



## LOS ANGELES RAMS

### Rams Pass Game Coordinator Shane Waldron – Media Availability – January 8, 2019

#### **(Opening statement)**

"To start things off, just wanted to touch on the experience I was able to have this past week with the chance to interview. It was an unbelievable experience that I'm very thankful to have had. The support within the building has been incredible from (Head Coach) Sean (McVay) to (Executive Vice President of Football Operations/Chief Operating Officer) Kevin (Demoff) to (General Manager) Les (Snead) and everyone else. But, I'll worry about that again when the appropriate time comes. Right now, everything is focused on the Dallas Cowboys."

#### **(On how the Green Bay Packers hiring Matt LaFleur as their head coach makes him feel as another coach working alongside McVay in a similar position)**

"I think it's an unbelievable opportunity for (former Rams Offensive Coordinator) Matt (LaFleur). He's an excellent coach and I wish him nothing but the best. It's just an incredible thing to see, so I'm excited to see him take charge and get them going over there in Green Bay."

#### **(On how difficult it is to move on from the interview and totally concentrate on the playoff game at hand)**

"I think that's the benefit of the bye week for me personally. Now, we get to flip it back over and we're rolling with the Dallas Cowboys. So, you get out there on the field, you're in the meetings, you're preparing over the last few days, really, once we honed in on who exactly we're playing. Once you flip that switch, man, it's playoff time. We're ready to go. So, it was pretty easy once that hit."

#### **(On if there were any specific elements of QB Jared Goff's game that he felt like took a step forward over the past two weeks before the playoffs compared to the games against the Philadelphia Eagles and Chicago Bears)**

"I just think his confidence throughout the whole season has just remained unphased. He's very level throughout the whole process. There were some ups and downs in that, really, the second half of the season to begin it and he was able to just stay 'Steady Eddie' right on through and it showed. Then, when he got his opportunity to have some good, clean reads, some good clean throws and making the correct decisions all the time, it's really paid off. So, I think he's just done a tremendous job throughout the course of the year. In this league, there's so many great teams that there's going to be some ebbs and flows. He's remained 'Steady Eddie' and it's really shown with the goal of peaking right now when the playoffs come."

#### **(On if anything has changed that might be impacting WR Brandin Cooks' production lately)**

"I think the beauty of our offense is our ability to spread the ball around and really – it might sound cliché, but take it to where the read takes the ball. Different defenses are going to try to take away different elements of our offense and I think regardless of which receivers are in there, their unselfish play has been tremendous. There's been certain weeks where some guys have had more touches than others, but the beauty of being able to gameplan with a group like we have with their unselfishness and their ability to all play their positions and mix around and play inside and outside. Like I said, sometimes the ball goes in their direction more than not, but his steady production throughout the course of the year speaks for itself. When those opportunities present themselves, he makes the most of them."

**(On what he has seen from TEs Tyler Higbee and Gerald Everett that gives him confidence that they will be successful when running two tight end sets)**

"Mainly, getting (TE) Gerald (Everett) on the field a little but more depending on which gameplan dictates that action by us. He's just done a great job of continuing developing in his second year. Just giving us the trust on every down that he can go in there and get the job done. A lot of it goes back to that training camp where you've got a young player that gets an unfortunate setback and so then he's kind of building his way back up. So, Gerald has just done a nice job of being great when his number is called. Then, certain situations as the year has moved on, he's been able to step up and get a few more snaps as gameplans dictate."