



Rams QB Jared Goff – Media Availability – December 8, 2020

(On How important communication is against the Patriots defense)

"Yeah, it's always very important. I think in any game and especially a team like them, that is so smart on defense and can do so much yeah, it'll be important, but it's just as important as it is every week."

(On other teams bringing pressure and how it's helped prepare for the against the Patriots)

"Yeah, it'll be good to see what they want to do. I mean, I think we're at a point now where we've seen a little bit of stuff this year and have good plans for kind of everything and the plan is kind of always changing for whatever teams want to bring or whatever we see on film. So, whatever they decide to do, we'll be ready for it."

(On what is his standout memory from the Super Bowl)

"You know, not very many good ones. I do remember it being extremely memorable in terms of just the experience of the whole week. Then obviously the game didn't go our way, but I think just being there and being able to soak it all in and having that experience, for not only myself, but our team, as far as when we do get a chance to get back there, being able to handle that the way we want to."

(On why he chose Inglewood Unified School District for his cleats)

"I was able to partner with them this offseason with my JG16 stuff and all the funds have gone to them. It's been really exciting for me. Off the field, it's been the most excited I've ever been about anything off the field. Being able to partner with them, recently we were able to upgrade a library at Warren Lane Elementary School based on the funds we were able to receive in like the first month I believe with the partnership. But you know, I've been reading to the kids almost weekly, if not bi-weekly and just seeing them, seeing their faces, seeing how excited they were when I showed them the cleats and we're able to make that announcement to the kids. It was awesome and it's been a lot of fun. It's an honor for me to be able to represent them on Thursday night here in Inglewood in SoFi (Stadium)."

(On if the kids had any input on the design of the cleats)

"No. That's a good idea though. I did think about that and that's maybe something I can do next year, is have them kind of draw something up and then have it put on the cleats, but it was kind of short notice. So, no I wasn't able to."

(On if he is comfortable playing on Thursday nights after having success in the past)

"I don't know. I treat it like any other game. I just get prepared as best I can. Obviously we won't practice full speed as much as we usually do during a regular week but we usually do a good job of preparing and I felt really comfortable on Thursday nights, like you mentioned. I hope it can be the same this week."

(On being comfortable enough with his teammates to go out on the field with a 'winging it' mind-set)

"Yeah, sure. I think I obviously have a lot of confidence in myself and our teammates and the receivers. We've been together for a while now and are on the same page to a certain extent and feel pretty good with each other at this point, in year four together. There is some of that, absolutely, that does help having some continuity and being able to go out there and at times, kind of, if you hadn't figured it out during the week, being able to figure it out in real time and adjust."

(On what he learned from playing the Patriots at the Super Bowl)

"Yeah. I think, first of all, you take away how good coach (Patriots Head Coach Bill) Belichick is. He did such a great job, obviously keeping us limited and doing a great job of keeping us from moving the ball, especially when we crossed the 50 (yard line). Him and Coach (Dolphins Head Coach Brian) Flores who's with Miami now who was calling the defense that night. They did a great job and like I mentioned, it's not a night that you are particularly happy with, but an experience that you're able to hopefully draw from as time goes on throughout my career."

(On how different the game will be having WR Cooper Kupp)

"Yeah, he's a great player for us. I mean, he's the guy that we've relied on for a long time and it'll be good having him be a part of this. I think there's not many parallels that you can draw from that game and this game, the teams are so different. Our offense is different. Their defense is different. So, it's not like add (WR) Cooper (Kupp) and it's fixed. Obviously, we love having Cooper back, but they'll give us some challenges and we'll be ready for it and it'll be a good game."

(On having the option to throw to a number of receivers and if he thinks that limits Patriots CB Stephon Gilmore)

"I think whenever you have a multitude of targets, it helps. It helps spread the defense out. It helps them focus on more than one guy. It helps them focus on three or four guys, if that's the case and he's an incredible player, he's a great cornerback. He's one of the top guys in the league. I'm sure he'll be ready to play."