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Q. Talk about special teams performance in the first game.

FRANK ROSS: Good start. Definitely excited with the trend we're taking. Always -- and you guys know this -- preseason one is just how much better can we get and how fast can we get to where we need to go, you know what I mean?

Q. What about the returns?

FRANK ROSS: Sure. We're working a deep group. Going to continue to just make a competition and create competition at that position. Every single person who gets a chance back there knows, hey, this is a shot to improve myself. It's been good.

Q. You landed a couple of futures there. It seems like always with this it's about decreasing margin of error for teams can make the difference. What are some of the objectives you all had to maybe fine tune this?

FRANK ROSS: Sure, and I'm not trying to speak for anybody, but all special teams coaches in the league would say preseason we want to see who could play with fundamentals. Winning their single one-on-one matchups, that type of thing. That's really what the evaluation piece is in those games, who can play fast, physical, and with technique.

Q. What's it like having a guy like Andre Roberts added to the team?

FRANK ROSS: Very experienced veteran, has a lot of knowledge of the intricacies of the position in the return game and has been good for the room so far.

Q. Is he the kind of guy that comes in and shares ideas with you a little bit?

FRANK ROSS: Absolutely, every single person. I told everybody, as soon as we got into the room, look, this is a two-way street. We are a collaborative effort to try and get

ourselves better, and it's an ego-free room so that way, hey, if you've got an idea, if I've got an idea, we'll work and mesh our stuff together to get it all right.

Q. What have you seen in the accuracy of Jon Weeks?

FRANK ROSS: Accuracy of Jon Weeks has been good. Jon has proved himself. Like I said in the first presser, everybody here day one, the next day, the next day, just prove yourself each day, that reset mentality every time you step on the football field has been good.

Q. Having been around Lovie Smith for a while in camp, someone with that experience who's been through it all, what does he bring just kind of being able to soak up his knowledge and what he's trying to do with his defense?

FRANK ROSS: The guy's been coaching football longer than I've been alive, so I'm going to listen to that guy. Listen, you can't put a price on experience, so if you're not -- if you don't have your rabbit ears up and listening to every single thing when people like Lovie Smith are talking, you're missing an opportunity to grow. I think everybody on our staff, everybody on our football team can learn from anybody above, and I think Lovie's an ultimate example of that exactly.

Q. Are there benchmarks that you personally like to see from your units? If so, what are those?

FRANK ROSS: The stats and things like that, it might be for people who are reading the paper, but for us, it's about did we do our job right? Can we get better on the next one? Regardless of the outcome. Things that we'll see and might not show up in the paper are a little bit different. Our benchmark is can we get better on that next rep?

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