

# Houston Texans Media Conference

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## Bruce Arians

### Press Conference



BRUCE ARIANS: Pleased with everything but the first series on offense. Can't start against Dallas with a penalty on three-and-out and give them field position but other than that we had a nice rhythm. Loved the speed of the defense, speed of the offense. Once we got going, I saw the things I wanted to see, I didn't need to see anymore. Some young players stepped up, other didn't and we've got some rookies that the game is still a little big for. We'll continue to coach with and hopefully get to play them.

#### Q. The drive, everything you wanted to see?

BRUCE ARIANS: I thought it was a great run pass. First one was a no-huddle what we've been want to go get into and get going and Tom did a great job and great protection. Guys are where they are supposed to be and started running really well and that was another really good drive and mixing it up.

#### Q. Defensively, the first defense didn't give a point -- three takeaways?

BRUCE ARIANS: I was very pleased -- obviously getting five turnovers but stopping on all those fourth down, it was obviously a totally different game when the kicker was injured. But yeah, I thought our defense, again, Joe needs more work, Anthony, got them out of there and then some young guys really came in and did a good job.

#### Q. You talked about Grant and Joe being in that battle what did you see from both of them tonight? Did one pull ahead of the other?

BRUCE ARIANS: No, it's still, I have to go back and grade the special teams tape rather than the defensive tape.

#### Q. In terms of guys stepping up and making cases -- the six tackles, two kicks, how much did he help himself?

BRUCE ARIANS: So I have watch the rest of the tape but you saw the splash plays but the guys was right behind him twice, where he shouldn't have been. I have to watch

the whole film 'Brick make declarations of who helped themselves. Obviously getting two picks, you ain't going to hurt yourself, that's for sure and shame with Herbie.

#### Q. Are you happy with where your team is as you get ready for the regular season?

BRUCE ARIANS: Yeah, we are healthy and I like the game speed with which we played this ballgame and we still had guys that were catching back up but I think we're going to be fine.

#### Q. We saw Scotty Miller -- looked like a wrist?

BRUCE ARIANS: It was an elbow but he's fine. Nobody came out with any injury of any significance.

#### Q. In your kicking game, how much does it bother you to have the block --

BRUCE ARIANS: The first one was a low kick. Second was a total whiff by the wing and he should be able to do that job, and he didn't get it done. So it didn't help his cause.

#### Q. What was the thinking of switching to Trask?

BRUCE ARIANS: Yeah, we just wanted to give Kyle more work and saw enough -- the guys around him were not playing very good, so his interception was a perfectly thrown ball, expecting this guy to break in and young guy is playing. So I'm fine with where they are at.

#### Q. The touchdown, he was four or four on that drive, probably the best he's played?

BRUCE ARIANS: Yeah, and he got -- he wasn't going to have that much protection on the next drive but I like where he's at, he's getting better and better but again hopefully we're not playing with him for a while.

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