



**Rams DL Aaron Donald – Media Availability – September 17, 2020**

**(On the video of him that went viral from the Cowboys game)**

"I had no thoughts. That's last week's stuff. We are just prepared on playing Philly this week."

**(On having LB Micah Kiser back in the defense)**

"He's playing great. I think he can continue to get better. I think he's coming up, filling holes, making plays. He's communicating well, giving us calls and things like that. I was impressed with what he was doing in camp, for him to translate it for his first NFL start and play how he did. I'm definitely excited about it, because I know he's going to continue to get better and find ways to be more productive. He definitely could be a special football player."

**(On repeating the answer)**

"I would just say for him that, he had a great camp and to translate that to his first NFL game, his first NFL start, I should say, and play how he played at a high level, communicating well, coming up, filling holes, I think it will continue to get better. And he's got an opportunity to be in a special football player."

**(On the other linebackers)**

"I think everybody's making plays. That was the thing that I liked last week. It wasn't just one or two guys. You got guys that were making plays up front, (OLB Leonard Floyd) Flo made a big play, (DL Michael) Brock (Brockers) made a big play, Micah made big plays, (S Jordan) Fuller made big plays. Everybody was flying around, making plays that helped us to win that game. It's a young group. A lot of guys that have got to make a name for themselves, but what they did last week, they put it on film and they're going to continue to do that."

**(On what's on his mind when he sees a lot of free space towards the quarterback and all he sees is a running back lined up in pass protection)**

"Just trying to find a way to get him out of the way, so I can get to the quarterback."

**(On going up against an injured O-line and players he hasn't played before)**

"Well, you study those guys. I don't think they're a bad offensive line. I think you see the stats and if you didn't watch the game, you will expect something, but you know, breaking down film and watching them, I think they're a solid offensive line. They've got some good pieces, starting with (Eagles C Jason) Kelce, he's one heck of a center. I played against him multiple times, so I know what he brings. They're a good group. They're a young group, but I feel like overall, they play good together. We still have to go out there with the same mindset that it's going to be a dog fight and trying to find a way to make our plays and dominate."

**(On his recollections of playing against QB Carson Wentz)**

"He's a tough quarterback. He's not going to let you take him down easy. He's going to try to find ways to extend plays any way he can to still get the ball down field and if that's him ducking under a sack and looking down field and making a throw down deep. They can hurt you in a lot of different ways. He's a good quarterback, a playmaker at times, he tends to make mistakes, but I think he tends to make a lot of good plays as well."

**(On what he thinks of the changes to defense)**

"I like it. I feel like just like any other defense, you're going to find your favorite plays you like and plays that aren't your favorite, but you've still got to do it. But overall, I feel like we've got an opportunity to be a special defense, but that's on us in the way we go out there and play as a unit and compete. I'm liking all the players, all the things we got in so far, the way we go about game planning and putting guys in great positions to have success and make plays to help this team to win. That's the type of defense you want to be a part of."

**(On DL Michael Brockers' sack against the Cowboys)**

"That was a big play for us. That was a big, third-down stop. He took him out of field goal range. That's what you expect from play makers and Brocks a playmaker for us. That's why he's on his team. That's why he's a leader on this defense. You expect that. It was a big play that we needed, and he came through for us."

**(On that play seeming like an example where a lot of players were involved to make that happen)**

"Yeah, exactly. That's what you want. That's the type of defense you want to play on. You don't want to have to just depend on one guy or two guys or three guys. There are 11 guys on that field, and you want to depend on all of them guys. I think we've got a group that we can do that with."