



## San Francisco 49ers at Carolina Panthers Game Notes Sunday, September 18, 2016

### ***Bowman Tips It, Bethea Grips It***

- On the first possession of the game, S **Antoine Bethea** intercepted Panthers QB Cam Newton off a tipped pass by LB **NaVorro Bowman**. It marked Bethea's 1<sup>st</sup> INT of the season, 19<sup>th</sup> of his career and his 1<sup>st</sup> since 12/20/14 vs. SD.

### ***Get The Ball Out***

- In the 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr., **Bethea** forced a fumble by Panthers RB Fozzy Whittaker, marking his 7<sup>th</sup> career FF and first since 9/28/14 vs. Phi.
  - Bethea is the first member of the 49ers to record an INT and FF in the same game since he accomplished the feat on 9/28/14 vs. Phi.
- LB **Ray-Ray Armstrong** picked up the FR, his 1<sup>st</sup> of the season, 2<sup>nd</sup> of his career and 1<sup>st</sup> since 9/26/13 vs. SF, as a member of the Rams.
- LB **Gerald Hodges** registered a strip-sack of Panthers QB Cam Newton. It marked Hodges' first full sack and FF of his career. LB Eli Harold recovered the Newton fumble, the 2<sup>nd</sup> of his career.

### ***Turnover's Aplenty***

- The **49ers** registered 4 takeaways on the day (3 FRs and 1 INT).
- Through the first two games of 2016, San Francisco has forced 6 opponent turnovers (3 INTs & 3 FRs). Their 6 turnovers in Weeks 1-2 are the most to start a season for the 49ers since 2003 (9 takeaways - 3 INTs & 6 FRs).

### ***Points Off Turnovers***

- The 49ers scored 20 of their 27 points on the day off of Carolina turnovers. Through two weeks, they have scored 34 points off of opponent turnovers.

### ***Gabbert & Smith Each Reach 35***

- WR **Torrey Smith** caught a 28-yd. TD pass from QB **Blaine Gabbert**. It marked his first TD recept. of the season and 35<sup>th</sup> of Smith's career.
- For **Gabbert**, he has now thrown a TD in each game that he has appeared in as a member of the 49ers (11 consecutive games).

### ***Gabbert Runs It In***

- After recovering a muffed kick by Carolina, QB **Blaine Gabbert** scored on a 1-yd. TD run in the 4<sup>th</sup> Qtr. for his 2<sup>nd</sup> career rushing TD.

### ***McDonald Goes Deep***

- TE **Vance McDonald** scored on a career-long 75-yd. TD recept. in the 4<sup>th</sup> Qtr. for his 2<sup>nd</sup>-consecutive game with a TD. It marked the 2<sup>nd</sup>-longest recept. by a TE in 49ers franchise history [TE Ted Kwalick - 81-yd. recept. vs. NO (10/22/72)].
- The completion was the 2<sup>nd</sup>-longest TD pass of QB Blaine Gabbert's career [80t at Ind. (9/23/12)].