

SARALAND

Cordale Flott's 'the best'

Kelly says he's never coached a better cornerback

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Just how good is Saraland senior defensive back Cordale Flott? This good: Spartans head coach Jeff Kelly said during spring practice that the Saraland offense had failed to complete a pass against him.

Maybe that changed in the latter portions of spring drills, maybe not. Perhaps the offense has enjoyed more success during fall drills, though it's possible (likely?) the situation hasn't changed.

What is certain is the Spartans have a stellar athlete in the secondary who affects how opposing teams will attack Saraland's defense, which generally translates into not throwing toward — or running toward, for that matter — Flott's side of the field.

"Everybody knows about Cordale," Kelly said, rather matter-of-factly. "It's been well-publicized about his recruitment and the opportunities that he is being afforded. Cordale is an extremely humble person and one of the hardest-working guys we've got.

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— Coach Jeff Kelly on Cordale Flott

and example for our young guys. I couldn't ask anything more of Cordale and what he's done in the offseason and how he's handled the recruitment and those kind of things."

Flott, a 6-foot-2, 175-pound senior, has learned from the best — his family. It's no secret he grew up in a competitive environment that includes three brothers currently playing college football — WyDale Flott, a defensive back at Southern Miss.; Velus Jones, a wide receiver at Southern Cal; and Bobby Flott, a defensive back at South Alabama.

As for where he will play next, Cordale Flott had a long list of suitors, being offered by most of the schools in the SEC and originally committing to Auburn. But in recent months he de-committed from Auburn and has cast his commitment to LSU, where he is expected to play next season.

But for now, he's a Saraland Spartan, and they are happy to have him. "On the field, I think Cordale is the best corner that I've ever coached," Kelly said. "He's tremendous in press coverage and he has good length — I know that's what gets a lot of people turned on to him, he can get his hands on you pretty quick. He can flat out run and Cordale is athletic enough that I think he can hurt you on both sides of the ball, so I wouldn't be surprised if he doesn't factor in at some point in time offensively as well."



Saraland cornerback Cordale Flott

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