

in five seasons with the Texans, and Mike Vrabel, who went 9-7 with the Titans this season. # " You understand you might not be able to have a perfect game maybe ever, but that focus is one of the things he demands, " defensive end Trey Flowers said. " From a player's standpoint, it's demanding that excellence and the play-calling. " # " I love playing for Coach Flores, " said former Browns and current Patriots cornerback Jason McCourty. # With Flores calling the plays for the first time this year, the Patriots finished seventh in the NFL in points allowed and fifth in takeaways (28). In his seven seasons as a defensive position coach, the Patriots finished in the top 10 in fewest points, including No. 1 in 2016. # A former linebacker for Boston College, Flores got his start when then-Patriots personnel executive Scott Pioli, now with the Falcons, brought him in as a scouting assistant in 2004. He moved over to the coaching side in 2008 as a special teams assistant, and spent the 2010 season helping out on offense. In 2011, he moved back to defense, and coached safeties from 2012-15. He coached linebackers from 2016-18, and assumed the play calling duties this year when defensive coordinator Matt Patricia took the Lions' head coach job. # One of five sons of Honduran immigrants who moved to the United States in the 1970s, he grew up in the crime-ridden Brownsville housing projects of Brooklyn, New York. # " Whenever I feel like there's any semblance of complacency I think back to a time when I wasn't as fortunate as I am now, " Flores told reporters in New England before