

TRANSCRIPTIONS



**Head Coach Kyle Shanahan
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What was going on with QB Jimmy Garoppolo there? He had five-consecutive passes intercepted. Was there anything that you could tell was happening?

“He threw it to the wrong team five plays in a row. I was a defensive coach today, so I was pumped. But no, the defense did great today and obviously he struggled. You hope to never have a day like that, but I don’t think it’s never not happened to anyone. When you do that, you hope you can practice long enough and give him a chance to play out of it and use it as an opportunity that hopefully you can do in a game. Hopefully you don’t have five in the game, but you can play yourself out of two in a row or something like that. I thought he did play better at the end of the two-minute drive and in the red zone. We hit a rough spot. I was happy for the defense, but the offense is going to have about a day and a half to think about it.”

When those things start to steamroll a little bit, or snowball, did you sense any body language, negative body language or anything like that?

“No, I think there’s frustration, and it’s more competitive and I think sometimes you’ve got to balance out. Whether that’s a good thing or a bad thing, you want so badly to make it up the next play, but the next play you’ve still got to make the right decisions and take what the defense gives you. Sometimes it’s hard to make the right decisions when you’re fired up and competitive and usually when you make a bad play it makes your mind go a little bit sideways. So, that’s why it is sometimes a good situation to put guys in. When that does happen, sometimes you try to protect them a little bit in the game, but in practice, it’s the exact opposite. When there’s an issue, you kind of poke at it a little bit more to see how guys react.”

If all goes well in practice against the Broncos, will he play more than one or two series?

“I haven’t decided yet. That depends on how the practices go this week. That’s something I’ll probably decide on Sunday.”

Why wasn’t T Joe Staley participating in team drills?

“He had some, he went in and did individual, had some soreness in his pec and with us leaving right after this in about an hour to get on the plane, we didn’t want to risk anything, so we pulled him out to be safe. We’ll check it out when we get there.”

Is TE George Kittle day-to-day?

“Yes. Yeah, he had some calf tightness he reported two days ago, so he’s day-to-day.”

There’s so much familiarity between the two teams that will be scrimmaging later this week. When you have those things, is there an element of kind of scouting, not you, but your staff, other players from other teams and areas where you’re weak where you might be long, the Broncos might be long?

“Yeah, always. I think you should always use these opportunities as an advantage to learn other teams and things like that as much as you can. Not just knowing each other, but also scouts, everyone. It helps you for trade possibilities, but it also helps you, I mean, each year, guys eventually become free agents and sometimes it’s nice to see how guys work and things like that as opposed to watching guys on game tape. It’s nice to see how guys practice and things like that. So, it’s always good to be around other people in this league, because it’s a pretty close fraternity and usually your paths cross more than once.”

Have you spent time with Denver Broncos head coach Vic Fangio yet over the phone kind of scripting things out?

“Yeah, we set it up all over the phone, just talking to each other, then we have the coordinators script it out. I’m sure I’ll see him tonight when we get there and we’ll talk throughout the week.”

Will there be music?

“I haven’t asked that yet. I’m really hoping so, but I have a feeling there won’t be.”

Will he have the final call, obviously?

“Yeah, it’s his spot. So yeah, he’s got it.”

Did you talk with the team at all about so much travel that’s coming in the next 30 days?

“We talk about it a lot just so they’re aware of it because if you don’t eventually they’re going to wake up one day and say, what the hell is going on. You’ve got to show them what’s ahead of us, what’s right now, today, what we’re doing tomorrow, once we go there, when we come back, how weird it’s going to get when we play three games in 10 days. There’s a lot of challenges with that, also with the injuries and the 90-man roster. That’s one of the biggest things in camp is it’s not just focusing on football, it’s about focusing on how to balance all the stuff out. They are aware of it. It is what it is so you’ve got to make the best of it and our guys are pretty mature with that.”

Have you gotten into the regular season aspect of it yet?

“We don’t get into the regular season yet. I mean, we know that we’re starting on the road. We know that we are going to the east coast on both of those games. We also know that it’s a lot more humid out there than it is here. It’s stuff we talk about, but it’s not stuff that you can worry about too much right now. We’ll deal with that when our preparation will help us.”

Do you have updates on DL Jullian Taylor, LB Dre Greenlaw and TE Levine Toilolo?

“Yeah, Jullian Taylor is just a stiff back so we kept him out today. Greenlaw had a stinger, I believe it was in practice yesterday so he was out. We had him in a blue jersey today just doing individuals so he didn’t have contact. Levine had some shoulder soreness. He’s day-to-day, but I’ll probably be surprised if he’s going to be able to practice this week in Denver.”

What about DB Jimmie Ward?

“Jimmie Ward is cleared and everything, but coming off a collarbone, we’re trying to ease him in to when he can hit. We know Jimmie is going to hit every single second he has a chance to so we’ve got to protect him from himself a little bit.”

Nothing on Friday and Saturday?

“No. I’d be very surprised if he did.”

Where is DL Dee Ford in his return?

“He’s close. Usually when you get what he got done I think it’s usually about two weeks, so we’re getting closer to that. We’ll see Kansas City week. I know he’s not going to go this week, but Kansas City at least we’ll have him practicing, I know that.”

And DL Nick Bosa’s been starting to do some light conditioning and rehab?

“I haven’t seen him here in the last couple days, but I think he’s out of his boot and on track, proceeding healthy.”

Going back to Saturday night, there were two guys that made their 49ers debut in DL Kentavious Street and P Mitch Wishnowsky. What did you think of those two guys?

“I thought they both did a solid job. By no means were they perfect, but I was real happy for Street. Just the battle he’s had in this last year since his injury coming out of college. It’s been a long road for him to get healthy and he’s been battling through camp. We’ve got a lot of depth there and he’s competing and I thought he did a good job in the game. Wish did some good stuff too, had some real good punts. I know he had a couple kickoffs that were off, but I think it was good for him to get out there and get his jitters out of the way. I was happy with him.”