

# Houston Texans Media Conference

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## Pep Hamilton

### Press Conference



#### Q. Can you just talk about the first impressions?

PEP HAMILTON: I think we are past the first impression stage. But I'll say that our unit as a whole we are still a work-in-progress. Our guys are working hard to master our system, as well as to just get a better gauge and feel for just the continuity that's necessary to complete balls to the guys in our other skill positions.

#### Q. What are you looking for --

PEP HAMILTON: Yeah, we're looking for continued progress, and I know that may seem somewhat vague, but ultimately we have a game plan each day when we come out into the practice field and it's our goal to execute every play, and ultimately, you know, just accumulate enough plays in the practice, in the game, that's going to give our team a chance to win a football game.

#### Q. Can you talk about --

PEP HAMILTON: Yeah, I think it's very important for not just young players but even veteran players to really ramp up reps and get reps the closer we get to the start of the regular season. You know, even today, I mentioned to our group that we have to really value what I call the grass room time as much as we do our classroom time because we have to develop the muscle memory that's going to allow us to go out and play winning football on game day.

#### Q. What are the things you've seen in terms of the most growth?

PEP HAMILTON: Just continued ability to manage our system. To manage the audibles, the checks possibly at the line of scrimmage, as well as just continuing to work to have a better understanding of NFL defense and our opponent's defense going into a game.

#### Q. What are some of the intangibles that you saw from last year that carry over to this year?

PEP HAMILTON: Just the consistency in his preparation.

A big part of playing any position in the National Football League is your ability to go out and really compartmentalize the game plan as well as have a strategy that's specific to each opponent. He's so comprehensive and consistent with his preparation that he gives himself a chance to go out and play winning football on any given Sunday.

#### Q. What do you think about -- to go back to this team --

PEP HAMILTON: I think when you look at his tenure, just the longevity he's had in the league that you typically don't have, you know, guys that accumulate that amount of experience, I think that speaks for itself. And that's just a testament, once again, to the professional that he is and the way he prepares himself.

#### Q. When was the first time you knew about Davis, was it in high school?

PEP HAMILTON: Yeah, it was. I first had a chance to evaluate and watch Davis when he was in high school and you know, just coincidence that now we have the opportunity to coach and work with Davis and try to prepare him to play winning football.

#### Q. Has there been an official --

PEP HAMILTON: At no point in time be the one that names the starters, so I don't have the answer to that question.

#### Q. You had an opportunity last year to develop Justin. How important is it for guys to have time to reach their full potential in this league?

PEP HAMILTON: Yeah, I think time on task is paramount. Not only the time that you spend watching film but the grass room time. It's virtually impossible to create the pocket environment that they have to adapt to on game day. And so having the opportunity to play in preseason games going into this season compared to last season, I think it will help to get a better assessment and evaluation for young quarterbacks all across the league.



**Q. With DeShaun, what is being asked of him specifically --**

PEP HAMILTON: That's a Coach Culley question.

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