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Eagles' Tim Jernigan set to re might be over

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Tim Jernigan feared his career was over.

The Eagles' defensive tackle, who will make his season debut Sunday, said Jernigan wouldn't say how he suffered the injury because of "safety reasons."

"S—, I'm blessed to play football again," Jernigan said Friday.

"One day, when this thing is over with or I'm wrapping it up, I'll get more done."

For months, the Jernigan situation has been shrouded in mystery and all we know is that he's back. And we don't exactly know how things transpired before he agreed to a season-long deal.

What we do know is that the 26-year-old is going to play football Sunday by lifting weights for six months. That's enough to make him smile.

Jernigan admitted he was scared and nervous before his back surgery in Philadelphia. Dr. Robert Watkins did a great job on the operation and things have been good since.

But just being so close to what he thought might be the end of his career was a tough pill to swallow.

"Something I just told myself and promised myself that I wouldn't ever let go of the game with as long as I'm playing," he said. "It definitely means so much to me. This season would have been good or bad, it's just been tough to watch."

During those difficult times, Jernigan said he leaned on his family. His mother, Naomi, who made the biggest difference.

Naomi told her dad she wanted to go back to the Super Bowl.

"She definitely gave me that lift to say, 'get your butt back out there and I'll be there for you.'"



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Jernigan began the 2018 season on the non-football injury list but was allowed to lift weights for six months, he claims he's stronger now than he was allowed to use little dumbbells and get in a lot of core work. He s

Will this injury affect Jernigan for the rest of his career?

"It's only one way to find out and that's Sunday," he said. "You can go th the time, but you'll never really know. When you go out there Sunday an Saquon Barkley, you'll find out if you're all right or not."

The Eagles have desperately missed Jernigan this season. They've bee Fletcher Cox all season. Destiny Vaeao, Haloti Ngata, Treyvon Hester. A 1-on-1s. That's really all they need from the guy next to Cox and the Ea just that.

Jernigan said he would like to play the rest of his career with the Eagles,

For now, he's just happy to be getting back on the field.

That's enough.

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We got to the first batch of your questions (including my confidence level yesterday ([see story](#)), but we have plenty more to get to.

Let's hop in:



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Drew
@DrewTweetsNow

Which 3 Eagles do you think are most likely to be on the team five years from today?



That means in February of 2024, so we're through the 2023 season, which cars yet?

Anyway, here's my answer: Carson Wentz, Derek Barnett, Fletcher Cox.

Wentz was the easiest one. He's going to get a mega deal this offseason going to be, he's not going anywhere for a long time. Don't even worry a

Barnett might be an interesting answer, but his contract runs through the fifth-year option for 2021. Then I'm kind of assuming the next contract ex

And Cox is under contract through the 2023 season, although he'd prob season of his NFL career in 2019. His cap number goes kind of crazy ov

(I thought about Zach Ertz or Dallas Goedert but decided to stay away fr to possibly become a Hall of Famer, the Eagles might eventually have to



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Nicky D
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Which wide receivers will be on the team next year? Nelly?

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Alshon Jeffery, Nelson Agholor and Mack Hollins are the ones I'm most o Wallace on the cheap and then look for another free agent to pursue. Sh don't see Golden Tate or Jordan Matthews returning, but if I had to gues connection with Wentz.



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I got into this question in a little more depth earlier this offseason, when [story](#)).

I think the most likely position they'll get in the offseason is a receiver. That's been the case in the last couple offseasons.



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Douglas McChudley

@mattysamms

Think we go after one of these RB's this off-season?? (Bell, Hunt, etc...)

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I think there's a chance the Eagles sign a running back, but I don't think they'll bring in a running back, but I can't see them spending a ton of money on a mid-round.

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The Phillies, Sixers and Flyers have taken headlines recently, but before everyone's focus will be back on football and the Eagles. That's the way

And you guys still care.

I got a ton of questions in the mailbag (thanks as always), so let's get int



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Varnel Hill
@AyoNedd

Where is overall your confidence in Carson being able to perform similar to the '17 season & his ability to stay healthy through a full 16 games ?

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My confidence in Carson Wentz as a player has never really wavered. N removed from a really serious knee injury. Remember, it was an ACL an



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the 2017 season and I fully expect him to get back to that level. I think the

The only real question is the other one you asked. Can he stay healthy? at least some reason for concern about his durability. The key, for me, is injuries. If he kept hurting his hamstrings or groins or calves, I could see impact injuries. As long as he protects himself and limits contact, I think rookie season.



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If the Eagles opt to move on from Jason Peters, what do you think are the odds they move Lane Johnson to LT vs. the odds they go with Big V at LT vs. the odds they look elsewhere for a starter at that key position?

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I'll start this by saying I think the Eagles don't move on from Jason Peter healthy in 2018, but I don't think the other options are as enticing.

As for moving Lane Johnson to left tackle, I suppose that's an option, but the 2017 season when Peters went down. They like Johnson at right tackle some of the top edge rushers in the NFL. I think there's a very good chance Bringing in a tackle in free agency is a little harder because teams aren't overpay. Think Nate Solder with the Giants. It's possible, but more cost €



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Scott Glick
@scottglick925

What are you're thoughts on Sudfeld being the backup? And do you think a "developmental" QB will be drafted late in the draft?

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to Philly. I thought the Eagles showed how much they liked Sudfeld when they gave him the Super Bowl run in 2017. Sure, there wouldn't have been much time to call him then, they would have made a move. At every checkpoint, the Eagles, who had moved him over from Washington, promoted him to the active roster to avoid a possible trade. I think he'll be the backup in 2019.

As for the second part of that, I do think it would be a good year to bring in more quarterbacks. I would like to draft quarterbacks often and keep developing them. This is the case with Sudfeld, but the Eagles have three sixth-round picks. I think a QB would be a good pick. State QB Brett Rypien.



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