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Coach David Culley

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Q. Talk about you had a shorter practice, what you were doing in preparation for tomorrow night.

DAVID CULLEY: Well, we had had three really good pad days. I mean, three really good pad days. Basically what today was is just a recovery day for them just to where we can really get good work tomorrow. I'm talking about I couldn't have asked for any more in those three pad days we had, especially the last one we had yesterday, the effort was excellent, the finishing was exactly what we wanted, and again, the consistency is still not there, but today was a day of basically let them recover, let them get ready for our scrimmage tomorrow night, and we got that done today.

Basically again today was what we call like assignment, alignment, communication. Guys just getting their techniques without having to be wide open.

Q. (Indiscernible).

DAVID CULLEY: Well, the thing right now with him right now is he's new. He's one of the newest guys we've got in here. He's basically learning the system right now. He's doing a good job of learning the system. He's fitting right in with Keke and Alex in that position that we got for him, and basically the competition right there, all he did is just make the competition even more when he came in here.

Q. What are you expecting from him?

DAVID CULLEY: Well, I expect him, just like I do all those other three is to compete, to be able to -- in that position, usually in 3rd down, that position you want guys that you know is going to be able to make plays and be where they need to be, and that's what we expect that whole position to do.

Q. What have you seen from Pharoah?

DAVID CULLEY: Well, it's good to have him back. Obviously size does matter, and getting him back and getting him in the swing of things, he came off the COVID,

he's starting to get more and more and more reps right now with us, and he's one of those guys that we're counting on at that position, to be able to help us.

Q. What is Deshaun doing right now?

DAVID CULLEY: Nothing has changed.

Q. What is he doing?

DAVID CULLEY: Nothing has changed.

Q. What have you seen from Shaq Lawson so far?

DAVID CULLEY: Well, I was with Shaq in Buffalo, and shoot, Shaq was a pass rusher up there. When we got him from the Dolphins obviously when we brought him in here, he fits kind of what Lovie would like to do, and again, the competition in that group that he's come into right now is basically just making him even better and better and better because we've got big numbers right there at that position, and man, we're just -- he's just in there doing what he needs to do. And of course we're getting to see what we thought he was.

Q. What about him as an athlete makes him fit?

DAVID CULLEY: Well, he's quick. He's great movement. He's got a great first step. Lovie loves that in those guys at that position. He plays with good leverage, and he's got good hands, and basically what we teach all those guys to do, he has that.

Q. What about Tytus Howard moving around? Where do you like him right now, at right tackle?

DAVID CULLEY: Well, we don't really have a position exactly for him right now as far as those guys. We're basically going to continue to move them guys around and just make sure that they know all those positions. The thing we can say about it, you've got to be flexible in the offensive line. You've got to be able to go left tackle, right guard. You've got to be able to go right tackle, left guard, right tackle. You've got to be able to do that, and that's the versatility we've got to have up there. Basically you only

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carry so few guys, so you've got to be able to be able to go multiple positions there.

Q. When you have a quarterback with Tyrod's skill set, is it more important (indiscernible) running back or tight end?

DAVID CULLEY: Well, the thing about having mobility back there is that the last thing that the defense wants to know is that when it's 3rd down and you've got a guy back there that you've got everybody covered down the field, when you've got a guy that can use his feet to be able to get you positive yardage, that's a plus. When you've got guys back there that basically don't have that, then what ends up happening is they know he's going to throw the ball, they know the ball is going to come out and the last thing you want to do is -- they don't account for him. They don't account for him in that particular situation.

Q. (Indiscernible.)

DAVID CULLEY: Well, that also helps because that gives you an extra guy back there that you know that basically when that happens that can do what running backs does with his feet.

Q. You've never had a kicker or punter like (indiscernible.)

DAVID CULLEY: Well, he's been so productive during his career, and we brought him here for that reason. Basically what -- we expect him to be an offensive weapon for us, kickoff returns, whatever we have him doing from a punt return deal, and that same production that he's got has been a Pro Bowl player through his career, we're expecting the same thing from him here.

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