



LOS ANGELES RAMS

Rams Running Back Todd Gurley II – Media Availability – October 11, 2018

(On if he's looking forward to playing in cold weather)

"Not really, but it is what it is. They've got to play just like us, so it'll be fine."

(On how he prepares for having to run in the altitude)

"I don't know. Never played in it. Honestly, can't tell you. Like I said, just got to deal with it."

(On his experience from playing in cold conditions)

"A couple games. Once you get out there and get to running around, it's just – they've got the heated benches and the heaters on the side, so it's not that bad. It's usually just kind of the warm up and then the timeouts and stuff like that you kind of feel it. It's not too bad."

(On if he's aware the Broncos had a difficult time stopping the run last week and if that makes him any more excited to face them)

"Yeah, definitely aware, but I know my situation and how teams are going to play us. They have a great head coach themselves, I'm pretty sure that's his objective to get that run defense a little better. Obviously, they know we're going to run the ball. So, you definitely get excited, but you don't get too excited because a team can look like that one week and then the next week can shut a guy down for 50 yards, but that's why we play this game. We practice and go out there and hopefully execute."

(On if he likes having a head coach that is hard on himself as a play-caller and if he ever thinks he's too hard on himself)

"No, he's just a great coach, great competitor. He's always taking a responsibility as the head guy, whether we mess up or not, he's always saying he needs to put us in a better place. We just love playing for a guy like that. We know what we did wrong. He knows he did wrong. That's why we play this game. We try to go out there compete, fix it and then at the end of the day, we learn from our mistakes. That's what just makes him the type of coach he is."

(On if sees similar concepts to his own defense when watching the Broncos on film)

"Yeah, most definitely. Same defense, but there's whole different personnel out there. Definitely helps us that we've been able to play against it the last two years. Then, next week we'll play the exact same defense. That's pretty cool because you get familiar with that."

(On what kind of teammate WR Robert Woods is and what it has been like building a relationship with him)

"He's a great guy, always working. Even when those guys went out, he didn't ever complain. He just did what he had to do, helped those other guys get lined up. Just going back and watching the film, he's just did such a great job, whether it's the jet sweeps, catching the ball and even blocking for me. I mean this guy, he's damn near a lead blocker for me. He's always just putting in the effort. Always working hard. You see why he's the type of player and it shows on Sunday because he puts in the work throughout the week. It's been good playing with (WR) Rob (Woods). Nothing but respect and love the guy."

(On if CB Aqib Talib has been around the facility much since his surgery and is he upset that he's not able to play against the Broncos)

"I don't really think he cares too much. But yeah, he's been around. Been seeing (CB Aqib) Talib."

(On if he's still in meetings trying to help other guys out or just trying to get well)

"I honestly can't tell you. I don't really – I'm in my meetings. They're in their meetings. I can't really honestly tell you."

(On his exchange with the defense on the sidelines on Sunday and if he feels free to give them extra inspiration)

"We've all got each other's back. That's my job. Obviously, if something bad happens on our end, they're always there encouraging us and if something bad happens on their end, we're telling them we got their back. So, that's just kind of how I am during the game. I just kind of feel the energy. I just try to either go up to the special teams, defense and just tell them, 'We're all in this together and we've got each other's back and at the end of the day we're going to get a win'. So, we're not going to sweat it too much."

(On WR Josh Reynolds' two consecutive first down passes and a sweep against the Seahawks)

"Oh man, it was real big. It was a real critical moment. I just remember the start of that drive, just being in the huddle and I'm just looking around and I see (WR Robert Woods) 'Woody'. I talked to Woody the play before like, 'You know, we got to put this on our shoulders.' Him and (WR) KhaDarel (Hodge) come in there and he makes a great play, then he makes another great play and then he gets the sweep and then he's in there the next play he's in there trying to block for me on a duo. Once he made that play it was just like, I kind of just chuckled and was like, 'Yeah, we're going to be fine.' KhaDarel had a great play to help us go down and kick the field goal. These guys have been doing it just like we've been doing it in practice. They just haven't had the chance to play, and when their opportunity came they stepped up and delivered. That's what you love about this team. No matter who it is – whether it's me, I go out, (RB) Malcolm (Brown) comes in, Woods, (WR Cooper) Kupp, or whatever it is; (TE) Gerald (Everett), (TE Tyler) Higbee. I feel like we all believe in each other, we all know what to do. Coach prepares us to be prepared in the game. Once we go in the game, it's just natural, just play ball. But, he did a great job of just coming in and filling in for those guys."