



LOS ANGELES RAMS

Rams Running Back Todd Gurley II – Media Availability – October 25, 2018

(On it being a rough start for the Los Angeles Dodgers)

"Yeah, it's just two games. That's all. They'll be alright."

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

"They've got great players. Obviously, with (LB) Clay Matthews, he's always been a threat. They've got a Pro Bowler in (DL) Mike Daniels. Great guys on the back end – (S) Ha Ha (Clinton-Dix) and (LB) Nick Perry up front. It's a good defense and it's a winning team and a winning program. Those guys know how to compete and play hard."

(On how much pride he's taking that the Rams are number one in the league in rushing offense)

"I just found that out just now. I didn't even know that, honestly. But, it's cool. That's why we work all offseason to – whatever it is – be the number one, whatever offense, defense, special teams. A lot of work still, but I feel like we've been doing a pretty good job."

(On what that says about the offense's ability to spread the ball around and get other players involved in the rushing game)

"(RB) Malcolm (Brown) does a great job. He came in and did a great job last game, leading rusher. Then, we've got guys – F, Z, Y – all of us can take jet sweeps and fly sweeps and take them to the house or get 20, 30 yards and get a first down. So, that just tells you about the balance of our offense. You don't know who's going to get the ball. It's not just a one man show. I can get the ball, Malcolm can get the ball, (WR) Cooper Kupp, (WR Brandin) Cooks, (WR) Josh (Reynolds), (WR Robert) Woods, (TE Tyler) Higbee, (TE) Gerald (Everett). I mean it goes on and on."

(On how he seems to enjoy crediting his teammates and where that comes from)

"Oh yeah, that's what it's all about. I don't want the ball all the time because obviously they're going to know it's coming to me. So, that's the good thing about this team, man. We have so many good players, so many weapons and (Head) Coach (Sean McVay) does a great job with just spreading the ball out that – obviously, I'm going to get my touches, but you never know who's going to get the ball with this offense. It's not just line up first, second down, (RB) Todd (Gurley II) gets the ball. It's play-action, run the ball, jet sweep, just making everything look the same. That's why we've been doing such a great job."

(On if that is who he's always been or if his parents or coaches taught him about sharing the ball)

"No, I mean I always played defense growing up. I don't know. Like Coach (McVay) preach – Coach preaches all the time, my high school coaches, everybody. I've always been a person to be happy for other people's success. There's no better feeling than being able to be on a team, see your teammates balling and having that success, you're having that success and everybody just sharing it together. That's why Coach says football is the ultimate team sport. There's no need to get mad over a play. There's only one ball, everybody can't get the ball. So, that's why we play the sport – and it's 16 games. If I don't get the ball this game, I get it next game. It is kind of what it is and we try to all work together and be on the same page."

(On how he views Run Game Coordinator Aaron Kromer's statement that G Rodger Saffold III is one of the most underrated guards in the NFL)

"Oh yeah, it's been that for quite a while. Obviously, we know. (G) Rodger (Saffold III) knows it. Obviously, he had a couple injuries in the beginning of his career, but when Rodger's in there he's – I think a couple games ago he just had his 100th game which is very impressive. He's just always in there doing his thing. He's definitely underrated, but we really appreciate him on the team. That's what all that matters. But yeah, he's a beast, man. He's a beast. Definitely deserving of being in the Pro Bowl a couple of times, but at the end of the day, we know what we have in him as a teammate and a player. All his hard work is definitely going to pay off, for sure."

(On Saffold blocking two guys against the Broncos and if that's rare)

"No, that's what he does. You look at him last year, we're playing the (Philadelphia) Eagles and we're doing a pitch toss to me and he goes and hits (Eagles S) Rod McLeod and then goes straight up to the corner. He's a freakish athlete. He's just always praising me and coming up to me, telling me what we're going to get this week. He just works hard. The people that see it, sees it. We really appreciate him and having him on this team. He's a big part and all those guys up front are."

(On how his communication is with Head Coach Sean McVay and if he gives him feedback)

"Oh yeah, I kind of run the whole offense, man. He comes up to me every Monday and tries to tell me (laughs) – no, that's what's so great about coach. He's a great communicator. At the end of the day, I kind of always give him the same answer. It doesn't really matter to me, it's whatever those guys up front are more comfortable blocking and I'm just going to follow their lead. That's why he's such a great coach and we have so much respect for him. He's a great coach, but he also gets that we are the players and we're on the field and we know how to make in-game adjustments and he also wants to know what we're thinking and what we like play-wise. He does a great job. I could just give him a generic answer, it doesn't matter or whatever those guys up front. He's always communicating with us."

(On what it's like to be coming home and still undefeated ahead of the Packers visiting Los Angeles)

"Yeah, it's been crazy. I probably got like 30 tickets this game – everybody wants to come to the game now. It's cool. We're playing the mini G.O.A.T. at home. It's going to be fun. It's (Packers QB) Aaron Rodgers. It doesn't matter what type of team they are, they always have a chance with Aaron Rodgers. You don't give them any hope. You've got to go in there, play hard all four quarters because you know he's a Hail Mary god and he does fantastic stuff on the field. We've got a great respect for him, but we've also got guys like (DT Aaron) Donald and (DT Ndamukong) Suh and (DL Michael) Brockers and (DL) Ethan Westbrooks – all those guys. So, we'll be ready to get at them for sure."

(On if he'll watch the Packers offense to see what Rodgers is doing)

"Oh yeah, most definitely. Just him being him, he's going to make a great play or two, but our goal is to eliminate him. But, he's Aaron Rodgers for a reason. He's going to make great plays and we're going to make great plays. Guys like him, (Patriots QB) Tom Brady, just being able to play against those guys and see what these guys have done in the league. You're always kind of being a fan for sure."

(On the last time he played the Packers and what he remembers)

"Yeah, (Former Packers S) Damarious Randall did not let me – he keeps letting me hear about that 55-yard run. He came from the other side of the field, kind of ran me down, pushed me out. He's with the (Cleveland) Browns now, but he's always talking about that play. I just kind of remember that game, it felt like it was really slow. I had like 30 carries that day and it really didn't feel like I rushed for a career-high – like 150, 160 (yards) – but, it was kind of taking what they had. We just kept running the ball. Obviously, we didn't win the game. It was still a close game, but we didn't put the points up on the board on offense. But, it was a fun day. I didn't get a touchdown, so no one wants to have 160 and no touchdowns. That's never fun. But, it was cool. It was a great experience. One of my favorite stadiums to play in. Just with the tradition and how it is."