

# Houston Texans Media Conference

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## Coach David Culley

Press Conference



(In progress.)

DAVID CULLEY: He's still doing the protocol right No. Feeling better and doing well and he will not play.

**Q. He will not play?**

DAVID CULLEY: No, he will not play.

**Q. (No microphone.)**

DAVID CULLEY: We're not sure yet. We are taking it day by day.

**Q. (No microphone.)**

DAVID CULLEY: Well, I'm saying the protocol, when he's feeling better. You know, right now he's just kind of getting -- reconditioning him because he's been away for a while.

We're going to put him back out on the field again until we feel like he's condition-wise ready to play.

**Q. Do you have an update on Marcus Cannon and Lane Taylor, when they might be back?**

DAVID CULLEY: No, but they are progressing right round through the rehab.

**Q. (Regarding defense.)**

DAVID CULLEY: Yeah, I'm just eager to see them go against the defending Super Bowl champions, which is a good test for us, seeing their frontline guys against our frontline guys. Looking forward to that.

**Q. Coach, with this being the last preseason game, is it more important to put some starters out there or is it more important to get that final evaluation of guys (indiscernible)?**

DAVID CULLEY: The final evaluation is the most important, but it is important for us to also take those guys

that hadn't played a whole bunch this preseason to be able to get them at least through a half and maybe the start of the third quarter to where they at least know what it feels like to go through at least a half and a quarter, coming out for halftime adjustments.

And we'll try to do that.

**Q. ...from your offense in this game, after the way they struggled in the last?**

DAVID CULLEY: Handling the blitz better and also the third downs. Basically, as we went back and looked at the video on that, I mean, it was mental errors we had. It had nothing to do with them blitzing us more than what we had seen. Again, on the third downs it wasn't always the blitz that got us. It was the fact that we had some mental errors, which we've worked on this week to make sure it didn't happen.

And it was more us than it was them.

**Q. Since you last talked about Deshaun he's been working out on that side field. Is he still not injured?**

DAVID CULLEY: There is no -- nothing changed on that.

**Q. This is the last preseason game. How important is it in your final evaluation as you make cuts for the game on Saturday to make the decision...**

DAVID CULLEY: Well, I want to make it clear for us is that some of those guys we haven't had a lot of reps with that we feel like we need to get more reps to make that decision will definitely get more reps tomorrow, Saturday when we play. They will get more reps.

We have a rep count for guys and hopefully as the flow of the game goes, hopefully they get those rep counts in, we get evaluation.

**Q. (No microphone.)**

DAVID CULLEY: No, we just going to continue to do to this point what we've put in and what we've installed,



basically as our training camp installation has always gone through the end of training camp, and basically we're just going to go as we've been starting.

**Q. (No microphone.)**

DAVID CULLEY: Haven't thought anything about that. I think the big thing we want to do is finish consistently the things we haven't done very well, which I mentioned before. To get better at those things. I think that's the most important thing.

**Q. (Regarding Rasul Douglas.)**

DAVID CULLEY: Could possibly play.

**Q. What do you like about the team? What do you hope they bring to the competition?**

DAVID CULLEY: Well, one, which one of our defense back coaches, Dino Vasso, has had experience with him before in Philly, so we know about him. Basically, between now and then, if nothing happens physically, we hope to see them play something in the game.

**Q. (No microphone.)**

DAVID CULLEY: Oh, yes, for sure, especially with the COVID situation that we have now, with the way the game is, as far as what that has done, being able to have those guys there with the big practice squad like that allows, gives us some options that we didn't have in the past.

**Q. David, what's it been like for you to watching the coaching father/son duo of Lovie and Miles?**

DAVID CULLEY: Well, I haven't noticed it much because I don't think about being father and son out there. I just look at them being the linebacker coach and the defensive coordinator, but it seems to be going fine. I know he never calls him dad. He always calls him coach.

So that's how I look at it.

**Q. How much does Cannon and Taylor's time out there influence whether Tytus remains at guard?**

DAVID CULLEY: That has nothing to do with it at all. Their not being here, we have just been trying to find the right combination without those guys here. Obviously Tytus being a versatile guy, and if they were here we would still do the same thing.

**Q. They are both pretty experienced guys. How much time do you think they would need once healthy?**

DAVID CULLEY: More than anything, the time is they just need some practice. Depending on when they're back ready to go, we will not put them in a game back out on the field again until we see how they can handle the practice.

**Q. Does Bradley Roby have to be on the 53 when you make the initial cuts?**

DAVID CULLEY: I'm not sure what the rule is on that, but I do know as we get closer to it the suspension will come up and he will have to serve the suspension. I'll just have to see. That's something Nick can answer.

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