



Rams QB Jared Goff – Media Availability – September 16, 2020

(On assessment of his performance against Dallas)

“I liked most of it. I thought we moved the ball pretty well down the field, especially early on. Just being able to get completions and do all the things we want to do. There’s always going to be those throws you want back. I can think of a handful off the top of my head. That last play, I wish I would’ve got my eyes up and tossed that to (WR) Cooper (Kupp) there just down the field. But, besides that, I felt pretty good about it and thought it was obviously good enough for one.”

(On his assessment of the offensive line play)

“Great. That’s great. Really good. I thought they did a good job. They were starting to gel, like I mentioned, during training camp and really starting to feel good about them and they’re feeling good about each other. It starting to go in the right direction.”

(On the interception and whether the play was sent to the league for review)

“Yeah, it was sent to the league and I mean, you can imagine what they said, but it doesn’t take anything back. It’s part of the game and sometimes we get some on our side, sometimes they get some. Ultimately, that one won against us.”

(On Eagles QB Carson Wentz)

“I’ve got a lot of respect for (Eagles) Carson (Wentz). I see him on film quite a bit. I think he’s a hell of a player. He’s done a great job and we’ve kind of had this friendly rivalry ever since we got into the league, just being in the same class, training together and always just want to be competitive. I’m sure he’s thinking the same thing when he plays us. It’s no different. At the same time though, I’m playing their defense and he’s playing our defense and I wish him the best. Hope he plays well enough, but we still win. You know, I wish him the best, but I hope we still win, obviously.”

(On whether he often touches base with Wentz)

“Basically, when we play each other, I mean, there’ll be sporadically. I’m sure, you know, some stuff with our agents or if he’s ever in California, I mean, we text a couple of times a year and stay in touch. But, again, I’ve always wished him the best.”

(On what he sees in Wentz as a quarterback)

“A lot of stuff. He’s always been extremely elusive and really, really good off-schedule. I think that’s part of what makes him really special is how good he off-schedule and how strong he is, how strong he is in the pocket and how smart he is. He’s always been a smart guy. I think a lot of stuff when, this is five years ago, we were training together, a lot of that stuff you can see carry over.”

(On how RB Cam Akers did in his first game as a rookie playing his first game)

“He did great. He did really good. I thought we had a good plan for him and getting him the ball, getting him involved. I thought he did a good job. You know, there’s always some things, the rookie mistakes, that you’re going to want to clean up. But for the most part he did a good job and he’ll just continue to go on the right trajectory, and we feel good about him.”

(On what it’s like to see RB Malcolm Brown shine)

"Yeah, it's cool. He's always been, obviously, behind (Falcons RB) Todd (Gurley) for however many years now, but he's always done a great job and we've always been able to rely on him, whether it's third down or various runs and different things. So, we weren't not expecting him to play well. I mean, he's always played well, but for him to get out in the forefront, get a lot of carries and be able to score those two touchdowns for us, that was huge. I'm happy for him. And again, I think his trajectory is going to continue to go up."

(On what crossers like WR Robert Woods can do to a defense when you can run them multiple times successfully)

"(WR) Robert (Woods) does a great job getting open. I think that's part of what he's always been really good at. I think the play you're referring to is the one over the middle. He's always been really good at that play. We've ran it for quite a bit now and had some success with it. So anytime it gets called you get a little excited about it. Me and him have a really good feel for each other on that play, and a lot of plays. I mean, this is now our fourth year together and we feel really good with each other."

(On if Woods runs like a fullback)

"Yeah, he always looks like he's running down a hill if you ever see him. I know it's kind of cliché to say running downhill, but he does. He looks like he's on a slope running. You know, whether it's a handoff in the run game that we give him from the receiver position or you saw the screens he's running, he's a really good what we call, 'slash runner' and just making one guy miss and staying downhill. He's probably one of the best in the league at it."

(On how much Sunday's win against the Cowboys uplifted the team emotionally)

"It's really been like this. I mean we expected to win. It's nothing that, you know, gets us too excited. I mean, we were excited after the game and excited for 24 hours, but today's Wednesday and we've got a new opponent. So, ever since I've seen people, which is really since this morning and a little bit on Monday, it's been fairly even-keeled. We expect to win. We go out every week and expect to win and that's just how we are."

(On Philadelphia being known for having loud fans, and from a quarterback's perspective if not having fans there due to COVID-19 levels the playing field)

"I don't know. Everyone's got eight home games, eight away games this year, so it'll even out for everybody. I know some people have fans and some people don't, but I guess for some teams that rely on that home field advantage, it can be a disadvantage for those teams. I'm not referring to the Eagles specifically, but there are teams that win a lot more at home and there's a reason why. So yeah, you can see that as a disadvantage for some teams."