



**TY WARREN – DEFENSIVE END**  
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Q. Ty, you won two Super Bowls right off the bat. First of all, do you feel lucky at being drafted by the team you were drafted by; and, secondly, can you appreciate really how hard it is, the Dan Marinos and those types of guys and Peyton Manning who have played for years and years and Hall of Fame careers and haven't won even one yet?

TY WARREN: Yes, I think that I do feel fortunate enough, blessed to be drafted where I was drafted and to the team I was drafted, to win the two Super Bowls back to back. I would say it's kind of spoiled me to do so.

But along with all that, I think it instills another level of work ethic and how to go about my business as a professional athlete. Because there's a lot of examples in the locker room, and I could go on all day naming those examples, but I think you know who they are.

So, yeah, I feel fortunate. I think the Dan Marinos of the world and even John Elways, the pinnacle of their careers, I've got a special amount -- I have a certain amount of respect for guys like that. It doesn't come easy, and you know every athlete plays their sport to win the world championship. So, yes, I do feel fortunate.

Q. Ty, can you talk about overcoming adversity like in the game versus the Chargers and how that mentally boosts the Patriots team going into this game versus the Colts?

TY WARREN: I think it's always good to get that win, and we had several wins prior to that going into the playoffs and wanting to start the playoffs, and it's always good to have a streak, kind of so-called streak going on, positive streak going on going into a game like this.

At the same note, the same token, I think Indianapolis has had the same streak. They have strung some wins together here this last part of the season and that's built momentum for them going into this game.

And so it's always good. But we do have a tough task at hand coming Sunday, and they are two up on us in the latter part of this series.

Q. The Colts have won their first two playoff games without Peyton playing his best. Are you at all concerned that he'll break out all of a sudden and start to have one of those games you've seen him have before?

TY WARREN: No question. I think he's dangerous any time he steps on the field. I think the fact that he had two of his best games to start off the playoffs is kind of irrelevant to how he will come into this game. Peyton is a professional. He's one of the best athletes out there at his position in the NFL and in the world.

So I'm sure he's prepared. He's been in this league for a while. He knows how to prepare. He knows how to bounce back. He's done that. There were a few things in the middle part of the season where they were having some losses and things like that. And (you can) look at the team, at the end of the day as a team. I think they've been playing complementary football with the offense and defense playing together.

Q. Ty, all four of the teams left in the playoffs, use two or more running backs a lot. As a defensive lineman does that change what you do or how you approach things when you have more than one running back to worry about?

TY WARREN: Yes, it does. I think you mentioned these four teams have two running backs, and usually both -- each running back has a different style. So you always have to be aware of the back and the type of style that he brings to the table, because it can affect how you approach it.

And a lot of times with that being said, you know, different players, different backs have a different running style.

Q. As a follow-up to that, how are Addai and Rhodes, how are their styles different?

TY WARREN: I think Rhodes is similar to Edgerrin (phonetic) in the sense because he's played behind him for so long. That type of running game, they do a lot of stretch run where the running back runs all the way to the numbers and starts, charge on the numbers after the offensive line and everybody tries to stretch everybody out and get the defensive line separated and the linebackers separated.

So he's more a run to the numbers, cut down the numbers and just go downhill. Addai, he's a home run hitter. He can pretty much do any run you ask him to do. He can meet that type of run I just that explained Rhodes does or cut back. He jump cuts, a lot of things that Rhodes can't do. That's why he's emerged as a starter here the latter part of the season.

Q. I know a lot of writers had you on their All Pro teams. Yet you didn't make the Pro Bowl team or the official All Pro team. Did you feel you had that type of season, a Pro Bowl, All Pro type of season this year?

TY WARREN: I think so. But the fact that I didn't make with the official deal or even the Pro Bowl, it has no bearing to the type of work that I'm going to continue to bring to the table. And I think all those things are coming in due time. I'm still in my youth. And I think the thing is, I said before, I feel like I got so much more growing to do as an athlete and just knowing the system.

The sky is the limit for me. I think I can only go up from here as long as God willing I stay healthy and everything.

Q. Ty, I want to ask you about the familiarity between these two teams. You guys have played each other so much over the past few years. What impact does that have this week?

TY WARREN: I think in a sense you kind of look at it as even though they're not an AFC East, we've played them just as much as teams we've played in the AFC East that we play every year. It started to become a series I think before I even got in in '03 and it's continued to be so.

And you know this is a good series. I think it's good for the league. It's good for football. Every time we play each other it always goes to the wire. So I think it's just a good match-up.

Q. From game to game, though, do you see a lot of difference in what they do or when you play them do you tend to say: This is kind of what we saw before and then it's just a matter of who can make the plays? I mean from a scheme standpoint, do they do a lot of things that get you off guard?

TY WARREN: I think they do, they pretty much do what they do. I think that's the reason why they're good at what they do, because they don't spend too much time trying to be this copy cat team and do what everybody else is doing. They pretty much stick to what they do so they can master what they do.

But at the same time it's a copy cat league. If they see it hurts you in the previous weeks some of those things might show up. But at the end of the day they tend to stay with what they've been doing the whole season.

Q. Can you talk about how to prepare for a guy like Peyton Manning, would you do something specific to prepare for the game?

TY WARREN: I mean Peyton is a guy -- they do a lot of timing routes and those, him and those receivers work day in, day out and you can see it by their production, consistently on a year-to-year basis and this week -- this season on a week-to-week basis.

So I think it's important that we try to get to them as much as we can and try to try to reroute and break up some of those routes before they develop, things like that.

Other than that, that's the only thing that's going to make us effective against their men. And I think first and second down is going to be the key because they are the number one offense on third down this year. And he's the number one pass completion percentage quarterback in this league this year.

Q. What's the sense that the defense has on the side lines in the fourth quarter when Brady is on the field? Do you all kind of anticipate something good is going to happen because that's happened so much? Or what's going on there with you guys?

TY WARREN: I think so. I think you know Brady's history as being a clutch guy has spoken for itself. It's on this long list on his resume, and we always feel comfortable. We always feel like we have a chance when he's out there on the field in the fourth quarter.

Q. Ty, what have you done with your two Super Bowl rings and do you ever wear them?

TY WARREN: I haven't worn them in a while. They kind of get old after, you know the first couple of months. So I don't wear them much. I just keep them in a safety deposit box and you know on occasion, if we have any type of appearance or some type of speaking engagement or something like that, people like to see it.

So I just go show them.

Q. How many Super Bowl rings do you think you're going to win in your career?

TY WARREN: I don't know. I don't know. Only time will tell. I couldn't tell you that.

Q. Ty, can you talk about coming in as a young player and work with a guy like Bill Belichick and defensive line coach Pepper Johnson, how have they been able to develop your game coming from college?

TY WARREN: Well, I think every year even during the year your coach -- we always sit down with our coaches and they tell us how we're doing and some of the things that can take us to the next level.

And every offseason I've got word from Bill on things I can work on as well as every other player does, and then these past couple of years, we've taken the wind out of our schedule in the off season, watch them throughout the whole season, throughout that previous season and just look at the game from a run defense standpoint and from a pass defense standpoint and see the things I can do better and try to improve upon the things I've done good.

Q. Ty, the Colts have your old kicker, won games for you. And now the shoe is on the other foot, so to speak. What would you feel like if he went out for them to try a big kick on Sunday, how comfortable or uncomfortable would you feel in that spot knowing his background?

TY WARREN: It was awkward at first when they came and played us early on in the season. He threw us a bone early on in the season, but they still came out with the win. Almost gave us a chance to get back into the game.

But it felt awkward early on when we first played them. But it's football. These are the guys you end up on different teams at the end of the day.

So he was clutch in his last game against Baltimore with the five field goals and I'm sure he'll be the same if we give him that opportunity to come through.

Q. The San Diego game essentially turned in your favor on a fumble by Marlon McRee after he intercepted a pass in fourth down, which he would've been better off just knocking down. Do your coaches instruct the players specifically not to intercept the ball when it's fourth down?

TY WARREN: Just emphasizes making plays, making small plays. Marlon made a good play on that ball Sunday. And I think he made probably -- he made the biggest play of that game by stripping it from Marlon McRee, giving Brady an opportunity to go down there and put points on the board, which they did. We talk about capitalizing on our opportunities out there on the field and just playing smart.

Q. Ty, what's the toughest thing about Peyton Manning, playing against Peyton Manning?

TY WARREN: It's difficult. It's difficult. I mentioned that he's the number one pass guy that had the highest pass completion this year and was one on third down. He's going to hit his passes he knows where his guys are going to be. It's going to be important for us to strike anywhere possible that we can, because he's dangerous any time he's back there and he has the ball in his hand.

Q. What about all of his audibles and check-offs that he does at the line of scrimmage, how does that affect you?

TY WARREN: There's been a lot said about his audibles and things like that over the years. I think we've kind of learned, and I've learned not to really get into that. It's a system they go by. Some of the calls are (inaudible) you just really can't get into that. You just have to press into who is on the field and the person that's out there on the field and what they can do out of that.

Q. The fact that the Colts won the last two meetings you played even though they were in the regular season, does that give them any kind of psychological advantage, do you think?

TY WARREN: It probably does for them. I don't know. I think the way the series has went in the past, you had us, the Patriots being at the top of that series for a while there and now Colts are on top of that series and they're going to continue to go on top. So we need to go out there execute whatever game plan we put in this week in order to go out there and be successful on Sunday.

Q. A lot of people have made a lot of the post game incident in San Diego with Tomlinson. How do you respond to people saying the Patriots image is now tarnished with how that game played out?

TY WARREN: I disagree with that. With the things being said after the game, a couple of things I agree with. A couple things I don't agree with. What I do agree with, I didn't see a lot of guys jumping on logos and doing all that stuff that he said he seen them doing. So I can't really say that they did that. But if they did, maybe they did take it too far. What I do disagree with is that maybe it came from the coaches, the head coach Bill Belichick. I think I disagree with that because Bill has never condoned any of that. What he has condoned is



enthusiasm and showing your emotions and you know sometimes those things you can't control.

Being in a game like that, if you ever want to draw up a football game, that's the way you draw it up. You have two teams, tough teams that went head to head and it could have went either way. And it ended up turning to our favor at the end of game because of heads up plays made by Troy Brown and Antoine and Brady and Carl and Samuel on the last three and out.

So he does condone that but he never condones us going out there and being --

Q. You talked earlier about disrupting the routes of Peyton's receivers, how much emphasis does Belichick put on that during the week and does your defense do any hitting at all during the week?

TY WARREN: Oh, yeah, we'll do some hitting. We'll do ball stripping drills, you know things to try to make turnovers and things like that. And along with trying to defend some of the things that Peyton does. And what you just said, just trying to strike some of the routes and getting in his face and things like that, some of the key things.

Q. You have a young defensive line. Can you talk about how it is to work with Richard Seymore and Vince Wilfork in the middle, what chemistry do you have?

TY WARREN: I think we have a special D line here in New England. I think, you know, Richard, myself, Vince, Jarvis, Mike Wright has made a name for himself as a reserve here on this defense and stepped up when he's been called to. So I think we have a unique line and we are complementary to each other.

Q. In terms of your development, Ty, is this about where you thought you would be at this point in your career?

TY WARREN: You can never determine it. But you know different people peak at different times. I haven't peaked yet. But it has been steady improvement, steady improvement that I've been happy with.

Q. A lot of experts think that you and not Richard Seymour should have been in the Pro Bowl, how do you feel about that?

TY WARREN: I mentioned earlier the Pro Bowl and things like that, that will come in due time. I still say I haven't reached my full potential. I have things I can work on to improve my game. I'll continue to do that. I'm happy for Richard going. He deserves it. You know what I mean. It's not his fault that he's going and I'm not going. He's a great player and he's been a great player for some years now.

Q. Just what do you recall about the regular season game against Indianapolis this year?

TY WARREN: I know the first game they hit a lot of pass routes for a long time in the first half, first game of the season, and they kind of got up and we -- the defense took a lot of time out there on the field. Reggie Wayne and Marvin Harrison they stepped up and they hit passes, we could have got more pressure and right on down the line.

So everybody, you know, everybody can take a little blame for how that game went there in the first half and then the second half we kind of settled down. With the team like the Colts you can't, you know, you can't settle down in the second half. You need to be settled down in the first half and be complementary with the football from the front line to the back line.

Q. I just wanted to ask about you and Keesha, the foundation you've started, the First and Goal. Can you kind of tell me what you guys hope to do with that?

TY WARREN: Me and Keesha, we grew up, me and my wife grew up in the Boys and Girls Club here in Bryant, Texas, and the Boys and Girls Club has done a lot for us as teens and adolescents coming up, as a youth.

We just feel like the Boys and Girls Club has done a lot for us. So we feel we should give back to them because they've done a lot for us which has allowed us to get to where we are right now. So we're pretty much targeting the boys and girls clubs, United Way and nonprofit organizations like that.

Q. Considering your background and the way you grew up like you just spoke about, can you talk about being a role model for young kids? I mean working hard and achieving what you did.

TY WARREN: Yes I always, I believe you know, in influencing kids in a positive way. I have two kids of myself and am expecting another one. And I know when I was younger growing up in the Boys and Girls Club, I didn't grow up in a town where there was a lot of professional sports being played, but we did have Texas A&M, which is the college I went to.

And you see them on TV and hear stuff in papers, good stuff about them and the people wearing the gear and stuff like that. You would see that and you say I would like to be a part of that.

And whenever you get a chance to go to one of the basketball games or football games and things like that you grasp that and you hold onto it. There's been guys that have been influences to me when I was younger and I just want to be the same to them. And I think it's important to kids to tend to hold

onto that and grasp those moments and ends up being a positive thing for them in the future.

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