



**BUCCANEERS OPEN LOCKER ROOM QUOTES
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DE GAINES ADAMS

(On how often defensive players are told to look for turnovers)

"In every sentence, it seems like. But that's the name of the game on defense, getting the ball, just trying to get the ball back to the offense. We've got a great offense here and the only thing we're trying to do is get them the ball."

(On if you have to pressure Jay Cutler)

"Oh, most definitely. He's a mobile quarterback. He's got great speed and a great arm. And you can't forget about the offensive line that he has. So we're going to have our hands full this week and we've got to prepare hard this week and hopefully we can succeed."

LB DERRICK BROOKS

(On facing the number-one ranked offense in the league)

"Well we accept the challenge, first and foremost. Going on the road, defensively we know that we have to step up and take the bull by the horn. There is no bigger challenge. Playing Denver, the few times that we played them, their offense has always been ranked very high. So we accept the challenge, and we are just going to go up there and do our best to out execute them with our coverage. Gang-tackling will be big, a lot of their yards come after the receivers get the ball, they make a lot of yards after the catch, and the running backs are the same way. Their quarterback has a cannon of the arm, very athletic kid. They are at home so it will be on us going up and we accept the challenge."

WR ANTONIO BRYANT

(On working with Brian Griese)

"Brian sees a lot on the field, he sees a lot of things in the plays, a lot of guys running routes that usually don't have opportunities to get the ball so that makes for great options for our team down the line."

C JEFF FAINE

(On committing turnovers)

"It is huge, it's huge. We have something that we need to fix. It is something that we can't live with and it is something that we are really on the edge, and really going back and forth with possibly

losing a game because of it. It is something that we have to fix, and we have to fix it quick. If we keep playing like that through the season it will catch up with us.”

(On playing in Denver)

“Actually I have never played in Denver, this is my first chance. I have heard everything, it is all that is advertised and it a tough place to play. The fans are fanatics there and I am looking forward to it.”

RB EARNEST GRAHAM

(On facing the Denver defense)

“I am sure they know that everybody in the league is watching that game and thinking that they can go in and run the ball against them so they are trying to improve just like we are going to try and improve on the things that we need to. That doesn’t have anything to do with us, we still have our work cut out for us and we have to go in there and play against a tough team.”

(On if the Bucs want to get the running game going first)

“When the game comes, usually whatever plan you had somewhat goes out the window and you have to be able to make plays during the game. Whatever presents itself, we have to be ready for that.”

(On Coach Gruden’s confidence in him)

“Yea it is good to hear him say things like that. I don’t care if people really know about me we are winning. I am just out here playing football so if any of the recognition or anything comes doesn’t matter to me, as long as we keep winning I am fine.”

(On if he feels more comfortable getting more carries)

“I wouldn’t say I need more carries, when the opportunity presents itself for us to make a play, we need to be able to make a play, whether that is on 10 carries, 15 carries, 20 carries, 25 carries. We had a chance to do that the last couple of weeks, me and Warrick, we had 36 carries combined so we are getting a good amount of work so I am happy with that. Two weeks ago we made a lot out of a little bit so we can make plays no matter what we are given, it doesn’t matter.”

(On if he's been given advice about playing in Denver's thin air)

“They say it’s kind of hard to breathe up there, as it is here sometimes when it’s muggy down here. That’s just something we have to get over. Guys have to come down here and get over the environment down here. It’s just an obstacle for us. We’ll be able to do it.”

QB BRIAN GRIESE

(On going back to Denver)

“It’s going to be great I think. I am really looking forward to it. I spent quite a bit of time back in Denver running a charity back there and know quite a few people in the community, love the community in Denver and had some good years there. I think it will be a lot of fun for our team to go on the road in a hostile environment and play and it will be a lot of fun for me with a lot of familiar faces not necessarily on the team anymore I think now that Rod Smith is gone and Tom Nalen are gone. They were the last two holdovers. But it will be fun for me personally to go back and compete in that environment.”

(On what will be different going back to Denver as opposed to going back to Chicago)

“They are similar. I think that the only difference is that I have a home in Denver and I do a lot of work there, so I know quite a few people in the community that I work with on the charitable side of things. From that standpoint I think it will be nice for me to go back and for them, a lot of people are going to the game and coming to support obviously the Broncos but also to support ‘Judi’s

House' at the same time, so it is kind of nice."

(On if it has been a reunion tour for him)

"Yeah it's been fun. It's been interesting. Chicago is different because I knew all the players on the team. I don't know any of the players on the Broncos team other than I think Ben Hamilton is still there and he is a guard that was there when I was playing. Obviously the coaching staff, I know a lot of the front office people. It will be different but I think it will be a lot of fun like I said."

(On what Jon Gruden told him behind closed doors about his performance that he didn't say publicly)

"He doesn't have to say anything to me. I understand that you can't turn the football over in this business and be successful on an extended period of time. We have done some things in the past two weeks to overcome that. That has been the name of the game but for me going forward, I plan on fixing those mistakes and I really feel that I am playing well in a lot of different situations but there are two or three throws that are here or there that I want to have back and I just have to eliminate those things and I will. Throughout my career I've taken a lot of pride in being an efficient quarterback and that just hasn't been the past two weeks. It hasn't correlated now. That is what I plan on getting back to because that is what I think this team needs."

(On the altitude having an affect when playing in Denver)

"I heard that when I played in Denver and I was always expecting to see guys breathing really hard on defense when I was playing there. I don't know how much of an effect it really had. Now I haven't been there in a while so maybe it is going to affect me. I don't know we will see. I think that we are in really good shape here, working out in the heat and the humidity so I think we will be fine."

WR IKE HILLIARD

(On the Broncos' low-ranked defense)

"Them being 3-1, I really don't think the stats matter. The fact of the matter is that they're a good football team. They present a lot of problems because they have a multiple-set defensive package. We have to account for every look that they have. With that being said, we've got to get a lot of reps, whether it's at practice or walk-through, to try to come out of this and be prepared."

(On overcoming turnovers to win)

"That's a couple weeks in a row now that we've not taken care of the football like we need to. That's something that we've got to get corrected. We focus on it a lot here, so to have that put on film is not a situation that we want to present. As a man and as a team, I think each and every individual is doing their part to right the situation. We've got to make better decisions, we've got to run better routes and we've got to protect better. We're intent on doing that."

DT CHRIS HOVAN

(On the Broncos offense)

"Well, they have Jay Cutler and Brandon Marshall, a great one-two threat right there. They have a great running zone scheme that was utilized back when the Broncos won the Super Bowls. They do a lot of the zone cutbacks where they try to get guys to force their way on one end of the field and then they cutback on the other side of the field. Mike Shanahan's very smart. He's a great offensive coordinator, a great head coach. He's been around the league for a while and there is a reason why he's been around. We have to get ready for a very potent offensive attack."

(On the conflicting numbers with the Broncos having the number one offense and allowing the fewest sacks)

"They're just game planning certain teams. They're finding the weaknesses in the coverage and

in the run fronts and they're really capitalizing on it. Give credit to the Denver coaching staff. If the plays out there, they're making it. But, it's up to us this weekend to eliminate that and really shut down their offense."

(On if his preparations for this week are similar to when playing Drew Brees)

"Well, they have some similarities. I mean Drew Brees, he's a proven vet. He's one of the better quarterbacks in the league. Jay Cutler is an up and coming quarterback. He's really come on last year and the beginning of this season. There are some similarities in the quarterback position. Their explosive, both teams, but I think each team has their own nuances that we have to get ready to game plan and get ready for."

WR DEXTER JACKSON

(On the difference between college and the NFL)

"Just the speed of the game, the older guys are stronger, the vision, the way they prepare for the game is totally different than college."

(On if he ever doubted himself)

"No not really because I know being a rookie you are going to through some down time and face adversity. You just have to stay hungry and have teammates pick you up and believe in the team and be your best."

(On taking what Coach Gruden says and turning it into a positive)

"I like it. Coach always told me if he doesn't get on you that's a bad thing if he doesn't get on you so the more pressure, the better."

S TANARD JACKSON

(On QB Jay Cutler's development in the last year)

"He spreads the ball around. He's hitting tight ends. He's hitting his receivers. He's hitting the backs coming out of the backfield. That's one thing I see he does well is spread the ball around."

(On why the Broncos are so successful right now)

"We all know the system (Head Coach Mike) Shanahan runs all day. It has been successful for years. You can take it back to Elway days and it's been successful. It's the system and I think it is a little bit of the players too this year. They have some playmakers on the offensive side of the ball and you have to play them honest."

(On the Broncos vulnerability)

"I haven't seen any. I haven't seen any yet this week. Like I said, you have to play them honest and that's why our playmakers have to overmatch their playmakers."

(On if he's been impressed with the Broncos receivers)

"Yes, they run good routes. They're very good after the catch, yards after the catch. They like to get up field and they can create more opportunities after they get the ball in their hands. We just have to limit those, make sure they limit the gains to a minimum and we should be fine."

LB BARRETT RUUD

(On the development of Denver QB Jay Cutler)

"He's doing well. First of all he's got a great coach, Mike Shanahan always does a great job of game planning. He gets open receivers for him and the other thing is that he has a cannon. He has a really strong arm and he's got confidence with it so he tries to put it in tight spaces."

(On if when he prepares for Cutler he feels like he is preparing for a guy like Saints QB Drew Brees)

"No. Each week is different. You can't really say that this quarterback is alike. They are all a little bit different. Peyton Manning is different than Tom Brady. Cutler is different to because it's a little different offense. The thing with him is that he has a real strong arm and he is confident right now. It's a pretty similar game plan each week; our focus is stopping the run first and then going to the pass after that."

(On how important it is to make an early defensive stand to quiet the stadium)

"We think it is always important. We think that no matter where we are at it's always the number one priority, for us at least. If we can get stops and turnovers and scores ourselves it makes everything a lot easier."

(On what Kansas City did last week to earn the win over Denver)

"They just played sound defense really. They didn't do anything unreal, they didn't come up with any elaborate schemes they just were in their gaps and they did what they were supposed to do. They did their job and there weren't any breakdowns. They made Denver earn all their points. They (Denver) are a good offense they are going to get some stuff but the key is going to make them earn all their yards."

CB AQIB TALIB

(On the Denver team being potent)

"Very potent. Good receivers, good line, good quarterback, good running game, and good passing game. It will be a big challenge for us."

(On Brandon Marshall)

"Yes, definitely Marshall and Eddie Royal, tight end. They use everybody, so you can't just pinpoint one person. You really have to be on your game."

(On the need for pressure up front to shut down the Broncos)

"That's kind of the goal when you go in to every game. Stop the run, get pressure on the quarterback and you should have a pretty good game."

(On the Broncos turning the ball over)

"That's what we've been doing. We've been getting turnovers every week. That's what we are going to try to continue to do. It will be a tough game."

DE GREG WHITE

(On how big the pressure up front is to creating turnovers)

"It's big. It's big, as you can tell. We're playing well together, the guys, the green team, the guys subbing in. We're doing real well right now as a team."

(On how the Bucs match up with the Broncos offensive line)

"I think every offensive line we match up well against. There are obviously some teams, some linemen that are Pro Bowlers and whatnot, but we accept the challenge."

(On what Kansas City did to slow down the Broncos' offense)

"Any given Sunday. You don't take anything for granted. They're the number-one rated offense and they played like it last week, but whatever happened it just didn't pan out. It's another good week for us."

(On what he likes about Jay Cutler)

"I like his attitude. He just doesn't... I'm not going to say he doesn't care, he's just a very confident guy, and I like that about him. It's good for him. He's going to compete."

(On what's better about his pass rush this season)

"I don't think it has anything to do so much with my pass rush. It's just my conditioning, getting ready and stuff like that. Like I was doing running last year, but I'm doing more running this year because I'm doing it at a linebacker level instead of a D-line level. I'm just trying to get better, constantly, every week, better."

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