

# Houston Texans Media Conference

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## Myles Garrett

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**Q. We've talked about you guys trying to get those turnovers, and it's finally a day that comes, and it's a day where you're able to pick up where the offense maybe couldn't get going. What does that mean to be able to find those turnovers today?**

MYLES GARRETT: It's a day when we needed it. We weren't clicking all phases. They were running the ball well. Still the first down we get it in the air, but we needed those takeaways to really separate the score for us. They came up big, not only taking the ball away but scoring.

And special teams doing their thing, DPJ having a big return. I think that that's the kind of complementary football we've been looking for, and that's something to build off of in these two phases of the game.

**Q. After watching the Texans on film, did you all as a defense anticipate this might be a big day for you all or potentially could be a big day for you all?**

MYLES GARRETT: Yeah, we knew we were going to have some opportunities. We just had to make the most of it, being able to stay tight in coverage. We felt if we got some pressure in his face, we were going to be able to get him off the spot, get him some errant throws and get him to make some plays through the air, and we were able to do that.

Especially them forcing some fumbles as well, that came up big. I know I said something last week and received that response.

**Q. When you get an interception on the first -- after they reviewed it and gave it to you, when you get an interception on the first defensive play of the game, what does that do for you as a unit?**

MYLES GARRETT: It gives us huge confidence, especially for the offense. They were coming out thinking they were going to score and even though they didn't,

we're going out there thinking this is a day we're going to do something special. We ended up having a really great game as far as defense and special teams. We have to be able to keep it going.

**Q. What did you think of Watson's game?**

MYLES GARRETT: Next question.

**Q. Myles, how grateful were you on a day when Deshaun was having a rough time kind of getting it going, that he got the support of you guys on the field and I'm sure off the field? How do you guys feel like you rallied around him today?**

MYLES GARRETT: I mean, we knew we were going to be going into a hostile environment and knew we were going to have to pick him up and just try to, like I said, play complementary, do our best to pick it up, anything where he falls off or falls a little bit short during some drives.

But he still has that confidence about him. He's telling us y'all get a stop and get a takeaway, we're going to score. Don't worry about it. He has our back just like we have his back. It was never a big deal for him. He was still having that presence where any time we could make a special play happen.

**Q. Based on what you've seen in practice, with him every day in training camp and everything, do you feel like now he's sort of got this stressful situation off his back, one game that he needed to get out of the way, do you envision he'll be that much better in his second start?**

MYLES GARRETT: Yeah. We're not going to hold him to a crazy standard and expect him to be superman out there. He hasn't played in two years. We know the kind of football player he's been in the past and what he's like.

We've seen him on the practice field doing things athletically and through the air that few players can match. We're not going to hold him to that kind of standard. We're going to keep on playing complementary football. We're going to keep on playing as a team. He's going to



eventually get his rhythm, get his feet underneath him and be able to play like he has in the past.

**Q. You mentioned the environment was about what you expected for him playing his first game here?**

MYLES GARRETT: Yeah. We knew it was going to be a little bit hostile. They were going to have some boos and all that. But at the end of the day, it's nothing he hasn't faced before and we haven't faced before. Just taking it in stride knowing we're going to have some noise on the field, especially when the offense is out there.

So just making sure you're loud with your vocalizations, with your calls and checks, and do your best to move forward.

**Q. How does it feel you guys have kept the train going along and you're keeping hope alive as you head into this big game in Cincinnati?**

MYLES GARRETT: The goal is still 1-0. I look at the size of the game or the meaning of it, it's just one. I said to the guys, it's not win or go home. There's no option. There's no alternative. It's just win. That's all we can do. We can't leave without it.

**Q. Is it still some good energy having played a couple of hours up the road in college?**

MYLES GARRETT: I still love playing in Texas. It doesn't matter whether it's in Dallas or in Houston, I still appreciate coming back. Get some Texas sun on me, it means a lot.

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