

# Houston Texans Transcripts

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(on how practice was today and how the week was) "We had a good week, a lot of energy. Guys have been flying around. It's been a good week. Obviously we want to transfer that onto the field on Sunday, but guys have been detailed, been focused, been into the meetings, the walk thrus, and then practices have been pretty good."

(on what ILB Mike Mohamed has meant to the team) "He's really accepted his role very well, whether it's as a sub linebacker on third down or on special teams. He's one of our leading tacklers on special teams. Did a great job in the Indianapolis game on third down covering receivers down the middle of the field, covering backs throughout the year. The guy is one of those guys that have really done a good job of understanding his role and excelling in it."

(on if he thinks ILB Mike Mohamed will play in this game) "Mike won't play. Mike Mohamed will not play in this game."

(on if he expects WR DeAndre Hopkins to play) "That's going to be a game day decision."

(on if the offense has to be scaled back because of the quarterback situation) "We really haven't scaled anything back. If anything, we've added some things in some ways. But I give- starting with Case (Keenum)- I give Case a lot of credit, having not been here for a while. He's come in here and really picked right up as far as the Xs and Os, the running game, schematics, the passing game as far as the protections and the routes, the cadence, the formations. Like I said earlier in the week, I think Thad (Lewis) has come a long way too since he arrived here. I think it's important to note that when you're down to your fourth and your fifth quarterbacks for the year, that practice has been able to function at a good pace and has been good."

(on looking back into last year's tape to see what QB Case Keenum does well) "No, I haven't watched a lot of last year. I mean, I did when I first got here a year ago, but I think it's been more about making sure we teach Case the game plan for Baltimore, Thaddeus (Lewis) the game plan for Baltimore, but also watch a lot of practice film, watch a lot of practice film with those guys. That's been good. There have been a lot of extra meetings, especially with George (Godsey). George has done a lot of extra with those guys this week. I think it shows on the practice field. Hopefully that translates to the game field."

(on if it's been more challenging for him and Quarterbacks Coach George Godsey this week or is it within the flow of the season) "Totally in the rhythm. When you get into this business of coaching, that's really what it is. Especially during the season, you have to put a lot of time in. The way that I was trained in my coaching career was you left no stone unturned and I worked for a lot of guys where we worked a lot of hours. That's the way it was. I don't know anything different and neither does George and neither does anyone else on this staff. Guys are in here at five in the morning and staying as late as we need to stay to get it done."

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(on the team being familiar with Gary Kubiak and vice-versa) "Well, you know what, he will know some of the personnel and he's played against this system before, so he'll have some knowledge about it. I think that the guy's that he feels like that there may be a weakness in their game, he might try to exploit that. But basically, I think what he's going to do is he's going to do what he does. He's going to run his offense and maybe try to pick plays within his offense that he thinks might have a better chance of working than

maybe some other plays. As you look at him, he doesn't change a whole lot. They're going to run that zone play. They're going to throw the ball deep down the field to the wide receivers. They're going to get the ball to the tight end. So, I mean, that's what he's going to do."

(on the importance of not biting on play action) "If you're disciplined in your technique and you're responsibility, you should- I mean, it's part of your job- hopefully, you will not get out of position. Now, sometimes guys get anxious and they think that they see something that they don't see and try to make a play. Then they get out of position, but if they go through their check list first before they try to help out then I think that they'll be all right."

(on if he has asked his players what they know about Gary Kubiak's offense) "Not really. I mean, our coaches talk to some of the players to try to see what they remember. But you know, I like to look at the tape and see what's on the tape, then kind of go from that as we put the plan together."

(on what Mike Mohammed has meant to the defense this season and what they will do with him out) "Well, Mike has been a good teammate this year. He's been able to come in and play on the 34 and basically be a starter on the sub. That has helped us quite a bit because he does have some length. He's a smart player. He's been good for us. Now, other guys who have been able to come in and play at other positions, they've tried to appreciate their opportunity and try to make the best of it, so I think the same thing will happen this week."