

## **ARIZONA CARDINALS**

### **DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR BILL DAVIS (BD)**

#### **DISCUSSING 204<sup>th</sup> OVERALL PICK-OLB WILL DAVIS AND THE 131<sup>st</sup> OVERALL PICK-CB GREG TOLER**

##### **On how this pick compares to last year's sixth-round pick, Chris Harrington:**

**(BD):** "The difference between Will Davis and Chris is that Will Davis' number one skill is pass rushing, where Chris was a little bit more in the run, effort and dropping. Those things we thought Chris could do. What we looked for here was a pass-rusher first. He's an undersized end for the 4-3 scheme, so he's a young outside backer that we can groom to learn how to play from a two-point stance and drop. On third down, he's already built to come out and rush from the edge. He's shown the ability to do that. Will was hampered this year with an ankle injury, I believe, and his sack production was down, but you could still see the skill level on film. In '07, he had, I believe 8.5 or nine sacks, when he was healthy. So, we're excited about the potential there. He's a good character young man. He's a converted tight end. He's a two-and-a-half year starter, but again, the whole draft has kind of held the theme of intelligent, athletic, high character players."

##### **On how he compares to second-round pick Cody Brown:**

**(BD):** "Cody had a little bit more production, overall, and has a little bit more of the drop skills, probably. But at the end of the day, this draft is funny in how you take guys at different slots. You get them here, you get through mini-camps, the OTA's and the training camps, and before long you don't know who you drafted in the second and who you drafted in the seventh. It's whose better, and where their skill level is. They're similar in their skill level. They've done more rushing than they've done dropping. They'll both start on the depth chart as third-teamers, and they'll try to pass up the older, veteran, outside, established linebackers that we have. We look forward to a lot of great competition there. They also, in the special teams aspect of it, you've got two guys that should stand out in Cody and Will. You have big bodies that are running down field and covering kicks, and that is something you always covet on special teams, is a big body that can run and handle himself in space, which we believe both of these guys can do."

##### **On fourth-round pick Greg Toler:**

**(BD):** "I'm real excited about Greg. He came in here, and we had dinner with him. We brought him in and had an outstanding interview with him, as far as the character of man he is. He's from a real small school, so the film you watch on him, you really have to watch a lot of it, because it's a little bit different than what we're accustomed to. He had a good bowl game, really had some nice workouts. [Defensive backs coach] Teryl Austin went up and fell in love with him as an athlete, putting him through drills. He's a physical player. He's well-built. He ought to contribute in special teams, can play corner, and probably some nickel or dime for us. We're excited about Greg too."

##### **On how Toler's status rose:**

**(BD):** "He really rose. He wasn't at the combine. A handful of people went up to his workout, and I think that's when everyone started trying to grab that film. He's a well-built, thick, articulate young man. He's really grounded. I don't think it's going to be too

big for him. The biggest fear you have for these guys is, OK, they were playing at St. Paul's, and now all of a sudden you have to play against [Larry] Fitzgerald, Randy Moss, Anquan [Boldin]. Can you handle that big jump? It may take him some time to handle it, but the more you interview him, the more you see what makes him tick and what he's made of. You start to get the feeling that, while he may struggle early, eventually he'll say, 'I am good enough.' A lot like Dominique [Rodgers-Cromartie] did. We saw Dominique go through the same thing last year, looking around, big-eyed, 'oh my goodness, can I handle it?' But after time and enough reps, they say, 'I am good enough to handle this,' and then all of a sudden, it doesn't matter what school you came from, if you have the skill level."

**On how Toler did not seem to lack self-confidence:**

**(BD):** "No, he doesn't. That was impressive. It's not a cockiness that's kind of brash. It's not that. He's pretty grounded. He's got a real strong mother figure that he's real close with. He just seemed like he had his act together."