

**ARIZONA CARDINALS
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR CLANCY PENDERGAST (CP)
DISCUSSING 16TH OVERALL PICK-CB DOMINIQUE RODGERS-CROMARTIE**

On what he likes about Cromartie:

(CP): “His speed and his ball skills. He’s a tremendous athlete. For a guy his size, he has the ability to match up with the smaller and quicker receivers and he has the size to match up with the bigger receivers also. A lot of the time, those bigger corners struggle with the smaller, quicker receivers, but he has the ability to sink his hips and change directions and cover either the small or big receivers, which is obviously a plus.

On Cromartie’s potential:

(CP): “I think he has tremendous upside. When you look at his workout tape and all the Senior Bowl practices and the Senior Bowl game, you can really see his ability to step up and rise to the level of the competition. I think he’s a kid who will come in and take some time to develop, but he’s got all the skills you want in a cornerback.”

On comparisons to Leodis McKelvin (11th overall pick by the Buffalo Bills):

(CP): “They are both very close. McKelvin is a very good player and he’s going to be an excellent player in the league too. They’re both very good prospects and they both have bright futures.”

On why Cromartie is a good fit for the defense:

(CP): “His ability to cover and he’s got size and he’s got good ball skills, so he’s a guy who gives us the ability to play man and zone. And that’s what you’re looking for – a guy that can do both, not (a player) that’s really pigeonholed and able to do just one or the other. At some point, you’re going to have to play a bit of one or the other – whether you get in the red zone, you’ll have to play more zone or you get in certain downs defensively and you have to play a little bit more man. He’s a guy that gives you some flexibility and versatility defensively.”

On his tackling abilities:

(CP): “On the tape, at times, he would stick his head in there when need be. But we hope he doesn’t have to make any tackles.”