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Coach David Culley

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DAVID CULLEY: It felt good to finally get pads on today and for us to be able to look at those guys and evaluate and go from there, but it was good.

Q. Is Watson injured or was he in the building?

DAVID CULLEY: Well, as I said before, we're day-to-day with it. The only thing that's changed from the standpoint of that is we make decisions every day based on what's best for our football team, and I'm going to leave it at that.

Q. You can't tell us why he was not at practice today?

DAVID CULLEY: Again, I'm going to leave it at that.

Q. Is this kind of what you would expect, though, because it's hot out here?

DAVID CULLEY: Well, I think from a practice standpoint, I think it went exactly like I wanted it to be, and that's the most important thing right now with this day is we wanted to see. We've been waiting on this day right now for six days, and we got out there, and what I saw and what I heard was exactly what we expected, guys playing football the way you're supposed to play football.

The thing we found out today out there with pads on today is when you don't have pads on like we've been in this ramp-up period is you don't really get to see leverage finish. You don't get to see guys when they take the angles. If you take a bad angle with pads on, it's different than taking a bad angle when you don't have pads on, and so today that was good.

Q. Good to get Lonnie and Pharaoh and those guys back?

DAVID CULLEY: It was good to get them back. Again, they've been on COVID, and basically we got, as we said before, we got limited reps for those guys to work them back -- they're actually going through the ramp-up right now, so their reps are limited from that standpoint.

Q. What do you think Davis Mills can contribute, and what is he comfortable out there doing?

DAVID CULLEY: He's getting comfortable every day. Basically he's just getting the reps. He and those quarterbacks are all getting the reps. Basically today their reps were kind of even, and he just needs to get reps. He and Jeff and Tyrod, they just need to keep getting the reps, and as the reps come, they get better and they get better.

Q. Do you get a sense that fans see Deshaun not here --

DAVID CULLEY: Nothing new on Deshaun.

Q. The two-minute work that Tyrod got in, they celebrate together, he's on the offensive line. What are you building there with him running the show?

DAVID CULLEY: Well, it's not just him. We feel the same way about whoever is running the show in that particular thing, even the second group that ran it today. They were fortunate enough that they were able to score today on that. The second group was not able to score. Actually the defense ended up finishing with an interception.

But basically whoever is running that offense, whoever is running that two-minute offense, that's what we expect, and touchdowns, that's what you're going to see, and you'll see that out of any of those guys, whoever the quarterback is.

Q. I know nothing is new with Deshaun, but if he practices all the way leading up to today and then doesn't --

DAVID CULLEY: Again, nothing new today on that.

Q. What have you seen out of Maliek Collins so far?

DAVID CULLEY: Well, I'll tell you what, he plays the game the right way. I mean, we had a play two days ago in practice where actually it was an interception, and I think Justin had intercepted the ball, and once he intercepted the ball, all of a sudden I saw one guy flash right by me, and I



was standing right there, and it was Maliek Collins, running up the field to block for him like he was an offensive lineman. He plays the game the right way. He's very strong. I mean, he's a wonderful guy, and again, just playing the game, and he's a great example of how you're supposed to play this game.

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