



**BUCCANEERS QB BRIAN GRIESE QUOTES  
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**QB BRIAN GRIESE**

**(On when he found out he was the starter)**

"Coach called me in yesterday, and we had a conversation about it. He just explained that I was going to play this week, and I expressed to him my excitement and the fact that I would be ready to go. He wanted to know if I would be ready to go and I told him I would, and that was the extent of it."

**(On the opportunity to start for the Buccaneers again)**

"When I left here in 2005 I really had unfinished business the way I look at it. It really hurt when I was injured and didn't have a chance to come back. I knew we had a good team and that stung. Ever since that point I wanted the opportunity to come back and finish that business and that is how I am going to approach this, as a continuation of what I started and hopefully go out and play the best football that I can play."

**(On having something to prove)**

"Honestly, I loved being here the first time I was here. Everything from being in this system, to being around the guys, to being around the people in this organization, to being in this town, I really loved every part of that. I am just excited and thankful that I am back in this position because a lot of times you don't get back. Trust me when I say that I won't take that for granted."

**(On if he thinks this could be long term)**

"I don't really look at it either way. I look at it as we are 0-1 and we didn't play as well as we could have played last week, at all positions. I look at it as an opportunity to go out and get this thing back on track. It is just one game but I think this is a big game for us. To think about anything other than that really wouldn't do it justice, to be honest."

**(On getting back into a rhythm)**

"I really can't afford to take anytime to get back into it, I just have to hit the ground running. I am going to do everything that I can this week in preparation, so that on Sunday I really can hit the ground running and be up to speed, because there is no room for error right now."

**(On working with WR Joey Galloway)**

"I think that the one unique thing is that I do have a relationship with Joey, going back a ways. I threw a lot of balls to him in my career, so I would lean on that. He is a unique individual when you are throwing the ball to him, so I understand that. In the next two days we will try to get as much work as we can, and then go out and do the best that we can."

**(On what fans may not remember about him)**

"I don't know if they remember a whole lot from three years ago. I am the same guy, I know my

strengths and I know my weaknesses and I am going to try and play to those strengths. I am not going to play outside of myself or try to be somebody that I am not because I really don't believe that this offense needs that. I think that if I just play my game and get us into good positions offensively and then the guys and the talent that we on this offense will make plays. At the end of the day that is what we have to do, make plays."

**(On being mentally tough as a quarterback)**

"You know the hardest thing that I have ever had to do is to be in that backup position and to prepare like you are going to be out there playing in the game. There is a lot that goes into it, a lot of sacrifice during the week, you are away from your family, you are spending time in a dark room watching film and studying. Then on Sunday, all that work that you put in, you don't have an opportunity to go out there and take the test, you are not guaranteed that and that is a very tough thing to go through mentally. I have been through that. For me, that is the toughest thing, and that is why I think a lot of guys get caught off guard when their number is called. The opportunity presents itself and they don't take advantage."