

LA Rams Head Coach Sean McVay:

Opening Statement:

"[It was a] tough, hard-earned victory tonight. You can't say enough about the defense's effort. I thought they did a great job. I mean, look at the stand at the end. Ultimately, it's about getting the win. There are a lot of things that we can clean up as a team, certainly. I can't wait to go back and look at this film. I have to do a much better job for us offensively and getting us in a position and finding a rhythm early on. That sole responsibility lies with me; but we'll take the win however we can get it."

On the offensive line:

"I think they did okay. That's a really good front. You know, there were some things that, until you go back and look at the tape, it's hard to say. There were some costly errors that we did make in some crunch time situations with some communications. I thought overall, they found a way in the second half to get a couple of touchdown drives together. That ended up being the difference in the game."

On what stood out from the defense:

"Just the rush. I mean, really all 11. I think just the overall effort. You look at the way we were swarming to the football, but I thought the fact that were able to consistently apply pressure with a four-man rush, play good coverage on the backend, whether it be (DT) Aaron (Donald), you saw (LB) Clay (Matthews), (OLB) Dante (Fowler, Jr.) show up. Those guys did an outstanding job really throughout the course of the night. I think hats off to the defense tonight."

On LB Clay Matthews' father being inducted into the Cleveland Ring of Honor tonight:

"It was pretty cool. It was great. [It was an] awesome honor to have. Hopefully, he'll give his mom a little crap for the stuff that she did with pumping up the Browns fans with her son on the other sidelines. I'm just kidding. [Reporter noted that was LB Clay Matthews' sister] Oh? His sister looks good. Sorry, I didn't realize that. I'm kind of focused on the game right there, but he'll give his sister some crap."

On the defensive stand at the end of the game:

"Unbelievable. It was really just a great job by them. I just thought to be able to re-gather themselves. Four straight downs and fighting through it, especially with (Cleveland QB) Baker's (Mayfield) ability to be able to extend plays, and some of the athletes that they do have. It was just incredible. It showed great mental toughness, and for them to be able to close it out was outstanding."

On DT Aaron Donald's performance:

"Big time. Whether it be getting to the quarterback or whether it is getting a holding call, he influenced the game in so many way tonight. He was outstanding."

On WR Cooper Kupp and QB Jared Goff's consistent rhythm and connection:

"They've got a great rapport. For (WR) Cooper (Kupp) to have 11 catches on 12 targets says as much as you need to know. He came up with two crunch time touchdowns that obviously we had to have to get the win tonight. [There were] a couple other plays made. They made a play on a 2nd and 10 in the high red, where he's running an in-breaking route versus a quarter structure, and Jared did a great job of delivering a great ball and [Kupp] aggressively crossed face. There were so many plays that he made tonight that were timely for us, and we needed every single one of them."

On the secondary's performance:

"I just saw consistency and great communication on the backend, and doing a great job. We mixed up some coverage principles, and I thought they did a good job of recognizing what some of the things they were doing formationally. We wanted to be able to lend presence and help accordingly based on some of their personnel. For the most part, really, they did a great job of keeping everything tight, making sure we were on the same page, and with an explosive offense like that, to be able to limit them the way that they did is a huge credit to them."

On what adjustments were made going into the second half:

"I think it was more than anything, just execution. The guys did a great job of being able to make some plays. I thought we stayed ahead of the chains for the most part on some of those early downs, and really it was just about executing more than anything else."

On leaning on QB Jared Goff when the running game looked spotty:

"I thought he made some big time throws. Anytime you have to evaluate the quarterback position when you throw it as many times as he did tonight, there's always going to be some things we can learn from. [But] I thought his ability to escape the rush, make some plays on his own, do things off schedule, was big time. On the two touchdown drives that we did have, he had some major conversions. Both of those 3rd down touchdowns that he had – the 3rd and 6 to Cooper, where they bring zero pressure and basically drop and he ends up delivering a great ball. Then the same thing when he hits Cooper on the outbreak in route on the 3rd down and I think it's 10 or 11 [yards] there. Those are big time throws that we had to have, and those aren't real high-percentage downs for offenses. When you have a quarterback playing like that, that's big."

On the noise creating communication issues:

"There were a couple [issues] early. It was, more than anything, being able to hear on some of the calls that have a little but more verbiage, but that wasn't an issue in the second half."

On RB Todd Gurley II not getting it going tonight:

"I have to go back and look at it. It was tough to get us into a rhythm, and it starts with me. I keep saying it. I can't keep sitting up here and saying the same thing. I have to find a way to get it fixed and be better for our football team. Really, there are no excuses other than I just have to do better."

On the second-half adjustments:

"I think it was just staying out of some bad down-and-distances. They did a good job and we were able to move the spot with Jared a little bit. We did get a couple runs off that ended up helping us. Whether it be a reverse to (WR) Robert (Woods) and (WR) Brandin (Cooks) having it around. We did hit a couple hard-earned runs when they were playing a different front structure. Credit to the offensive line – (Run Game Coordinator) Coach (Aaron) Kromer did a good job making some adjustments, and ultimately we won the game, but there are certainly a lot of things that we can do better."

On winning in this atmosphere on Sunday night:

"It's big. You don't have any style points. It's about winning. It's about finding a way to win a football game. We did that as a team, and that's the beauty of it. There are a lot of things that we can continue to do better, and we have to do better, but getting the win is what matters most. To be 3-0 is a good thing right now and a real credit to our players, their resilient mindset and mentality. Our coaches did a nice job as well."

LA Rams QB Jared Goff:

On the win:

“Obviously, I’m happy with a win. Anytime you can come out on the road and get a win is a good night. We’re going to enjoy this. I’m going to be a bit upset at myself for that last series. You just can’t make that decision there at the end. The game should have been over far before the defense had to go back on the field. That’s on me, and I’ll get better from it.”

On the low-scoring win

“Again, I’ve said this before: When we get a win, especially on the road, we’re going to enjoy it.”

On his relationship with WR Cooper Kupp:

“Yeah, he showed up today. He did a good job. He just continues to get himself open, and he finds ways to be on the same page as me. He and (WR) Robert (Woods) both played well I thought. Again, I thought we had some great moments on offense, especially in the passing game where I thought we were moving the ball pretty good down the field. We had our chances. Ultimately, we only won by a touchdown. I wish it would have been more than that offensively. But, our defense held us down tonight, and we did our thing.”

On trying to force balls to Kupp:

“Honestly, I don’t think that we’re forcing the ball to anyone. (WR) Cooper (Kupp) had a good night tonight, and he had a good game last week. Those guys are all so dang good. I feel good with all of them. Any of them that need to get us back in rhythm, I trust. Cooper just happened to be that guy tonight.”

On his footwork tonight:

“The defense was doing a good job. Myles Garrett is a great player, and so is (DE Oliver) Vernon. I thought we did a good job protecting. There were some moments when I had to escape the pocket and use my legs. I don’t prefer to, but I will if I have to. I was able to draw a penalty on one of those and pick up a first down.”

On the Browns’ pass rush:

“They’re great players. Those guys are good. They’re a good defense, a good D-line. I know they didn’t have their DBs in this week, but they still did a good job holding us down.”

On the offensive adjustments made to combat the defense:

“We just settled in. I don’t think there was anything in particular. We just got more comfortable. It was (OL Jamil) Demby’s first game, and I gave him some time to settle in. I thought he did a good job, especially in the second half. He settled into his own and really did his thing.”

On adjustments at the half:

“We had some different stuff we wanted to run, but I think, ultimately, it was just to keep executing the way we were. Even in the first half, we move the ball pretty well offensively. We had a couple untimely penalties and some uncharacteristic stuff for us, so we’ll clean that up and get back after Tampa this week.”

On LA Rams OL Jamil Demby’s ability to read hand signals:

“He’s been doing that for a long time. We’ve worked through everything the entire week during practice. Like I said, it’s his first start on the road. He had to settle in. Things happen. I remember my first start, and you have to settle in. It takes time. I thought he did a great job once he did settle in.”

On whether or not he feels less pressure because the defense is playing so well:

“I don’t think pressure is the right word. We still want to do our thing and keep going. Again, a win is a win. We’re happy with a win. I’m going to look internally at what I can do to be better, but they are playing well. It makes you feel good, and it gives me confidence while I’m sitting on the bench watching them.”

WR Brandin Cooks:

On what Head Coach Sean McVay says at halftime to get the Rams going in the second half:

“At the end of the day, we come in at half and knowing we did not start fast. In this league, we have to start faster than what we have been doing. Great win tonight. Defense held us, but we have come out and start faster.”

On sharing the majority of the receiving yards with WR Cooper Kupp:

“You talk about how selfless this receiving corps is. It may seem like that to the audience, but you got guys like Ro (WR Robert Woods) getting us open to be honest with you. Doing a lot of that dirty work and vice versa and when it is his turn and we just all feed off one another. We help each other out and get open.”

S John Johnson III:

On what went through his mind at the end of the game:

“Execute. We had a bread and butter play called and we just had to execute. It was a fight for the ball, he wanted it, but I had to have it.”

On the defensive performance tonight:

“That’s what we do. We bend but we don’t break. We try to stand up when we are called on and when we are needed most. That’s something we pride ourselves on and something we preach in our meeting room everyday. It was good to come on the road and get a win.”

On how prepared they were for the offense:

“We were prepared. I’m, a little frustrated by a few plays that I left out there but I think we were pretty prepared. They hit us a few times but those type of plays don’t get you beat. It’s a mindset we had. Make them slap it one more time. That was our goal coming into the game.”

On the Rams’ pass rush:

“Those guys were relentless. They make our job a lot easier. I don’t know if the numbers were there but he definitely felt it and got flushed out of the pocket. I love our guys out front.”

On stopping the Browns four times in a row on 4th and goal:

“Its complimentary football. Our offense needed a pick up and we went out there and backed our team up. Special teams, offense, we are all one team. We go out there and stand up when needed.”

On LB Clay Matthew’s play tonight:

“It’s huge. His family is known in this town, so he had to put on a big game. It was all good, we love him.”

On what was going through his mind on the final drive:

“More plays. One at a time. We got to the 4th down play, he wanted it, I had to have it. Ballgame.”

LB Cory Littleton:

On if the Rams kept Browns QB Baker Mayfield on his heels:

“We got the W, so yeah.”

On the Rams defense coming together quickly:

“Everybody did a tremendous job this past game. All 11. Days like these do not come very often. When they do, it is great for us.”

On the importance of starting the season 3-0:

“It is very important. At the end of the day, we are just working on getting first round seed. Once we get that bye, get two wins after that, try to go the Super Bowl, and finish it all off.”

LB Clay Matthews:

On the goal line stop at the end of the game:

“It was huge, obviously. The game came down to that. For us to buckle down and make the plays when we needed to speaks volumes to our defense and how well we have been playing this year. Obviously, we have been giving up some plays and there is always room for corrections. To go down there and end it that fashion and for the most part rely on our defense to come away with this victory is huge. We are feeling

good about it. There are some things to improve upon, but getting these wins on the road is very difficult no matter who you are playing. Obviously, Cleveland is an ascending team. First Sunday night game in however many years. The stadium was rocking. They did good job keeping it close to the vest. Conservative with their play calling. Furthermore, their defense created a ton of turnovers which made it difficult at time to put your foot on their throat. Hats off to them, but fortunately we did enough to get the victory. Similar to Carolina, we will take it and move forward from it.”

On keeping pressure on QB Baker Mayfield:

“We just stayed after it. Earlier in the game, they ran a lot of the RPO scheme where he is just reading things. We played a lot base where the pass rusher was not as instrumental. One we switched over to Dime, four-man rush, in the ladder part of the first half and mainly in the second half, we were able to turn up the pressure when it was time to rush the passer. Especially when they had to make some plays and sit back and drop back, that is when you saw guys getting after the quarterback. That is what we pride ourselves on. Obviously, we have the best player in the league on the inside. (OLB) Dante (Fowler Jr.), myself, (OLB) Samson (Ebukam), and (DL) Michael (Brockers) - we all try to follow that up and do our part. I think the pass rush, especially in the fourth quarter, was truly what made the difference.”

On wearing his dad’s (former Browns’ player Clay Matthews Jr.) jersey and his dad being honored into the Browns’ Ring of Honor:

“It was awesome to see. It was a fun event this weekend for the Matthews family. Unfortunately, I was not able to take part in it. But to be out there and see his name along some of Cleveland’s truly all-time greats was remarkable to see. I was able to catch him at the tail end of his speech at halftime. It was cool to see. It looked like he got emotional up there. For me as his son growing up I figured everybody’s father did the same thing. I would not say he did not do anything special as he played 19 years. Now, I’m in my 11th year and understand what it takes to play at a top level and dealing with injuries and preserving. To see this city that gave back to us so much and he gave back to them so much, and to award him by putting him in the Ring of Honor is special. I am excited to see him. I am excited to see his speech, which obviously I did not get to see. I get to go see about 20 of them right now and I am looking forward to it.”

On if it was difficult keeping emotions while playing:

“No, I was cool. I was pulling for the Rams.”

CB Nickell Robey-Coleman:

On how the defense responded throughout the game:

“Move onto the next play. We knew our backs were against the wall and we had to be there for our offense. We knew if we came through, Coach (Sean) McVay would be super happy for us.”

On the combined penalties on the 3rd down:

“It was a lot going on. We were all working together and we were playing off of each other. JJ (S John Johnson III) took my man and I overlapped. We needed to make a play, so that’s a good job for us.”

On how it feels to play on a defense with such high game intelligence:

“Hell yeah. We are so smart, sometimes we try not to get to cute for one another. At the end of the day its X’s and O’s, 1,2,3. Let’s keep some things simple, but if we have to get complicated let’s get complicated. For the most part, having guys like E- Dub (S Eric Weddle) back there, he already knows what’s coming and has a good feel for the defense. He puts us in the best position to the plays we can.”

On whether or not their successful defense has an effect on the offense:

“Definitely. If we can keep that going during the season we are going to be alright.”

S Eric Weddle:

On DT Aaron Donald’s impact:

“Every play he can make a difference, and he does for us. We build most of our game plan around him and the command he brings from the opponent. The slide of the lines, the protection calls, what they can and can’t do because he is on the field. We play great team defense. We have been harping on it since April,

we do it one play at a time. We play defense. High rolls and we are trying to be the best in the league, and anything short is unacceptable to us.”

On if he thinks they are the best defense in the NFL:

“I don’t know. I don’t really get into that. I just know that we are a tough defense to deal with. We play together and we are really close in the secondary. To limit that offense with those weapons to 13 points and the only big play they had was on the screen which is a great call by them. But, no plays up the field, that’s what we pride ourselves on. Communicate, put yourself in the right position to take away those dangerous threats, and make them work for every inch. That’s what we did tonight.”

On the incomplete/interception at the end:

“Unbelievable. I’m on the other side doubling, I fall on the ground I’m like ‘oh my gosh I’m going to give up a touchdown, (S) MP (Marcus Peters) was right there and things are happening during the play. Then I pop back up and all I see is JJ (S John Johnson III) diving over there. I’m like ‘oh my gosh, did we win? Did he catch it?’ Then I see him running and I want to go hug my guy. I was so hyped and excited. He’s a rising star in this league and I know he can tell you there are some plays he can learn from and get better. But he’s a guy that can be the best in the league if he keeps working and I’m going to try to help him get there.”