible for winning, you're responsible for scoring. And when you're the head coach, we're responsible for winning. So, I certainly want to score, but more importantly, we got to win football games. And so when it came down to when you're talking about defensive players, I'm all for great defensive players going to help us win. Ultimately, that's our job as an organization to head coach is to do everything in our power to put a roster together. It gives us a chance to compete every week and ultimately turn this organization into a consistent winning one."

Someone mentioned how your messaging about what type of players you want is really direct to get the idea of what you're looking for. Do you feel like you've been listened to? Is this the type of player you want to run the offense?
"Not really. I mean it doesn't really work that way. There are pieces like that. I take that back. There are elements of what you may need from a position. What type of tight end, for instance, you want a fullback, you're going to be an 11 personnel team. So, personnel wise much more than maybe the player because I don't think the parts that make a player, how they're wired, their toughness, mental toughness, you know, their self-awareness. Do they love to practice? Do they love football? I think that's from the jump, that's who you want to surround yourself with. So, but, maybe a little bit in terms of how you see usage of a player, it does you no good to take a player without a plan for them. And I think we all saw KC the same way, how we could utilize him. I think we all saw it the same way in terms of Denzel. I think, you know, when you talk about the offensive lineman, you're just trying to get some guys that you think can play tackle but also have position flex. I think that's the best way to go about it."

Speaking of fullbacks, do you and your staff still consider (DT) Adin Huntington a viable fullback?
"Well, it's funny, the first time I saw him, I'm like, 'You're the fullback here, right?' You know, and he looked at me like, you know, no, I'm a defensive tackle. So that didn't go over great. The first conversation I had with him, I'm joking. He was – he was fine. But ultimately, he's going to want to play defensive tackle first. But he certainly showed some promise in the backfield and obviously has the toughness and the want to. And you can see that on special teams. He played on special and you could see him on kickoff. So, I do think that is an option as we move forward. But again, I think depending on how much you're going to use that position, which we'll, as we go along, we'll find out. It's hard if you're going to be a 21 personnel team to have a part time fullback. So, we're going to have to make that decision. Is it a situation only, or you're only talking about a little piece, maybe goal line, short yardage or is it more than that as a normal rundown piece? And if it is, and we're going to need more than a part time fullback."

We didn't get to watch the last two practices of minicamp, just the first one, obviously. So can I make you kind of share. How did (QB) Deshaun (Watson) and (QB) Shedeur (Sanders) and (QB) Dillion (Gabriel) look?
"We just couldn't get past the draft and get right back to the quarterback. Anybody got some (DE) Myles (Garrett) questions too while we're at it [joking]? I mean, hell, well, we're just, you know, here at night. First off, I'll address the question. First of all, it was awesome. Three days. The weather was unbelievable. To get out on the grass and pump the music and get fired up being together and the neighbors complained and we didn't care and we pumped up the music louder. If they don't like it, they can move and so I didn't care. And it was like, you know, being out there with the guys and just getting a little bit of a feel for who we have on our roster. And I thought, all three quarterbacks, at times you could see the positives in their game and learning the new system, and they've been awesome in the meeting rooms and on the field, and it was just kind of dipping our toe in the water. But I thought Deshaun looked really good at times, and there's other things he's got to work on. Same with Shedeur and with Dillion. So, I didn't really do a deep dive into all of them, but it was a heck of a lot of fun being out there, I can tell you that."

Upstairs, sitting next to Andrew in the room, what's that been like for you as a head coach? And you and Andrew find yourselves thinking alike as the board comes together, as you're sitting next to each other?
"Well, I think we see players the same way in their value, how they're wired. That part of it is for sure. Other than that, I just have a small, like, picture of each player. I certainly don't have the picture of every single player that they do that they've spent years, at least one year and probably more than that on a player. So, what I do know is the players that I did look at, and I listen to the scouts, and we all talk about how they're wired and do we want him representing the Cleveland Browns? Is that who we want? And we've got a great group. We're just continually trying to raise the floor. But I've been thoroughly impressed with the process of Andrew and his staff, and I can see how the picks came to fruition last year with the talent that we have, and I feel really good about what we're adding at this point."

When it comes to Emmanuel, does Rudy want to play a bunch of three safety packages?
"Not really going to get into what we're going to do concerning we won't have film yet for our first game, so we're just fired up to have him."

To go back to the receivers. I know when you first talked about your offense and this offense's identity, talked about scoring being the most paramount thing, like, do you feel good about the different ways those guys can score that you've added?
"I do. Again, like I said, I think they complement each other. I think it started with we had to address the offensive line. I mean, that's in both areas the receiver position and the offensive line. And I really feel good about where we're at this point."

In getting your evaluation of how the quarterbacks look. There are still plenty left on the board on the final day of the draft. Andrew has talked about how it's wholly realistic, you guys could add another quarterback to the room. Would you be kind of excited to do that? And do you see, are there some guys that you like from the quarterback position?
"We'll see how it plays out. I don't think there's any position that is off the board that we wouldn't take, even after taking two receivers. We might end up taking the third. We might take another offensive lineman, could be a quarterback. I don't think there's any position, when I left the Draft room that I didn't see anything that wouldn't interest us at any position."

Executive Vice President, Football Operations and General Manager, Andrew Berry
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Opening statement:
"We're excited about today, you know, not just with the players that we added, the three guys that we added, but also how we were able to add to our resource base in '27, and then how we're positioned for tomorrow afternoon with several other day three picks. So

obviously a lot of action, a lot of movement throughout the evening tonight, but we're pleased with where we ended up, and so with that, I'll open up with questions."

Andrew, I'm sure you didn't come in tonight thinking you'd make this many trades. But when do you get a sense that it could be just that kind of night for you?
"It's usually just based on the action that you get or how the board falls. I'll be honest, Dan (Labbe), like we're pretty...like we try to stay pretty nimble and flexible just because you never know when the next opportunity is going to come up. I think that's actually one of the benefits of having volume and quality with your picks because there are more opportunities to maneuver up and down the board."

Were you surprised with some of the guys that fell in your lap, like Denzel Boston and (Emmanuel) McNeil-Warren to begin with they were first round projections.
"I was probably most surprised with Eman. You know, we figured that Denzel could go anywhere from late one to early two, just be truthful. But Eman, he wasn't someone that we anticipated being being there as late as he was. So, when he got within striking distance, we felt the move was appropriate. You know, to be truthful, he was in play for us at 39."

What you did with your wide receiver room, can you sort of talk about what you have globally from your pass catching corps right now and how this might impact Jerry Jeudy or anybody like that?
"Zero impact on Jerry, he's our bell cow. We feel like we have a nice - I think with receiver rooms you can have, maybe a ball dominant player or you can essentially build a basketball team, you know, with different skill sets. You know, we prefer the second approach. Don't get me wrong, I'll take Calvin Johnson if he's out there. But we feel like we have a nice, you know, well rounded room with speed, RAC, contested catch ability, separation. So, we're really pleased with the youth and talent in that group."

On that trade for Emmanuel, do you get a sense that another team is going to take it on, when do you know when to pull the trigger on it?
"So, they're probably two separate situations, Jeff (Schudel). One is when you do have maybe an inkling that, you know you're going into a stretch where a player or a group of players you know will be a target for several teams and you're trying to get ahead of it. Another may just be, and I would put like the Emanuel trade and then what we did for JOK (Jeremiah Owusu-Koramoah) in 2021 in this bucket where you have a player that you just didn't expect to be in a certain range of the draft and there's a certain level of like, okay, you don't necessarily have a team identified that's going to take that player off the board, but you look at your resources and say, 'hey, this is a price that I'm willing to pay for this skill set for this guy relative to what you think you're getting.'"

You talked last week before the draft just about positionless defense. Where does, where does a player like Emmanuel McNeil-Warren sort of fit into that idea as you think about what you got in him as a player?
"Yeah, Emmanuel is incredibly versatile and we're realistic that you're not going to put everything on his plate his rookie year. But I think you really started seeing this with the safety position, certainly with what Baltimore did with Kyle Hamilton a couple years ago. You look across the league, and you see just the increase of three safety packages. You look at what Nick Emmanwori did for Seattle this past year, it just gives you a lot of flexibility where you have safeties that can play deep, they can play in the box, they can live in the linebacker world, they can live in the nickel world and they just give a lot of flexibility for a creative coordinator."

Last year, after you guys' drafted Carson (Schwesinger), you talked about the importance of taking an off the ball linebacker that high because you hadn't made a major investment there since like four years prior. Was there any similar thinking with Emanuel? Like you hadn't taken a safety that high since Grant (Delpit) like six years ago?

"No, it really wasn't because Grant (Delpit) and Ronnie (Hickman), we obviously like those guys a lot. Grant, we took him in my first draft, we extended him. Rocket, he outperformed how we acquired him, signing him as an undrafted free agent. Emmanuel, we just viewed it as a fantastic opportunity and someone who could, not only just from a pure talent standpoint, improve the room, but could also complement our existing core there."

You spoke back in January about dedicating a lot of resources to remaking this offense. With one day still left in the draft, how do you feel about the process you've done in terms of that remodeling?
"I think we're excited about the players that we've added. We're certainly excited to see them on the grass because we haven't seen them as a collective unit. But we still have work to do on both sides of the ball and tomorrow will be a big day for that, but so will really the cut down period because there are still some important roles that we'd like to add competition to."

You said you don't want to put too much on Emmanuel's plate too soon. Do you see him initially as kind of a ball hawk free safety?
"I think that remains to be seen, Tony (Grossi). And honestly, like that determination will be by Monk, Rudy (Mike Rutenberg), Ephraim (Banda). Yeah, it's probably hard for me to answer that until he's in our building. Until we get him up and running. But you know, we'll crawl, walk, run."

I know you have to stay flexible during the draft, but did you anticipate a scenario where you might take two receivers either back to back or whatever early on in this draft and does it feel like a departure because you really hadn't done that in your previous drafts that have taken the receiver high?
"Scott, we did have scenarios where because of the strength of the receiver class and the depth of it, that we thought we could take two receivers relatively high. Definitely doesn't feel like a departure. It's maybe a little bit what I mentioned to Fred (Greetham) earlier where I think, if you look at the past couple years, we had Jarvis (Landry) and Odell (Beckham Jr.), we traded for Amari (Cooper), who was a Pro Bowl receiver for us, and then had him on a big money extension. We then traded for Jerry (Jeudy), who was a Pro bowl receiver for us. And then I was actually even thinking, and this one didn't maybe work out quite as cleanly, but even the years where we were short first round picks, one of those trades was trading down from two, for Elijah Moore and then taking Ced (Cedric Tillman) at three. So, there's no philosophical thing there. It's obviously easier to maybe dictate the room a little bit more when you have your full slate of resources."

I was just asking Todd (Monken) about how the quarterbacks looked on the last two days of minicamp because we didn't get to see any of that. So just wondering how comfortable are you with the quarterback room right now? And are you still thinking that it's wholly realistic to possibly add somebody to the room on the third day of the draft?
"Yeah, we'll always add talent at the most important position. That's I guess full stop. Doesn't matter who's in the room. If there's a quarterback that we'll like that's available to us at the right cost, we'll add that player. That being said, the three guys have done a really nice job so far this spring. We're lucky that we got three days on the grass. They all are learning the offense quickly, working through their mistakes, throwing the ball well. But that wouldn't, prevent us from adding a player that we like tomorrow."

Gaming all this stuff out, is there a scenario where you had your first four picks all as Cleveland Browns, I mean, just, it seems like four players that a lot of people have first round grades on. And I know a couple years ago with JOK you felt like you got one there, but it feels like you got two of them here.
"Yeah, I think, as we work through scenarios, as we work through simulations, we did have simulations where the receivers kind of lined up the way that they did just because of the strength of this class. I'll be honest, I did not anticipate a world where Emmanuel went as late as he did."

What about the kind of stutter step out of the third round then back in. Did you overlook Austin (Barber)?
"No. So I actually call those 'yo-yo' trades. So like sometimes you get a situation - actually, probably the first time I started calling is when we moved back in – it was actually Sashi (Brown), I think we moved back in '17, picked up a future one, and I think we moved back up for David (Njoku) at the end of one. Oftentimes those trades become like, if you look at the aggregate set of moves, they become pretty efficient because you pick up either a high level or future asset, but you're able to still get a targeted player without giving all those realized gains back. Very rare situations will we do that, but we felt like this was one where it made the most sense."

Do you have a special affinity for the fifth round?
"The fifth round is the new seventh, Mary Kay (Cabot)."

What's the thinking going into tomorrow with four 5th round picks?
"Honestly, in day three of the draft because teams boards, they just spread out. There's very little overlap. Truth be told, you could largely go into the third day of the draft with maybe call like eight to 10 names, and you're probably going to get most of them. So it'll literally be, hey, how can we be as opportunistic as possible? Because you're just not going to be able to predict, you know, predict the order of the players that go off. I was joking with Todd upstairs. I was like, man, I gotta apologize, I misread the market because we thought we were going to be able to maybe add one of the class's strongest, you know, blocking tight ends, with one of those fifth-round picks, and pretty much all of them went off the board by the end of the third round. So I was like, I screwed that one up. I messed that up, so we'll just take the best opportunity that we can with the players that are available. I don't know who mentioned it earlier. If there comes a situation where there's a veteran trade that makes sense, we would explore that, as we always do. But our big thing is, how do we best maximize the assets?"

Todd said you see him first as a tackle. So is that just about, I mean, obviously you traded for Tytus and then draft Spencer. So is it just that position is so important that you want to get as much depth outside as you can?
"Yeah, I mean, I also think like, we talked about turning over that position group with both youth and talent, and Tytus is great. He can play tackle, he can play guard. But also being realistic, he is a little bit more advanced in his career, you know, relative to some of the other players. But you can never have enough of the of the tackles. You can never have enough of the line of scrimmage players, just because they're so hard to find and they're so hard to acquire once you get past this point that we want to roll deep in those position groups when we can."

Looking at the players that have gone first hundred - only three running backs - do you attribute it to the class? Wjat would you attribute it to?
"I think it's two things. I think it's class and I also think it's just the fact that if you go back to last year's class, how deep it was, I think a lot of teams took their young running backs. I mean, look, we took two. So I think that plays into it as well."

Do you have a theory why Emmanuel (McNeil-Warren) fell like he did?
"I don't. Just sometimes that happens, just happens."

With fatigue and all this - obviously, you know, analyzing all these players, matching them up against each other, and knowing how long the draft is, how important is it to keep the energy up?
"You know, it's way past my bedtime, so that is one of the hardest parts of this weekend. You just get, or I'll speak for myself, I get so drained. One, because I'm an early morning person. And then two, just from everything that you're doing, you know, in terms of trying to manage and direct, you know, the evening, the day, the quick turnaround. And honestly just all **the ancillary obligations**

that come as part of it. They are long days."

So what did you think about the move to eight minutes in the first round.
"Love it. Like, yes, this may be unpopular, but I would make it seven minutes if we can (laughter). So, yes."

Andrew, can you just talk about the patience you thought you guys showed by not moving up, staying there, and then Denzel makes it to you guys, and then obviously you made a couple other moves where you went up. So what would you say is a determining factor to when they say we're going to stay and wait, hope versus let's go, get him drafted?
"I mean, you're really trying to just play the odds. And when I say that, it's not just like, this black box - okay, this guy has whatever percentage chance of getting there. It's pulling the information that you can source. It's looking at your board and identifying the group of players that you're comfortable with sitting and picking or, you know, if you have to move. And then at that point, it's making an educated guess. Like, look, we did consider, okay, if we're at 39, is there a move that would make sense to go up and get Denzel or go up and get Emmanuel. And after going through all the information, having discussion, you're kind of trying to read the board. As the picks came off, we felt like the right decision, the right bet was to remain patient. And you don't get all those right, so you know just make the best decisions you can in the moment."

How much fun has it been just having Todd up there? This is his first time as a coach, I saw a video of the fist bump. How are the vibes?
"It's great because, like, Todd is super funny. And unfortunately, all of it can't make it on camera with how funny he is, but he keeps the room energetic. He keeps it light. He's super passionate. He's a lot of fun to work with."

DAY THREE

Director of Player Personnel Adam Al-Khayyal

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Opening Statement:
"So started the day with four picks in five. Had to wait a little bit, took some patience, but really happy with how it played out. You know, we took Parker Brailsford, made one trade with Seattle to pick up a future four, took Justin Jefferson out of Alabama and then made another trade back in five to also pick up a future six. So, the whole net really pleased with that. Can certainly open up to questions on both Parker and Justin as you have them."

So Parker's like under 300 pounds, which is becoming unusual for a center. Was that the physical set you were looking for there?
"I wouldn't say that. I think an athletic center, what he does really well is move in the run game. Got tremendous range, great finish. To be honest, if you didn't know his measurables on his card, you wouldn't say he plays like a sub 300-pound player. He's strong, firm. So really like the skill set and really like how it fits with the offensive side scheme."

I was going to say like what you just described, it seems like maybe the frame is similar to Tyler Linderbaum. And then with (Todd) Monken being there, was that something that we saw parallels to or was it kind of a different player?
"Yeah, I don't want to directly compare them one to one with Linderbaum, but I would say that you have seen Coach Monken play with an athletic center with a range and do a lot of creative stuff in the run game and that certainly is appealing in terms of Parker and how we would deploy him."

I saw that he had the fastest 10-yard split of any other line at the combine. How important are those movement skills,

especially for you guys?
"Yeah, really important. I mean the main thing that they got to do is get on guys and get on guys quickly. And so, the guys with range who can climb to the second level, pull, move out in space, all of that's predicated on having quickness, athleticism and range. So, guys who can move like that are really successful in the scheme."

When you're looking on day three, how much both these guys come from a program in Alabama, how much do you kind of look at the pedigree of where they come from, in terms of hoping to catch guys, maybe a little further along in the development for net to jump to the next level?
"Yeah, you know, I would say the interesting thing with both of them is they didn't start their careers at Alabama. So, Parker starts off at Washington, transfers to Alabama. Justin started off in Juco, transferred to Alabama. Both those guys had a developmental curve and with Parker in particular, I think it's...he's playing against the best of the best in the SEC, so he is matching up against guys with size who he's going to have to face in the NFL. And that is something that maybe if you have a small school guy who lacks size, you're making more of a projection on how they'll play out."

Justin, what did you guys like about him and what do you kind of envision him adding to that linebacker room and it looks like maybe on special teams too.
"Yeah, really nice scheme fit, first and foremost. I mean, we have played with Devin Bush, we signed Quincy Williams. Both of those guys are around the same size, six foot, really fast, really athletic. So just a real clean vision for how he fits into the scheme. And then when you have guys who can run 4.4 and like to hit, that translates pretty well on special teams. So, I think, Justin, both on defense and on special teams will have a nice role."

With the four fifth round picks, was there any effort to move up in the round?
"That's something we discussed, yeah. And discussed moving up, obviously we moved back, with one of the picks and we moved out entirely with one of the picks."

Kansas State center went a few notches ahead of your center.
"There was a run on the centers, but to be honest, Parker was the guy we had targeted all along."

Can he get bigger or is 289s, is that his size?
"He played in the high 280s, low 290s. I think he is more than capable at functioning and playing where he's at in terms of his weight."

Obviously, you guys have devoted a bunch of resources to the offensive line in the last month and a half coming into the draft. How important or how much of a focus was it to add somebody at that center spot?
"I wouldn't say there's a focus at one particular spot. I think the focus was adding good players along the offensive line. I think it's been noted we've added guys with positional versatility, that's important. We know that you're going into the year, you're going to have your starting five, but the reality is you're going to play with more than five. I think last year, if you played more than 50% of your snaps with your top five linemen, you would have been in the top 10 in the league. So, you're going to have to cover,1,000, 2,000 snaps somewhere on the line with other guys, usually the way injuries go. So, I think we just were focused on getting good players who could play on the line and then figuring out the configuration from there."

Do you think some positions easier for guys drafted later to succeed than others, such as getting Parker here in this round?
"I think there are certain positions within certain schemes that you might anticipate a quicker transition, you know, going from

college to pro. But I do think it's across schemes more than maybe necessarily across positions."

We saw Andrew (Berry) trade out of the third round, then back in. Is that kind of what he's doing with this trade down to the sixth round? Is he going back up or what? I don't see the logic in that.
"No, I think we just got a really good offer to drop back in five and still pick up an extra pick nearby. So, 170 and 182, feel pretty confident that the same kind of set of players that we would consider there will be available a few slots later."

C Parker Brailsford
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Hey, Parker, just wanted to ask you. You go from Washington to Alabama. What did you learn in that jump going from one to the other and then the competition you played at each? How did that that kind of help your development?
"Honestly, just being able to recognize change and being able to deal with change in a healthy way, that was a big thing for me, going from one place to another. Those two places are pretty different so, yeah, I'm definitely happy I got to go through that experience."

Hey, Parker, obviously people talk about your size. How have you been able to overcome maybe not being prototypical from a weight perspective?
"Yeah, man, just using my leverage, honestly. Size doesn't really matter if you don't have the leverage behind it, that's a big piece and also, I mean, I am smaller, but I don't think I'm weak by any means, so definitely that's something that also helps me a lot."

Hey, Parker, do you know much about the Browns offensive line situation? And secondly, what were your meetings like with the Browns people, if you had any?
"Oh, yeah, I did. I mean, the meetings were great. You know, usually when you come in and meet with teams, you go in and you're not really sure what to expect. But, I mean, with them, everything just clicked. I felt really comfortable going in there being myself, which is a big thing."

Hey, Parker, obviously you spent a lot of time at center, but versatility has been kind of the name of the game here for the Browns in this draft? How do you think that your history of versatility can impact your fit and what you're able to do here now with the Cleveland Browns?
"Yeah, I mean, I definitely think I could play any of the interior positions. I actually started at right guard my redshirt freshman year, so I'm pretty comfortable playing all three if need be. I think I would have the most impact at center just because I'm able to direct things and I have a little bit more on my plate, but I definitely do believe that I could play all three."

Hey, Parker, the Browns took one of your teammates, Justin Jefferson, a few picks after you. How excited are you to kind of get to join him here in Cleveland?
"Oh, I'm really excited. I didn't see, but I watched it when they picked Denzel Boston, too. I mean, that was one of my teammates at Washington, so I'm really excited to get to work with those guys."

Parker, what do you know about (OT) Spencer Fano? And do you know anything about (OT) Austin Barber. What do you know about those guys and have you met them and how excited are you to kind of all come in together as rookies and help get this thing turned around?
"Yeah. So I met Spencer, he seems like a real good guy. You know, he's like really himself. He's very genuine. So I appreciate it about him. But, yeah, I'm definitely very excited to get to know those guys and work with them."

LB Justin Jefferson
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What does it mean to you to join a linebacking core that features Carson Schwesinger, the NFL defensive rookie of the year?
"It means a lot to me. I mean, definitely, it's a guy that has been doing very well for himself and he's still relatively new to the league, somebody to help give me pointers and we can shoot all still grow together in general."

Hey, Justin, what about the fact that the Browns seem to like and have liked other players that fit your physical profile, such as, like Devin Bush having success here? They traded for Quincy Williams, those guys are similar sizes to you. So how do you think you'll fit in this system given the success that a guy like Devin Bush has had?
"Man, if it's in the Lord's will. I think I'll be able to do exceptional. I think I'd be able to do exceptional and honor God in how hard I play."

Hey, Justin, tell us about what kind of passion you have for special teams, because that could be a good way for you to contribute here.
"Oh, I have a big passion for special teams, I love special teams. Even at the combine and any other visit I have, I've always told them, I'm like, 'hey, I never shy away from beating up on nobody.' So special teams is something that I've always asked to be on and will always want to be on."

Justin, you mentioned your excitement playing with the linebacker core here in Cleveland, but just beyond that, just the defense that this team has and playing behind the strong pass rush that they have in Myles Garrett and everyone across the line. Where do you think your impact will be and how excited are you to play in that group as a whole?
"Man, like I said, I'm very excited. A lot of new stuff that I have to learn and just like I said earlier just being able to grow with the young guys that's already been there for a little second and being able to run around, fly around and shoot, play some good ball, bring home the win. It means a lot to me. It means a lot to me to be chosen. Shoot, I'm going to do everything I need to."

Hey, Justin, the Browns went back-to-back Alabama guys, what can you tell us about Parker (Brailsford)?
"Parker Brailsford, that's a real leader right there. That's a real true through and through leader. He's a leader. I love the way he carries himself off the field. Like, I'm just talking about the man, not the football player, he carries himself. He takes care of his business. He's a good friend, good person. He's real good people. And I'm super excited for him to be drafted in general. And I'm especially excited to be a teammate of his again, for sure. That's a real good guy. Real good competition. Very good competition."

Justin, I see here that you transferred from Pearl River Community College. Was there a point in your career, your football career, that you thought that you might not get to this point? And what does it mean to you to get drafted?
"Man, it means everything to me. I come from real humble beginnings. Real humble beginnings. I come from Memphis, a school that doesn't have a lot of recruits coming out in general. I go to Juco, to a Juco that doesn't have a lot of recruits coming out in general. And I just honor God in the way that I existed, the way that I went about my life. And I feel like God honored me a little bit and I got to continue to hold up my bargain so I can continue getting honored because this is our favor from the Lord. I come from Memphis, Tennessee. I went to Bartlett High School. I went to Juco. I went to Pearl River Community College. You don't hear that too often. And I'm just blessed and honored to be in this position and to be with my family and to take my talents to the next level and continue to do what I love. It means everything to me. And I gotta continue to honor God and how I go about my life and go about my task and just everything."

Have you gotten a chance to know Jerry Jeudy at all? From maybe him just being around the program and how excited are you to be on the same team with someone like that?
"Oh, Jerry Jeudy. I might have met him one or two times. I don't know him personally too much, but still, at the end of the day, that's Alabama brother. He's a legend at Bama. I'm honored and blessed to be able to call him my teammate. Just as I heard you earlier say something about Myles Garrett, shoot. I come from real humble beginnings. I'm fighting back emotions because I come from real humble beginnings. And just to be able for y'all to say all this nice stuff to me and for me to be doing any of this and all of this, really, it's just a true blessing. It's a blessing."

Executive Vice President, Football Operations and General Manager, Andrew Berry
4-25-26

Opening Statement:
"All right, obviously the weekend is not complete, but we've got a little bit of a break or really a long break here before, you know, our last pick. And then the undrafted free agency process. We're really pleased with at least where we sit. As we head into the sixth round, we expect by the end of the weekend we'll be able to add 10 rookies that we're really excited about, as well as two future fourth round picks in the '27 Draft. You know, at the onset of this, or I guess, you know, last week, I talked about our goal heading into the weekend is not just the first round, but it's how do we maximize the resources that we head into the Draft with? And that's whether you're using those resources, some of them for veteran players, whether you're using it to generate more by trading down, obviously, the players that you select and then the future Draft capital that you're able to manufacture. So we're really pleased with where we sit today with the combination of players and future assets that we're able to create. You know, we're looking forward to finishing strong and signing some undrafted free agents that can help our club this year. So with that, I'll open up for questions."

Drafting Taylen Green and just what's your thinking behind him and what traits did you like about him?
"Yeah, it's probably a little similar to what I mentioned yesterday, Mary Kay (Cabot), where, you know, at the quarterback position, it's the most important IN sports. You know, we'll make a bet we'll acquire a player that we like if it's the right cost. With Taylen specifically - very mature young man, really strong makeup, and he has rare physical gifts. He has size, he has elite speed, he has a big arm. He's going to need some polish with this game, but he has the work ethic and he has the acumen to do so. So we're looking forward to adding him to the roster and adding him to the mix in terms of competition."

Can you just talk about potentially moving Taylen to wide receiver, tight end?
"We're not. He's playing quarterback. He's playing quarterback."

Andrew, when you talk about polishing, the turnovers were obviously the big thing about his game. That seemed to be a red flag when he was at Arkansas and Boise State. When you watch them on film, do you see a pathway to where he can work on that as he develops at this level?
"Yeah, I think context is important with that type of thing, Chris (Easterling). I think at Arkansas, they were actually one of the better offenses in college football and faced, I think it was like the toughest slate of college football opponents. The other side of the ball was not nearly as productive, to put it kindly. And so I think, as we've seen here, when there's maybe a little bit of undue stress towards one side of the ball, it can put you in disadvantageous situations. And I think Taylen had a fair amount of that. That being said, there are absolutely areas of his game that he has to clean up. But we are looking forward to working with him and potentially developing him because he does have a really strong makeup, rare physical gifts, and then really the want to improve."

When you pick a quarterback like this with this much just raw skill. Even if he's not ready to start or play for you, can you find a way to use that guy as a weapon when he's not your quarterback?

"Yeah, that's a good question, and I think so. The short answer is yes. Obviously, his gift as a ball carrier and a runner is pretty unique, but it really has to go with the offensive vision. And I think that's something that over the course of the spring and into training camp, as our offensive staff works with this group of players, you know, we'll define that identity and figure out how much of that we could potentially incorporate."

What does it mean for the quarterbacks in the room?
"Yeah, it doesn't mean anything. We're going to continue to work with all those guys, and we like having competition."

Not to compare Taylen to Lamar Jackson, but obviously knowing that Todd (Monken) has worked with like a really dynamic quarterback, how much that maybe gave you a little more comfort in making the pick, even though you acknowledge he's going to need some polish?
"Honestly, Daniel (Oyefusi), it had very little to do with that. Todd's worked with, obviously he's worked with Lamar, but Lamar was pretty unique relative to the quarterbacks that he had worked with previously. I don't know that Lamar and Stetson Bennett could be more polar opposite. That's one of Todd's gifts, the ability to maximize skill sets, period and particularly at that spot. You know, for us, it was as we looked at the prospects who were available to us - their relative strengths and weaknesses - we felt like Taylen was the right pick at the top of six and, look we're excited to work with them."

In past years, you guys have typically had four quarterbacks at least in the offseason and throughout training camp. What's the benefit for that many arms in the room for you guys?
"Yeah, well, part of it, you need it to get through. I mean, look, we lived it firsthand last year, right? You needed to get through camp. We do believe in keeping three on the active roster and ideally a fourth on the practice squad. But it's an important position. There is attrition throughout the year. And I think the other element is it's never a problem to have too many good players. It just isn't. Like, even as I think through last year with that position, we had two young guys, two vets who either got hurt or at one point were no longer the starter because of performance. And we were able to turn those players into resources that could help the team this upcoming off season. Sometimes it's not a linear path in terms of how they positively impact the roster of the organization. It may not always be on field, but we're going to try and make as many calculated bets as we can and take steps from there."

Going back to Taylen and the offense he played at Arkansas. Bobby Petrino also, kind of Daniel with Lamar (Jackson). I mean, what does that offense do specifically to kind of help prepare a quarterback. Is there things that transfer from that?
"I mean, I think there are a lot of commonalities in college and pro offenses. Maybe I should back up. There's only one Lamar Jackson so I understand the thought or comparison there, but there's one Lamar Jackson. I think how Arkansas deployed Taylen (Green) in the run game, the QB driven run game, that's probably like the bigger component, the bigger similarity. And when you have someone with his athletic gifts, that's something that you certainly want to utilize within the offensive system."

I guess it was more about how Petrino prepares quarterbacks more so than a direct comparison to Lamar.
"Yeah, I mean his track record speaks for itself. That being said, all these quarterbacks who come into the NFL this weekend they have a lot to learn and fortunately we have one of the best teachers with Todd. And we know he's in good hands."

How do you get past just the 37 turnovers in two seasons?
"Yeah, so I think that goes with context, right? Part of it is, you know, is it a situation where they're down, they're in heavy, drop back their passive scores and then part of it is like, yeah, guys do need to take steps and improve, Tony. But the other side of the coin is, you do have players who are able to generate enough explosive plays where not a terminal, but like, maybe a higher turnover rate is at least more doable for the team. And that's what Arkansas experienced. You know, probably **a perfect example would be**

may be Josh Allen earlier in his career, you know, where he generated so many explosive plays that you could live with some of the errors. Now once he became an MVP, he was able to minimize those with time on tasks and experience. But at this point in the draft, there are no perfect prospects. But, Taylen has a lot of positives that make us want to work with him."

If Brailsford could win the center job, would that be ideal for you and you can move Elgton Jenkins to right guard?
"I would say the thing that would be ideal is just to have the best five out there. I don't really care who it is, as long as we have quality production at all five spots."

If that would happen, the second part would be having two rookies starting. Would that be a little bit dicey?
"I don't think so. I mean, the Patriots had that and went to the Super Bowl this year."

What do you like about Joe Royer?
"Joe has size, really good hands. He is a player that can produce both in the Y, which is kind of your traditional inline role, and the F role, which is a little bit more of a receiving role. So to have that flexibility in the room is helpful and important. So he was the guy that we liked, we felt was there for the value and we're happy to add him to the team."

Did you ever think you were going to make all four of those picks that were so close together in the fifth round?
"We were ready to. I was hoping that we wouldn't have to, just because I thought that...look, there were players that we liked there, but I thought a combination of some of the things that we did were going to be more impactful for the team."

When you look at the versatility so many of these guys that you guys have drafted have, how much do you anticipate that may be playing into camp as they get here, or exploring other ways that they might be used outside of their primary role?
"Yeah, it's actually a little bit of a delicate balance. Todd talks about it all the time and he's used some other young players that he's coached where the excitement can be a while. Like when we select this guy, he can do this, he can do that, he can do this. And you don't want to spread them too thin through early. So we'll probably start them off in kind of one spot and let them get their sea legs, so to speak, before branching out. But it's certainly something that we're excited about as we move forward."

Seeing combine results from a guy that size, in terms of tail and since real Calvin Johnson is comparable. Was it that point in the draft, just the athleticism just outweighs maybe a more polished passer, like a Nussmeier in that situation?
"Yeah, I wouldn't necessarily compare him to the other prospects other than say that we felt like Taylen's makeup, his physicality, we just think there's a lot to work with".

I know obviously you guys don't have an answer from Joel in terms of his future, but given the amount of resources dedicated to the offensive line that you guys have obviously done, is there anything to read into there?
"I wouldn't say so. I think when we've been at our best, when we had the best unit in the league, we were deep. It wasn't just quality, but it was depth as well. And so there are a couple positions that once you get past this time of the year, you just can't acquire until really the next offseason. And then the offensive line position group, that's one of those spots. So when we can add players, the bigger guys that are hard to find, you know, we'll do that."

When you were talking about Parker (Brailsford), when you drafted him, I think you said something like, 'he's exactly what you're looking for'. What is it about him? And is the weight any concern for you at all?
"Hop's even probably best at saying this, like, if you didn't know, you wouldn't be able to tell with his play. But really the bigger thing is, and you could see it when we had J.C. (Tretter) here, when we had Nick Harris when he was healthy, and then in Baltimore when

they had, you know, Tyler Linderbaum, the centers that can pull and work at the second level and get to the perimeter because of their athleticism and speed, they give you a lot of optionality in the run game. And that's something that Parker does very well. So we're excited about that part of his profile."

You talk about maybe the makeup of your quarterback room right now. Obviously, two really young guys, three now really young guys, two that have some experience, and then (QB) Deshaun (Watson) just overall, just the makeup, the energy of the room.
"Yeah, I mean, I think the three guys that we've had here have worked really hard and they've got along really well. We've been really pleased with the early part of the offseason program, and we think Taylen (Green) will really fit in nicely just because of how he's wired, his work ethic. So we're looking forward to seeing that group progress over the course of the spring and summer."

Do you feel like Deshaun, I know he was a really good mentor to the younger guys last year. Do you think he'll be good for someone like Taylen with his Pro Bowl background and all of that?
"Deshaun's great with his teammates, and I'd imagine that would continue to be the case. So that group, they work together really well and they get along really well."

At this stage of the draft, how much does a guy, sort of in relation to Justin Jefferson, how much does a guy having that special team's quality and that as a characteristic in their game, maybe like, boost them on your board or sort of fit into the picture, when you're thinking about value at this stage.
"It's definitely a factor. It's not a one size fits all approach. I think with Justin (Jefferson), he's a DNA match for this defense because, we'll prioritize speed, range, athleticism, and sacrifice a little bit of size because of how we play, but then also, his ability in the kicking game is certainly a bonus because it gives a relatively high floor for his year one role."

You told us right into the season that the offseason is going to be mostly about the offense and the resources. I'm just wondering when you were interviewing Todd and talking to Todd before he got the job, how much of that was a discussion topic on how you're going to fix it and exactly how he thought you might be able to fix it?
"Yeah, we were transparent with all the candidates we talked to about that part of it. We were honest with where we were in our roster's life cycle and said, 'hey, look here's how we've positioned ourselves going into this year and here's how we generally anticipate deploying the assets.' So that's something that we're very open at, I think, to accept a job this big as a head coach in the NFL. When you're walking to a team with transition, like, you have to have visibility in terms of what that'll look like moving forward."

Andrew, you had some, not draft related, but you had a group of players in for tryouts during the involuntary minicamp. Are you planning on keeping some around, continuing those tryouts, signing any of them?
"We have not signed any today. That's probably 'TBD'. I would not anticipate that we're signing any veterans in the short term, but it's something that we could revisit as we get through draft week and as we get through the undrafted free agent signing process."

Andrew, does Taylen Green then complete the quarterback room?
"Yes. You know what, let me back up. I have learned the hard way not to say anything definitively. The current plan is that we would roll with those four. I can't predict if something else comes up. So, yes, that would be the intention."

He has started so many games and college has been around for a long time and he's played a lot of football. How did that maybe sort of factor into your decision?
"You know, it's part of the equation, Mary Kay (Cabot). But I wouldn't say that it was by any means, like the heaviest weight or the

driving force behind the decision. But yeah, it does play a role in."

Feel like you construct, like through the draft, through the offseason, construct this offensive line to make it conducive to a (LG) Joel (Bitonio) return if he decides that he wants to come back.
"I'll put it this way, we'll never run away from good players."

Of all your picks, which is the most surprising to you that you got?
"That's a great question, Jeff (Schudel). Honestly, it's Eman (Emmanuel McNeil-Warren). Like, it's Emmanuel. That's the one that I wouldn't have anticipated that he would have been available where we selected him."

So when you entered this weekend, did you think you were going to take Taylen?
"I would say this, I don't know that you can predict day three of the draft. We knew that quarterback could have been one of the positions as we thought through how day three could play out, that we could make a selection. And he was certainly in the pool of quarterbacks that could come into consideration depending on how the board fell. But you can't be so strict with your planning because you just don't control how the names come off the board."

QB Taylen Green
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Hey, Taylen, just wondering, what do you think you can add to the quarterback room here? You know, coming in with, your size and all that kind of stuff and your dual threat ability. What do you see as your opportunity when, you know that Deshaun (Watson) is here and Shedeur (Sanders) and Dillion (Gabriel) sort of. How do you fit in?
"Yeah, I mean, kind of like what you said, my size and my athletic ability, my arm strength and just my versatility that I'm bringing to the quarterback room. Like you said, it's a deep quarterback room, and I'm just excited to compete and get out there and to learn. They got experience or a lot of experience, especially Deshaun in the NFL. So, I'm just going to take everything in and hit the ground running and just be excited and put my best foot forward and get to work. So, I'm just glad for opportunity."

Hey, Taylen, I want to ask you about Todd Monken and just your interactions pre-draft with him and what you know about him and, the work he's done previously with quarterbacks, throughout his career.
"Yeah, I mean, his resume is really deep and it speaks for itself, what he did with Lamar Jackson in Baltimore, his best year in throwing the ball, just using his athletic ability. We played with the same OC (Bobby Petrino) in college, me and Lamar. So, he understands what Lamar is going through and just and how to get the best out of him. So, I'm just grateful to do that in Cleveland. So, I'm just excited and excited to be developed and excited to learn ball."

Taylen, as you get excited to be developed and you think about the Browns and how they've really focused on revamping the entire offense across the board in all positions, does that add a little extra excitement knowing that this is a part of the team that they really need to improve and they're putting so much, pouring so many resources into making a better product for next year and moving forward.
"Yeah, I mean, definitely it's exciting. It's new faces and a new opportunity, a new era. So, a lot of pieces, like you said to this team. So, we just got to come together as one and put a new product out there and just be great each and every day."

Hey Taylen, were you worried as it got into the sixth round that you might not be drafted?
"Not really. I'm a firm believer in everything happens for a reason and, just all part of God's plan. You know, I'm not going to sit here and say I was happy to go this late, but at the same time, I'm still grateful for it and for Cleveland, for picking me. I'm just gonna

continue to have that chip on my shoulder and not be complacent and to be the hardest worker and to get there and to learn and be a sponge and, like I said, just compete. So definitely a cool experience having my family around and having a celebration and all that. But at the same time, I'm watching my teammates get called and that's getting me excited as well."

Taylen, I'm sure you're happy to know that the Browns intend to develop you as a quarterback. I wonder, were other teams considering other positions for you?
"No, sir. You know, it was quarterback talks. I've been getting those talks since I can remember when I was in Pee-wee or when I was in middle school or high school. So, I've always been used to the noise and all that. You have to tune it out and you gotta have a deep confidence and a deep belief in yourself."

Taylen, can you address what is your familiarity with Shedeur Sanders? Do you guys know each other very well? Have you been around each other at other places or whatnot? And how do you sort of feel about coming in here and having him be one of the people that you will be working alongside, but also competing with for a job?
"Yeah, I mean, I know of him. I don't have a personal relationship with him. He played high school in Texas, so we went to similar camps, the UA All American camps and things like that. That's how I know of him. But, like I said, I don't have a personal relationship, but what he did at Colorado and what he did last year was really good. And like I said, I'm just really excited to work with him and to pick things up from him and everybody in the quarterback room because they were very successful, not just in college, but in the NFL as well."

Hey, Taylen, as you went through this whole draft process, what was kind of the feedback you got from coaches and teams as far as how they thought they would develop you once they got you in the NFL?
"Yeah, just really clean up my footwork. That's where it starts. It all starts with your feet and your eyes tie with it. So just being on the same timing with my feet to my eyes, being on the same timing with my footwork and my eyes. And like I said, like, everybody knows the turnovers just has to get down a little bit. So just having the same mindset as the team, as the ball and just check downs is a good play also. So, you know, checking the ball down and give it to my running back, whoever, or the tight end, and then let them get some yards as well."

Taylen, you sort of touched on Coach (Bobby) Petrino - playing for him, what were you able to gain and how did help maybe prepare you for this next step?
"Oh, he prepared me a lot. He's definitely hard on me. You know, he definitely demands a lot. He demands perfection. He's gonna let me know, you know, when I do that, when I don't do that, you know, so I'm definitely grateful to have that opportunity. And the thing about Coach Petrino, he's gonna teach his quarterback the offense, and he's going to teach not just the offense, but about ball in general. Like, he's going to tell you the whys, why we're doing this check while we're doing this run scheme or pass scheme versus certain looks. So, his knowledge of the game is second to none, I believe in the college realm. So, I'm just, like I said, I'm just blessed to being coached by him for two years. I learned a lot, just from the two years that I got to be coached by him."

Taylen, we know that quarterback is known as the most important position on any team. Andrew Berry just said it. And so all eyes are going to be on your room. So, for you, what's the first thing that you want fans to know about you as you enter Cleveland, enter the Dawg Pound?
"I mean, kind of like you said, Dawg Pound, I'm a Dawg. I'm a competitor. I'm gonna do whatever it takes to win, whatever it takes to get that first down, whatever it takes to score. You know, honestly, if that's laying my shoulder down to get a first down or if that's, hurdling somebody, I'm gonna make sure I put my team in the best place to win. And I have the opportunity to do it, so I'm gonna give all I have, you know, all my might and all I got into it, so that's what I want to let the franchise and let the fans know."

Head Coach Todd Monken
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Hello Todd, if you don't mind starting off with what did you think of the acquisition of Taylen Green, and what can he do for you guys? What does he add to your quarterback room?
"I just think at that point in the draft, and again I think Andrew (Berry) can speak to this more than I can, but you're looking for players that have traits, elite traits which he has. Something you think you can work with and give yourself a chance to develop. You hear some great things from not only when he was at Boise, Arkansas, in terms of how he's wired, and so we're just looking forward to get to work with him."

Todd, I know you previously said that like holding like a four-way quarterback competition isn't ideal, and Andrew kind of indicated that he needs some polish for this game. But do you feel comfortable with like the plan going forward to not only hold this quarterback competition but to get all the quarterbacks the reps that they need, the young ones to develop?
"Well, let's just talk about what competition means at every position. Every player that's going to be a part of our roster is going to be competing, right? Whoever we bring in, starting with rookie minicamp and then OTAs, mandatory minicamp, and then training camp. But as we've spoken before, at any position that doesn't mean equal reps. There has to be some form of a depth chart per say. Everybody has a chance to compete. They just, they're not always going to get equal reps, if that makes sense. You know, it's what is a competition. Every guy that's in training camp, every guy that's part of the roster, the amount of reps they get that's to be determined."

Todd, how playing the last couple years for Taylen under Bob (Petrino), in Bobby's system, how has that sort of gotten him prepared for this level in terms of what he does schematically, what he asks his quarterbacks to do within that system?
"Well, first off, Coach did a great job of adapting, which really good coordinators do, they adapt. You know, if you look at quarterbacks that Coach Petrino's had in the past compared to this young man, different. They did a great job of adapting to his strengths and you can see that. But I'm sure there were still core principles of the expectations that he has for their quarterbacks, and you could see the development over the few years you know, from when he was at Boise, really developed as a passer, you could see that. Always has been able to run, and you can see that in statistics. You can see when he was at Boise, how few times they threw it compared to where they were in Arkansas, how they felt more comfortable with his ability to throw the football down the field."

Todd, with Taylen, Andrew made it clear that you guys view him as a quarterback first, but as the offensive mind that you are, do you sort of envision, or what are some of the other ways that you feel like maybe you can get him involved and get the ball in his hands given the skill set that you highlight?
"Well, that remains to be determined. I will say this, that it is very difficult to be elite at one position in the NFL, let alone two, and teams are starting to find that out."

Todd, with obviously your long-time reputation as a really good quarterback tutor guru, how eager are you to get your hands on a quarterback like this with such raw physical ability and just almost kind of mold him into whatever he can kind of be?
"Well, I mean we're excited about any player that we get. I wouldn't just single out him per se, other than we're excited with a skill set and Coach (Mike) Bajakian's excited to add someone with his traits that we're hopeful to be able to get on the field and see what we got."

When you look at your offense now, the players you have now, compared to when the draft started, do you see how your playbook could open up more, especially with the two receivers you got?

"Not yet, haven't seen them yet. Will have a better idea once they get here. Am I excited? Yes. I'm excited about the work that Andrew has done thus far. We have another pick left in this draft. I think it's been a great draft, but what matters is now, once they get here and then how we develop them and how we put them in the right places to let their talent shine."

Todd, with your approach specifically to the player development across the board, this strap feels like so many of these guys have a lot of versatility. How does that play into your approach when you're looking to develop a young player, when they have played multiple positions, when they have that versatility as one of their skill sets that they're praised about?
"Well, I think a huge strength of a player is versatility and it's going to happen that way in the draft. Andrew and I were talking about that in the draft room of why certain linemen go higher in the draft than others. Is it a center only? Is it a guard only? Is it a tackle, we don't see their body type as a guard. Obviously tackles are going to go sooner. Versatility wise is a wide tight end that can block and also attack you vertically and separate. So all of that comes into play. But until we get those players here, we get a chance to work with them, I don't know that yet. But we are excited about what we've seen on film and the anticipation that we can move them and have some flexibility in the spots that they play."

Going back to Taylen, you talked about the rare traits and so did Andrew. How extra rare maybe to see it from a guy that size, I think he's close to 6'6"?
"Well, you're exactly right because those guys are playing basketball. I mean you're seeing them on the basketball court here. You're not seeing them play football or at least not at that position. You'll see some taller wideouts that you'll get. But at quarterback you don't see that very often for sure."

Todd, you guys have three obviously very young quarterbacks now that you're going to be working on developing. And last year these guys had to do two-spotting in practice and some different things. Do you think that will make it, kind of easier on you guys as a staff knowing that they had to kind of do that last year and will you do some of that? Will you try some two-spotting and whatnot to get these guys up to speed?
"Oh yeah, two-spotting isn't new and it's not just for the quarterbacks, it's for all of your players. Toughest part is you have to divide up the staff. Your staff has to be willing to understand that you're not gonna - when you're territorial as a coach, like you're gonna have to allow the strength of our staff to split up and allow our guys to get reps. So ultimately, we'll end up two-spotting. And having a number of quarterbacks helps that. But I'm excited for all the players on the roster to be able two-spot and evaluate every single one of them."

When you look at Parker (Brailsford), Andrew (Berry) mentioned how he thinks he's a perfect fit with your scheme. What is it about his skill set that matches what you want from that center position?
"Well, you prefer a center with elite athleticism, enough size and power to not get overwhelmed inside. Now that's in a perfect world, obviously, who doesn't want big, fast, smart, tough at every position, obviously. When you watch him on tape, you would not see the size deficiency. You'd see an athletic, powerful, uses his hands well against the best competition that you can find in college football. So, we were ecstatic when he was there and were able to pick and we had him here for our 30 visit and I know Coach (George) Warhop is excited about not only him, but all three of the guys that we've got that'll be here in a week. No, two weeks, we go two weeks later."

On night one, I know we talked to you after the first pick. We didn't talk to you after the KC (Concepcion) was taken. How much of coming from Baltimore of Zay Flowers do you kind of see in the terms of what you might have in his offense?
"Well, first of all, I love Zay Flowers. He is an elite, elite player and an unbelievable person and works awfully hard at it. And from the moment he got there, he popped, the way he played, his personality, his charisma, you know, he brings some to the table. I

don't know yet what KC's skill set is. I think there are some traits that are similar to that. But I love when people spoke about KC, it reminded me of Zay in that, in terms of how he practiced, what he brings in every day. And if you're looking for that comparison, that I can compare, I believe he's going to bring that like Zay did."

Could you see Taylen getting like a - I know we're putting the cart before the horse, maybe a little bit, but with somebody that has that kind of he's rushed for 35 touchdowns, whatnot. Could you put a package in at some point during the season and try to utilize some of that raw athletic ability that he has for converting a fourth down or doing whatever?

"There's some of that and that remains to be seen. Certainly, when you have a player with those kinds of traits, when can you utilize those? Obvious reasons - short yardage, goal line, four-minute, critical times when you've got to be able to run the ball and the defense is going to have an extra element in the box, having an athletic quarterback can be critical to having success. So, if he's able to do that, then we'll certainly put him in a position if we think that can help us win a game for sure. Because it certainly adds some value with his ability to throw it, compared when you get in those situations as opposed to having to go Wildcat. It's not that Q (Quinshon Judkins) can't throw it, but I would doubt he can throw it as well, as the young man we just took. He probably can't run it like Q can, but having the ability to still throw it. And that's part of the intrigue when you take a player with those kinds of traits when they start off as what can they do very athletically and then how can you develop the other parts of their game?"