

# Houston Texans Media Conference

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## Deshaun Watson

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**Q. I know you were worried about the Packers' defense, but you said last week that you were excited to play against Aaron Rodgers for the first time. Now that you have and you saw the kind of game he had, what do you think about him in your first game?**

DESHAUN WATSON: I mean he's a guy that you gotta score a lot of points versus, because whenever they step on the field, they're trying to score points. You gotta make sure you try to match it as much as possible. You don't want to kind of compete and try to go toe to toe, but at the same time you gotta make sure you're doing whatever you can to keep them off the field, and then whenever you get the ball, you gotta score points.

**Q. Earlier Brandin Cooks told us when we asked him what could you guys do to be more consistent, he mentioned being more consistent in practice. Do you see anything that you guys can do either in practice, preparation, meeting room or anything like that that would help you guys be more consistent since you see the flashes on offense?**

DESHAUN WATSON: Most definitely. There's things that we can definitely do and continue to improve detail wise. And just kind of, you know, making sure we're stepping on that. But, yeah, I agree with him. There's definitely ways where we can continue to try to improve and try to be as consistent as possible. But, yeah, most definitely.

**Q. And also, Deshaun, just as a leader of this team, can you describe what this is like for you being in this situation? I know we talked a little bit about it during the week, this is kind of unfamiliar territory for you, but can you kind of put it into words what this is like being 1 and 6?**

DESHAUN WATSON: Shit sucks, honestly. This is new to me, so I'm going through it just like everyone else. This is my first time experiencing something like this, so I'm just learning on the fly, trying to stay positive, continue to lead

the guys, continue to come to work each and every day and try to improve, and just trying to find ways to win, and just continue to play hard, do my job and not try to do too much and just kind of continue to do that. So, yeah, it's definitely new to me, and I'm just trying to find my way and continue to improve. And have guys around me build me up, and I build them up, and we stick together as one.

**Q. Second half, your defense got several stops in a row, but you all were not able to really capitalize to make a game of it. You got the blocked punt. There were some moments there. How do you feel about what your offense did there in the second half given the fact that you all could have made a run at them?**

DESHAUN WATSON: We could have made a run. You know, the biggest thing is, of course, try to get points, regardless of if it's a touchdown or not. We just didn't do enough. We didn't capitalize getting those extra four points when we needed them. And defense did a good job of getting us those opportunities, but we just didn't do it as a whole, as a whole team. We just didn't capitalize on it, but you gotta give the Packers credit, and that's a very good defense over there, and they did their part of keeping us out of the end zone.

**Q. What are you trying to do during the bye week?**

DESHAUN WATSON: Rest. Pretty much rest. That's it. I'm tired.

**Q. With the running game, what are you seeing after you hand off in terms of the blocking and the way the defense is attacking the running game?**

DESHAUN WATSON: I gotta watch the film, especially on today's game, because a lot of times I'm kind of bootlegging out, trying to hold the back. So a lot of times I'm in the back end, and I'm not seeing the initial run, I guess run support and run block. So it would be hard for me to answer that question right now. I would have to later on in the week answer that.

**Q. Speaking generally, how tough is it in the red zone for you guys right now in terms of what they're doing to try to defend you all?**

DESHAUN WATSON: I mean they're just trying to stop the



run, and then whenever we run past, it's a lot of extra defenders, so you gotta find space and buy yourself some time to find guys and get open. It's tough to score in the red zone. It's not easy to do that. That's one of the toughest spots, percentage wise, once you get down there, it's tough. So a lot of times teams want to score backed off from the red zone, from the goal line. That's it. You gotta be able to run the ball in.

**Q. As a leader of this team, how important is it for you to make sure that guys stay positive and have the right attitude as you all finish out this season?**

DESHAUN WATSON: I mean, it's very important. We don't want to -- we gotta continue to just keep fighting. We don't want to give up. We gotta -- there's still some football to continue to play, and who knows what can happen. Right now we're just trying to scratch and claw to get victories, as many victories as we can. So I'm going to go out there and play my hardest and try to win games. So I expect everyone else to do the same. And I bet they will.

**Q. You mentioned being tired. How much of that is mental, dealing with the wear and tear and the grind of losing like you've never lost before?**

DESHAUN WATSON: It's a lot. I mean, it's everything. Just from COVID to coaching change to losses to success to family. I mean just everything. So it's a good time for me to be able to kind of decompress this bye week and figure out the second half of the season, relax the body and mind and just find some time and then come back to work and just try to finish it off as strong as possible. So that's what I'm definitely going to do, for sure.

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