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While Petrino said he hasn't spent a lot of time evaluating the roster's returning players, he has been impressed the times he has been able to watch them play.

"I've been a Louisville fan and when I've been able to watch them I've been impressed," he said. "I've been impressed with young players making plays and the way they fly to the football."

He did acknowledge that he is not coming into rebuild, but to build on what former coach Charlie Strong started.

"Charlie and his staff laid a solid foundation and we want to continue and build on what he did on the field and in the classroom," Petrino said.

After the press conference Petrino was taken to another floor in PJCS where he met with boosters and fans.

Once that stuff is over, he will hit the ground running preparing for what he calls an "exciting and challenging schedule next season."

Job one, however, is to make sure the players who are already in the program have a smooth transition.

"That's one of the areas where I've changed the most," Petrino said. "There was a day when I would have coached the player and not the person. That's not how I do it now.

". . . I want to make sure this transition is a smooth one for those kids and we help them adjust to the change."

From the sounds of it, there will be plenty of former players on board to help with that transition.

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more than a dozen took to social media in support of the university bringing Petrino back.

Before leaving the podium a member of the media shouted, "Can we expect a kinder, gentler Bobby Petrino?"

The question got a wide smile from the coach and while he never really answered it, he did manage to say one more time before leaving the room, "It's good to be home!"