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CHRIS CONLEY: It's yo/ur first, the closest thing you can get to live fire and we have been working on a lot of that timing and timing routes with small space in training camp, and got an opportunity to test some of those things out today and make them work.

Q. What did you notice from Davis Mills?

CHRIS CONLEY: I noticed poise. As a quarterback you have to be able to have a short memory and snap back quickly, even when you make mistakes, highs, lows, and I think he did a really good job of that and he's continuing to improve.

Q. Working around --

CHRIS CONLEY: With Davis? Yeah, we had, I think it might have been third and 12, and we were able to put on a deep route. He really let the ball go before I came out of my break and that's good trust. I haven't had as much time to work with Davis as I have Tyrod but the fact that he was able to put that ball in a spot where only I could get to it was a very good throw.

Q. Was that the first time you felt that kind of timing?

CHRIS CONLEY: No, not the first time. I've been able to catch from him a couple times in practice and things like that and I've definitely seen him do that. But to see him do that on this kind of stage is encouraging.

Q. Just a preseason game -- playing well, with so many new players, is that encouraging?

CHRIS CONLEY: Yeah, I had someone ask me how important are preseason games to players is, and I feel like this game was really important to a lot of guys in that locker room. That's the sense I get walking through there. Even the guys who were not playing it, was very important to them. We've been practicing a lot on not beating ourselves and being fundamentally sound and we really wanted to go

and put that on tape today.

Guys are passionate. They want to win. They don't care if it's checkers, if you're playing pick-up soccer with kids. If they are keeping score, they want to win and you definitely saw that tonight.

Q. The group responded --

CHRIS CONLEY: Ant's an explosive guy. He makes plays for us. We hope he's well but it's kind of a next-man-up kind of room and so when he went down, the next guy has to fill in and fill those shoes.

Q. Tyrod mentioned your work together in the off-season and how that changed the dynamic. How is that helping you?

CHRIS CONLEY: There's a certain level of trust that has to be developed between quarterback and receiver and we were able to spend a majority of the off-season together working together and developing timing and picking each other's brains and knowing what we're doing and I think you saw a little bit of that today. Some of the throws were made before cuts were made and that timing is something we're continuing to work on.

He does a very good job of connecting not just with me but everyone. His development of timing with Brandin Cooks is phenomenal, with our tight ends is phenomenal. He has a very good way of just feeling people's game out and really complimenting it.

Q. Coach Culley said you needed to get touchdowns whenever you're in the red zone. What were the things going on?

CHRIS CONLEY: Small mistakes. The game is played faster in the red zone, and small mistakes become big ones, whether that's in the run blocking scheme or whether that's in releases or route timing. Those are things that need to be cleaned up because when it comes to the regular season, we definitely need touchdowns. You don't win in this game off of field goals.



