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Rams Quarterback Jared Goff – Media Availability – October 24, 2018

(On noticing Packers QB Aaron Rodgers when he watches defensive film and the admiration he has for him and how he plays quarterback)

"Obviously, his greatness has been documented for years now. He's a great player and a guy I watched in college and then moved onto the NFL. I've followed his whole career, big fan of his. Yeah, there are times where we're watching him play against the defense and you get stuck on watching him. He's a great player. I've got a lot of respect for him and it'll be fun to get a chance to go against him."

(On if he got to know him at all when he was at UC Berkeley and their relationship)

"Yeah, I've gotten to know him a little bit the past few years. Just crossed paths on a few different things and he's been nothing but great to me."

(On if there is an area he's been most pleased with through the first seven weeks)

"I think just accuracy and taking care of the ball, which I think can still get better. But really, just the accuracy and trying to keep the ball out in front of guys and let them make plays after the catch. Capitalize when we get the right look and have somebody by a step and don't put it on their back hip where a defender can make a play, get it out in front. Probably that's it."

(On Head Coach Sean McVay mentioning guys getting yards after the catch and if that's something he's been working on and if so how does he get better at it)

"Just reps. Reps, reps, reps. Just really working on it in the offseason, really testing yourself and seeing how far out in front you can put it and how perfect you can be over and over again. And then just really pushing yourself to that perfection."

(On the touch-pass they do and if it's fun to run)

"It's a completion (laughs). It's a completion and I get the yards so it's awesome for me (laughs). But no, it is good. It's a good way to keep the defense off balance and do some different things with that fly motion. Sometimes we flip it to them, sometimes we don't and it's good just as a play action would be."

(On if the touch-pass play is ever disconcerting as a quarterback)

"No. And really because if it's not caught it's an incomplete pass. So you do want to get the timing just right. But, we did have the one in Denver that was a little bit off and got dropped and so that can happen, and you know it's an incomplete pass. But it's definitely part of our offense and something that we try to do as much as we can."

(On if it's one of those things that McVay adds as a new wrinkle to the offense and if he expects that kind of thing from him)

"Yeah, that kind of showed up this offseason just as a way to put in, like you said, a new wrinkle and something that we do quite a bit now. Some weeks we'll carry it, some weeks we won't and it just kind of varies. It's just another way to get our good players, our skill players, on the perimeter with the ball in their hands."

(On how eager he is to get back in front of the home crowd after three weeks on the road and what kind of environment he expects)

"Yeah, it's exciting. The last game there was Minnesota (Vikings) and that environment was unbelievable. To get back there and to get in front of our fans again and let them kind of enjoy this again is awesome. We're excited to be back. It feels like we've been gone forever."

(On how much it helps to have the number one rushing offense in the NFL helps with play-action passes)

"It helps a lot. Whenever we're running the ball well and we can use that and marry that with our pass game so well. We've got a guy like (RB) Todd (Gurley II) and (RB) Malcolm (Brown) who run the ball so well can bring those guys up. It definitely helps a lot. Something I'm definitely grateful for."

(On if he has specific memories of Rodgers playing at Cal)

"I was really young. I was – man, what year was he drafted? '05?"

(On being really young at the time)

"I was like nine, yeah. I mean yes and no. I can't give you exacts, but if I remember him being there and remember him going to some of those games, yeah."

(On if he remembers the 2005 NFL Draft when the 49ers had the No. 1 overall pick and Rodgers was on the board)

"Oh yeah."

(On if 10-year-old Goff was disappointed that the 49ers didn't pick Rodgers)

"He was upset, but with that being said, I'm a fan of (Redskins QB) Alex (Smith) as well. But yeah, 10-year-old Jared (Goff) was very upset when he found out they didn't take Aaron."

(On what it's going to be like up in Berkeley, Calif. and if he's gotten any feedback or well wishes from people that are still there)

"Yeah, I'm sure it'll be exciting. I'm sure they'll be excited to watch it. It's the first time I've played against a guy that went to my college. I don't know for him if that's the case, but it'll be cool. It'll be fun and I'm sure they're excited about it. I'm sure Cal football will post some pictures about it or something and it'll be fun."

(On what he's seen from the Packers defense this season)

"They're good. It'll be a good challenge for us. They're good up front and good in the secondary, good at linebacker and do a lot of different things that can present challenges for us. We're excited. It'll be a good one."