



Rams Head Coach Sean McVay – Media Availability – January 13, 2021

(On the status of WR Cooper Kupp)

"He's progressing. He didn't participate today, so we're just taking it a day at a time with him."

(On if Kupp could play on Saturday without practicing all week)

"It is, yes."

(On the status of QB John Wolford)

"(QB) John (Wolford) did a couple of things, but he was a non-participant at practice. So, we're taking it a day at a time with him as well."

(On if Wolford could play on Saturday without practicing all week)

"We're just going to take it a day at a time right now."

(On if he's determined who will start at quarterback on Saturday)

"Taking it a day at a time."

(On if OL David Edwards will play on Saturday)

"That's something that, really, with all those guys, we're just monitoring by the day. Both (OL) David (Edwards) and Cooper are making progress and we'll see where they're at once we get closer to kickoff."

(On if he feels DL Aaron Donald is ready to play on Saturday)

"I think you guys talked to him earlier, what would you say?"

(On how it will play out for Donald this week)

"Like I said, I definitely would never bet against this guy. You see the look in his eye, you know the way that he's working and you just see the way that he's gone about his business this week. It sure seems like a person that has every intent to be full speed ahead on Saturday."

(On if Goff wore gloves today in anticipation of playing in cold weather or protection for his thumb)

"You know what, I think it's probably a combination of both. You guys will have to ask him. But the cold weather definitely does help. That's something that when we played in some of those colder games, he's experimented with. I think he likes the tack that it gives him. That's something that he's felt good about the last couple of days. I would expect to see him wear that on Saturday possibly."

(On if the cold weather will affect the passing game)

"I think you always have to have a contingency plan, whether it's cold, and is it windy? Is it snowing? There are certain types of weather when it does get in those lower temperatures that definitely affect your ability to throw the football and some that don't. Now for us, our team is not accustomed to playing in it, but once you get going, I don't think those guys out there are actually cold. We've got great ways of keeping them warm on the sidelines. So, I think you saw (Packers QB) Aaron (Rodgers) yesterday, if you guys saw him, when he talked to the media, he said one of the things you don't want to do is get too far ahead of yourself with the media and the weather forecast in Green Bay. I think we've got to make sure, like you guys have heard me say over and over, we have to have some agility. But if it is one of those games, that's inclement

weather similar to what they played in against Tennessee, that's definitely a factor. You've got to be mindful of what are some of the bad weather types of plays, whether it's the runs or what type of things in the pass game you want to activate. That's certainly something that we're prepared for if that's the case."

(On if it's been difficult navigating a quarterback situation for the first time)

"I think it's really for a talkative guy just saying, 'We'll take it a day at a time' and that's what I'm sticking to. It's not hard behind the scenes because you communicate to your players. But I don't think it does us any benefit making those announcements right now, whether we know or whether we don't know what that scenario is. It's the first time, but you get a little bit shorter answers from me than you're accustomed to, I guess."

(On any concern on Saturday considering the team hasn't won three-consecutive games during the season)

"I mean, are you saying we shouldn't show up? Here's the thing. There's no better time than to string together a win streak than right now. Really been pleased with the last two performances. It's a great challenge for us. We're doing everything in our power to prepare in all three phases. Our players have a great look in their eye. There's a focus, there's a concentration, there's a belief, but there's also an understanding of what a great effort and what great execution that we're going to have to have to go get it done against a 13-3 football team that is playing outstanding in all three phases. That's what you love about it, as a competitor, this is what gets you excited to get a chance to just compete every single week. Now, here represents an opportunity to go against what is the best in the NFC."

(On the presence of DL Michael Brockers this season)

"I'll tell you what, when you just think about the energy, the charisma, the presence and the leadership that he provides, he has been so instrumental, and it's not just the production. I'll tell you what you really feel – you appreciate him because he's got this warm, engaging personality, but he locks in on the field. Guys, look to him to see, all right, what does it look like to be a pro's pro with how you approach meetings, how you approach practice. I think (DL) Michael Brokers has that perfect balance of urgency and enjoyment. He's always having fun. You guys have heard me talk about that. But really when he missed that week and then even his first time back with us on Saturday morning last week, just hearing his laugh in the breakfast room, even though we're spread out all over the place, it just felt like you were alive again. Brock's back and everything's going to be okay. He just brings life to the group. I love him. I'm so thankful that he came back for so many reasons, but he's been a guy that's been doing it at a high level for this organization long before I got here. The appreciation I have for watching his maturity, his production, everything that he represents since I got here, I couldn't be more thankful and grateful to be able to work with veteran players that provide leadership. Really, those are the guys that set the culture and they make what is right about the Rams right now."

(On how OL Andrew Whitworth is progressing)

"He's doing good. He's progressing well. He has some soreness in that knee. He came out really firing on all cylinders last week. We are taking it a day at a time with him and I think with him, you're also allowing him to communicate to you how he's feeling to be as smart as possible so that by the time Saturday at 3:30, or whenever it is that we exactly kick off in Green Bay rolls around, that he's ready to be at his best if he's feeling good."

(On the progress of functionally for Goff's thumb)

"He's done a really nice job with everything that he can control and at this point in the year he's gotten a lot of good individual work with (Offensive Coordinator) Kevin (O'Connell) and with (Assistants Quarterback Coach) Liam (Coen). We are a little bit more limited in the amount of physical toll that we try to put on our players' bodies right now. I think you guys see, especially when you've accumulated this much work, it is important to try to get some reps that are reflective of some game-like situations, but you also want to make sure guys are feeling good and so that's where there's a real emphasis on the above-the-neck. But what he's done in the individual drills and then today in the physical settings, he is definitely making very good progress."