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CHRIS MOORE: When he asked me to come over here, I was excited just to come here and join him.

Q. In the special teams area, do you feel like you guys are doing something goof together?

CHRIS MOORE: Definitely. We've got a lot of veterans who know how to play special teams. We all came from great special teams teams, so we're just out here working.

Q. Is there a story to your tattoos?

CHRIS MOORE: Most of them -- I mean, every one got a different story, you know what I'm saying? If you want a specific one, I can tell you a specific story about each one. There's a bunch. I've got a bunch.

Q. What's the one that's most near and dear to you?

CHRIS MOORE: It's just my prayer right here. It tells me to keep peace, you know what I'm saying? Growing up I just had a lot of stuff on my mind. People deal with a lot of mental stuff, but I always say this prayer before I come out here. It helps me just relax and stay grounded.

Q. Chris, is that The Punisher?

CHRIS MOORE: Yeah. Yes, it is.

Q. From the comic books?

CHRIS MOORE: Yeah. I like him. This is one I got because I liked it. I was young.

Q. What was your relationship with Coach Culley like before you got here? And what made you think you'd be a good fit here?

CHRIS MOORE: He always preached about putting the team first. That's something he's told us in the receiving room at Baltimore. It was just about us coming in here and helping the team get better. So I knew if I travelled with him and came over here that he was still going to have that

same mindset and that was still going to be his main motto coming here, so I was just excited to join him in that process.

Q. From what you've seen here, is that exactly how it's played out?

CHRIS MOORE: Definitely. We've got team, team, team written everywhere on the wall. We've got the gear. I mean, everybody is buying into the thought process of that, so I just think we're meshing well here.

Q. Does the offense remind you of anything from the Raiders?

CHRIS MOORE: A little bit, but I think in itself this is its own offense. It's new for me to learn it, but I feel like I'm fitting in well. We've got a bunch of good guys who are just getting all the pieces together now, and I think we're doing pretty good.

Q. Having been with Culley in Baltimore, what did you notice from him as a first time head coach in his first game time situation?

CHRIS MOORE: That's one thing about Coach Culley, you can always hear him. No matter where he at on the field, you hear him screaming, giving coaching pointers always. So I already knew, when he was out there, he was going to bring that same energy, and that's what he did during the game.

After the game was over, I congratulated him because he's doing his thing.

Q. As a player, how was he involved in the middle of the game?

CHRIS MOORE: Like I said, you're on the field and you can hear him. There's no denying his voice. He's got a specific voice. You can hear him giving you little coaching pointers, telling you little details that will help the team win.

At the end of the day, he tells us we can lose the game ourselves. He's giving us the points to help us not lose, to



help us just win.

Q. What's he like in that post-game locker room?

CHRIS MOORE: He was excited, but he was telling us like it's just the preseason game. They keep score so it counts as a win, but at the end of the day, we've just got to move on to the next thing and get ready for the next game.

Q. What is the hardest thing to learn about the new offense?

CHRIS MOORE: Just always coming into a new offense is learning all the different nuances and stuff that comes with it. I feel like I'm picking it up pretty well so it hasn't been too difficult, but I'm working the books and studying.

Q. Chris, you've played a lot on special teams and as a receiver. What do you hope you bring to this team?

CHRIS MOORE: I'm just a fast dude who's going to go out there and work. It doesn't matter what they ask me. They ask me to run a clear out route, I'm going to run at full speed. If they ask me to block for a run play, I'm going to give it all I got.

I'm a blue collar guy when it comes out here. I'm just working.

Q. Is that the mentality you bring to every rep?

CHRIS MOORE: Yeah, I give it all I got on every single play. That's all you can do, come out here and give it your best and help this team win. That's all you can do at the end of the day.

Q. Taking it on the field in a preseason game, do you value those reps? How valuable are those reps?

CHRIS MOORE: I value every second I'm on the field. We only get to play this game for so long. Every time I step on the field, I soak it in. I remember early in my career I didn't get to take it all in as much.

Now that I'm getting older and understanding how much this means and how special this is, I'm really soaking it in and enjoying every second.

Q. How much would you evaluate the wide receiver room?

CHRIS MOORE: We got nothing but dogs in there. We've got a bunch of great players. Everybody is pushing each other. We've got a little competitive sheet, so we're always staying on top of each other. We've got a lot of older

players who are teaching each other, and we've got young dude, Nico, who's a beast. I like him a lot. So we'll see.

Q. What's on the competitive sheet?

CHRIS MOORE: We've got everything from drives, catches, explosive plays, big plays, everything on there. It comes out to a percentage. I'm a guy, when I see it, I always want to be at the top, but I'm still working to get at the top.

Q. Who's at the top?

CHRIS MOORE: I'm not sure right now. We've got to see after this practice, you know what I'm saying? It's either between Brandin Cooks or Chris Conley right now.

Q. The defensive players have somewhat of a renewed focus on forcing turnovers and getting take-aways. We've seen that in practice. What are those internal battles?

CHRIS MOORE: It's great. Every time you catch the ball and turn upfield to get them runs, you feel about 20 people punching your arms, your hands. My arms are bruised up from being punched at.

So they're going to bring that to the game, and it definitely helps you as an offensive player secure the ball, and when we go to play other teams who have that same emphasis that we're going to secure the ball and not turn it over.

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