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Andre Roberts

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ANDRE ROBERTS: I think you just said it. That's what I'm trying to bring. Help out the field position battle. Get our offense in a good position so they don't have to drive the length of the field. A lot of that too is going to depend on our core special teams players. You've got a lot of guys in here that Serio brought in, and we should be pretty decent.

Q. (Indiscernible).

ANDRE ROBERTS: It's just a new opportunity, and that's how I take it. Even when I'm with the same team, I take it as a new opportunity every single year to get better. Coming here for me is just a new opportunity, and like I said, they brought a lot of good special teams guys in here, so I know they're going to focus on that and we're going to try to be great this year.

Q. Do you have a personal approach, strategy?

ANDRE ROBERTS: Absolutely, but I can't give that away. Unfortunately I can't tell you everything, but I do for sure.

Q. Before you got out on the practice field I saw a moment with you and I believe it's Nico Collins, and it seemed like you were coaching him up on the sideline. What do you think about Nico as a player, and what kind of has been your (indiscernible) a young guy like that?

ANDRE ROBERTS: Nico is a really good athlete. He's going to be special when he gets it together. He's coming to a new team, new area, new offense. He still has a lot to learn, but he's a really good athlete, and if he keeps his head down, he's going to be special.

Q. How much pride do you take in getting (indiscernible - regarding Pro-Bowl).

ANDRE ROBERTS: A lot of pride. As a player you want to make the all-pro team, and the Pro Bowl is a bonus, but I take a lot of pride in being the best in the league, and I try to be the top of the league every single year that I'm playing.

Q. Are there things, the new rules changes in the return game, have you discovered things in the off-season maybe that people wouldn't have discovered? Like over time do you find little edges?

ANDRE ROBERTS: I wouldn't necessarily say in the off-season but during the season, how it's changed from where they're kicking it off at, guys not moving, before the kickoff, obviously moving to the 25-yard line, and different punters and what they're trying to do to me now.

It's definitely changed, but like I said before, I'm not going to give you all of what I know and what's changed, so just keep that to myself.

Q. (Question on special teams.)

ANDRE ROBERTS: It's funny, I'm going to answer that the same way I've answered these questions. You can't give all your secrets away. A lot of treatment, a little bit of luck. This NFL league is injury -- you're going to have an injury here and there, but a little bit of luck, try to stay away from concussions, try to stay away from those big hits, and I try to do my best with that every year.

Q. Maybe in a general sense, how do you view success in the job that you do?

ANDRE ROBERTS: Well, there's obviously numbers that I view that at, but overall on special teams just helping the team get positive field position. Starting from the 25 is nice, I guess, on kickoff, but starting from the 30, 35, 40, 50-yard line is a lot better.

Q. Tell us the secret to playing Madden.

ANDRE ROBERTS: You know, I don't even play Madden anymore. It's gotten too complicated for me. I used to play, get some wins, but now I get beat up too much, so I just put it down.

Q. You being one of the older veterans on this team, when you have guys like Nico Collins and Anthony Miller coming to you for advice on how to be



successful in this league?

ANDRE ROBERTS: Absolutely. I talk to Nico a lot. He's a drafted player. And Anthony is just coming here. Talk to those guys a lot about just being a pro, but they'll get it. They'll come along.

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