



San Francisco 49ers at Los Angeles Rams Game Notes Sunday, December 31, 2017

With The Win...

- **San Francisco** is the only team in the NFL to go undefeated this season in the month of December.
- The **49ers** have won five consecutive games for the first time since 2013, when the team won six consecutive games from Weeks 12-17.
- **San Francisco** has now won three consecutive road games for the first time since 2013 (Weeks 12, 15 & 17).
- The **49ers** earned their 6th win of the season after beginning the season 0-9. The team's 6 wins are the most by a team in NFL history that started the season 0-9, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.
- The **Niners** are the first team with 10-or-more losses prior to December to go undefeated from December 1st until end of season since the 1986 Indianapolis Colts, who started 0-13 prior to December and finished the season 3-0, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.
- **San Francisco** ends the season on a five game win streak, marking the longest winning streak to end a regular season by the 49ers since 2013, when San Francisco won their final six regular season games, and the 8th time in franchise history the 49ers closed out a regular season with a winning streak of five or more games.
- Head coach **Kyle Shanahan** became the 4th rookie NFL head coach in franchise history (Buck Shaw – 1950; Frankie Albert – 1956 & George Seifert – 1989), and the 1st in the NFL since Tony Sparano in 2008, to go undefeated in the month of December.
- **San Francisco** improved to 69-65-3 all-time against the Rams.

San Francisco Gets Offensive

- The **49ers offense** registered 463 total net yds. on the day, reaching 369-or-more yds. for the 5th consecutive game. It marked the first time since Weeks 11-17 of the 1998 season that the team registered 369-or-more yds. in at least 5-straight games.

Can't Bring Us Down

- The **49ers offensive line** held the Rams without a sack on the day. It marked the 2nd time this season that San Francisco held their opponent sackless [vs. NYG (11/12/17)].

49ers Light Up The First-Half Scoreboard

- The **49ers** led the Rams 20-6 at halftime. It marked this first time the 49ers scored 20 points in the first half since 11/6/16 vs. NO (20 pts.).

Jimmy G Finishes Strong

- With the win, QB **Jimmy Garoppolo** becomes the 3rd 49ers QB since the merger in 1970 to win each of his first three road starts. QB Elvis Grbac won each of his first four road starts from 1995-96 and QB Jim Plunkett won his first three starts on the road in 1976.
- Dating back to 2016, **Garoppolo** has now won each of his first 7 starts in the NFL. According to the Elias Sports Bureau, Garoppolo is 1 of 5 QBs to win their first 7 NFL starts since the merger in 1970.

Most Consecutive Wins By A Quarterback To Start His Career Since 1970	
Name	Wins
Ben Roethlisberger	15
Mike Tomczak	10
Dieter Brock	7
Daunte Culpepper	7
Jimmy Garoppolo	7

- **Garoppolo's** 1,542 passing yds. through his first 5 starts with the 49ers are the most by a QB in franchise history in their first 5 starts with the team.

Most Passing Yards In First Five Starts In Franchise History						
Name	Atts.	Comps.	Pct.	Yds.	TDs	INTs
Jimmy Garoppolo	176	118	67.0	1,542	6	5
Jeff Kemp	166	103	62.0	1,385	10	4
Elvis Grbac	164	117	71.3	1,376	8	4
Steve Bono	185	105	56.8	1,251	7	3
Brian Hoyer	194	115	59.3	1,211	4	4

- **Garoppolo's** 1,542 passing yds. through his first 5 starts with the 49ers ranks 4th among all QBs in their first 5 starts with a new team since the merger in 1970.

Most Passing Yards In First Five Starts With A Team Since 1970			
Player	Team	Year	Yards
Drew Bledsoe	Buffalo	2002	1,762
Trent Green	St. Louis	2000	1,668
Cam Newton	Carolina	2011	1,610
Jimmy Garoppolo	San Francisco	2017	1,542
Kirk Cousins	Washington	2012-14	1,503

- **Garoppolo's** 2,038 passing yds. through his first 7 NFL starts ranks 4th among all QBs since the merger in 1970.

Most Passing Yards In First Seven Starts Since 1970		
Player	Year	Yards
Billy Volek	2003-04	2,305
Cam Newton	2011	2,103
Kirk Cousins	2012-14	2,043
Jimmy Garoppolo	2016-17	2,038
Andrew Luck	2012	1,971

Goodwin Gets Tricky

- WR **Marquise Goodwin** finished with 2 receipts. for 28 yds. and 1 TD. He caught an 8-yd. TD pass from QB Jimmy Garoppolo, marking his 2nd TD receipt. of the season and 8th of his career.
- Goodwin finished the season with career highs in games started (16), receipts. (56) and rec. yds. (962).

Hyde Gets In Twice

- RB **Carlos Hyde** finished the game with 15 carries for 90 yds. and 2 TDs, scoring from 8 and 5 yds. out. It marked the 3rd time this season Hyde rushed for 2-or-more TDs in a game and the 6th time in his career.
- Hyde registered a single-season career-high 8 rushing TDs.

You Can Call Me Al

- WR **Aldrick Robinson** hauled in a 12-yd. TD receipt. from Garoppolo, marking his 2nd TD receipt. of the season and 9th of his career.

Kittle Reaches The Century Mark

- TE **George Kittle** is the first 49ers TE to have 100-or-more rec. yds. in a game since 10/13/13 (TE Vernon Davis – 8 receipts. for 180 yds. and 2 TDs vs. Arz.).
- **Kittle** is the only rookie TE to reach 100-or-more rec. yds. in a game in 2017.

Sun Shiny Day

- DL **Sheldon Day** brought down Los Angeles Rams QB Sean Mannion for a 9-yd. loss, marking his 1st sack as a member of the 49ers and the 3rd of his career.

Dumervil Joins Rare Company

- With 1.0 sack of Mannion, LB **Elvis Dumervil** joined John Abraham as the only players to register at least 0.5 sack against all 32 teams in the NFL.
- **Dumervil** finished the season with a team-high 6.5 sacks and has 105.5 for his career.

Cassius Stings Like A Bee

- DL **Cassius Marsh** registered a strip-sack of Mannion, with the fumble recovered by DL **Solomon Thomas**. It marked the 3rd FF of the season for Marsh, the 4th of his career, and the 3rd sack of the season and 6th of his career.
- The FR for Thomas was the 1st of his career.

'Spoon Forces The Issue

- CB **Ahkello Witherspoon** forced a Rams TE Gerald Everett fumble, marking the 1st FF of his career. CB **K'Waun Williams** scooped up the loose ball for his 3rd career FR.

Gould Finishes Off A Career Season

- With 10 points on the day, K **Robbie Gould** moved into 2nd place in the 49ers all-time single-season scoring list.

Franchise Record For Most Points In A Single Season			
Rank	Name	Year	Points
1.	David Akers	2011	166
2.	Robbie Gould	2017	145
3.	Phil Dawson	2013	140
4.	Jerry Rice	1987	138
5.	Mike Cofer	1989	136

- **Gould's** 145 pts. this season set a new single-season career high.
- **Gould** finished the season with a career-high 39 made FGs, which led the NFL. He joins K David Akers (44 FGs in 2011) as the only players in franchise history to lead the NFL in made FGs.
- **Gould's** 39 made FGs on the season tied for the 3rd-most in a single season in NFL history [David Akers (44 – 2011), Neil Rackers (40 – 2005), Olindo Mare (39 – 1999) & Jeff Wilkins (39 – 2003).