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STEVEN NELSON: It's been going well. It's been going well, been here for probably about two months, maybe a little bit over that. You great guys. Coach did a great job getting guys in, and Nick, the guys that want to compete and get better and kind of have like mindedness. It's going really well right now.

Q. WHAT do you feel like you'll bring to the table specifically?

STEVEN NELSON: Like leadership, experience, just being a guy that's been there, been out there, playoff teams and just being in the atmosphere. As you know we have a lot of young talent on the team so just kind of being able to be there and lead by example as much as I can.

Q. What are your impressions of Garrett, I know he's working his way up to full speed and some of the things you've seen?

STEVEN NELSON: Great guy. Very talented. Hence why he got drafted where he got drafted. You know, I think he's going to do some great things here whenever he gets rolling.

Q. When you were going through the off-season deciding where you want to play next, did you have any conversations with Brandin and what are some things he told you?

STEVEN NELSON: I spoke to Brandin a couple times, just throughout my career. It's not like I spoke to him like prior but he always told me like when he came here, he liked the atmosphere and just the vibe in the atmosphere about it. So I kind of knew that and I spoke to other guys as well.

Q. When you come from winning teams like you have, this team coming off a losing season the past couple years, what do you try to inject to bring a winning culture and atmosphere?

STEVEN NELSON: I think I can just show like I said, my leadership and just try to show my professionalism as what



that looks like, what it takes to reach that level. So whatever I can do to help, you know what I mean.

Q. What's been your impressions of Collins so far?

STEVEN NELSON: Wide out? Really good, smooth, man. Big guy, catch radius, can run. Humble. I like him a lot.

Q. The secondary was going after the ball really good today. What does it say about this team, the defense, how good you guys can be going into next season?

STEVEN NELSON: Hungry, man. I think we're starting to understand that are takeaways kind of when you win that turnover battle, that's a big swing in the game. So whenever we can take the ball away and put the ball back in the offense hands and they score, we score and that's going to lead to bigger chances to win.

Q. Seeing younger players on the defense, Garrett, Jalen working in with first-team defenses, what does that say about their willingness to learn and their adaptability?

STEVEN NELSON: They are a sponge right now. So whatever they can do to come in and get extra work in, they are doing it. They are staying out there with the coaches. They are learning, watching more film so they can be accountable and when their name is called, they are able to perform.

Q. Are you starting to feel the camaraderie amongst the defense?

STEVEN NELSON: Most definitely. Each and every day is getting stronger and stronger.

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