



LOS ANGELES RAMS

Rams Running Back Todd Gurley II – Media Availability – December 13, 2018

(On if anything stands out to him from last year's game against the Philadelphia Eagles)

"No. It was just two good football teams playing and the better team won – they won. Just remember (Eagles WR) Alshon (Jeffery) making a pretty great catch."

(On what he took away from last week against the Bears)

"That's just being a part of the NFL. Take the 'Ls'. Sometimes they're clean ass whoopings and then there's just those close games and last week was just one of those games. It's in the past. You learn from it and just try to come back and bounce back the next week."

(On never having consecutive losses under Head Coach Sean McVay and why he thinks that is)

"I don't know. We just want to win. Just want to win because it can go real good in this league and then it can go real bad. You can be on five, six game winning streak and lose one game and you lose two, it's like all hell broke loose. You just try to bounce back and then try to respond from losing and just try to get that winning streak started back going."

(On if there's an ideal amount of times he wants to touch the ball in a game)

"Nah, not really. Running backs, they always want the ball, but not really like an ideal situation."

(On if he feels like he's one of those backs that the more they get the ball, the better they get)

"Nah, it just all depends on the game flow and how the game is going. You have some of those games, you run the ball and it's just like, maybe the running game is just not going today. Then, it's just getting a feel for it. Just each carry, getting a feel for it, getting a feel for it. But, I feel like, me and the offensive line and (TE Tyler) Higbee, feel like we do a pretty good job of just, first couple of runs we start off a little slow and then we feel like, definitely third and fourth quarter when stuff gets going, we're able to wear people down and just keep attacking."

(On if it's similar to a basketball player having the hot hand as a shooter)

"What do you mean? You're talking about like, as far as us like running the ball? Yeah, for sure. I'm not a coach, but yeah, for sure. It's like if (QB Jared) Goff is doing his thing, then hell yeah. Forget me, let Goff do his thing. It's whatever, but I feel like we have a good offense of just being able to like balance stuff out. Obviously, last week nothing worked out, but I feel like what we've been able to accomplish this whole year has been able to be good, whether if it's the run game or the pass game or both. I feel like we've got a pretty good balance."

(On if he came away from last week more impressed by the Chicago defense or more frustrated by how they weren't able to do what they wanted to)

"A little of both. I tell guys, I said, 'Those guys were out there looking like the '85 Bears defense.' But, they've got a great defense. Everybody knows that. I think, I don't know what they're ranked in defense, but like I said, they've got (Bears OLB) Khalil Mack – that speaks for itself. A lot of good guys – (Bears LB Leonard) Floyd, (Bears LB Roquan) Smith, (Bears LB Danny) Trevathan, all those guys. I ain't trying to worry about – I ain't trying to talk about them no more. I'm trying to focus on the Eagles."

(On if he's familiar with the Eagles defenders he will be facing)

"Yeah. I'm playing against – it's like every time we go against a team it's like – I was talking with (T) Rob (Havenstein) about this. Every time we play a team it's like they have a great defensive lineman, at least one great defensive lineman. Last week it was Mack, this week it's (Eagles DE) Fletcher Cox. They've still got a lot of playmakers. They've definitely been beat up in the back end in the secondary, but they're Super Bowl champs for a reason. They have that mental toughness. They have a great system, great coaches, great players all around that make plays. (Eagles S) Malcolm Jenkins is one of those – a great playmaker for them. (Eagles DE) Chris Long still comes in and makes plays for those guys. (Eagles DE Brandon) Graham, all those guys make plays. They're the defending Super Bowl champions for a reason and they're still fighting to be in the playoffs so it's going to be a critical game. We can't just come in here and think we're going to win."

(On why he selected his My Cause, My Cleats initiative)

"Obviously, just partnering up with Pizza Hut and I have a close buddy (former NFL wide receiver) Malcolm Mitchell who does book literacy. He wrote a children's book, so just to support his cause and support the *Book It! Foundation*."

(On if he'll keep his cleats or donate them)

"I'm going to donate them to Malcolm Mitchell's foundation (*Read With Malcolm*)."