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## **S Bobby McCain**

### **On the defensive communication:**

"It's just the point of emphasis. Point of emphasis we made from the start of camp, just as long as we are all on the same page man, aint too many people can beat us athletically. So understanding that it's got to be all across the back end. Everybody's got to communicate, when we communicate, we're hitting on all cylinders."

### **On difference of communication from last year:**

"I mean it has to be, that's how you win football games. Teams lose more games than they win in this league and that one thing starts with communication, especially in the back seven, because if you're not only on the same page and you have no chance."

### **On Kansas City Chiefs being a good test for the regular season:**

"It'll definitely be good for us man. Definitely be good for us to go out, have a strong performance against the Chiefs. We know what kind of offensive firepower they have. So having a good strong defensive stand will be nice. Seeing them in the preseason, seeing whoever in the preseason, coming out, getting your feet wet. You're not going to be in the whole game, but it's good to make some live tackles and play with angles and just play with energy and get ready for the season."

### **On what has impressed him about the new players in the secondary:**

"The way they pick up, man, they pick up things so fast and you can tell they're smart. One thing I see out of [S] Percy [Butler] and I told 'em from the first day, you'll be in this league long time, as long as you don't make the same mistakes twice. And he really hadn't made the same mistake twice. So, you know, it's good to play fast and mess things up, but it's also good that you see the growth in the next day where you don't get that same play or you don't. He sees that same hint or that same formation. And he goes after it."

### **On the biggest improvement he's seen from the defense since OTA's:**

"Just speaking back, as he said, just communication as a group, really all across all eleven. All across the board, understanding what we're getting, understanding the weaknesses of the defense, understanding how teams are going to attack us. That's really one thing we've really progressed on."

### **On how to translate a good camp into a good season:**

"Build off of it, man, just build off of it and start fast. Understand that just because you're out here and it's happening out here, it doesn't mean it's going to happen every Sunday. So, we got to understand, we know we got to take it from the film room to the practice field and the practice field to the game field and

understanding that's what it's going to take.”

**On if people are still sleeping on the defense:**

“Yeah, definitely. But you know, we try to let you guys worry about that and we just got to worry about going out, playing football. You can't win 'em all unless you win the first one.”

**On growth of S Darrick Forrest:**

“[Darrick Forrest], he is so much smarter. You can see the jump, you can see the year two jump. He's out there communicating with me and [S] Kam [Curl]. He understands, he knows where he needs to fit. He knows his role and he's been a good ball player, but now you can see he's playing really fast. He's playing really aggressive and he's going to be really good for us.”

**On how having three experienced safeties benefits the defense:**

“It gives you a variety. It gives [Defensive Coordinator] Coach Del Rio a variety of things he can do in the back end with all three of us and we're excited to see. You guys will see the game plans as they come out during the game weeks, but you know, we're excited.”

**On S Jeremy Reaves:**

“[Reaves] is a good football player, man. He's smart. He's one of the smartest guys in the back end. Sometimes it's just about opportunity and when he gets his opportunity, he takes advantage of it, but he's been a good football player. He is going to be a good football player.”

**On development of S Percy Butler:**

“You can tell the game is slowing down to him. You can tell he's playing fast. He's playing a lot faster. The game's slowing down to him and he's understanding the defense really well.”

**On working on third down situations:**

“That's just something we got, that's something we definitely got to work on. We've been talking about it all OTAs all ever since last year. Really just making sure because situational football is all that wins games in this league. Third down, two minute, and red zone. So those three situations right there, if you can hold guys to three or hold guys to zero, you'll most likely come out with a win.”

**On what makes defending third downs that much harder:**

“Not necessarily, but I mean it's the most important down in football, to be honest with you. Because it's going to get you off the field and it's going to keep the guys fresh. So, understanding that when we game planning and we go in, we know what a team's running, we know what we're running and what we're doing. It'll clean up.”