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## Kevin Pierre-Louis

### Press Conference



KEVIN PIERRE-LOUIS: Health-wise I'm feeling good. Last year staying healthy was an issue of mine, just calling it what it is. So I spent a lot of time making sure I came in healthy. Role wise it's wherever Coach Miles and Coach Lovie puts me to be honest. Whatever position that is in the defense, they're going to put all of us in positions that's going to help our defense the best.

#### **Q. You got that play with Brandin Cooks you got that deflection there --**

KEVIN PIERRE-LOUIS: Yeah, it was just relying on the keys. Coach Lovie is big on our keys. In that particular defense I had to do my job, and knowing I'm going against an elite wide receiver who's fast, really just got to play the hands on that one. I was fortunate enough to rely on the keys and it panned out for me on that.

#### **Q. When you came from Washington (indiscernible) do you see any similarities and differences between Lovie's defenses in what they do culture wise?**

KEVIN PIERRE-LOUIS: We're talking about two elite coaches, so they're kind of the same when it comes to expectations. Defensive schemes could be different, but that's from team to team. But what's definitely key is their expectations. They always are going to put you once again in position where they think that you can win, and that's what we're doing here.

#### **Q. You were down at linebacker earlier and you wound up (indiscernible) and then you self-punishment push-ups. What's that all about?**

KEVIN PIERRE-LOUIS: That's just keeping the expectations high. If it touches your hand, we should be able to catch it once. We can't just be happy with a final catch. You've got an opportunity once to get it, get it once, because you know in this game those opportunities sometimes don't come to you, so take advantage of them when they do.

#### **Q. What's it like (indiscernible)?**

KEVIN PIERRE-LOUIS: Oh, yeah, no, for sure.

#### **Q. How does that help?**

KEVIN PIERRE-LOUIS: You know, you notice it sometimes, but as a professional, as we all are, we shouldn't pick up the tempo just because a certain coach is there. We should act as though he's always watching because everything is filmed so he's going to see it eventually even if he's not next to our drill.

#### **Q. Talk about Jerry Hughes and Mario Addison being added to the defense.**

KEVIN PIERRE-LOUIS: It's great. You know, you have guys who have won or who have excelled at a high level in their careers, so it's great to have them out there. Another group of guys that's going to keep us all accountable.

#### **Q. When you look at the linebacker position (indiscernible)?**

KEVIN PIERRE-LOUIS: Yeah, it makes all of us competitive every day. We realize as a group all of us can't stay here, but we definitely know that each of us can play on any team in the league, and it's our job to keep competing with each other, keep challenging each other each day, and try to just make the plays. It makes it fun out there, honestly.

#### **Q. What do you think of what Christian Harris is doing?**

KEVIN PIERRE-LOUIS: That kid, he's a special talent. I've been in the league long enough to notice things in guys, and he has that "it" factor for sure. I'm excited to see him really do his thing at this level. The sky's the limit, honestly. As generic as that sounds, I truly believe the sky's the limit for him.

#### **Q. Is it just the athleticism or the way he plays the position?**

KEVIN PIERRE-LOUIS: It's the athleticism, the way he



approaches the game as a rookie. He already has that professional mindset. I see him -- I'm a guy, I'm older, so I'm always getting in early, doing things for my body, and seeing a rookie come in and do that already, it really shows where his mindset is and what he's trying to do for this team.

**Q. Kirksey said earlier this week that he believes Christian might be the fastest linebacker on the team. Do you think (indiscernible)?**

KEVIN PIERRE-LOUIS: I'm not going to lie, yeah. As much as I don't want to say it as a competitor, that kid can move. Once again, once he figures it out in our system, he's going to do wonderful things.

**Q. Do you remember the first time you ran across Christian and came away impressed?**

KEVIN PIERRE-LOUIS: Do I remember the first time? I don't remember.

**Q. What impressed you the most?**

KEVIN PIERRE-LOUIS: Oh, impressed. Oh, man, day one. He's probably the most consistent rookie I've seen in my years. Just a guy that just -- he picked it up from day one. So we're excited to have him out there. He's just one of the guys. He is a rookie, but he doesn't play like one. His mentality, another guy who takes care of his body and does his thing as a professional early on, so he's a special talent, too.

**Q. There's a lot put on the linebackers in the system. Do you feel like that's one of your strengths, your coverage ability?**

KEVIN PIERRE-LOUIS: You know, as a group our strengths are both run and pass. Coach Lovie, he goes after certain types of linebackers, and we all have to realize that's the reason why we're here. We can all run, we can all cover. It doesn't mean that we're not going to work on these things every single day, but we have a bunch of athletic, fast, hard-hitting linebackers, and that's going to show in our play.

**Q. I think a lot of chippiness and trash talking between offense and defense the last couple days. Is that just you all's competitive edge and how much you're ready to play your preseason games?**

KEVIN PIERRE-LOUIS: Yeah, you know, it's just a part of camp. It's getting a little bit hotter. It's getting a little bit chippy, a little bit more trash-talking. It's just that competitive nature honestly, and it's great that it all stays

on the field. Once we get in a little tussle, once we go to the locker room, it's all love, and it's just a part of the game which we all appreciate, that we can all be professional about it.

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