



***Cleveland Browns Head Coach Todd Monken
Cleveland Browns vs. New England Patriots
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Opening Statement:

"I'm really proud of our guys. It's been an honor to work with these guys every day. We're at that point of the year where we can't keep everybody, and a lot of guys have made it hard on us. But like I said, it's been an honor coaching these guys. From the moment I got here, just spot the ball, and our guys love to practice and play and be around each other. Guys that came on board along the way. I couldn't ask for more from a group of guys. It was fun to watch those guys compete. We talked at halftime about playing two halves. The first two preseason games, we played relatively well in the first halves, and it doesn't matter who's out there. When you're wearing your name on your back or the Browns helmet, we expect that we play our rear ends off and the expectation of your position and the team. I think we got that in the second half tonight. Defense shut them out. We didn't play as clean offensively, but we were backed up a couple times and didn't take advantage of a couple of turnovers, but I'm proud of our guys."

What can you say about the job Dillon Gabriel did for you tonight?

"That's great for him. I know it's been hard, let's be real about it. But, he's a prideful guy who's had a lot of success in his career, and all he does is prepare. That's all he does. He comes to work every day and prepares like a pro. You can see he can really operate; he gets what we want to do, and he has a certain confidence about him when he takes the field. I'm fired up. We had a chance to meet before the game and talk about the things he wanted called and what he felt comfortable with, it's like having a coach. He's easy to explain things like this is what I likes, this is what he doesn't like. Like I always say, we don't need more plays, we need plays you feel comfortable with. I'm really happy for him."

What about Taylen Green in his first time out there?

"I told you somewhere there was going to be a 20-yard play, I just didn't know how. I didn't expect to be backed up, almost get a safety, but that's what he is, just a tremendous that is highly intelligent. You saw it. There's a lot to work with there, and we've just got to refine it. I'm happy for him that he got the chance to play, he doesn't get a ton of reps. Just doesn't. So, it's not all his fault, you can rep everybody. It's just the way it goes."

Do you feel like these are two guys you hope to keep on the 53 and continue to develop?

"Sure. That's why we played both of them, to try to help us a little in terms of where we're at from a roster standpoint. We've got a lot to talk about, because I thought they both did some really good things. I really think the way they played was how I thought they would play. Dillon was very poised within himself, and then Taylen was going to have some splash plays, get him on the perimeter, use his athleticism, and keep working to refine his passing. It was fun to watch him play. But just like every position, we're going to have to cut it down. We can't keep everybody."

Take us through what was going your mind during that play where Taylen almost getting a safety. How did that unfold?

"It's a lot easier in a preseason game. Your heart isn't racing nearly as fast. You're not screaming as much. Didn't surprise me one bit. It didn't surprise me, because that's what you saw when you evaluated him for the Draft and that is what you saw, a player that has got elite size, speed and arm talent. You saw that. That's what we saw tonight. He has arm talent. He's really worked on his mechanics, and you're going to get those athletic plays from him."

Todd overall, what did you think of his operation and decision-making back there?

"Excellent. Other than that third-and-11 throw, not ideal, but we were going to throw it, let him play and see. We were backed up, he had that run, it's like, I'm going to throw it here, what am I going to do, just run it and not see him play? For the most part he operated well. It's still hard, because would I have liked to be quicker into the huddle, but heck the guy has hardly played. There is not a lot many times he's heard me through the headset or his helmet really to be honest. So, processing all of that and getting to the line of scrimmage, I thought he did an unbelievable job."

Is there anything that happened tonight that affects the QB1 and QB2?

"No, I don't see it that way."

Todd, can you see a world where you keep all four quarterbacks?

"I'm not going to get into that right now. Andrew (Berry) and I haven't had a chance to really talk about it."

Obviously, it was exciting to see Luke Floriea get into the end zone a couple times these last two games.

"He almost got three. If he hadn't drifted on the end cut, he gets the touchdown for God's sake. He's got three game balls, pretty cool. I know I keep cutting you off. Is that not cool as hell? For that kid, in this state, with the Browns, that's something he'll remember forever, and I'll remember it forever, too. We're all human. Just to see your players smile and have success after all the work they've put in. That's really cool. I'm just so happy for him that I couldn't let you talk. Sorry."

Is it especially gratifying to see the way Dillon and Taylen, with very few reps over the past few weeks, go out there and operated and managed things the way they did tonight?

"Yeah. Hell, they didn't get reps this week. They got the walkthrough reps, but when we practiced, we practiced good-on-good, Deshaun (Watson) and Shedeur (Sanders) got most of those. Dillon got inside run, he got nine-on-seven. That ought to tell you how those guys are wired. Great job by Coach (Mike) Bajakian and Matt Baker has done with those guys and how they've stayed locked in. Real credit to them."

Todd, I know so much goes into whether a guy makes the roster, but when a guy like Luke scores three touchdowns in two games and nearly a fourth, how far can that go in helping him secure a roster spot?

"All you can ask of your players is to work their rear ends off to keep sharpening their skills, and as coaches, what we ask our coaching to do is our job is to maximize a player's measurable skill set, we're in the development business. Their job as players is to make it as hard as they can for us, and then do as good a job as they can showcasing their ability for the other 31 teams, because there are only 32 of these teams. So, has Luke made it hard on us? Of course he has. That's what you'd hope, that when the lights are brightest, a player shows up. And he has."

How good was it to see Justin Jefferson make that interception, especially with the reps he's worked through during camp?

"It's fun for him, it's fun for the defense. The other interception was kind of crazy fun, too. You can see our guys really enjoy playing with each other, they really do and taking the field together. You can see that in their celebrations. It's not only a celebration for him, but for their teammates and for the defense."

Based on some of the talks you and Andrew have had leading up to tonight, roughly how many roster spots do you think are still up for grabs?

"There are still a few spots still up, and there are still spots in terms of the practice squad. That's changed a lot over the years, it used to be eight spots, hell, that's doubled since COVID, and you can keep some veteran guys."

That's changed a lot over the years. Every team goes through it. And they've got roster cutdowns and everybody is looking at everybody else's roster, trying to put together the best 53 and the best practice squad you can. We'll be doing the same."

Now that you're in the head coach's chair, do you have a new appreciation for how hard it is to let go of some of these guys who have given you their heart and soul all summer?

"It sucks. There's no other way to put it. Even when I was a position coach. Now it has changed in college. Guys left because they wanted to leave, they graduated, or there was some other reason — this is completely different in the NFL. It's never easy to tell somebody that you're letting them go. I don't care who you are, you have to be hardened to tell people that their dream is possibly over. I don't know who enjoys doing that, because they gave you so much. I told the players last night I have so much respect for NFL players, especially in training camp. I don't come to work every day with four other head coaches for my job. I'm not competing every day, I have the job. I don't have to compete and be like you finish third in coaching so you're gone. For wideout coaches, it's not like we have five. The players go through that every day. I have a lot of respect because every day, like man it was gradually, and now suddenly it's here, and that's just what we do. It doesn't make it any easier. That's I give those guys a ton of credit for what they do and for laying it out there tonight. They gave it their all."

We haven't seen you since Michael Coats Jr. was carted off the other day. Do you know if that is a long-term issue?

"I don't anticipate it being long-term. I'm not going to get into that, but it doesn't appear that it's going to be long-term."

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Cleveland Browns QB Dillon Gabriel
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That had to feel good.

"Coming together and playing good feels good for sure."

Has it been a frustrating camp for you?

"I don't think frustrating is the word, I think challenging is. It's interesting, you know, as somebody who just comes to work every day and tries to put one foot in front of the other, maximize what you get. That's all I've tried to do. I think really going back into spring OTAs and mandatory minicamp, I really flipped the switch for me with Danny Breyer, just looking at how my reps go, and like some days it'll be three, some days it'll be eight. Of course you love to count them, but I say that because when I look at the end of the week, it is like 20, 25 reps, and we try to say it's like half a game. I appreciate Danny, because that mindset helped me. You don't feel like you have to chase or push in three reps. Maybe that day you'll get two runs and a throwaway, and you've got to sit with that the rest of the day. What really helped was just going into each week saying, 'Hey, we'll watch it on Sunday, let's just stack good reps.' But at some point, you want to see your hard work come to fruition in a real-life setting, and of course it wasn't exactly what I wanted the first two preseason games. That's probably the frustrating part on my end. But then being able to go out today with a bunch of great dudes and make the most of it, maxing the moment, that's really what it's all about."

How about the way Luke Floriea came through for you tonight and you guys had a great connection going on?

"Yeah, I love Luke. I think everyone out there, you know, Malachi (Corley), Gage (Larvadain), Ben (Patterson), who came here a week and a half ago. You're all competing and trying to maximize the moment, and I appreciate those guys, love them to death. It's always fun competing. I think when you look at it, everyone coming together when it's good, it's usually because everyone helps out, the run game's going well, the play-action sells the protections well, that gives you time, and receivers are getting open because they have the ability to work. So, it all goes hand in hand, good or bad."

A lot of times you'll get to the line with 16, 18 seconds.

"I take pride in that. We talk about the four twos. Two seconds getting the call in, trying to be faster on that, two seconds in the huddle, two seconds out, like can we subtract that? Really the four twos, also getting through our cadence. You take pride in that, because then there's no stress. You want to eliminate anxiety, like Coach (Todd) Monken always talks about, and that's what we try to do."

What do you think the next few days hold for you?

"God knows. I'm just worried about today, and the rest will figure itself out."

Does it feel uncertain?

"That's the league for you. But I know what I'm about, and I've just got a good head on my shoulders. I take pride in that. You know, I went into this game a certain way, of course, but it is what it is."

It seems like Todd Monken really has an appreciation for your game, for your approach, for the way you operate the offense. How do you feel that connection has gone with him, and what's he been able to bring out in you?

"You know, it's tough, like you kind of understand it as well. There's obviously a competition going on, and there's a lot of energy being poured into the two guys, rightfully so. So don't take that in a negative way at all, it's a very positive thing, you want to pour into that. Of course, there's times where you're not going to get that much coaching. It kind of is what it is. I don't even know what you call it. You get what you emphasize, so you focus on that. That's why I go back to Coach Baker, Matt Baker, Danny Breyer, sometimes you've got to stay extra to watch your reps, because you can't always get to them, and that's really helped me. Even with James Cook, like the walkthroughs in the morning, after practice or throws. I say that because you don't really get reps

enough to make excuses, that's part of the whole deal. You don't get reps all week, but you've got to stay after and throw it with James Cook and D-Felt (Demetric Felton). That's just part of the gig. I would just say the people who help around there help you out and make it so you're best prepared for when your time comes."

When it is like that and you get a chance to do what you did tonight, do you say like this was your chance to prove something?

"I just treat every opportunity like its own. I'm not going to put pressure on it like this is my one opportunity, I'm just unaffected by whatever it may be. I'm just focused on, of course, maxing the opportunity, but not making it more than what it is. I'm not naive of what this all comes with, but I want to play well and put good s*** on tape."

What did you think of Taylen (Green) tonight? You're not getting a lot of reps, but he's getting even fewer than you.

"That's what I'm saying, we were laughing about it, we were just telling each other, 'F*** around and find out.' We've all played a bunch of football, but there's still timing with guys and all that s***, but we'll figure it out."

Where are you better? We can only see so much in practice or games, how has your game developed?

"I went home and fixed a bunch with Coach (Jonathan) Reyes. You hear Hawaii and you probably think I'm just sitting on my a** on the beach, but I really put a lot of work in and that's all I could do too. I think after last year, you try to learn what you can from those moments, as a rookie, and when you go in early like that, you get thrown in the fire, and you've got to figure it out. I think the best thing was I got all that tape looked at things I can improve on, really attack certain routes, and certain things that could help me just to be more consistent. I know there's throws I can hit, but it's all about consistency and doing it one more time than the other person. I don't want to put it on one thing, but in all, I'm more experienced. I know what to expect on a game day, I know how to approach a certain practice. There's just more comfortability with that and more experience with that, so it just led me to be more comfortable and maximize moments."

How much do you want to be here? You have so much invested here, last season, this season. How much would you like to see this through here with the Browns?

"In what way, sorry?"

I'm imagining you're going to be here, but I suppose anything can open over the next...

"Anything can happen. We don't know. But I'll say this: I'm right where my feet are, and with maximizing the moment, you just try to stack those. Stack practices and obviously stack games, but you know."

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Cleveland Browns QB Taylen Green
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What was your mindset going out there, starting your first two possessions backed up at your own 2-yard line?

"It felt really good. Of course, a little nervous — first NFL game, first snap — but it felt good to be in that huddle, call the play. Just say ready, set, break, and see the defense. There's nothing like it, and I'm really appreciative of the opportunity."

What did you see on that 30-yard scramble where it looked like it was close to a sack in the back of the end zone?

"We had a quick-game concept — I want to say they went Cover 2 to it. I was about to throw it, but I saw the nickel bounce back, so I didn't feel comfortable with it, especially being backed up. After that, it was just trusting my legs and at that point, trusting my instincts. I didn't really see much — I just saw green grass and went."

How cool was it to hear the crowd cheering for you when you took off?

"It felt really good. I'd say I didn't really hear it in the moment, because once the game starts you're locked in. But it was a really cool atmosphere, and I'm grateful the fans showed a lot of love — not just for me, but for the whole team."

You hardly got any reps over the past few weeks, and here you are getting your first NFL action backed up at the 2 on your very first drive. Did you have time to think about that at all, or on the second one were you thinking, I've got to make something happen here?

"No, you're not really thinking about it — of course you're thinking about the situation, but I'm just taking it one play at a time, one day at a time. Like I said the other day. My focus was to keep the chains moving and do whatever I had to do to keep the chains moving. In the huddle, when we went to 98 (yards), I told them, 'Hey, we're on the 2-yard line, let's go 98 take it 98.' And we did. That was an exciting feeling, to end the drive with a touchdown."

Did Luke Floriea say anything to you after that first third down where he was open way down the field?

"To be honest, I can't even remember — I was just locked in."

Do you feel like you made as good a case as you possibly could to make the 53-man roster?

"Honestly, I hope so, but at the same time I can only control what I can control. That's out of my hands. I play football, so I'm going to do my best on the field and put it all out there, and let the higher-ups - they have their job and I have my job. My job is to keep the chains moving, score touchdowns and win."

Dillon Gabriel was talking about not getting a lot of reps in practice either, and you went through the same thing. How have you two rallied together, especially going out tonight and playing without a lot of reps?

"Yeah, definitely — he helped a lot. We're going through similar situations, and like I said, we're just trying to put our best foot forward. I'm really spiritual, so I'm trusting God and the plan he has for me — I've got a Bible verse on my arm. It's really just control what you can control, put one foot in front of the other and do your best. I think that's all we can do, and that's true in football, but it's true in life, too."

Did Deshaun Watson or Shedeur Sanders help you or did they just keep their distance as it was your night?

"They definitely helped — when Dillon was going, we'd look at the iPads or the Surface and showing me things and indicators, because college is different. We had real live video in college, and in the NFL it's pictures, so that's something I'm getting used to. They were showing me what they see and how to dissect it. And Shedeur was in that position last year, too — he understands the nerves and everything, and he'd tell me, 'Hey, when you're out there, just be yourself and go play football.'"

How much would you like to remain here once the roster cuts are finalized, whether that's on the 53 or the practice squad?

"Oh, definitely — I definitely want to remain here. The Browns drafted me, so that always means a lot, not just to my family but to myself. Learning the community, getting to know people, getting to know the city — it really means a lot to me. I would love to be a Cleveland Brown."

You mentioned you had family here tonight — how many made it?

"I had three — my dad flew in and my college roommate came too, along with his dad. They drove in from Detroit."

You don't get to practice runs like that 30-yarder in practice — is it just like riding a bike?

"Yeah. The way I was feeling today, I need to get back into that conditioning — I was tired. But I'm glad I had that experience. I know conditioning is something I've got to improve on."

You converted three third downs on 98 yard drive — how did it feel to be able to move the chains like that?

"It feels good. Converting third downs in the NFL is really hard, and I'm learning that quickly. So it's just doing whatever it takes — if I've got to run, I'm going to run, and if I've got to throw the ball, I'm definitely going to throw the ball. Just do whatever it takes to keep the chains moving — that's what a quarterback has to do."

How do you think you threw the ball?

"I think I threw it well overall. I can clean up my footwork, especially on that third down with the incompleteness, but I'm glad I've got some film to look at and get to work on. We'll watch it with my coaches and see what they have to say, and just hit the ground running with that."

Since you got here back in April, how would you encapsulate your journey from being drafted to getting your first chance to play tonight — what you've learned, the relationships you've built?

"That's a good question. I'd say it came really fast — it feels like I got drafted yesterday, and rookie minicamp feels like yesterday, too. But it's been really cool and exciting getting to know everybody. We're all from different walks of life, coming together for a common goal, and it's really amazing — the locker room, the camaraderie we have. There's nothing like football, nothing like sports, that brings people together like that."

Has anyone ever wanted you to play receiver, whether in high school, recruiting or college?

"I told them no. I'm a quarterback through and through, and I'm sticking to that."

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WR Malachi Corley

Final preseason (game) in the books, you have been kind of all over the place throughout the summer. How do you feel your body of work has led to the wrapup of the preseason and into the regular season? ?

"It has been a great time for me. Being in multiple roles, like you said playing kickoff return, punt return, kickoff coverage and then ultimately playing receiver and filling in wherever needed. So for me, it's just taking everything with a grain of salt, doing the most of what I'm asked to do. So whether it is being a special teamer, that's where my mind is really set on and being serviceable for our offense whenever I'm needed. It's a long season, guys get injured, guys are going to need breathers in the game. I just want to be available, and be productive in the roles that I do."

The role that you have right now, when it comes down to all the receivers that they added, there's a lot of talent, but there's a lot of opportunity to. So where do you see maybe your fit as they start to shape this roster up this weekend?

"For me personally, it's more playing in my special teams role. My goal is to be an All-Pro Special Teamer for this team. I think that I have the skill set. I think I have the want to. And I think that I have the leadership capability to make my name in a different way. Ultimately I am laying the foundation for myself. Doing the lumberjack work, you know, 'chopping wood and carrying water'. I think as I continue to perform for myself more opportunities will come."

What you have seen from what (HC) Todd Monken is bringing to this offense, where do you think this team can go offensively as you guys try to bounce back after two tough seasons?

"I think we can be one of the best offenses in the league. We have the fire power to do it. We have the quarterbacks, plural, to do it. As well as the offensive skill power to do it. With getting (RB) Quinshon (Judkins), getting (WR) KC (Concepcion), getting (WR) Denzel (Boston) and still having (WR Jerry) Jeudy and the O-line being revamped and everything. We have a group of guys that are extremely talented and Coach (Todd) Monken's fiery and his passion and ability to call plays and correlate plays together is our biggest skill set. So having Coach Monken as the mastermind behind all these amazing chess pieces is great."

WR Luke Floriea

Sort of a follow up performance there, that had to top the first touchdown with having two tonight?

"Yeah, it was cool. Found myself in the right place at the right time. Dillon (Gabriel) was able to put it on me twice and I was able to find the endzone twice. "

How close were you to the third?

"I still haven't seen the replay. I thought I caught it. I don't know if you guys can tell me if you've seen it. It hit my hands super clean so I thought I caught it. I didn't even think that it would be reviewed but it's alright. I was happy that Ahmani (Marshall) scored, that's my guy. "

Tell us why you are going to make this team?

"I am consistent. I come out every day, I try to just do my job and do what is best for the team, helping in whatever way I can."

What do the next couple of days look like for you? Are you thinking about it, are you sitting around waiting, how do you distract yourself?

"I am going to go home, go to bed tonight, put my head on the pillow. I feel like I did everything I could. I have no regrets about how this preseason went or anything I really did. I feel good about it."

Todd said that you did not think about keeping that first touchdown pass. How about tonight, did you keep either of those?

"I kept both of them. I am never not going to keep a touchdown ball. I don't care how many I catch."

What are you going to do with them?

"I am going to frame them at some point. They will probably be at my Mentor, Ohio home."

S Emmanuel McNeil-Warren

You went through your first preseason as an NFL rookie, how does it feel?

"Awesome. To go through this experience with the guys and getting the first dub. It feels amazing, going out there and competing with the guys and winning. It's just a blessing."

How much have you learned from the safeties in that room, (S) Grant (Delpit) and (S) Ronnie (Hickman), throughout this entire offseason?

"I learned everything from those guys. Those guys are great. Our whole room is great, coming in, they want to make me better, teach me the game more, and make sure that I'm the best player that I can be."

What makes your game so unique?

"To be able to be a versatile player in the box. To play top safety, middle safety, so to be able to play both and be able to see the field from both sides, bottom and top."

How did it feel ending the preseason with the win?

"Man, it felt great. It felt amazing, I ain't going to lie to you. This is my first NFL win. So, I'm going to take this home and just think about it all day."

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New England Patriots Head Coach Mike Vrabel
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How would you characterize the defense tonight?

"Not good enough. We got a couple sudden change stops, forced them to kick some field goals which I think is always positive. But not good enough. We couldn't match the speed of the quarterback in the zone read and some of those things. But we'll get back to work and figure out who we get back to work with."

You talked about not being a very deep team last week. What did you see that you can build on as you look forward to rosters?

"I'll make those decisions tonight, tomorrow morning, over the weekend, and, you know, we're always going to try to strengthen the roster. You know, find guys, and Eliot (Wolf) and his staff, and everybody included. It's a very fluid process. There's going to be players that are going to be with us, and then there are going to be [players] maybe picked up by somebody else, and they are going to be looking at other people. It's just about being patient, and figuring out who the right guys are."

We haven't talked to you since the Kayshon Boutte trade. How did you make the decision to cut the wide receivers down?

"That was one place where we do have some depth. I think for all parties involved, that was probably the best thing without injuries, you know? Okay, sure, he probably would have been inactive, unfortunately, because it's kind of the way it was. It's just him not playing special teams, but I tried to thank Jayshon as many times as I could. I texted them like every day. Just his maturity, his growth. His ability to put into words last year and share his own personal struggle, but also the growth that he made from that, that is positively going to affect a lot of people. I know that that wasn't easy for him to do, and I tell him all the time about how much I respect him."

It looked like QB Coach Ashton Grant and Secondary Coach Scott Booker were calling plays tonight for you guys. What went into that decision?

"Book didn't call plays tonight so he must have just been animated on the sideline. I was just giving Ashton an opportunity to call plays. (Patriots OC) Josh (McDaniels) has called plenty of games in the National Football League. And I think Ashton is a very, very good young, offensive football coach. I try to look for places to be able to give other coaches opportunities and I feel like this was a good time."

Early in the week you said that you were still deciding whether or not you were going to play the starters. How did you ultimately come to the decision to sit them?

"I just think that it's best for us right now to try to start next week with the guys that we have. I know that's a difficult decision. I don't think there's a right or wrong answer. We have to just continue to try to prepare the football team the best that we can. We just wanted to try to get to the regular season with the guys that we had."

As you do that, how do you feel overall? Big picture, as you start pushing to get ready for Seattle?

"We have a lot of work to do like everybody else. The new journey, the next step in a journey, is now building a team, and putting that together here, having a cut down day, and then it'll be, how can we improve along the way? How do we continue to develop the young players, how do we improve as a football team as the season goes on? We're excited to get started. But I also think we need a couple days here to kind of get away from each other. We've been going at this since July 20th, and I think a couple days may be good for everybody here."

We won't get to speak to you before Sunday. Do you anticipate activating Patriots LB Harold Landry III?

"Does that disappoint you, or does that excite you, that you won't get to talk to me? I can answer for you. I can answer. No, I think we'll just continue to see when we get back, those guys stay back. Whether (Patriots S

Brenden) Schooler and Harold both stay back, and they have to be able to pass certain things, because once you take them off, that's kind of what it is. We just want to be very careful and smart with them, and not force them in anything, but on the same note that if they can relatively perform where we expect them to, and where they expect themselves to, that could be a possibility that we can be able to bring those guys off."

How difficult is Sunday if you're a player. A lot of guys out here are chasing dreams and you start to cut down the roster.

"You put a lot of time in with guys, and we hope that they give you everything that they have. It's not easy, but it's a tough part of this business. We want to try to be as respectful to him. Some of these players that we move on from we'll bring back on the practice squad. And I think for the most part, these guys, they gave us everything they had. We'll treat them the same way."

Patriots CB Christian Gonzalez, for the first time this summer, expressed some frustration about the contract negotiations. How would you navigate that situation, and just what's your reaction to his comments?

"Well, I don't have a reaction. I have conversations with Christian, and I understand that this is probably something that's difficult. I've never been in that position to this extent. I try to treat it with class, but also, him and I communicate. He's always free – our players are always free to feel how they want to feel, and you just have to stay patient, and hope that we can continue to work to some sort of degree."

You took the team to the Hall of Fame yesterday and Andre Tippett spoke to the team. What did that mean to you?

"I've known Tipps since 2001. And I think for a lot of guys, especially me, I haven't been back to the Hall of Fame since 1998. I played one game with the Steelers, and this was as close as we were going to get. The players really appreciated seeing the stuff that they had to offer. We appreciated the Hall of Fame for allowing us to come and treating us so well. Having Tip be there and be able to speak about the fraternity and his career, and everything that he did. He's a great Patriot, and we were glad to be able to honor him in front of our football team, but also have him show us around and be proud of the Hall of Fame."

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K Andy Borregales

Just a thought on how everything went with the new holder in Matt [Haak] from your perspective tonight as a unit?

"I thought it went great. He came in trying to fill some big shoes with Bryce [Baringer] out. I think he did a great job. From talking earlier, as long as we're comfortable he's comfortable. It's kind of how me and Julian [Ashby] also feel."

How do you feel like you've bounced back since the preseason opener?

"I've said it before, it's just going back to the basics. It's pretty simple."

How do you bounce back from that individually? What's your mentality going forward?

"It's just onto the next kick. You can't dwell on the past, you can't change it. It happened. It's just about going back to the basics."

QB Tommy DeVito

I've been there all the practices, you had a good preseason, good preseason game. Did you have this type of vision when you came here a year ago to sit here, and you know Drake's (Maye) the guy, but to have a guy like you be ready to go in case something happens. How happy were you with your preseason play?

"For sure. I thought it was all right. I think I had a good training camp overall, but preseason wasn't as efficient as I wanted it to be. So, a lot to clean and go through there. I mean just little things. I think that just decision-wise they're good. Some ball placement things I can tell I got to be better with and just more reps with the guys who are in there and then moving forward who we're going to be with. So, I think it was all right, but I think that the process of the offense, there were no pre-snap penalties, none of that stuff. So the operations were good."

Do you feel like you're a different player being with Josh (McDaniels)?

"Yeah. I think I just now that you know the system, I think I think of the game differently. I think of the game of football in a different way now. I see it differently. I'm just in a completely different mindset as I am now, and this offense with Josh (McDaniels) is always the best."

How much that excites you, Josh (McDaniels), this offense as you guys get ready to start it up on September 9th?

"Yeah, I'm excited. Super excited to really have it with a real team and it's going to be exciting. A long time coming, obviously the ill taste we have in our mouth from last year, but I look forward to starting this thing off right. I know that preparation is going to be there and everybody's dialed in. We're ready to move on to that."

Tommy, when you say you see the game differently, what's an example of that? How so do you see the game differently with Josh (McDaniels)?

"X's and O's. I think just more schematically about how to just operate the offense in a different way rather than just snapping and reacting. More of just knowing what they're doing, what we're doing and kind of just being more surgical if you will, rather than just kind of snapping the football."

Do you feel like you have more control of the line of scrimmage?

"For sure. I would say more control as in knowing what we're doing and knowing whatever the defense is in. If I'm worrying about what personnel they're in, I just wasn't doing all that stuff in the past and that was all kind of new to

me throughout OTA's and training camp, something that I got better with. So, it's just refreshing and something that just opened my eyes to it."

QB Behren Morton

Take us through your night. Had a couple interceptions, what was it like out there?

"I gotta be better for sure. Some things didn't roll our way tonight. Gotta respond better to adversity and get to the next play. Just put the ball in jeopardy tonight on plays that I shouldn't have. One was unfortunate, it popped up off his foot [I have to] throw the ball out of bounds. I learned a lot from this game for sure. This was good for me to see. I needed to see this for sure. There's a lot to correct. We'll get back better."

How was the trip to the hall of fame yesterday?

"It was awesome. I thank coach Vrabel for taking us. It was so cool. We got to spend an hour in there, and I soaked up every bit of that hour. I took a lot of pictures, saw a lot of cool stats, it was cool to see."

How hungry are you to stay with Drake [Maye] and Tommy [DeVito] whether it be on the roster or the practice squad?

"If that chance is here to be around I'm going to maximize my ability and whatever I can do for this team to win. I feel like I need to be in every day and put my best foot forward for the team and do whatever I can do to help us."

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