

Chargers Minicamp Media Availability

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HEAD COACH BRANDON STALEY

On the culmination of Minicamp:

"It was a really good two days. This group has come in and really practiced well and competed well. The level has been high both days. Now, we're excited for training camp."

On his message to the team:

"I was just really appreciative of the entire offseason. The attendance was fantastic, and that says so much about the leadership of our team. We just appreciate it because we know how the NFL is in the offseason. To have everybody here, I feel like it allows us to improve a lot more, to kind of set the culture of our team, the direction of our team. Now, we're ready for training camp. Very thankful for the guys."

On WR Mike Williams:

"It's just been special. Mike [Williams] means so much to our team. He's one of the top players I've ever coached. I believe that he's one of the top players in the NFL. He's such a big part of what we do and how we do it. He's had a fantastic two days out there and he's ready to have a great training camp."

On if QB Justin Herbert is 'pushing the ball more down the field' and 'taking more shots' in Offensive Coordinator Kellen Moore's scheme:

"It's a combination of factors. I just think that Justin [Herbert] has a comfort zone with who he's throwing to, as well. I think the continuity of being able to throw the [WR] Keenan [Allen], Mike [Williams], DP [TE Donald Parham Jr.], [TE] Gerald [Everett] — when you know your weapons, I think that you can be more aggressive, so I think that there's a comfort zone. Obviously, the comfort zone within our system, as well. Those are all positive things. This is going on Justin's fourth season in the NFL, so I think he knows who he is as a player. He's improved so much. These guys around them, you will be aggressive when you have the type of weapons that we have. It's been a really competitive couple of days and it's been good to see the group come together."

On 'balancing protecting the football and taking chances' offensively:

"What Justin [Herbert] does is he makes the right play. To use a basketball analogy, he makes the right play. I think that's what makes him such a special quarterback and that's what gives you a chance to be successful. He's one of the rare guys that can be aggressive down the field, but is also such a point guard and understands the rush and the timing of the play, the situation. But I think with our weapons, Justin is able to put the ball where very few people can, and that gives us — especially with the way that we are constructed on the outside — it just gives our guys more chances to be explosive. We're trying to walk that fine line. When I think of Justin, I think of a guy that is just a great decision maker. We don't ever want to take away his instincts as a player, because I think those are what makes him so special, are his instincts. With more experience is going to come more playmaking. He's already made a ton of plays, but that will continue to improve the more that he plays."

On if the offense 'has laid a good foundation' in the scheme installation:

"I think we laid a good foundation in the springtime before training camp. I think that we were able to experiment with some things, which we're always trying to do this time of year. But, you're also trying to build that identity of the foundation of your offense. You carry that into camp and then you have enough time-on-task. I think that we've done that. Now, there's a lot of work to do because you don't know about your team until you put your shoulder pads and helmets on and start competing. I know that we've given ourselves a good opportunity to get into training camp and really hit the ground running."

On the 'balance in the offseason program between teaching, learning and trying new things, while also evaluating':

"It's a great question. I think it's definitely more teaching and learning than evaluating. I don't think you can truly evaluate NFL players until you see them in pads because that's how the game is played. I think more of the evaluation is going to take place when there's pads on. What we're trying to do is use the springtime so that when we get to training camp, all of these guys know what to do and how to do it. That way, we can evaluate them. So it's spend the springtime, from a teaching perspective, to get these guys to have an opportunity to compete. That's why we organized practice the way we do for the young guys, so that they have enough time-on-task with the reps so that they can actually play the game, where their experience doesn't hold them back. We try and get them as much work in the springtime so that they can go be their best in training camp."

On the sports performance and athletic training staff:

"It's important. We made a lot of investment into that space, and there's more work that we're going to be doing. To name Marco [Zucconi] as the Director [of Player Health and Performance] and how we feel about him, and him leading in that space, and to onboard [Head Athletic Trainer] Sal Lopez from Tennessee, who has an awesome background in rehab and physical therapy, there are just a lot of important pieces that we're adding in that space. It says so much about our club, the Spanos' and [General Manager] Tom [Telesco] and [Executive Vice President of Football Administration/Player Finance] Ed McGuire, that group really putting the investment where it needs to be. We're very grateful, and I know that our players are. We're excited to see that space take shape."

On if any players 'jumped out' to him:

"I think all of the rookies that we drafted, I'm really excited to work with. I think they all proved themselves in one shape or form. Certainly, with the linemen, you're not getting to see them in that way of the physicality and the pads and stuff. I think the guys that we drafted, and there are going to be some undrafted guys that I know that are going to make an impression on you guys in the training camp, I'm confident in that. The rookies, I think, really showed a lot of professionalism. They showed the ability that they're going to be a factor come training camp."

On LB Eric Kendricks' impact off the field:

"I think that you guys have probably seen it, talking to him and his teammates. He's fitting right in. He's a competitor. He's such a complete player. He has so much experience. It's important that when you're bringing guys in from the outside, that they're going to add your football team. He's done that in a short amount of time. He has a great way about him. He's humble. He's learning, too, at times. But he has just so much experience to draw from. You've seen him out there on the field, what a playmaker he is and what a commander he is. I'm just glad that he's in the right space. When you bring in people from other teams, you just want to make sure that you put a foundation so that they can just be the player that they are. That's important to me, it's important to us. He's fit right in. All of the guys on our defense — [OLB] Khalil Mack, [OLB] Joey [Bosa], [S] Derwin [James Jr.], guys who have played a lot, he has fit right in with them. Now, the offensive guys, he's gone against these guys for many years. That just really helps your team out. He's been as-advertised and really thankful we have him."

On areas in which the defense 'made strides' over the offseason program:

"I think that we're a lot deeper football team than we've been since we've been here. I think upfront, on the D-line, on the edge and in the secondary, we have a lot of guys who can do a lot of different things. There are going to be some tough decisions to make during training camp, and I think that's for both sides of the ball — there are going to be some tough decisions to make, in terms of cutting to the 53. That's the sign that you have a good team. I'm looking forward to the depth of this team, competing during training camp. On defense, definitely excited about what we have up front. Looking forward to that through, when the pads come on, showing what it can do."

On DB Deane Leonard:

"He's here, just sick."

On Kendricks and receiving 'validation for the culture built':

"That means everything to me. I do this, we do this, for them — we do it for our players. For a player of his caliber, of his accomplishments — he's an All-Pro, Walter Payton Man of the Year, this is one of the top players that has position over an entire decade — so that respect means a lot. I'm really happy that he's proud to be a part of us. I love that the fact he's fit in so well with his teammates. I know that he's going to help us be a championship-caliber team. I think that should make all of us feel like we're on the right track. But I also know that he is going to really add to what we have. He's going to help make our culture even better, even stronger. That's what's been fun for me to see is for all of it to take shape. Like I'm sure he said and the rest of the guys, now we have to go put in the work during training camp, because that's where the hard work really is done."

On if he 'cares about what is said about the team externally' or 'if the team is talked about as a potential championship team':

"I know the team that we have. The players that were talked about in that way last year, they're still all on our team. We've added even more pieces. We are confident in who we are and we're just confident in the work that's ahead and that we have the guys that are capable of doing it. We're excited to get to training camp. But I love coaching this group. I know this group is really good."

On if Herbert does not sign an extension prior to the start of training camp and the potential of a 'hold-in situation' and how that 'could impact the offense':

"I don't know. That's all hypothetical. We know who Justin [Herbert] is, just like we knew who Derwin [James Jr.] was. Derwin was an All-Pro last year and Justin is the same. I know that Justin is going to be ready to go and this team is ready to take off. I'm just excited to get to training camp and put the work in."

QUARTERBACK JUSTIN HERBERT

On Minicamp:

"Yeah, it went by really fast. I thought we had a lot of good work out there. We had a lot of guys come out this offseason. I thought that was huge for us to be able to work together and kind of grow together with this new offense. I was really pleased with the effort that everyone gave this year."

On the offensive progression this offseason:

"I think just picking up the offense in general. I think whenever you get a new offense, it's important that everyone is working together and talking about the timing, exactly what you want. I think any chance that we have to go out there on that field with everyone — I think the guys took it very seriously. They picked up exactly what they needed to. We feel comfortable with the offense going forward."

On getting back into team drills:

"I feel like there wasn't too much of a change between the non-team drills [and team drills]. I just started to hand the ball off with the left arm. I think that's the biggest difference from kind of getting back and into things. It felt good, felt comfortable throwing the ball as well. Just continuing to get used to it, dealing with mechanics and everything that goes along with it. The shoulder feels good. It's good to be back out there."

On WR Quentin Johnston:

"He's a playmaker. He's going to make a lot of plays for us. He showed up and we knew early that we got a special guy out there. He's done a great job of picking up the offense so far. He's young, but he's going to be something special. It's been fun to watch him so far."

On if the offense is more explosive than last year:

"Yeah, I'd like to think so. I think that's always the goal for an offense, is having those explosive plays, whether that's through the run game or the pass game. [Offensive Coordinator] Kellen [Moore], he has a great mind. He's done such a great job of kind of interpreting exactly what he wants for this offense. It's a clear message for us as an offensive unit of what he's trying to accomplish."

On WR Mike Williams being at practice:

"It's huge. He's such a special player. Any chance you have him out there, whether it's a go ball, whether it's an intermediate route, you know he's going to find a way to be open and he's going to catch the ball. He's going to come down with it. It's always a pleasure to have him out there."

On if the offense is being more aggressive than last year:

"I think it's a little early. I think it is OTAs [and the offseason program]. We've done our best to be able to throw the ball downfield. I think at this time last year, we were doing a good job of throwing the ball downfield as well. Just continuing on throughout the year, picking up exactly what [Offensive Coordinator] Kellen [Moore] wants and putting that as best as we can out on the field. Utilizing our weapons on the outside because those guys are special players. My job is just to get them the ball and something good will happen."

On Offensive Coordinator Kellen Moore's message on aggressiveness:

"Just to make plays. He's kind of talked about it, 'Go do your job. You know exactly what you're doing. Go through your reads.' He's going to do his best to put us in a position to win. That's my job as a quarterback, as well, to be the best teammate, the best quarterback that I can be. Kind of like I said earlier, get those guys on the outside the ball — [WRs] Mike [Williams], Keenan [Allen], Q [Quentin Johnston], they're special players. To be able to get them the ball, I think that's going to be huge for our offense."

On Moore's philosophy throwing the ball deep:

"I think that might be a better question for him. I think that as long as I've been the quarterback, I feel like we've done a good job of throwing the ball down the field. I don't think we've made more of an emphasis on throwing the ball downfield this year. I think it's always kind of been an emphasis, especially with the receivers that we've had. I've always done my best to those guys the ball downfield. To have a guy like Mike [Williams] and having a guy like Q [Quentin Johnston], you're going to want to find those guys downfield."

On carryover from last season's offense to this season:

"I think with football in general, a lot of the concepts are the same. I think the verbiage and what you call them kind of changes from year to year."

On TE Donald Parham Jr.:

"He's another weapon. He moves so well for his height. He's been able to make plays over the past couple of years. It's always a bonus for your team when he's out on the field. His catch radius is huge. He's done a great job of being a leader for that tight end room. It's been really good to see so far."

On having an offensive coordinator that played quarterback in the NFL:

"I think that's a great question. I think there's part of playing quarterback that you kind of have to go through it to understand. I think Kellen [Moore] has a great feel for it because he's played at the college level, he's played at the NFL level. He's unfortunately had a lot of success against the Oregon Ducks, so I grew up watching him play. When it comes to pressure, when it comes to the footwork, the pocket, he's got a great feel for that. He's kind of able to describe what he wants. Being able to work with that, I think that's been huge."

On speaking about mechanics with coaches that have been quarterbacks:

"I think that's something that [Quarterbacks] Coach [Doug] Nussmeier has done a great job of as well. Having those guys [Kellen Moore and Nussmeier] working together and working with all of the quarterbacks, I feel really comfortable with our gains at quarterback. Having those guys support us, teach us — because they've been through it a lot. They know exactly what they're doing and they've had a lot of success. To have those guys leading the room, I think, is great for us."

On when he thinks he'll get antsy to get back on the field during the break:

"Probably tomorrow, yeah [*laughter*]. We'll enjoy the little bit of time that we get off and continue to get our bodies right. I know all of these guys are going to take care of business when they go home. As soon as July 25th comes around, I know they'll be ready to go."

On the offensive line:

"The great thing about those guys is no matter if you're shifting the pieces around, they're able to pick it up. No matter who is at what position, they're going to find a way to get it done. They're a great unit. Some of the best guys on the team. They work hard on and off field. I'm really looking forward to playing behind those guys."

On RB Austin Ekeler:

"It's huge. He's such a talented player. He's a big part of our offense. You definitely feel his presence when he comes back here. To have him around, he's picking up the offense just like anyone else. It's been great to have him back, working with him. I'm looking forward to July when he's back, as well."

On the expectations and buzz surrounding the team:

"I would say that we are doing everything that we can to control what's in our building and what we can control, and not letting too much of the outside noise affect us or affect our focus. The great thing about here is that we come to work here, we do our best and that's all you can ask for. The things that lie outside of your control, it's not really worth your time. The great thing that these guys have been able to do is go to work, do everything they can, head home. I think that's all you can ask of a team."

On if he's thought about the contract or potentially 'holding-in':

"It's something that I really haven't thought a whole lot about. I think that most of the offseason so far has been about getting my shoulder right and making sure that I'm the best quarterback that I can be for this team. It's something that you can address — I'm not quite sure. I don't have any more updates for you at this time, but like I've said earlier, I think the world of the Chargers organization. I've got complete faith in the front office. That's something that we'll address at the time. I don't have any updates right now.

"That would put you quite into the deficit. I think we've done a great job of picking up the offense and doing exactly what Kellen [Moore] has asked of us. When it comes time for camp, the role of the quarterback is to be out there for his team and do everything that he can to put that team in a position to win. I understand that responsibility. It's something that you'll address when the time comes, but I guess we'll see."

RUNNING BACK AUSTIN EKELER

On his offseason:

"I was in an opportunity to capture some more value with the year that I came off of and kind of the reputation that I've been growing for myself. I wanted to try to exploit those, try to find those. I was poking around, trying to find that. Obviously, with the Chargers, the negotiations stopped. So, we tried to just go find it somewhere else. I think with what's just been happening in the atmosphere around the running back market has been pretty tough. I ended up coming back here. I am thankful for the way it played out because the Chargers did give me something in the middle, some type of incentive. I am very appreciative of that because they did not have to do that. I understand that. I understand that there's a business side to all of this. I wouldn't be doing myself a service if I wasn't going and trying to find more value while I can. All of us have a shelf life. We don't know when it's going to be, so you want to try to maximize it while you're still playing."

On incentives:

"They're all obtainable. It's basically just having the same years that I've been having these past couple of years. It's benchmarks, right? You continue to play better, you continue to hit new benchmarks. Like I said, basically having the same year that I had last year would get me all of those incentives."

"Yardage, touchdowns, yeah. Exactly."

On the running back market:

"For my situation, putting myself in the spotlight, it was kind of how I've gotten here, you know? Being back to No. 3 out there, running around, betting on myself, having everything to prove. I've proved some from there, but you have to prove it and continue to prove it, obviously, in this league depending where you are and the situation in your contract. I still have a year left. It makes sense, I still have an obligation with the Chargers here. That's what I signed up for. I understand that. What really is going on that I was really frustrated about is our top three guys getting franchise tagged and really capping the market — with [Giants RB] Saquon [Barkley], [Raiders RB] Josh [Jacobs] and [Cowboys RB] Tony [Pollard]. That's really what's really frustrated me about what's going on in our current situation. Mine, I get it. I get mine a little bit more than I get theirs. I understand the league has that tool on their side to utilize that in the way and when they want to. But it's just really hurt our market just because, us as running backs — sure, you say we have a shorter life. People say we get hurt. Sure, you can look at numbers, but everyone gets hurt in the NFL. As far as players in general, we only have a certain amount of time to play this game. To say, 'No, you're going to have to risk it all again on a one-year guaranteed contract,' and tell someone that and put them in that situation, and not give them a choice, is just tough for me to accept, even though it is the way it is. I'll digress on that. As far as my situation, I'll bet on myself any day of the week. That's what I've been doing all my life."

On if there's anything running backs can do collectively:

"I don't want to speak on that now. It's above me speaking right now. I don't want to speak out of turn for us as a collective. Yes, there's definitely things that we could do. Like I said, we haven't gone down that far yet."

On his mentality when testing the market:

"I had an open mind. I had an open mind going into it. I thought it would be amazing if we could get someone who was wanting to lock us down for some more value. I understood the situation that it would put someone in, though. Giving up draft picks and having to renegotiate a contract is a pretty big ask. Like I said, I had an open mind. When it came back, I was absolutely optimistic, like, 'Okay, let's find something. Let's get a deal done.' It didn't end up happening. No hard feelings. Let's come back, still have an opportunity here to go out there and show what I can do."

On if 'incentives were always there for one more year':

"So, really we were talking just extension. That was really all that was left. I had some incentives in this contract for four of these years. I didn't have any incentives this year, though. So, I had hit pretty much all of my incentives the last two years — well, I did hit all of my incentives the last two years. Coming into this year, there was none. It was almost like a re-up of doing those."

On how he'd describe the experience of this offseason:

"Man, as I've gotten older and been playing more in this league, I've started to realize there's a lot more currencies than just money. There's your social presence, what you're able to do, who you're able to meet. The things outside of football that really can build the foundation of your life, just in general. Over my years of playing, I've been building up all of those other currencies. Regardless of what happens here, whether I think it's fair or not — look, I'm going to try to put myself in the best position here while I can, but I'm also doing that off the field, as well. I've kept a pretty open mind and a pretty forward-looking outlook about it. I'm not mad. I'm not mad about the situation or anything like that. Things could be changed probably, and it takes time to figure that out and what's best for both sides because there are two sides here. For me, individually, it's another opportunity to come out here and play football and continue to build all of my other currencies as well."

On the situation being settled now as compared to it going on further:

"Every situation is different just depending on who you're dealing with, depending on what you're hearing in your corner. What you think you can get, right? What are your motives? Things like that. For me, I understand that I have one more obligation here. One more year that I'm obligated to be here. I wanted to go poke around and see if there was any other value. If not, right? Come back and have my last year. Like I said before, do what I can do here. Every situation is different. With [former RB] Melvin [Gordon III] and his situation, they handled it in the way they wanted to handle it. We've handled this in the way we've wanted to handle it. There have been other people that have held out, other people that have done X, Y, Z, and that's up to them, as far as how they want to handle their business. As a collective, you can't really group us all together. It's individual."

On Offensive Coordinator Kellen Moore:

"As far as me being here, I've been here a couple of days now. Being around all of this and just going into year seven, you start to — I have like four different names for every route that we run because over the years, different offenses. We're all running the same plays, just call it different things. When it comes to offensive coordinators, it's deeper than just the actual playbook. Yeah, you need to have playbooks to get players in the right spot, but it's like, okay how do you manage the game, situational awareness, right? Making sure that we're putting ourselves in the best spot. I think Kellen's real test, absolutely, is getting us ready to play. Then, when we get on the field is really when we're going to be able to see how we're meshing with Kellen."

On the first time he saw the playbook:

"The first time I was introduced to the playbook [was this week]. I never came back. That was on me. I could have come back and got my iPad. I was just not here."

On the run game:

"Just as far as coordinators, or even head coaches and coordinators from just how many I've had — four or five over the years? It really just depends on how they're trying to marry up, I think, the pass and the run game. What are you trying to do in play-action? You're just going to show what you're trying to do in your runs. We'll see different things. We all have the same different types of actions. It depends on your coordinator and what's the game plan and who are you playing, right? Like I said, we're all running the same plays. It's just what works best against this defense that we're going against. What are the tendencies that we think we could do? Even the stuff we ran last year, you're going to see it again, but maybe it's a different combination at different times. Maybe we have an emphasis on going more gap-scheme this week. Maybe it's more zone-scheme. It's so situational that I can't really answer. We'll see when it comes to game day."

On his role in the offense:

"My role is the same every year, for me in my perspective because I still have my same mindset as I did when I was younger. I have everything to come out here and prove. I tell these guys — I told them when I got in here the first day, 'It's your guys' job to come and take my job. It's my job to show why you shouldn't be able to take my job and why I should still be No. 1. I want you to push me like that. I want to feel the presence of you. I want us to come out here and compete.' When we do that, especially in our running back room, it continues to push and heighten ourselves. I'm demanding the best out of them and I'm putting them in a situation, like okay I want to see something. If you don't, I'm going to let you know because I've been building myself for so long that I feel like I have a really good understanding of the game. Now I'm trying to help these young guys have the same thing and be able to compete and go out there to play at a high level because it takes all of us. You know my tendencies. I think the most carries I've ever had is like 206. I'm not getting 300 or 400 carries this season. That's just not my type of style. That's not my type of body. I'm going to catch 60, 70 balls — 100 balls and try to run it 200 times. For me, it's continue to build into that role. Continue to be a leader because at this point, how do you want to plug me in? I can be all over the field, but now, can I pull more out of this team to bring us together? To be a leader. To actually make us more consistent when it matters down at the end of the season. That's the new role that I see myself playing more into, as far as growing off of last year to this year."

WIDE RECEIVER MIKE WILLIAMS

On how he is feeling:

"I'm good. I'm feeling good."

On Minicamp:

"It's been good. I've been training, putting in some work before this, so I was ready. It's been a good two days. We got some good work in."

On the timeline of his injury and the recovery process from the end of last season:

"Well, I hurt my back [*laughter*]. I just got injured, a helmet to the back. Since then, I've been training, rehabbing, trying to get back to this point."

On 'when' he was 'cleared to return to football activities':

"Probably a couple of weeks after the season, two or three weeks after the season."

On if he had 'any regrets' about playing in Week 18:

"Not really. The coach wanted us to play, so that's what we had to do. That's what we get paid to do, to play football. I was with whatever decision he made."

On his level of frustration after getting injured:

"I think that I was most frustrated at [not playing in the playoff game], just not being able to go out there and help my team win a football game that we knew that we were capable of winning. That was probably the most down thing on my end, not being available for the team."

On if he 'thought' that he was going to play against Jacksonville:

"It was day-by-day. I was just seeing if it would get better day-by-day."

On if he was 'close to being able to play':

"I don't know. I didn't play, so I don't think so [*laughter*]."

On the level of difficulty in watching the Jacksonville game:

"It was bad. Watching it from the start, taking the big lead, you get excited. Then, we lost the game and it was like, you could've been there to help the team win. That was probably the biggest part for me."

On 'being in the situation' of playing in Week 18:

"For me, I understood why he wanted us to play. We had a lot of momentum going in to that game. He wanted to keep the momentum going. [Head] Coach [Brandon] Staley is our leader, we believe in him. We will go with whatever he wants us to do."

On WR Quentin Johnston:

"Athletic, fast, size. He can go up and make the deep catches. He can take the top off the defense. He is a quick learner, also."

On meeting Johnston after he was drafted at his hotel with WR Keenan Allen and WR Joshua Palmer:

"It was cool. I was in his position a few years ago, so I kind of knew the emotions that he was dealing with, the excitement he was dealing with. We were just kind of chopping it up about that. It was kind of brief, but it was good."

On Offensive Coordinator Kellen Moore and the 'idea of being more aggressive':

"I love it. He's moving everybody around, putting everybody in different positions, using everybody's strengths. We're looking forward to building this, getting together with the quarterbacks and coming into training camp, getting this thing rolling."

On the potential of 'taking more deep shots this season':

"It's going to look good [*laughter*]. I like that. That's what I do. That's how I've kind of made my name in this league, by going and getting the deep ball. I think that is going to look good if we are able to do that."

On his 'plan during offseason activities' and 'being away from the team this year':

"I've been here for the workout portion, probably when y'all weren't here [*laughter*]. But, yeah, I was here."

On if the 'strategy' was to 'miss the media':

"No — probably a little bit [*laughter*]. But no, I've had this plan with my trainer. We had a plan to get the body and everything right before I come out here and get everything else going. I just wanted to reach that and I was able to do that."

On if he trained in South Carolina:

"No, I was in California."

On QB Justin Herbert:

"He looks good. A new offense, again [*laughter*], but he's catching on pretty well. Today, we hit a couple of shots, made some plays. We'll get together this summer and run some more routes and get some more throws in."

On if Herbert 'feels more aggressive in this offense':

"For sure. That's kind of the goal this year — let's be aggressive, let's take a lot of shots, let's give all of us opportunities, but let's be smart at the same time. That's kind of been his mindset, give us opportunities to go up and make plays."

On 'if that mentality' is 'filtered through' Moore:

"A little bit of both. Him just knowing what he has out there on the edge, also — me, Keenan [Allen], Q [Quentin Johnston], Josh [Palmer], J.G. [WR Jalen Guyton], the rest of those guys. Knowing that he can count on us to go out there and make those plays, also."

On if he is doing anything 'for fun' over the break:

"I have my 10-year high school reunion this weekend, so I'm going to that [*laughter*]. That's the only thing that I'm doing though, just training."