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Rams Pass Game Coordinator Shane Waldron – Media Availability – December 5, 2018

(On his assessment of QB Jared Goff's performance against the Lions and what he might need to do to get back on track against the Bears)

"I think he did a good job of making plays when he had to make them. Obviously, there's a couple throws he might want to take back. I just heard (Head Coach) Sean (McVay) allude to the fact that they were playing replacement quarters (coverage), where he left one out there. But hey, it's a tough position where those split-second decisions are made every game. His ability to stay cool and collected when stuff doesn't go perfectly throughout the game has such a positive affect on the rest of our offense and the rest of our team. Even if he's not completing a 100 percent of his passes and he has some bumps along the road. His even-keel demeanor really just helps us as a team and then other guys step up, just like (RB) Todd (Gurley II) did this past week. We had the production when the production was needed in that second half of the game."

(On when planning to play against a team with a player like Bears OLB Khalil Mack on the other side, how does that impact the passing game)

"The biggest thing with (Bears OLB Khalil) Mack is he's so impressive on all three downs. He's not just a pass rusher – he's a impressive point of attack player when you're running at him, he's a hard worker with a high motor when you're running away from him and then when you get in those known passing situations, he's able to have some one-on-one wins around the edge and then he does a great job of using their pick stunts when they're going to move guys around. We'll have a variety of ways to make sure we're aware of him and then most importantly, our great tackles with (LT Andrew Whitworth) 'Whit' and (RT) Rob (Havenstein) will do a great job and play at a high level against him and compete snap-to-whistle every play."

(On the Bears' secondary having 21 interceptions and if that's a product of pressure up front or are they doing well on their own as defensive backs)

"I think it's a combination. I think it's such a well-coached defense with (Defensive Coordinator) Coach (Vic) Fangio and they're very fundamentally sound. Then you combined that with good players up front that are consistently applying pressure on the quarterback and then those pressure throws that end up in the hands of those DBs, (Bears CB Kyle) Fuller with six (interceptions) – I think they have 21 overall. They've just a great job with their ball skills in the secondary and linebackers, even their D-lineman have a couple, where they've been able to make the most out of those opportunities when the ball is in the air. It's something definitely to be aware of. Like anything else, especially this time of year, those turnovers are crucial in terms of wins and losses and they're the best in the league at it so far. It's our goal to make sure we're protecting the ball and making sure that's the most important thing going into this game."