



## LOS ANGELES RAMS

### Rams Pass Game Coordinator Shane Waldron – Media Availability – October 31, 2018

**(On how he handles his name being tossed around as a potential candidate for the Cleveland Browns' coaching vacancy)**

"Well, I think it's humbling to get your name mentioned in something like that, especially with so many great coaches, assistant coaches throughout the league and on our staff. So like I said, it's a humbling experience, but it really doesn't affect our daily approach or what we're getting ready to do and that's getting ready to beat the (New Orleans) Saints and do everything in our power to try to make that happen. It's a great football team that we've got to go at New Orleans to play in a noisy environment and get ready to roll there. I think with all that being said, that's really what I'm focused at right now."

**(On if he had a conversation with Head Coach Sean McVay about his name being rumored as a potential candidate with the Browns)**

"Yeah, we had a quick, good-natured conversation. I think every assistant coach in this league has aspirations to become a head coach at some point in their career and whenever that chance may come about. Like I said, it's a great thing to have my name in those type of conversations, but again, it doesn't really affect anything with this week. It's a weekly business and just trying to get better against the Saints."

**(On WR Cooper Kupp coming back into the lineup and what that would mean for the offense)**

"One of the positives that came out of (WR) Cooper (Kupp) having to be out for a little bit, is (WR) Josh (Reynolds) was really able to expand his role in the offense. Now, with Cooper coming back and with (WR) Nick Williams playing his role, you just can incorporate more and more people that we have confidence in. Obviously, getting Cooper back into the mix, that's a big part of our system and all three of those receivers – now you can say four or five – get the tight ends in the mix and the backs with (RB) Todd (Gurley II) and (RB) Malcolm (Brown). We're really able to spread the ball around and continue to play like we've been, which has been a balanced attack and really looking to spread the ball around where the defense presents those areas."

**(On if there's anything he stressed with QB Jared Goff or anybody else in regard to communication amid the noise at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome)**

"Yeah, I think it just transitions more to his verbal communication. We talk all the time in the building about our visual and verbal communication. When you go into a road environment, you want that visual communication to be at a premium and the verbal communication when it presents itself. Lucky for us, we've already played in some environments that have created that atmosphere, so we've had some stressful noise situations, when you think about Seattle (Seahawks) or some of our different road games. We prepare for it. We talk about it. Crank the music up out there as loud as we can. I'm getting older everyday because I recognize less and less of the songs every day (laughs). It's pretty good though. We'll be ready for it."

**(On the pass protection and how Goff has been hit more recently compared to earlier in the season)**

"Any time that those things happen, there's a couple different things that can occur each game. We were fortunate, really, to go through the beginning where he was really clean and then there's some that maybe an edge happens here and there and he does get tackled or hit occasionally. Like we talked about, it is. As the NFL, those guys get paid, too. There's some pretty darn good players that we faced the last few weeks. I think we've done such an excellent job up front with our running backs, with the quarterback, with his timing. Just something we'll continue to emphasize and try to improve each week as far as the blitz pickups, as far as Jared getting the ball out on time, which like I said, we've done an excellent job. Been a few here and there and we'll try to clean those up and move forward."

**(On what has impressed him the most with how WR Brandin Cooks has fit into the offense)**

"I think, really, he hasn't changed since the day he walked in the door. In his businesslike approach, where he picked up the offense right away, he's a professional. He works hard every day, comes in early, stays late, asks a bunch of questions and that started, like I said, right when he got here and that's continued. We're right in the middle of an NFL season. It can be a grind. It can be long and his approach has stayed exactly the same. So, you can see why he's had so much success in college, so much success on the other teams he's been a part of, and why he's continued to be a positive impact player for the Rams."