

# Virginia Tech Football

## Cornerbacks Coach Brian Mitchell Q&A Highlights

### Media Session

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***On the battle for the starting cornerback spot opposite of Caleb Farley:***

“Well you’re just assuming that Caleb Farley is going to be the guy, well that’s probably a good assumption. Whoever comes out on top, comes out on top and I know Caleb has a great skill set that a lot of the other guys don’t have. He may have a head start because he started 12 games last year, Jermaine Waller is doing a heck off a job during camp, had a great spring and every day he has come with that lunch pail and he’s working. (Jovonn) Quillen has some experience and he has done a great job as well. I have guys in Armani Chatman and Nadir Thompson and I just got Jeremy Webb back, so I have a room of guys that are hungry.”

***On what he wanted Farley to improve upon from last year to this year:***

“There is a want to, and that want to is how can I raise my football IQ at the corner position. That entails not just going to the weight room and going out onto the field, but getting into the film room and learn the position. We took a young man that had never played the position before, didn’t know our defense, was playing wide receiver and then all of a sudden, we put him in the limelight at corner. He’s a young man that is willing, very willing.”

***On how has Jeremy Webb looked so far and the approach of easing him in:***

“There are two parts. The first part is that we want to make sure that he has his legs are under him, we don’t want to over stress that. That’s when Mike Goforth (Associate Athletics Director of Sports Medicine), coach (Justin) Fuente, (Bud) Foster, myself and (Jeremy) have some input. Secondly, he hasn’t played football in two years. He has to go and learn the fundamentals and techniques that we use as well as the scheme.”

***On how has the talent of receiver position helped the development of the corners:***

“It started in the spring and it was probably one of the most competitive springs that I have ever been a part of. Coming into fall camp has been no different. They’re talented, but I think I also have a group of talented guys. It’s competitive every rep, every day.”

***On whether Nadir Thompson limited since he’s coming back from injury:***

“No, he’s going to have an opportunity. Whether it’s special teams, third, second, first corner or coming in during dime package, he’s going to have an opportunity to go out there and showcase his talents. Health wise I think he’s just as fast as before the injury.”