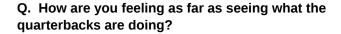
## Houston Texans Media Conference

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## **Desmond King II**

**Press Conference** 



DESMOND KING II: Just doing my job, man, doing what I'm learning to do, listen to what the coach is teaching me and just going out there on the field and applying it to the field and applying it each and every day. It's getting easier and easier by the day. It's only day 8, 7, one of those. We've got a lot more time to keep going until the first preseason.

Q. You had a knack for intercepting passes going back to high school. The last couple years, you haven't been doing that as much. What do you think you have to do to get back to finishing?

DESMOND KING II: Just getting back comfortable. Getting in my groove and being in that right system and just doing my job. That's going to play its part. I'll just keep going and keep working on it.

Q. What do you think of this group? You've obviously been around the league. What do you think of this group that people like so much?

DESMOND KING II: I think we have a good group of guys here on this team specifically, and on the defensive side. I think the defense can be really great. We have a lot of pieces, a lot of good players. They brought in a lot of guys in free agency. I'm one of them, and I feel like, as long as we can kind of mesh what we know together as a defense and as an individual, I think we can have a great team this year.

Q. What are your impressions of the slot receivers that you've been facing off against in practices?

DESMOND KING II: I played against these guys a couple times -- Alex, Keke, and Anthony Miller. That's great that we've got him coming over from Chicago, great guy. All of them great players, man. They good at what they do. That's what they're here for, man. They all compete, and we're competing and just making each other better.



Q. When you look at Bradley Roby, with the first game suspension, as a secondary and corners, what do you guys do to make up for it?

DESMOND KING II: Next man in. That's why we have that depth here on our defense. That's why we brung more players in. It's the next man in. Next man step up, and then once Bradley is ready, Bradley is going to come back in and take off where he left off at.

Q. What is it about Miller that makes him so good?

DESMOND KING II: He's a very shifty guy. He's really smart on how to play his leverage on any cornerback, any DB, and he know how to get open. He got really good hands, and he know what to do when he gets the ball in his hands. He's a really good guy.

Q. Can you talk about Lovie's defense, what you like about it?

DESMOND KING II: Traditional. He's definitely an old school guy. You can tell that by his demeanor and how he coaches. He likes the old school fundamentals. He teaches that every day to us. That's what you want to do as a player. You want to start from the basic and build from the ground up. I think that's what we're doing now, starting from the bottom and building up to where we want to be.

Q. What have you learned about Justin Reid since you've been here? And how impressed have you been, even though it's only been three days, with Lonnie Johnson.

**DESMOND KING II: Lonnie or Justin?** 

Q. Both of them.

DESMOND KING II: Justin is a great guy to have on the back end. Very smart, talented, athletic guy as well. Justin is a guy that he's -- I wouldn't say signal caller, but he's making himself as that leader in the back end and making himself voiced. He's voicing his opinions as well.

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With Lonnie, it's good to see Lonnie back out here. It's my first time actually seeing Lonnie play. I played against Justin before, but it's my first time seeing Lonnie play, and the way he's out here moving looks really good.

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