

# Houston Texans Media Conference

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## Desmond King

### Press Conference



DESMOND KING: There's a lot of guys in the NFL that's dangerous. You've got Tyreek Hill, Davante Adams, Keenan Allen, those type of calibre guys and different type of techniques. There's definitely multiple talents and then we have new guys coming into the league as well as rookies.

#### Q. What is it like --

DESMOND KING: Just knowing that we've got that relationship. Knowing whenever we're on the field, knowing we've got each other's back trying to establish that with the rest of the team. That's something we want to bring here and build into the culture.

#### Q. Is the competition more unique?

DESMOND KING: Absolutely. Absolutely. That's where that phrase come from, iron sharpens iron. We see each other on the field, we both want to go hard and try to outdo each other but it's just going to make each other better.

#### Q. What do you feel like y'all have accomplished since y'all put pads on and eight or nine days into camp?

DESMOND KING: Just asking another phase to our off-season, man. This is another phase that we are going through, kind of trying to gel everything together before the first preseason game. I feel like we're doing a really good job right now.

We have rookies that's showing their talent, like Jalen Pitre and Dameon Pierce, those are two rookies that I've seen that have actually kind of stood out to me. They are doing exactly what they need to come here to do and getting ready for the season.

#### Q. What stands out about them?

DESMOND KING: Pitre, his ball awareness. When the ball in the air, he can go get it, he finds it and attack the ball.

Pierre, he's explosive. That's a guy that we kind of need on our offense running the ball. Whenever he get the ball, get those tough yards, those tough third and short yards. Exactly what we need for our offense.

#### Q. Talk about the importance of the red zone and describing the defense and stuff like that, what's the mindset going through the season and for you guys to be able to stop offenses?

DESMOND KING: As far as defense, we want to get the ball, get turnovers, force the ball and get the ball back to our offense as much as we can. If we can't get the turnover, that's great, but we don't want to give up touchdowns in the red zone, if we can, force the field goal, but the goal is to get a turnover.

#### Q. Obviously a hot day, fourth day in a row, do you feel like you've had enough juice or was this a difficult practice? Lovie was saying he would like to see practice be tough and to challenge you guys?

DESMOND KING: Every day is going to be tough. I feel like what we do out here is just getting us ready for the season. Guys, we do practice, no-huddle, practice tempo offense, and I think that's just going to make us better for the season when other teams try to do that against us.

#### Q. How much of that is instinct from --

DESMOND KING: I didn't watch film on him but like I said what I see out here is what we need in our back end, secondary. That's what we preach, we want to get the ball and we want to get interceptions, turnovers, force fumbles, and he's been out there doing that.

#### Q. The depth and some of the additions from the secondary, do you guys feel like some of the talent you've added do more than you were able to do from a secondary standpoint last year?

DESMOND KING: What do you mean by that?

#### Q. Adding talent, new guys, second year in the system, more familiar, maybe can do some things in



**the secondary that the team wasn't capable of last year?**

DESMOND KING: That's what we trying to figure out now. That's what training camp is about. We putting people in places so we can see what we have in our secondary and kind of place them in our right position.

**Q. As a veteran, you take the special teams reps just as serious as a defensive back. You're setting the bar out there for the young kids. How important is that?**

DESMOND KING: It's important for me because I want to work on my craft each and every day. I know that's where they depend on me a lot back there and that's very important for our team. I can help our offense out by scoring touchdowns, getting them in great field position and probably not -- I don't want to put them in bad positions, so I want to take that serious each and every day I come out here.

**Q. Those new? Who made them?**

DESMOND KING: My girlfriend got them for me. It was a gift. I don't know who made them, though.

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