



## LOS ANGELES RAMS

### Rams Run Game Coordinator Aaron Kromer – Media Availability – Dec. 17, 2019

**(On if T Rob Havenstein will play against the 49ers on Saturday)**

“The plan is, and it’s been throughout with (T) Rob (Havenstein), is when Rob gets back to being Rob, then we’re ready to put him in. Whether it’s this week or next – we’re just walking-thru today. Each week we’re just evaluating that situation and waiting for Rob to come back to that point where he is powerful and as strong as he was in the past. That’s still yet to be seen.”

**(On if Havenstein’s playing time has anything to do with the offensive line’s current continuity)**

“The big thing is really Rob. He’s a really good football player. When we feel like he can help us more than the situation we’re in, then we will do that.”

**(On how he would grade how the offensive line’s play in the Dallas game)**

“We feel like, as a whole, the team didn’t play well, and that would include the offensive line. When you say that, I go back to what I always say in here, ‘If we can stay within the gameplan of gaining four to five yards on the first play or a couple of yards on the run or play-action pass, whatever it is, you stay on schedule.’ As soon as you get to a point where it’s second -and-10, or first-and-15 – those kinds of situations – it’s hard on the quarterback, it’s hard on the line, it’s hard on everybody. The most important thing is, like we always say is, to stay on schedule because you’ve got to fight your way back. When you put yourself in those kinds of situations too often, the results aren’t going to be good for anybody. Now, do you give up in that situation? No, but it is going to be a lot harder on everyone, including the offensive line. That’s where in the past games leading up to the last one, we were able to do that. We were able to move the ball efficiently on first down, whether it be run or pass. In this game, it didn’t work out that way, and then we got down by a couple of touchdowns and now you’re throwing it the whole time trying to get back in, which is never advantageous for anyone.”

**(On if it was scripted to run the ball the first five out of seven plays against the 49ers in Week 6 and how it makes him feel as the run game coordinator to see that kind of success on consecutive plays)**

“Obviously, you like to have success in the plans that you have and in the technique that you’re teaching. That’s happened in the past years for us, more often, with some continuity. In that game, to be able to establish a run in that first drive was really important to us, and really got us off to the right start. Didn’t finish at the end of the game the way we wanted, but it definitely is a feeling of accomplishment and you hope you can do that throughout the game. As we improve, we hope we can get that done.”

**(On how hard it is to get explosive plays in the run game, knowing strategically what the 49ers defense likes to do)**

“Every defense has it’s pluses and minuses on the run game or the pass game. Like you say, the defensive line is a hard-charging defensive line. They’re all high-quality players, high draft picks and they’ve had success this year – they’ve had a lot of success this year. They play deep to short in the back half to make sure that you can’t get over their head with some deep balls. You see a lot more shell coverage this year than you have in the past as well, instead of the eight-man box. Yeah, you hope that you can get some runs off and have some success running the ball when that’s the case.”

**(On what he has made of OL Austin Corbett, T David Edwards, and T Bobby Evans' contributions so far)**

"They really – up until the entirety of the last game – they really have established themselves as having the potential to be really good here. They've shown a lot of signs and traits of good offensive line play whether it be in the run or the pass. They're physical guys – they're athletic guys. Those two, including (T) Bobby Evans, have really been a good, physical presence for us in this five-game stretch that we've had."

**(On the last 49ers game being a rough game for QB Jared Goff and the passing game, and what has to happen for it to be different this time)**

"Well, if you can get a drive like we had the first one. Then you don't get in that situation, but anytime it's going to be that second-and-10, and third-and-10, right in a row. If you get in getting those two passing downs in a row, if you're not successful on those then...we have to get the ball off fast and we have to do a good job in protecting. That's what we're intending to do."