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David Culley

Press Conference



DAVID CULLEY: You know, we knew when we drafted him that we was getting a good, solid guy that pressure doesn't bother him and for him to do what he did today as excellent. We expected that. That's what they all have to do, doesn't matter whether it's him or Tyrod or any of those guys. That's what they have to do.

Q. Will DeShaun be in pads tomorrow?

DAVID CULLEY: Nothing has changed. Nothing has changed.

Q. Will Collins -- stacks together?

DAVID CULLEY: I'm starting to see him make some plays. Again as you watch the video there's still things he's not doing that we need to do better but he's playing bigger, and you see him every day, he'll end up making a play here or there.

Here is the issue that we got to have from him is he's got to make those plays all the time and that's not happening right now. But he is getting better. He's getting better and better each day and he's got to continue to do that.

Q. Is there anything that surprises you about your team during the first few days of practice?

DAVID CULLEY: No. I expected great effort. He expected enthusiasm and I expect that from them because they know they are going to get it from us as coaches and it's been exactly what I want. The one thing that I want to get better and I want them to get better at is consistency. You know, the consistency.

Yesterday, the last time we practiced offensively we were a little inconsistent. Today we're a lot more consistent than we have been, especially in our team periods and that's what we want to see during training camp.

Q. What does it say about the offensive backs, changes in the off-season --

DAVID CULLEY: That's a competitive group of guys back there. I mean and a lot of those guys have played and they have played in this league at different places and they are doing a heck of a job. That group is doing a heck of a job and that's a deep group. That's a competitive group. And we've got some great competition right there in that group.

Q. How excited are you to be in pads tomorrow?

DAVID CULLEY: I am so excited. We are starting to play football tomorrow. Finally starting to play football tomorrow

Q. The practices longer than what we've seen in the past; is there a philosophy on it and how is your team responding?

DAVID CULLEY: They have responded very well. This is training camp. I mean, training camp's a grind. That's why we do. It and you know what, to practice it that way, we've got to find, and what better way to find out than this hot humid thing here in Houston. Hey, I'm finding out, you know. But they have been great with that. They have been great with that.

Q. First day of pads, how important is that, the significance of that?

DAVID CULLEY: The significance of that is now we start to play football. Guys right now won't be as hesitant as they have been because when you're in shells and you're in shorts, you hold back when you get to the ball. Once you get pads on, we're running through things, finishing things a lot better. We have pads on and we're protected and that's football.

Q. What about what Justin Reid brings?

DAVID CULLEY: You know, Justin, that whole secondary back there, it's not just Justin but that whole secondary back there is a group of guys that bring it every day.

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