

**OPEN LOCKER ROOM INTERVIEWS  
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**RB, #26 CLINTON PORTIS...**

**On ending his scoring drought with three touchdowns against San Francisco:**

“I’m just glad that we’re back to winning ways. We have a big game this week going up to New York. This is for our division’s lead. Having the touchdown drought gone is good, but it’s better to be back to winning ways. Hopefully, we can continue to win and I can continue to score.”

**On playing the Giants with the NFC East Division lead on the line:**

“We know this is going to be a tough game. When we went there last year, I think we had [seven] turnovers. It still was a hard-fought battle. This year, both teams are playing better. Both teams are probably at the top of their games right now. Going in there won’t be easy. We know this is for the division lead. They have a lot going on around them [with owner Wellington Mara’s recent death]. We know this game is going to be special for them. We just have to go in being prepared to fight.”

**On whether a player, particularly former Redskins and current Giants LB, #58 Antonio Pierce, can take a game personally:**

“You can. In Antonio’s situation, everyone knew that he wanted to stay here. It was just the situation [that forced him to leave]. This is football. It’s a business. He didn’t want to leave, [but] he had to go. In making the best business decision for him and his family, it was something he had to do. Unlike myself playing Denver [in Week Five], which was [more than] a year [after his departure], this [game] is [only] months in the making [since Antonio’s departure]. I’m sure he is still kind of angry about having to leave here.”

**DL, #97 RENALDO WYNN...**

**On whether this Sunday’s game against the Giants is his most significant divisional game since joining the Redskins:**

“No doubt about it. You can’t hide the fact that that’s the case. I’m sure the Giants feel exactly the same way. They’re working just as hard. It’s going to be a great battle.”

**On whether he expects Redskins DT, #96 Cornelius Griffin to receive extra motivation from facing his former team:**

“When you’re playing your old team, you always want to do well. I’m sure ‘Griff’ wants to show [the Giants] that they made a mistake [in allowing him to leave]. I’m sure he is just as happy to be here and has no regrets, but, at the same time, those are his old teammates and comrades. For that reason, you always want to play hard when you play your old team.”

**On whether DT, #96 Cornelius Griffin is the Redskins defensive line’s premier player:**

“We all work well together. It’s like a well-oiled machine. No one can do their job without the others. I think we all play well together and complement each other. [Griffin’s] a heck of talent. He’s having a Pro Bowl year. [But] he has to stay healthy. I’m sure he is doing whatever it takes to do that.”

## **DL, #95 JOE SALAVE'A...**

### **On suffering a rare injury:**

“Talk about inexperience with these kind of things. That’s probably one of the hardest things to deal with because I’ve never felt anything like this. I’m trying to be patient with it and get as much treatment [as possible]. We’ve tried to double-up on the treatment as much as we can. There’s not a whole lot we can do other than the treatment that we’ve been doing so far. I don’t want to get involved in [different kinds of painkillers] because they can really mask it but not heal it. I just have to bear down and play with it.”

### **On whether he feels greater pain on grass or turf fields:**

“That’s hard to say, but it’s something that I won’t wish upon anyone. I’m just trying to deal with it day by day. Hopefully, on Sunday, I won’t think about it for four hours, until after the ballgame.”

### **On how the Redskins defensive line will cope with his and DT, #96 Cornelius Griffin’s injury:**

“I know ‘Griff.’ He’s a competitor. He’ll find a way to be in there. It takes a lot for one of us not to be in there. It’s something that [the defensive line] have to deal with. I know the personnel that we have will pick up and run with [the situation] – whether it be me or Griff not in there. As you saw last Sunday [against San Francisco], it’s just a matter of other guys picking up the slack and continuing to play.”

### **On Giants QB, #10 Eli Manning’s improvement since his rookie season last year:**

“Talk about what a difference a year makes. He’s playing exceptionally well. He’s making a lot of big plays. The [Giants] receivers and other [skill-position players] are running around – that’s the big thing. He’s gotten a really good, positive response from the guys surrounding him. That’s a big difference. The offensive line is playing really well. They have something going. We have our work cut out for us.”

### **On the mood in the Redskins locker room given the stakes in this Sunday’s game:**

“[The mood] is good because we’re inexperienced about [playing in such significant games]. The only thing we know about is going out there to work hard and prepare. [We try] to give ourselves a chance to compete. One thing about being in this situation is that we don’t know too much about it. All we know is that Sunday is another challenge and another opportunity to better our record and play well.”

### **On whether the Redskins’ turnover-induced loss in New York last season still weighs on players’ minds:**

“So far, we haven’t done enough to solidify [our turnover problem]. We know that if we give away the ball and not take it away, our chance of winning is not great. We did that against the Giants last year. It was miserable. Those are things that we have to get better at. The good thing is that we don’t play until Sunday. We have a couple of days to refine and fine-tune the things that we’re trying to get accomplished.”

## **LB, #98 LEMAR MARSHALL...**

### **On how Antonio Pierce helped him in making the transition to middle linebacker:**

“Basically he just helped me with some coverage and some calls that you would generally make and get used to. That was all in the off-season.”

**On his play:**

“There are a couple of things I could do better, but overall, it’s football. You just go out there, have fun and make sure everybody is on the same page. Sometimes that’s probably the most difficult thing, for guys to be on the same page and make sure everybody is in the best position to make the plays.”

**On the defense’s pride in its ranking:**

“We have a lot of pride. We want to be better than we were last year. Right now we’re doing a pretty good job of it. There were a couple of big plays that we’ve given up, but overall we’re doing a pretty good job. That’s what we’re going to continue to try to do.”