A CATCH OF THE YEAR.

IT'S A COMING-OUT PARTY FOR NIC DEMSKI.

FIRST CANADIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE MAJOR.

OH, WHAT A CATCH!

DID YOU SEE THAT?

ERLINGTON!

Farhan: IT HAS BEEN AN OFF-SEASON UNLIKE ANY OTHER.

PANDEMICS OR FINANCING.

TONIGHT IT'S ALL ABOUT HOPES AND DREAMS.

AT THE END OF THE NIGHT 73 YOUNG MEN WILL BE EXTREMELY HAPPY.

WE INVITE YOU INTO OUR LUFFING ROOMS WITH DAVIS SANCHEZ, DAVE NAYLOR AND DUANE FORDE.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL THE HEALTH CARE WORKERS ACROSS THIS COUNTRY DOING SO MUCH TO KEEP ALL OF US SAFE.

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SACRIFICE AND HOPE BETTER DAYS ARE AHEAD FOR ALL OF US.

I WANT TO ASK YOU, HOW MANY ARE WEARING PANTS?

WE KNOW THE COUNTRY IS RIVETED BY THAT QUESTION.

SO MANY QUESTIONS HEADING INTO THIS DRAFT, GUYS.

DUANE, START WITH YOU, WE HAD THE DISCUSSION THE TOP END OF THE DRAFT, PLAYERS BEGINNING THEIR CAREERNESS THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

THERE'S SO MUCH DEPTH IN THIS DRAFT, POTENTIALLY STARTING PLAYERS IN THE THIRD AND FOURTH ROUNDS.

WHERE'S THE DEPTH YOU SEE IT?
Duane: I think it’s an overall thing. It’s not necessarily the top end but there will be value as you get to the middle rounds of this draft.

Offensive line you get some of that, not in terms of immediate starters but guys that can develop into that over a couple years.

Defensive line position, the nontraditional defensive end spot.

We are seeing more of those guys with that athleticism to play there.

And same for the linebackers, an intriguing number of linebackers have a chance to make an impact in the Canadian Football League with athleticism early in their careers.

Farhan: We talk about athletes versus football players.

There was no combine this year. How does it affect this evaluation process?

Davis: The biggest thing is having guys move out of their comfort zone. Linebackers that look like they play a different spot.

Halfbacks playing a linebacker.

Offensive linemen.

The majority of the tackles in this draft would be guarded at the pro level.

Seeing how they adjust, that's the biggest adjustment for me.

Farhan: Dave, there's usually a lot of trade buzz.

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THERE, HAS THERE BEEN MUCH TRADE TALK?

>> Dave: TALKING TO TEAMS THIS AFTERNOON, IT WAS MORE EXPLORATORY OR SOMEONE MAY HAVE BEEN FISHING OR TROLLING TO SEE WHAT WAS OUT THERE. IT DOESN'T SOUND LIKE THERE WAS A LOT OF IMMINENT ACTIVITY. NOT SURE WHAT THEY'RE TRADING UP FOR.

IS HE SIX FEET OR 5'11". IT APPEARS, AND WE'LL SEE, THIS MAY BE A YEAR WHERE THERE'S A LOT LESS TEAMS MOVING FROM ONE POSITION TO ANOTHER DURING THE COURSE OF THE DRAFT. IT'S NOT HERE TONIGHT BUT HE DOES HAVE A MESSAGE TO OPEN THE DRAFT.

GOOD EVENING, AND WELCOME TO THE CFL DRAFT. A LIVE SPORTING EVENT, HOW AWESOME IS THAT?

I WANT YOU TO KNOW WE MISS YOU. LIKE YOU, WE CAN'T WAIT FOR TRAINING CAMP, FOR KICKOFF, FOR OUR STADIUMS TO COME ALIVE AGAIN.

WE'LL WAIT UNTIL THE EXPERTS TELL US IT'S TIME. WE NOT ONLY MISS YOU, WE LOVE YOU. WE WANT YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES TO BE SAFE AND HEALTHY. WE HAVE ALL BEEN REMINDED HOW FRAGILE LIFE CAN BE.

OUR HEARTS GO OUT TO ATLANTIC CANADA, A SPECIAL PART OF OUR CFL FAMILY.
WE ARE WITH YOU.
WE HAVE BEEN IN THE FACE OF SOMETHING SO SENSELESS AND TERRIBLE.
YOUR INCREDIBLE BEAUTY IS SHINING THROUGH.
OUR THOUGHTS ALSO WITH THOSE WHO HAVE LOST SOMEONE THEY LOVED DURING COVID-19.
WE THANK EVERYONE WORKING ON THE FRONT LINE, TRUCK DRIVERS, KURIORS, GROCERY STORE EMPLOYEES.
HOW YOU CAN HELP FIGHT HUNGER. PLEASE, IF YOU CAN, GIVE.
WE KNOW FROM EXPERIENCE YOU WILL.
THANK YOU TO THE NURSES, THE DOCTORS, ORDERLIES, SOCIAL WORKERS, EVERYONE IN OUR HEALTH CARE SYSTEM.
THAT BIG H ON THE SIDE OF EVERY HOSPITAL ALSO STANDS FOR HEROES.
THANK YOU TOO TO OUR LEADERS, MAYORS AND PREMIERS AND OUR PRIME MINISTER GUIDING US THROUGH THIS CRISIS.
AND TO ALL OF YOU, FOR THE SACRIFICES YOU ARE MAKING IN YOUR LOOVES TO MAKE YOU AND YOUR COMMUNITIES SAFE.
THIS PANDEMIC HAS AFFECTED ALL OF US, AND IT'S AFFECTING THE CFL.
BUT WE ARE COMMITTED TO THE FUTURE AND A BRIGHT FUTURE.
WE ARE DOING ALL WE CAN TO WEATHER THIS STORM, AND WE APPRECIATE YOU, OUR FANS, STICKING WITH US.
COVID-19 CAN MAKE US STAY AT HOME.
IT CAN MAKE US POSTPONE WHAT WE LOVE TO DO, BUT IT CAN'T CANCEL
OUR SPIRITS AND OUR HOPES AND OUR DREAMS.

TONIGHT IS A DREAM COME TRUE FOR A GROUP OF WONDERFUL ATHLETES, TO JOIN THE CFL, COMPETE TO PUT THEIR NAME ON THE GREY CUP.

GOOD LUCK TO THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES WHO SUPPORTED THEM AND THE COACHES WHO MADE THEM BETTER.

I GUARANTEE YOU TONIGHT, THESE TALENTED PROSPECTS ARE LOOKING FORWARD, AND THIS IS OUR CHANCE TO DO THE SAME.

TO LOOK FORWARD TO FOOTBALL, FORWARD TO FUN, FORWARD TO THE DAY WE COME TOGETHER IN OUR STADIUMS.

THAT DAY IS COMING BECAUSE WE ARE GETTING THROUGH THIS.

WHEN IT ARRIVES, MAN, WE ARE GOING TO CELEBRATE.

WE'RE GOING TO CELEBRATE OUR GREAT GAME.

WE'RE GOING TO CELEBRATE EACH OTHER.

CANADIAN FRIENDS TOGETHER AGAIN, TOGETHER AT LAST.

NOBODY WILL BE MORE EXCITED ON THAT DAY THAN THE YOUNG MEN DRAFTED TONIGHT.

LET'S NOT KEEP THEM WAITING ANY LONGER.

IT'S AN HONOUR TO GET THE 2020 CFL DRAFT STARTED BY SAYING CALGARY STAMPEDE, YOU'RE ON THE CLOCK.

>> Farhan: THANK YOU FOR THAT, COMMISSIONER.

LOOK AT THE CALGARY STAMPEDE WITH THE FIRST OVERALL PICK.

TORONTO AND BC ROUND OUT THE TOP THREE.

ARGOS, THEY WITH HAMILTON HAVE
TWO PICKS IN THE FIRST ROUND.

MONTR…AL AND WINNIPEG DO NOT PICK UNTIL ROUND TWO.

PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS AS FAR AS CANADIANS ARE CONCERNED,

NOTABLE YOU HAVE MAYALA THEY TOOK LAST YEAR AS A WEAVER.

AND ROY METCHIE.

THAT SITUATION IS ALSO GOING TO AFFECT POTENTIALLY WHAT HAPPENS IN THE DRAFT HERE.

WELL, WOULDN'T YOU KNOW IT.

WE WERE TALKING ABOUT TRADES AND THE CALGARY STAMPEDERS MADE A TRADE WITH THE BRITISH COLUMBIA LIONS.

LIONS.

LIONS MOVE UP FROM THREE TO ONE.

CALGARY MOVE DOWN.

BC LIONS NOW ON THE CLOCK.

GO TO YOU, DAVE, FIRST.

IF YOU'RE THE BC LIONS YOU HAVE A LOT OF NEED ON BOTH SIDES OF THE BALL.

WHO DO YOU THINK THEY'RE TARGETING AT THIS STAGE, DAW?

>> Dave: I WOULD THINK IT WOULD BE JORDAN WILLIAMS WE TALKED ABOUT MAYBE THE GUY THEY'RE AFTER.

ONE OF THE THINGS THE BC LIONS SIGNING MIKE REILLY, ALL THE EXPECTATIONS, AND THEN FINISHING LAST.

SO MANY IN THIS DRAFT ARE DEVELOPMENTAL, GUYS TWO, THREE YEARS AWAY.

BEARING IN MIND WE'RE NOT SURE THERE WILL BE A SEASON.

BC LIONS NEED SOMEBODY NOW TO GIVE THEM A PRESENCE RIGHT AWAY.

JORDAN WILLIAMS MAY BE THE MOST PRO-READY PLAYER IN THIS DRAFT.

>> Farhan: BC LIONS TRADED THEIR -- FOR CALGARY'S FIRST
BC's THIRD AND 12th PICK GOING THE OTHER WAY.
A SWAP OF PICKS AND SPOTS IN THE FIRST AND SECOND ROUND.
FIRST AND 15th GO TO BC. BC's 3rd AND 12th GOES TO CALGARY.
A GUY LIKE JORDAN WILLIAMS HASN'T PLAYED IN TWO YEARS.
ARE THE COMPARISON THAT SIMILAR?
BEFORE HE ENTERED THE CFL DRAFT IN 2016.
HE HAD BEEN OUT OF A COLLEGE FOR A YEAR BUT TRYING OUT IN THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE.
JORDAN WILLIAMS NEARLY JOINED THE OTTAWA REDBLACKS PRACTICE ROSTER DURING THE 2019 SEASON AS AN AMERICAN PRIOR TO GETTING HIS CANADIAN CITIZENSHIP.
IN THAT SENSE I THINK IT'S FAIR.
ALEX SINGLETON DIDN'T START UNTIL HALFWAY THROUGH HIS ROOKIE YEAR.
WITH JORDAN WILLIAMS I THINK IT'S REALISTIC GINN HIS SITUATION, IF HE'S PROJECTED AS A STARTER.
IT MAY TAKE SOME TIME TO GET UP TO SPEED IN THE CANADIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE.
>> Davis: I FIGURED THERE WOULDN'T BE A LOT OF TRADE ACTION EARLY IN THIS DRAFT.
BECAUSE OF THE UNCERTAINTY, AND A LOT OF UNCERTAINTY AT THE TOP.
BC HAD A BULL'S EYE ON WHO THEY WANT.
JORDAN WILLIAMS, CALL HIM A UNICORN, FARHAN.
HE'S GOT TO BE THE NUMBER ONE GUY.
THERE IS SOME UNCERTAINTY AT THE TOP BUT HE IS A SPECIAL, SPECIAL ATHLETE.
I THINK THE LIONS REALIZE THAT AND THEY JUMPED UP TO GET HIM.
>> Farhan: WE WILL TAKE A QUICK BREAK.
WHEN WE COME BACK, WE WILL HAVE THE LIONS' SELECTION.
THEY MISSED THE PLAYOFFS, MADE A NUMBER OF CHANGES AT THE