



Rams Head Coach Sean McVay – Media Availability – August 25, 2020

(On the announcement that SoFi Stadium will not host fans at games until further notice)

"It's a bummer. But, obviously, these are kind of the times that we're living in. Just excited about the opportunity to play there. It was a great experience last week, so, we'll hopefully be able to get fans in there sooner than later, but it's all for the right reasons and being safe and being smart. That's part of the circumstances that we're dealing with."

(On whether quarterbacks are activated at the beginning of practice in a different way and Offensive Coordinator Kevin O'Connell's influence on that decision)

"Yeah, I mean he's definitely taken a lead role in the development of those cues and their daily routine and rhythm with regards to any individual time. He's done an outstanding job with those guys up until this point. He's a great coach and we're fortunate to have him here."

(On helping players manage navigating outside aspects surrounding the pandemic and not attending games)

"Oh of course. We're going to do everything we can to see what exactly the parameters around what 'no fans' exactly means. But, you want to be mindful and aware that these families are the most important thing. When you talk about the players and the coaches, we emphasize a family atmosphere and environment and want to be as inclusive in on those things as possible, and mindful of how their potential absence from those games affects the way the guy's mindset is. We're going to do everything we can try to minimize the effects of that and continue to find out exactly what are those parameters around no fans, and what exactly that means."

(On if there is an update on RB Darrell Henderson Jr.)

"I don't. No update on him."

(On today's rosters moves)

"You know, we just really wanted to be able to get couple other linebackers in, we had worked those guys out. (LB Daniel) Bituli was a guy that we had originally had with us earlier this offseason, so, appreciative of (QB) Josh Love and (LB) Bryan London (II) ended up doing for us and looking forward to seeing if some of these new guys can come in and compete."

(On whether the ability to extend plays is an additive factor for QBs Bryce Perkins and John Wolford)

"Yeah, I think so. (QB) Bryce (Perkins) has done a nice job. He's earned the right to be able to get a couple more reps and for us to evaluate him. But, certainly, anytime that you can create off-schedule and be able to do some things that aren't within the design of the play is a very good quality you like from QBs and (QB) John (Wolford) certainly has that."

(On CB Jalen Ramsey during training camp)

"He's been outstanding. I mean, you talk about him really raising his game. I thought I had an appreciation for the way that he played and just watching him from afar, but now really getting a glimpse and with the amount of competitive work we're getting in these training camp settings — he's even better than I thought. He's had a dominate training camp. He's making a lot of plays. We're able to do a lot of different things with

his versatility, his intelligence and he's earning the right to say that he's one of the best at his position the way that this camp has gone, for sure. He's a special player. We're very fortunate to have him."

(On RB Xavier Jones)

"He's doing a great job. You know, he got some more action in the scrimmage. He's getting more opportunities in some of these one-on-one settings that we're trying to create in practice. (Running Backs Coach) Thomas (Brown) has done an excellent job bringing him along. But, he's a slasher. He has a nice way about being able to work edges on people, level runs off. We've been very pleased with him."

(On WR Van Jefferson matching up against Ramsey)

"You're aware. You recognize what defense and what we're doing offensively and what a great opportunity for a young player that we think has an extremely bright future to be able to go against a player of his caliber. Those guys, they've been able to line up against one another quite frequently, and certainly, I know Jalen will help (WR) Van (Jefferson) raise his game and it's been fun to watch those guys go at it."

(On the teaching methods of Running Backs Coach Thomas Brown)

"I've known Thomas for a long time. But, even when we brought him in here, really just to kind of beg him to be able to take the job, he's special. He's just got a presence, you know? There are certain people that kind of have that 'it' factor and he's certainly one of those guys. I think it's a combination of the communication ability, the character, the command and just the capacity that he has. When you talk to him, this is a guy that has coordinated high-level football, when he was at the 'U' (University of Miami). He's got a great feel for what's going on, all 11 on offense, all 11 on defense. He's got great command of the running back position, especially having played it at this level and what he did through the course of his career at Georgia. So, he embodies all of the things that you're looking for in a coach and then you just watch his energy and his ability to be able to see things in live action. I couldn't be any more impressed with him."

(On how important it is to have raised competitive situations in practice)

"I think that's everything. I mean, you want to try to create stressful atmospheres because we know that's what the games are on Sundays or whenever we're playing. As many times as we can create those competitive game-like situations that force you to think in real-time, understand the magnitude of what each of these situations entails and how we want to be able to approach it — offensively, defensively or teams. That's something we're always trying to create and that's one of the major reasons for practice."

(On if there is a timeline for S Taylor Rapp's return)

"He's just day-to-day right now."