

# Houston Texans Media Conference

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## Coach David Culley

Postgame Press Conference



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COACH CULLEY: Credit to Pete and the Seahawks. They played well today. Congratulations.

**Q. How much not being able to get the run game going limit you on offense today?**

COACH CULLEY: Obviously we need to be able to do that to keep consistency. And we haven't been able to do that today. I think a little bit, not having David and Rex going down, going on with one running back for most of the game. We tried to do what we need to do. But we only had one guy back there to be able to do it. I thought earlier we attempted to do it. It helped us, weren't getting a bunch of yards, but the fact we were attempting to do it, it helped us.

**Q. When did you find out that David was not available today?**

COACH CULLEY: He had COVID.

**Q. Found out?**

COACH CULLEY: Yesterday.

**Q. First and goal at the 1, not being able to punch that in, what was the difference in that?**

COACH CULLEY: We've got to be able to do that. We didn't get it done up front. We expect to be able to do that from the 1.

**Q. Three or four games in a row without giving up big plays, giving up two touchdowns run, the play by (inaudible) what do you think was the problem today?**

COACH CULLEY: Well, again, we talked about last three weeks, the reason we hadn't given them up was because we kept the ball ahead of us. We knew we had two guys that could really get down the field playmakers in DK and Lockett. And they got behind us a couple of times today.

And gave up a couple of long runs.

**Q. In the first half I think you guys were at the three, fourth down, your offense was out there, you called the timeout and then kicked the field goal. What happened, what was the reason for that?**

COACH CULLEY: The reason for the time out?

**Q. The decision to call the timeout and of going for the field goal instead of going for it?**

COACH CULLEY: I wanted to make sure at the time that we ended up getting the points. I thought about it and decide the best thing to do was get the points at that time.

And I wasn't feeling real confident at that time, the play we called. When we lined up, what happened, we didn't get the look we wanted to go. And when we didn't get the look, called the timeout and said, kicked the field goal.

**Q. Do you have an update on Kamu?**

COACH CULLEY: Not an update yet. He does have a knee. We'll find out more about it tomorrow.

**Q. What did you see from Davis Mills today? He had the 14 consecutive completions. You guys were within 19-13 going into the fourth quarter. Seemed like he maybe played his smoothest game of the season in some ways.**

COACH CULLEY: He took care of the ball. That's what he's supposed to do. Unfortunately we weren't able to get the ball in the end zone in the second half. That's what we've got to do better -- not just him but our entire offense has got to be able to do that. And we haven't been able to do that consistently.

**Q. Was there an adjustment that they made, obviously had the issues with running the ball and healthy running back, was there an adjustment that the Seahawks made in game that maybe threw things off a little bit offensively?**

COACH CULLEY: No, they played it like we knew they would play it. We didn't execute the way we needed to do. I need to go look at the video to see why things didn't happen. Usually when things like that happen, we don't usually have everybody on the same page or doing exactly what they need to do. And that's usually the case.

**Q. How do you feel about your staff as far as your guys' in-game adjustment, starting off fast and ending slow? How did you feel you were adjusting in the game?**

COACH CULLEY: I think the adjustments are fine. We're just not able to make the adjustments from the standpoint of executing what the adjustments were. And we've got to do better at doing that. And we've had that issue all year with second half.

**Q. (Indiscernible) 55 yards, the touchdown right before the halftime, what went into the explosive plays, (indiscernible) disappointment leading up to this game?**

COACH CULLEY: The runs, gap control, which has always been the case for us. And then the big plays down the field, I mean, guys are letting the guy get behind them. And we knew that these two guys they had could get behind them.

When you think they're not behind you, they're going to get behind you because they're very explosive and very fast. And we didn't do a good enough job keeping them in front of us.

**Q. Obviously you didn't expect to have this kind of record the start of the season. How bad do you feel to have this kind of record?**

COACH CULLEY: It always feels bad because the record is what it is. And that's not very good. And you're right, that is not what we expected. But at this point we basically just every week just looking to get the next win.

And with this football team right here I feel like I've got a great bunch of guys in this locker room that will do everything that we need to do to get it corrected. We just have not been able to get that done. And that's on me.

**Q. All season, (indiscernible) staying ahead of the sticks and (indiscernible). How much more important is that when you have a rookie under center?**

COACH CULLEY: It's very important. And in the first half we did a really good job of that, I mean a really good job of that. In the second half it wasn't like we were behind the

sticks. We just weren't doing the things as well in the second half as we was doing in the first half.

**Q. When you talk about the range of emotions, you were only down by six, you've got the ball, moving it. And then you can't get it done, then they go score and all of a sudden you're down two touchdowns. You had hope, hope and then -- what was that like on the sideline, was it a deflating feeling?**

COACH CULLEY: It's not deflating as much as we know it's a big momentum changer. You've got to come back and get that momentum and we've not been able to do that. I thought when we came out in the second half, our defense got the stop and then we got the ball. We were actually moving the ball and then we couldn't finish it.

Then we give the ball back to them and there they go. It's very important for us to figure it out, to be able to, when we do have momentum and those kinds of things, to be able to take advantage of that. In the second half of games this year we haven't been able to do that.

**Q. (Inaudible) running game, and now you have the worst in the league. What kind of detriment to the passing game when the running game is so bad?**

COACH CULLEY: You've got to have running balance. You put all the pressure on your quarterback and line to drop back and throw. There has to be balance. We don't have that balance right now. We've got to continue to try to find that balance.

**Q. Where are your personal feelings on this? Is this one any different after this game?**

COACH CULLEY: Personal feelings?

**Q. Just your feelings after this kind of game.**

COACH CULLEY: Disappointed. Just very disappointed.

**Q. In addition to Kamu, there was mention Rex going out with a groin injury, and Desmond King and Justin Reid --**

COACH CULLEY: Desmond was okay. They thought he had a concussion, he did not have a concussion. He came back in and played.

**Q. Justin?**

COACH CULLEY: Justin actually had a concussion.

**Q. Can you feel or did you pay attention to how many**



**Seahawks fans are in the crowd, how loud they were during some of the success the Seahawks had?**

COACH CULLEY: They're one of the better traveling teams in the league. They go -- they're like every like that. They've got a star on their team in their quarterback. And they travel. It's a Super Bowl-contending franchise. And they travel well.

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