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Rams Quarterback Jared Goff – Media Availability – September 19, 2018

(On if he watched Chargers QB Philip Rivers while growing up and his impressions of him)

"Yeah, of course. The majority of my childhood he was playing. Fantastic player, Hall of Fame player and a guy that I've definitely watched and tried to steal things from for sure. The way he plays the game and the way he works. I've heard nothing but great things from people who've played with him.

(On he can do better going into Week 3)

"I'd like to not have that turnover. Just continue to take care of the ball and be smart with it. Be as accurate as I can be, continue to keep the ball where we want to keep it and really, like I just said, take care of it and continue to get it to our play makers. I think the completion percentage is where we like it – high – and just try to get the ball out. Get it to guys and let them make plays."

(On Head Coach Sean McVay saying that Goff's even-keeled demeanor helps him because he's so wired)

"Yeah, and I think vice versa. He helps me at times. Gets me going sometimes, for sure. I think we play off each other really well and have a great relationship. I've enjoyed the last few years with him, as I believe he has with me. It's been fun growing with him and continuing to learn and continuing to learn from him and get better under his coaching."

(On how he would describe the dynamic between he and McVay)

"It's great. Like I just said, I think we have a great relationship and have grown together. I'm starting to learn more of what his philosophies are and habits and what he likes, and I think vice versa. He's starting to learn more about me as well. We're starting to know each other better as the years go on."

(On if his connection with WR Brandin Cooks is ahead of where he hoped it would be at this point)

"Yeah, I think we're in a good spot. I think if you're always working to improve, always trying to get as good as you can, with a guy like that it makes it easy. He's always working super hard, always wanting feedback – it's awesome – from him. He gives me feedback, I give him feedback and we kind of can talk about things in that way. He's been awesome for me as a guy to grow with and a guy that we want to hit those deep, down the field balls with that you saw last week and try to be consistent with that."

(On if there was anything about Cooks' game that surprised him)

"No, I don't think so. I've played against him in college, so I have a little bit of feeling his game. I obviously know his speed. But, I think maybe his strength over the middle is a lot stronger than maybe anticipated. He's got really strong hands. He's a strong player in general, just very, very wired and extremely strong."

(On if his play is a product of the system and how he views he has been able to develop over the last two years)

"Yeah, I'll be a product of the system if we win games, as much as I want. We just continue to go out there and keep playing, keep putting up 30 points and call me whatever you want. I feel like I'm just continuing to develop and continuing to get better. As time goes on, I hope to continue to get better and keep learning from (Head Coach) Sean (McVay) and keep trying to be the best leader and quarterback I can be."

(On the challenge with the Chargers defense he'll face this weekend)

"Yeah, they're a great defense. You see what they have with (Chargers Defensive Coordinator) Gus (Bradley) and everyone over there – they're very well-coached. In the secondary, they're very good. They have the rookie (Chargers S) Derwin James – who's a great player, as well, that they've added. (Chargers CB) Casey Hayward you've got to be aware of. All of them, they're all really good. Then, obviously up front, the first guy you see is (Chargers DE Melvin) Ingram and all the stuff he has done over the last few years. This week, (Chargers DE) Joey (Bosa) is not playing, but that doesn't take away from all the other guys that we've got to prepare for up front. They're a good team. Going to be a challenge for us, for sure."

(On if it's ever in the back of his mind that he needs to get the tight ends involved)

"No, it's not. It's based on the play. Like you saw, (TE) Gerald (Everett) got a ball. Went through the progression, got it to him. Lot of times, we don't have to go that far through the progression. Lot of times, we throw an incomplete pass on the first or second read. Lot of times, it's a complete pass in the first or second read. Sometimes they are the first or second read. So, it's all based on the play. We want to continue to involve them, but in my head, I'm not thinking about that. I'm just going through the progression in each play."