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MIAMI DOLPHINS QUOTES

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Defensive Tackle Davon Godchaux

(What would be your ideal role here with the Dolphins that would play to your skills? Run stopper or three-down player? What do you think?) – “Basically, just kind of like whatever position they want me to play. Whatever role they want me to play, I’m going to play it. I’m going to play it to the best of my abilities.”

(What are your best assets as a football player?) – “I feel like a run stopper and a pass rusher. I could do both. Like I said, whatever role they need me to play, I’m willing to play whatever to contribute to the team.”

(What have been your first impressions of Head Coach Adam Gase and his personality, his style?) – “Very cool, very laid back. (He doesn’t) have too many rules but the rules that he does have, he expects you to abide by them. So that’s what I like about Coach Gase.”

(Did you ever go against T Laremy Tunsil in college?) – “Not really go against him but we played against him. (It was) more like a defensive end was going against him. I was playing kind of a three-technique against them, but he’s a very athletic, strong guy.”

(Have you interacted with any of the veterans here at all by phone or by running into them? Have you gotten any kind of sense from them about what this is like?) – “Yes, I talked to Ndamukong Suh after the draft. I talked to Ryan Tannehill. Somebody told me that Jarvis Landry was looking for me, but I talked to Suh and Tannehill after the draft.”

(What did DT Ndamukong Suh convey to you?) – “Basically just be ready to come in, play, do your role and learn – shut your mouth up and learn.”





(What about C/G Anthony Steen? Did you get the best of him when it was Alabama-LSU?) – “No comment on that one. (laughter)”

(So it’s obvious that DT Ndamukong Suh would reach out to you but the quarterback of the team, was that a little surprising to you?) – “No, because that’s his job. He’s a leader. He’s a leader. He leads all of the guys. Everybody (follows) after the quarterback, so I wasn’t surprised at all.”

(Did DT Ndamukong Suh text you or call you?) – “He texted me and told me to call him and I gave him a phone call. We chatted on the phone for a little bit.”

(Was it friendly?) – “Yes, it was very friendly. I was surprised. (laughter)”

(LSU Defensive Coordinator Dave Aranda, I texted with him and he said that you bought into the style of play as it relates to run technique and fundamentals. Can you tell me about how you evolved as a player during your college career?) – “First of all, Coach Dave Aranda is a great guy. He’s probably the best defensive coordinator I played with in college football, just his scheme and everything he did. A lot of people didn’t see all of the stuff that I did but I freed up Duke Riley and Kendall Beckwith a lot to make a lot of plays with their abilities, just the run

scheme, getting off the ball (and) being a pass rusher in a 3-4 defense. It was a lot of reading and then attacking, but it was a 3-4 defense in Coach Aranda’s defense. I did a lot of great things.”

(Is it unusual coming here and not getting on the field, just being in a classroom....) - “That’s the job now. (We’re) just learning the playbook and getting around the coaches, learning the strength and conditioning, just learning all of that. It’s your job now. Either do it or go home.”

(Have you thought about or have you and DT Vincent Taylor talked about ... It’s a unique opportunity you have here. You’re both third-day picks and yet you’re going to a team that doesn’t have a ton of defensive tackle depth. Have you and Vincent talked about that? Have you thought about it? How exciting is that?) – “I haven’t thought about it but everybody’s going to compete. I’m here to compete with everybody, just to play with my teammates and get the best of out of each and every one.”

(Leading up to your interactions with the Dolphins before the draft, you had an off-field incident last year. How thoroughly or how deep did they go with you trying to investigate that?) – “I’m pretty sure everybody went deep because you’re



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investing millions of dollars into a player. So I'm pretty sure everybody went deep and had to find out the details; but that's the past. I'm

past that situation. I'm just ready to move on and be a Miami Dolphin."

(Have you signed yet?) – "No, sir."

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