

**ARIZONA CARDINALS FIFTH-ROUND SELECTION  
167<sup>TH</sup> OVERALL  
OG HERMAN JOHNSON (HJ)-LSU**

**On if he is happy with where he was selected:**

**(HJ):** “I am just glad that I got picked. I told my agent that I am just looking to get drafted. I got drafted and I am excited. I didn’t really have a preference where I was going to be playing. I just wanted to get onto a team and be able to contribute early.”

**On playing on the same team with former LSU teammates and current Cardinals LB Ali Highsmith and WR Early Doucet:**

**(HJ):** “I am real excited. I spent time with them when they came (to Louisiana) during the season. When they came back to watch us play, I spent some time with them. I’m just real excited to get down there.”

**On following and emulating former Cardinals OL Leonard Davis:**

**(HJ):** “(I followed him) in a way because he was a big guy. When I was a little boy, everybody said ‘Leonard Davis is something special. You could be like him some day.’ He has always been one of my favorite players growing up watching on TV. He was an inspiration in a way. I really enjoyed watching him play.”

**On if he fell in the draft because teams may be concerned about his weight:**

**(HJ):** “I’m not sure what happened with that. I proved from the Senior Bowl to the combine to my pro day that I can manage my weight and everything. Whatever happened, happened. I am just excited that I got drafted.”

**On playing for Asst. Head Coach/Running Game Coordinator/Offensive Line coach Russ Grimm:**

**(HJ):** “I sat down with him and talked a lot at the combine. We sat and talked and joked around a little bit. He just kept telling me ‘I could coach you,’ and all this and that. We were just playing around. He said ‘you are a really good guy and I really enjoy you. I can coach you.’ We just had that little talking relationship while we were at the combine. I didn’t know that Arizona was going to draft me, but I am really excited and real anxious.”

**On being a part of this offense:**

**(HJ):** “I am just real excited. It’s something that I have been watching, and seeing everything. I am just real anxious to hurry up and get down there and get started.”

**On if he was ever really a “little boy”:**

**(HJ):** “I have always been big. Me and my dad watching the games with my friends, we would sit around and watch the games. Just sitting around and watching (Davis) play and hearing stuff about him as a kid, people would just tell me ‘you can play like him. You can be like him.’ That is how he became one of my favorite players.”

**On being born 15 pounds, 14 ounces, the largest even in Louisiana history:**

**(HJ):** “True story.”

**On how often he gets asked about being the largest baby born in state history:**

**(HJ):** “It comes up a lot. I’m used to it. It doesn’t really bother me. I have been hearing it all my life. I am fine with it.”