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QB Derek Carr

Q: You turned 25 years old, had a son and everybody thinks the Raiders are going to the Super Bowl. It's not that easy, is it?

Carr: "If it's that easy, sounds good to me. *(laughing)* Turning 25 was awesome; that felt great. Having a new addition to our family, that's obviously more important to me than anything I can do here in this building. I'll be a dad a lot longer than I'll be a quarterback, so having two boys now at home is just such a blessing. The doctor told me that they're both going to be bigger than me so hopefully they play something other than quarterback to take the stress off me when I'm watching them. That's a blessing. To talk about the other thing, there is so much... I said this a couple of times, on paper it looks great right now. Paper champs, all those kind of things. Everybody is picking us to do this. None of that matters unless we put the work in. Everyone knows that. No matter what, whether it's football, whatever you're doing, any kind of job, everything can look good on paper and then you see sometimes people fall apart and then you question, well did they really put the work in. For me, as the leader of this team, I am just really going to concentrate on seeing where everybody is at and then pushing each other just to be better every single day."

Q: A lot of people think the Raiders are the hot team right now...

Carr: "It's cool. It's a great thing that people are talking about us in that light because when I first got here, they weren't. So it's a credit to where we've come from and that's about it. It's a credit to what we've done. Last year on the field was improvement, it was better than my rookie year, obviously. As a team, we were better. That's the same kind of thing we want this year. We need to be better than 7-9. Seven and nine is not going to cut it, obviously. That felt really good last year because that's the best I've experienced, but now that I have a taste of it, it's like, 'Man, we were so close to winning 10 games. Why can't we win 10, 12?' Those are the kind of things that just go through my head and I'm just like, 'Seven wins just isn't good enough.' Just continue to push ourselves to make sure that we can do better than that."

Q: How do you guard against reading those press clippings and believing that hype?

Carr: "Same way I've done it my whole life. I know who I am. I know where I stand. I know what I need to do better. I know what I can do alright. I'll just continue to work; that's all I've ever done. I say some cliché things all the time, but those things are so true. Taking it a day at a time is how you get by. Taking it a day at a time is how none of that stuff matters. Focusing on your teammates, focusing on your coaches, what they have for you, the nuances they have for you. How can I master that today? I've done this 1,000 times. I did it 1,000 times last year. How can I master it even better this time? How can I pay attention better to maybe catch something I didn't catch last time? Anything I can do. As long as we can all have that mindset as a team, then we can achieve great things. That's where it starts, is in the details. We can't just [say], 'Cool, we look good on paper. We've signed some good guys. We have some good guys here already. Just throw the ball out, we'll show up and play.' It's not going to work that way because everyone is talented in this league."

Q: How does having the same coaching staff, same system and a lot of the same players back change what you do in the offseason?

Carr: "It's nice. I can say this year that I've had three head coaches in three years instead of two years. That feels good. That's a good thing. We have a great leader in [Head] Coach [Jack] Del Rio. He's our leader. We go as he goes. Whatever he tells us to do, we're going to do it. If he tells us to put our left shoe on first, we're going to put our left shoe on first because he thinks that's better for us. Whatever we have to do, and it's nice to have that and have it not only for the first time, but have it again, like you said, going into the second year and it's the first time I'll experience that. Going into my third year, I never thought that would be the case, but it is. That's the reality of this business. It's so nice when the coaches get up and say such and such play or, 'This is how we do things.' I am like, 'Yeah, that's how we do things. I know that play.' Today is not the first day I am going to learn it, where last year, I couldn't wait for today for different reasons. It was like, 'Well, I need to learn these routes. I need to learn what my footwork is. I need to learn all this.' Now, I know what they expect, I know what I am supposed to do, so



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now I can even have a bigger role in helping the other guys get caught up. I can't really put into words how important it is to be in the same system all the time or the same message coming from all those different people."

Q: After looking back at the film from last year, what do you think you learned about the offense in the second half of the season that caused somewhat of a drop off?

Carr: "There definitely was. We could all see it, numbers-wise. I tried to sit back and think about it. You know me, I tried to dig deep into it. Was it our preparation? Did we do something different? I couldn't figure out, and it really just came down to the details of things. We talk about details all the time in football and you here it all the time. If we could just in practice take when our coach would give us a little detail and take that little nugget and make that the most important thing in that moment and say, 'Yeah, that's what is going to help me win.' And take that and just start building it like we did for the beginning. I felt like maybe it got to a place where like, yeah we know what we're kind of doing. I never want to say go through the motions because I would never say I did that, but I would definitely say it go to a point where it just, I don't know why, but we felt that. Everyone felt that and you sit there and say, 'Man, what can I do better.' There is not just one thing you can point at and say, 'Yeah, that's what it was,' for everybody. Everyone has to take a look at themselves because I have to do my part for us to be successful, well so does K.O. [Kelechi Osemele], so does Gabe [Jackson], so does Rodney, so does Amari [Cooper], 'Crab,' [Michael Crabtree], Latavius [Murray]. All of us have to do those little parts to make sure we're doing things the right way. I had to sit back and say, 'Man, maybe I could have watched the film a little different. Maybe did I do something different? I looked at everything.' Like I said, I always keep those things to me, keep them close, but I found things and I was like, 'Wow, if I can just maybe stay consistent with the way I did this or the way I do that or the way I prepare for that, then maybe that will help us.' You know me, I always take all the blame. The drop off, blame it on me. I have to figure out ways to make sure everyone is doing the same thing."

Q: Did you see differences in the way defenses played you in the second half?

Carr: "Defenses definitely started playing us different, but it wasn't in a complete new way. It was stuff that we had seen in games prior, but maybe more so of different things. Maybe they saw something that, 'Oh maybe that worked against them.' And then maybe they did it a little more than their percentages would have shown in their film breakdown in my study. So maybe that was the case. Teams definitely played Amari different. Every NFL rookie receiver gets one-on-one coverage, until you catch your first touchdown as a 70-yard touchdown. Then they say, 'OK, maybe we need to change that a little bit and start helping over the top.' We knew that was going to happen. We prepared for that. That's something, like I tell you guys all the time, prepare for what's going to happen, even if you haven't seen it yet. Teams were playing man coverage, well we had plans, what if they start doubling? What if they follow a corner with him? What if they do certain things? We were prepared in that sense. The coaches did a great job of that. I would say teams maybe just did a little bit more different things that what they normally would."

Q: How excited are you for this offense and can you talk a little bit about some of these free agent moves?

Carr: "I'll talk about the guys we brought back that were here already. Andre [Holmes] and Seth [Roberts] were two guys that I would pound the table for, not only because of their talent, but their work ethic. I just want to be around guys... If there was someone that was maybe a little bit more talented than them, if there was someone maybe who is a little faster, could catch a little better, all those things, but didn't work as hard, I wouldn't want them. I don't want to play with those guys. I want to go out there in the huddle and know that these guys are willing to fight and they put the same amount of time that I put in. That's definitely what they do. Them, Donald [Penn]. Donald is the same way. I love Donald. Obviously, he is my left tackle, so we have a special bond. I don't get to see when his guy hits me. So, that's a lot of trust there. We talked a lot during that process. Donald and I spent a lot of time texting back and forth. Sometimes it was good, sometimes it wasn't. As long as he knew how much we loved him and how much we wanted him back, I thought that was important. I stressed it to him all the time. Even if he was upset at something that he had no control over, I would tell him, 'Hey man, I love you. I just want you to know that.' If that brought him here to re-sign with us, hopefully it helped a little bit. Those are the kind of guys – basically what I'm saying – I want to go to war with, I want to play with. The guys that I know will fight for me. That



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means more to me than someone maybe even being a little bit more talented or something like that. With that said, those guys are extremely talented, as we saw. To have both, I am excited and then to add K.O., I mean my goodness. The first time I saw that guy, I couldn't believe how big he was and not just how big he was because all offensive linemen are big, but that guy is jacked. You could that he's not just a big guy. He's cut, he's lean. It's just like, 'You weigh what? And you look like that?!' It's unreal. The guy is a freak of nature. It's going to be exciting to get him in there but the first time I saw him, I walked up to him and gave him a hug and said, 'Hey, thanks for coming here.' He just laughed and said, 'Not a problem, man. You'll have all day.' I said, 'Alright. I'll hold you to it.'" *(laughing)*

Q: What is Sean Smith going to bring to this defense?

Carr: "Length. When you see him in person, he's one of the biggest corners... He probably is the biggest corner you'll ever see in your life. [Richard] Sherman is long. Sherman is a long guy. Sean is long, but he's bigger. I don't know if he's 15, 20 more pounds than Sherman is, but they both have that to them. They have that length, which is good in this defense. It's good for taking away windows down the seams and those kind of things and I know he's really good at that. He's really good at jumping routes too, as I've learned. There have been times where people are like, 'Why did he just throw the ball out of bounds?' Well it's because Sean Smith just jumped the route. If I throw, you're going to kick me out of the stadium. He's very instinctive. You can tell he studies the quarterback too. He watches your eyes, he watches your feet. He wants to know everything about you before he plays. To have someone with that kind of talent, that kind of size and that mentality of studying the way that he does, I respect him a lot."

Q: What was it like walking in here and not having Charles Woodson and Justin Tuck, guys like that?

Carr: "It was kind of weird. I felt older. I felt older when I walked in, if that makes any sense. I was sitting there as we were doing some of the testing with the strength and conditioning coaches, and I looked at the sheet and I was like, 'There are barely any guys over 30 on this team.' I sat there and I looked at it and was like, 'It's time to really take over.' I felt like we made strides in that area. Guys like Khalil [Mack] and myself taking strides in that area last year, but we still had 'Wood.' We still had Tuck. We still have Marcel [Reece]. He is a Raider. He is a Raider. But when you come in the building and you know 'Wood' is not here and Tuck is not here, I feel a little older. I feel a little bit, I don't know if it's maturity or just a sense of, 'Hey man, you have to pick it up now, pick it up where they left it.' I don't know what it is exactly, but you can definitely feel it."

Q: How different does it feel now for Oakland being a destination place for highly-sought free agents?

Carr: "It was something that I dreamed of when I was a rookie. When I was first brought in, they told me, 'You'll play probably two years from now, a year and a half, two years from now. We just want you to come in... We really drafted you because we think you're a great player, but more importantly, we want you to change the culture. We want you to be yourself, be the leader, hard worker you are. Show them what it takes.' I said, 'OK.' I thought to myself, I said, 'I want this to be a place where people want to come, want to work like we work, want to play the way that we play.' I just had it in my mind and I said, 'If I want people to do that, I can't do it for everybody, but I can do it for myself.' A group of us got together, our rookie class, and said, 'Hey, we're going to set the standard of how we practice, how we lift, how we take care of our bodies, how we study film.' So far, it's led to three years later, people want to come play here. That has had a lot to do with the coaching staff, knowing people and those things, but that only goes so far. They want to win. Guys want to win, just like I do. Guys want to win and that is what plays a key part. Guys see, 'Yeah man, they're a few pieces away, I want to go be a part of that.' Going back to the young thing, we have a lot of guys age-wise that are really young. 'Crab' is looked at as an old veteran. He's only 28 years old. We have a really young, talented team that guys just want to be a part of. It's really cool to be here and see that. It's not like we have to beg people to come play here or guys don't have anywhere else to go. We have some of the top free agents that picked us over some teams that have won Super Bowls in recent pasts. It's pretty cool to be here."



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Q: What do you see as Amari Cooper's next step and how excited are you for that next step?

Carr: "With him, it's that he works hard at everything, so I really think it's just all those things he's working hard at, those just become habits now. Now, it's just who he is. Now, instead of messing up a release or a route or something like that, those simple mistakes that maybe would have happened a couple of times, it happens once – obviously there is going to be mistakes the first couple of days – but over time you see that he just doesn't do that anymore. I think that goes for any young player, but for Amari especially. He is so gifted, so talented. At the beginning, when we drafted him, when I first saw him run a route, I said, 'If he just continues to work the way that he does, the sky is the limit for him.' He can have a gold jacket if he wants to. I truly believe that. He works his tail off. He has the talent to do it. Now, obviously, things have to go the right way and all that, but I think that those simple things that maybe were recurring just happen one or two times and then doesn't happen anymore. I think that's how you just progress as a player and I think that he will."

C Rodney Hudson

Q: There seems to be a lot of positivity around the Raiders' offensive line. What does that mean to you?

Hudson: "We definitely have some good players and we added Kelechi [Osemele], but at the end of the day, we have to stay together and put in the work first, get familiar with each other and keep learning together."

Q: What was your reaction when they signed Osemele and then re-signed Donald Penn?

Hudson: "Definitely excited to add such a good player and bring Donald back. Everybody knows how important he is to the team and to the group, from a leadership standpoint and with his play. We're excited to get to work and do everything we need to do now, leading up to the season."

Q: The Raiders are getting a lot of talk about being the team on the verge. Do you find that stuff interesting at all or do you put it to the side?

Hudson: "You focus on the now and put it to the side a little bit. You have to do the work first. It's a long time until the season starts. We have to continue to work, continue to learn, continue to grow in the offense in order to, as a team, perform well."

Q: Do you think people look at the Raiders differently now?

Hudson: "I think we definitely made strides, strides from my first day last year here until now. There has always been that positive energy, everybody excited, but I think what we did last year is buy in. A lot of new coaches and players came in, and it's always like that in the NFL, but I think everybody did a good job of buying in and focusing on working hard. We just have to stay together and keep the course."

Q: Did you try to recruit Sean Smith at all?

Hudson: "We're excited to have Sean, too. Sean is a good player. I had a lot of fun playing with him back in KC."

Q: You have a lot of the same guys back on offense. How important is that to have the core players back to build on?

Hudson: "I think it helps a lot. In the NFL, there is a lot of turnover all the time. But, like you said, we have a lot of the same guys back and a lot of the guys are familiar with each other. We just have to keep working and keep building."

Q: As a returning player, what goes through your mind when you see the Raiders kind of winning free agency?

Hudson: "Excited. Adding guys that can definitely help us win and guys that are going to come in and work hard and contribute is an exciting feeling. We just need to start putting in the work and welcome those guys."



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Q: Does it surprise you at all that free agents are looking at Oakland as a destination?

Hudson: "I wouldn't say surprised."

Q: Pleasantly surprised?

Hudson: "Yeah, I guess so. We're growing and we're doing a lot better as a group, so I expected it a little bit."

Q: You look at the AFC West now, there are a lot of changes. What do you guys have to do to take the next step and win the division?

Hudson: "Continue to work. Continue to grow. I think one thing that's important because the NFL has a lot of close games, is finding a way to win those games late in the fourth quarter. That comes with a lot of work, staying together and focusing in."

Q: Do you feel like the expectations are higher externally or internally?

Hudson: "I think every guy in the league individually expects a lot out of themselves, more than anybody else could. I know everybody expects a lot out of themselves. We don't focus on the numbers that are being put out there or that stuff, but I think everybody expects a lot of themselves within the team and we're just going to work towards being the best that we can be to contribute to the team's success."

Q: How do you guard against a dip in productivity as the season goes along?

Hudson: "I think focusing in and finding out what you're doing well and continuing to try to do those things. Staying steady every day and building on the things you aren't doing so well. It takes time. Focusing in and continuing to work at the things that you're not doing so well."

Q: Talk about what it means when you take a guy like Sean Smith from the Chiefs, a division rival. Is it like Oakland gained a guy and KC lost a guy?

Hudson: "I don't know. I'm pretty sure they're adding guys, too. I haven't really been paying attention to that. It's definitely good to have Sean come over. It helps us out a lot."

Q: What does the addition of Osemele bring to the offensive line?

Hudson: "A lot. He's a really good player. I've kind of watched him from afar, as I do watching tapes of other teams and game-planning for us. You see guys play over time. He's a good player. He plays hard and physical and he's definitely going to help us out."

Q: These first couple of weeks when it's just conditioning, is there some team building that's going on? Are you building chemistry and a new foundation?

Hudson: "I think these first few weeks are important. Guys are getting in the weight room back together. Like you said, everybody is happy to be back around each other. We're getting familiar with each other, watching tape, being in meetings and I think it's great we're all back together."

Q: Were you able to get together with any of the offensive linemen in the offseason?

Hudson: "We always talk. Everybody in our group does a good job of communicating with each other. I spent some time with Jon Feliciano. He was in Florida where I was, so we spent some time together. Everybody is always communicating and checking on each other. I think that's the best part about our group. We're always communicating, every two or three days probably."

Q: When Osemele signed, one of the things he said that drew him to the Raiders is that the Raiders are making the offensive line a priority. Was that something that entered your mind?

Hudson: "Definitely. A good group of guys, not only on the field but off the field, is important. A lot of things start up front with the offensive line being together. Five guys have to be together to be successful. The organization definitely knows that and it helps out a lot."



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Q: Losing Charles Woodson and Justin Tuck this year as established leaders, do you look to take on some of that?

Hudson: "Yes, always, especially with my position at center, communicating not only in my room but in the weight room or whatever. We have a lot of guys that can pick up some of that slack but, like you said, those are two great leaders."

Q: How is your relationship with Derek Carr?

Hudson: "Very good. I like Derek. He's a very good player. He's a smart, young player. He's always trying to get better. That's something you can always respect. We have a good relationship."

Q: What are some of the areas you saw Derek grow in last season?

Hudson: "He's always trying to learn. Me seeing him get better and better is not a surprise. He's always trying to learn, focused in. He comes in every day with a positive attitude, no matter what happened yesterday. He's always on to the next day."

Q: Is he a good guy to talk X's and O's with? Talk about how your relationship has grown, especially in that aspect.

Hudson: "It's definitely grown. He's fairly easy to talk X's and O's with. Like I said, to be so young, he's very smart. He knows what's going on, what we're doing and what the defense is doing. We have conversations daily about stuff like that."

Q: When you think to how the running game was going last year, do you think you can do better?

Hudson: "I think there's room for growth. You can always get better at something. I think we could take some steps in that area."

Q: Last year, Head Coach Jack Del Rio named you as the person who watches the most film. Is that how you try to improve?

Hudson: "I think it's important for my position. A lot of guys depend on me to communicate things and it's kind of how I've always been. Through college, I had some great coaches that taught me not only to watch film, but how to watch it."

DE Khalil Mack

Q: Is today like the first day of school?

Mack: "Somewhat, somewhat. Meeting the new students, prepping. It's all cool, man, cool to see the new faces and be amongst your brothers again."

Q: Is it strange knowing you're going into the season without Charles Woodson?

Mack: "Yeah, it is a little weird around here to not see him, not seeing his face and [Justin] Tuck's face and some other guys, but at the same time, they still keep in contact with us. Deep down we know they're still going to be a part of this whether they're here or not."

Q: Do you feel like it's your time to step up into a veteran role?

Mack: "Yeah, 'C-Wood' wanted me to prepare and get ready for that role, but at the same time, just taking it day by day and slowly, slowly seeing what happens. The leadership role definitely is in effect at this point."



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Q: Derek Carr said he felt older without Charles Woodson and Justin Tuck here.

Mack: "Man, it's very different, it's very different. D.C., like I've been saying, is a great leader, great man, great role model for other up-and-coming guys around here. It's going to be real fun to see."

Q: How much time did you actually take off in the offseason?

Mack: "Oh, man. Alright, alright, alright, I think I probably took like two or three days. *(laughing)* All the other days, I count them as recovery days. Legit two or three days, sit at the beach just chilling."

Q: How excited are you for the potential of the defense?

Mack: "It's easy to get excited, but I feel like we're more excited about the work that we have to put in. Getting to know each other, getting to grind with each other, and then being on the field and getting the communication down pat, I'm more excited about those things. That's the stuff that you can really tell how great the defense will be based on those things."

Q: Have you given yourself a chance to think about what you, Bruce Irvin and Aldon Smith are going to be able to do as pass rushers?

Mack: "That's all you can do is think about it. I'm a doer, so I want to see us actually do something real special. The only way to do that is to put in the work, and that's what we've all been talking about, putting in the work and grinding day in and day out with our head down. As soon as Game 1 jumps up, that's when you want to put it on film."

Q: How fearsome could it be for opposing offenses?

Mack: "We could talk about could've, would've, should've, but until we do it, that's what I'm looking forward to. I'm looking forward to doing it. That's what this whole offseason is going to be based on."

Q: Do you see all the buzz about the Raiders as a trap?

Mack: "That's the thing. It's easy to get caught in that trap. That's not what we're about. We're about the grind. We're about working hard, committing ourselves to excellence and going out and winning. That's what it's really all about. You can't focus on those outside things. You have to bring it all tight together and keep it all close and then that's when the winning starts."

Q: How soon after the season did it sink in that you were the first player to be named First-Team Associated Press All-Pro at two positions?

Mack: "It still hasn't. It still hasn't. It's still kind of weird because I don't know how it works. *(laughing)* I didn't know if it was an accident or if I was good enough to get that accomplishment legit, but at the same time it's all about grinding. I'm a grinder. You can look at those things, but you can't really focus on them for long. I've seen it happen, and I want to see if I can make it happen again."

Q: Carr talked about how the 2014 draft class made a pact to change the culture. Has that pact held between the class?

Mack: "Oh yeah, man. It's holding strong. It's holding strong. You see it in the guys' eyes when you walk around the building. We all talk and joke, but at the same time, we know that deep down we're putting in that work. We're going to keep continuously trying to put forth those wins on a consistent basis."

Q: Were you excited to hear that Aldon Smith was coming back? And have you kept in close contact with him?

Mack: "Yeah, man. We were in real close contact, everybody still talking on the group chat. We were real excited he decided to come back. That's another one of our brothers and we're looking forward to having him back, but until then, we're going to still keep in contact with him. Then whenever he's around, we're going to try to get up with him and all those different things to support him."



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Q: Have you gotten to know Bruce Irvin?

Mack: "Yeah, he's a cool dude, man. We talked here and there before we came out here, especially during the recruiting process, talked a little bit, but at the same time, he's a good dude, coming in here with great energy. I'm excited to go out there and grind with him first, but then being able to line up next to him is going to be fun as well."

Q: How will Irvin's addition benefit your performance on the field?

Mack: "I mean you can talk about what it will benefit, but until the day comes, that's what we're looking forward to. We're looking forward to actually putting it on field and showing that this helped and this helped. I can't really speak on the future. I can't really speak on what will be, but I know that I want to uphold my end of the bargain in this situation. We have to put in the work, that's all that I'm focusing on right now."

Q: Is focusing on now the kind of mindset that helps you avoid traps and do you want the entire team to have a similar mindset?

Mack: "Please, please have that. Please have that mindset. I want everybody to have that mindset because you could put the pieces and you could say you have the pieces, but until it's on film, on tape and you guys are winning and the defense is holding and shutting guys out and all those things are happening that are positive things, you can't really say that."

Q: How key is it for you to have Ken Norton, Jr. back?

Mack: "Exactly what you're saying. Coach Ken Norton, man, having him a second year is almost like cheating. The guy that brings enthusiasm, energy, all the necessary things as far as football smarts, just everything you need as a player. He's a great coach, and I'm glad that he's on my team. I'm looking forward to it, I can't wait."

Q: Where you involved in the recruiting process with other guys as well?

Mack: "I mean, you could say you're involved. It just is what it is. You know certain guys based on where they train at, where they've trained, who they know. It just certain things you get to tell them, just let them know that it would be nice to have you for sure."

Q: What is it like to hear Irvin say playing alongside you was one of the reasons he came to Oakland?

Mack: "That's an honor, man. I'm fortunate for him even think that, but at the same time, I want to make sure I hold up my part of the bargain. I want to make sure I'm good enough and held up to that standard, even getting better. I want to be better than I was last year. That's what the focus is. Not even focusing on that, just going out and grinding and trying to get better and do better and be a better teammate this year."

Q: There was so much change you experienced last offseason. What's coming into this offseason program like?

Mack: "Exactly, the waters are real calm, but at the same time, it's a stern focus. It's a discipline. It's a certain level of focus that you expect coming in to this year because you've been around these same people, so they know what they can do, but they know what you can't do. They know your strengths and they know your weaknesses. It's about strengthening those weaknesses with them and growing together, and that can only benefit us."

Q: As a player, do you get frustrated with how many times during a game you get held or double teamed? How do you get through all of that?

Mack: "It's all about maintaining focus throughout the game and knowing what it is that you have to get done. All you can do is your job. Whether guys are holding you or not, you have to try to make the play. There's no excuse. Whether you're in the right position or not, you have to be there. That's the mindset you have to have. I don't really focus on that, but it's hard to get kind of lost in it a little bit because it's frustrating, but at the same time, you have to keep pushing through and uphold your end of the job."



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Q: Have you gotten a chance to talk to Mario Edwards Jr.?

Mack: "Oh yeah. He's excited, man. He's dealing with whatever he's dealing with, but at the same time, he's here, he's working. That's all you can ask for from him."

Q: How does it feel to know that offensive coordinators are game planning against you?

Mack: "I feel like I've said it before, it's an honor, it's an honor, it's kind of like an honor, but at the same time, it's all about doing your job. I can't try to go outside of doing my job and do something more than what I'm supposed to do, but at the same time, I want to have an effect in any way possible and that's all about getting better and knowing certain things that are going to get thrown your way this year opposed to last year. Seeing different things and different schemes that teams had. Just preparing for them and being ready for it."