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Rams Wide Receiver Robert Woods – Media Availability – January 17, 2019

(On his level of anxiousness going into the NFC Championship and how he's going to have to try and control his emotions)

"Just very excited. Sat at home, watched the game on Sunday to find out who we're going to play. Great matchup. Was watching the (New Orleans) Saints play – love their energy. Look forward to that matchup, just seeing a great opponent for us to matchup against. Been a lot of studying, studying their film. Just can't wait for Sunday for a championship type game."

(On what he's learned about playoff football over the last couple years)

"Just from last year playing Atlanta (Falcons), I know a lot of media people were just talking about experience and how that had a factor in the game. Me and the young guys were just saying this is still a football game. But, just learning from that experience – our win last week is about situational football, just executing and protecting the ball. Every situation is key – third downs, fourth downs, red zones – you've got to capitalize on every opportunity in these playoffs."

(On how different the offense has been in the receiving corps, specifically since WR Cooper Kupp got injured and how it'll be different on Sunday compared to the last time when they faced the Saints)

"Finding those matchups. We missed out on those opportunities, study those chances and find out how to beat our opponent. We were in a critical situation last time we played them. Some tough opportunities for our receivers to change and impact the game. But this time, this game, everybody's fully confident in our ability, just being able to bounce back and come back how we did last time was very key. But, just this game, will be very big for our receivers to make plays throughout the game. Without (WR) Cooper (Kupp) – just making plays. We've got (WR) Josh (Reynolds) stepping in. We're using a lot more 12-personnel with (TE) Gerald Everett. But, just getting our guys the ball, making (QB) Jared (Goff) feel comfortable spreading the ball around, having every guy touch the ball, whether it's in the run, in the pass – keep their defense on edge."

(On what challenges the Saints defense presents)

"Fast. A fast unit. They play well. They get after the quarterback. Their defensive backs play pretty well attacking the receivers. A good group who communicates well. But, I think we're the same type of offense – we're a good group. We play well. We play fast. We communicate well. I think they do some good things well, but I think we're going to put some stress on them. It's going to be a good game, a good matchup."

(On what he thinks has to happen on offense in order to stress the Saints out of the gate)

"Be ourselves. Completely do everything we've been doing and really, just mimic the second half of that game. Be able to bounce back. We were down 21 (points) trailing and I think from that point, I think that's the kind of football we have to play. Attack them, be ourselves, run the ball well, spread the ball on the edge and of course, finish our drives with touchdowns."

(On what he saw from Goff with the way he bounced back from the two losses they had and what he's seen from Goff to make him think that Goff will step up in the moment)

"Just staying poised. Just in the losses we had, he was able to stand tall always – being able to deliver the ball. Whether the rush was getting there or just plays were breaking down, he always was our leader, always stood tall. In critical situations, up, down, trailing 21, he was our leader. He was our guy to get us back in the game. So, coming in, just being in those trials and tribulations with him, being in those roller coasters up and down, Jared's our guy. No question marks here on top of our head. Really, just going into that game, full confidence in Jared, full confidence in this offense, in this team. Really, no question marks should be held on this team on Sunday."

(On what the feeling is in the locker room about facing the Saints again, especially with what's on the line)

"They gave us our first loss. But, really, feel like all of that, that was last season. I feel like this playoff season is a whole new season for us. Not really redemption. They're in our way. They're in our road to success to the Super Bowl. We have to go through the Saints. We have to beat them. They're the No. 1 seed. They're at home. They've got the fan base. They've got it all. But we're bringing our offense, bringing our defense, bringing our guys into their place and should leave victorious."

(On how he deals with the noise in the Superdome as a receiver and if he hears it or if it's blocked out)

"Yeah, completely blocked out, in my own world. You literally, you're not hearing the fans or the crowd until after the play. Possibly, since we're playing away, hopefully it's silent when we're making these plays. Just keep their fans quiet. Keep making plays. Keep scoring touchdowns. Make that stadium ours. But, we know it's going to be a great atmosphere – it's a championship game at their place. They're going to be telling their fans, 'Be loud and show up'. But, as expected, the game is in between the lines, not outside. The crowd shouldn't have an impact and it won't have an impact."