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LOS ANGELES CHARGERS vs. SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS POSTGAME TRANSCRIPTS

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LOS ANGELES CHARGERS HEAD COACH BRANDON STALEY

On CB Asante Samuel Jr.:

"He's coming along. He's getting there, he's competitive. We played him inside at star and outside at corner, so we played him in both spots today. We wanted to make sure we got a full evaluation of him in there, too. I thought he competed. You saw some of the ball skills off the deflection, and that's a strength of his; being able to get you the ball. He's competing and he's understanding how we play — how to be more connected within our coverage systems. Understanding who he's playing against, situational stuff. Knowing what this means, what the split means. I've been pleased with him and excited about his progress."

On Samuel being 'behind; on the route that led to the interception:

"He was behind on the route. They'd shown that route — it's a standard third-down route for that team. They have a wide departure and then they bring it back in. We would've liked to see him more connected on that route."

On Samuel's unsportsmanlike conduct penalty:

"That's part of understanding the game. You have to keep your helmet on before you get to the sideline. We want him to have that type of energy, that type of spirit, but he can wait until he gets to the sideline to do that."

On QBs Easton Stick and Chase Daniel facing pressure:

"I think those two guys were able to see where they're at. The 49ers strength is their front. Even though [DL Nick] Bosa and [DT Javon] Kinlaw didn't play, and [DL Arik] Armstead only played for a second, they are still the strength on their team. I think those guys got a great picture of where they're at. We didn't get into the game plan in terms of helping them like we would in a normal game. But those guys were physical on the other side of things and both Easton and Chase were under pressure tonight. I thought they both handled it well. I thought Easton in the first half was outstanding, avoiding trouble and keeping us on schedule. And then Chase gave us a chance in the second half."

On DL Jerry Tillery and Justin Jones not playing tonight:

"Those guys earned tonight off with their two days of work against San Francisco. They played at a high level in those two practices against those guys. They played a ton in both those practices, and I saw what we needed. They earned the day off today."

On 'swing tackle concerns':

"Tackles are hard to find in the league. We have two guys that are capable, and I think anytime you come in there, there's going to be an adjustment in how you play. I'm confident in both those guys, I'm comfortable with both those guys. They're both improving. Against a front like that, you're going to have to give those guys help — no matter who it is. I feel like those guys are going to learn a lot from this tape, and we need them to."

On Gs Oday Aboushi and Matt Feiler playing today:

"We wanted Oday and Matt to compete against that front. Those guys gave us the best front to operate, especially with how deep that team is up front. They play so many people. I wanted Oday and Matt to have a shot and give [T] Storm [Norton] and [T] Trey [Pipkins III] a shot at working with two experienced players."

On LB Kenneth Murray, Jr.:

"I wanted to give Kenneth as many looks as possible, especially against an offense like that. We knew they were going to play [QBs] Jimmy [Garoppolo] and Trey [Lance]. We knew [FB Kyle] Juszczyk was going to be out there, alongside their receivers and most of their line. We wanted to get him in a game and see what his progress is. I was very pleased with how he played tonight. I felt like he ran the show. He was calm and aggressive, and he helped us get off to a good start in the game."

On evaluations of the rushing offense and the unit's third down efficiency:

"Both — they go hand in hand. I think the 49ers are a tough team to run the ball against because they get guys close to the line of scrimmage. Throwing the football and getting that eight-man front up there is a good way to run the football, whether you RPO it, you play action it, or block it up to give yourself a chance. But we must be more physical on the line of scrimmage. We have to work better on our combinations. That team creates a lot of movement on the line of scrimmage with their defensive line when they move. Those guys come up the field and do a really good job in their slant game. We had a bunch of negative plays tonight when they did that. It got us off schedule and lead to a bunch of tough third downs."

On the quarterback competition for the second-team spot:

"In the first game when Chase went first, Easton had a similar circumstance. In the first game, I know that L.A. [Rams] didn't play a lot of people, so it's a little different tonight. San Francisco played a lot more guys, especially up front. It's been a good competition between those two. I thought both did a good job tonight. We have to avoid the interception. But under the circumstances, we gave ourselves the chance to win. Sometimes, you're going to play in games like that, where it's tight and low scoring. When you have two good, premium defenses going at each other, sometimes that's the way the game is. That's when you have to pick up the slack in the vertical field position game, and the kicking game, to manage the situation. I think this was a good test for us tonight, in a low-scoring game. We got the four-minute drill and learned a lot from it."

On quarterbacks 'getting more help' in a regular-season game scenario:

"In a real-game situation, with some of these tackles — especially in the second half — there's a lot of things we'd be doing. The specifics to help them out. We don't do that in preseason."

On the quarterback evaluation process:

"We're still going through it. We're going to take it all the way to the end. I think they both competed well during camp. They're both going to play in the last preseason game against Seattle. These practices this week will be important. But I'm glad that we have both. They're both quality players that have been fantastic for [QB] Justin [Herbert], [Offensive Coordinator] Joe Lombardi and [Passing Game Coordinator/Quarterbacks Coach] Shane [Day]. Both can play in this league."

On LB Amen Ogbongbemiga:

"He has an AC sprain. We'll know more tomorrow but an AC sprain is the initial diagnosis."

On LB Nick Niemann:

"I'm really excited about Nick. I think he's athletic. He had one tackle today where he was kind of lonely and it was one of those tackles from the side. Had he not made it, that ball would've gone a decent amount. He's done that for us. He's learning a lot each time he goes out there and he's showing he can do a lot of the jobs we need him to do. He's also been a real factor on the kicking game. He started all core four special teams today. We're excited about his progress. He learns something every time he comes out. I expect him to continue to improve."

On WR Joshua Palmer's touchdown reception:

"In the low-red during that circumstance, the quarterback comes alive. Sometimes when you're moving the pocket, your quarterback can create late in the ground. Receivers that have that feel to become quarterback-friendly late in the down are important. Josh has that. It's something you can't teach, what Easton and Josh were doing there. I thought it was a really instinctive play by both guys. That's what you need to do when you're down against good teams; you have to score touchdowns."

On K Michael Badgley:

"I thought Badgley competed really well this week in practices and in the game. He got plenty of lift on the field goal and both his kickoffs, were where we expected them to be. The competition is bringing out the best in that position. Both guys competed well this week. We're going to see where it goes."

On the communication between coaches and players:

"I was really pleased with our operation overall. That was something that was a big emphasis for me, making sure we're more connected with our players; who's in, who's out. There are so many moving parts during preseason, and I thought we managed them well today. Our teams operated at a much higher level today."

On how he's feeling after two preseason games:

"I feel confident. I feel like our operation has been clean. I feel like we should've pumped it when we took the delay, and they said they would've if it weren't a preseason game. We're just learning the mechanics with the officials. We're learning a lot. I felt like our communication late in the game, as it relates to four-minute, was good. We decided to punt it and manage all three of our timeouts. We got that roughing the passer penalty and had a lot of room to operate. We managed it well, I'm proud of the way we handled it. Unfortunately, that penalty have them three more downs."

On the penalties:

"I take it really seriously. Both teams got over 12 penalties, I didn't think [49ers Head Coach] Kyle [Shanahan] and myself would be pleased with that many penalties. Granted, it is preseason, and you're trying to get a feel for how people officiate. Sometimes old habits die hard. We had a lineman on a screen that threw cut. [Referee] Land Clark and his crew came to the Westin this week and had a big meeting about that emphasis. Sometimes it's the habit, so as much as you emphasize it, you need to go through those tough lessons. We just learned that's a 15-yard penalty. I think we'll learn a lot from that. But we're always trying to emphasize clean football because that's ultimately what leads to a successful team. You don't want to beat yourself and you want to give yourself a chance to win. You don't want to lose those hidden yards because of penalties."

On weighing preseason games and practice reps when evaluating the competition between Daniel and Stick:

"I think it's all a part of the evaluation. I think that context matters. The game environment for sure matters; but our practices matter because it's a little bit more of a pure environment. I think you factor in all of it, and when we get to the end, we'll have a huge sample size to draw from. I think that'll help us make an accurate decision"

On the challenges of evaluating quarterbacks:

"You can control a lot of the variables that may hold a quarterback back from expressing himself. Second half of this game is a good example of it. I don't think Chase Daniel can express himself because when he's avoiding disasters, avoiding catastrophes, I think that what's he did out there. It's tough out there and I appreciate the guy for it. Part of the quarterback evaluation process is that when the stakes they were tonight how were you playing. It's all part of the evaluation I'm so glad that we have both guys. Most teams can't say that they have three guys like we do."

On CB Michael Davis:

"I feel like he's still new for our defense. He's still a new player to the NFL. He's been in the NFL, but he hasn't been a starter for very long. He's one of those guys where you want to get his feet within our defense. He had that hold on third-and-seven, which he is going to learn from. Being out there is going to allow him to have the confidence to become the player we know he is capable of being. I love where he is right now, he has had a really good camp, he's got a lot of confidence right now and I think it's just getting him a quarter of work does a lot for his confidence"

On T Rashawn Slater and T Bryan Bulaga:

"They would have [played if this was regular season]. They worked out well before the game and, like I said, I'm disappointed that we couldn't get Rashawn out there. I know that he wanted to go, but he's going to be back at practice next week and we are excited to get him back."

On CB Tevaughn Campbell:

"I thought he competed well at times. I thought he was connected for the most part, especially on a couple tough routes, he got beat on the touchdown. I wish I could do a better job helping him deny the ball on third-and-four. Could have specialized the slot there to help him out, but he's doing well. He's showing he has traits that translate in his league on seams and corner. We got him inside and some star work, too, which I thought was really good for him because that's what he is going to do. He's got to prove he's playing outside and inside and has to be a factor for us on the team. He's still such a new player. Like with a lot of them, it's just consistency and performance and I'm excited he's really showing more resilience in this camp, which I think has been important to show what you need, as a young player, to bounce back. I felt like he had a good performance tonight"

On the quarterbacks:

"It's happened before, for sure. I think a lot depends on now and when that day comes in terms of injuries and how the rest of the roster takes shape, but I know that I'm happy we have three that's for sure."

LOS ANGELES CHARGERS QUARTERBACK EASTON STICK**On the touchdown pass to WR Joshua Palmer:**

"It was a really good job by Josh staying alive. [RB] Joshua Kelley was working the front line, and Joshua [Palmer] was working the back line there. It wasn't a great coverage. They [49ers defense] kind of got us there. Credit to the guys finding a way and making a play."

On getting last-second throw over three defenders:

"You are just kind of playing at that point and it got stretched so far that, it was either someone was going to pop out late or just tossed out of bounds. Luckily for us, Josh [Palmer] found a way to uncover in the back. [There were] a few guys attached to me and there was enough of a window to kind of sneak it in there."

On the offense:

"It's been a lot of fun kind of working through it with [QB] Justin [Herbert], with [QB] Chase [Daniel]. Chase has so much knowledge of it, being with [Offensive Coordinator] Joe [Lombardi] for such a long period of time. Their relationship is really cool, so I think Justin and I have learned a lot from him and we are all just working through this thing together. Every day we are trying to get a little bit better and learn from each other about how it all fits together. I think these reps out here, live real reps, are the best way to do that."

On for the backup quarterbacks:

"It's honestly something I am not focused on. For me, it is just trying to improve. I know when I started camp, I just wanted to get to the end and feel like I was a better player. I think I am on the way to doing that. I think every time I have gone out there, I am feeling more comfortable. Every day at practice, understanding a little bit better what we are trying to do and why we are calling things. So that is really all I am looking for, trying to improve and let all that stuff take care of itself at the end of the day. Everybody in there wants to win football games and that is the bottom line. So we are just trying to improve and get ready to go."

On throw on the run to WR Jalen Guyton:

"It was just a really good scheme, something [Offensive Coordinator] Joe [Lombardi] saw and we kind of put in last minute. An opportunity to give a guy a chance to make a play. [Jalen] JG [Guyton] did a great job, his release was awesome and he is one of those guys that can fly. So you just put it out there and we had a good coverage to beat it. Credit to Joe for putting it in and JG making the play."

On the reunion with 49ers QB Trey Lance:

"It was pretty cool going back and forth and seeing Trey out there; spending a little bit of time with him this week. I know he would say the same thing, but Fargo, N.D., means the world to us. That program is really special and it is a reason why I think I have an opportunity to still play football to this day. I really appreciate [North Dakota State Associate Head Coach/Passing Game Coordinator/Quarterbacks] Coach [Randy] Hedberg. I love that guy a ton and he means a lot to me. So, it was a lot of fun to be out there with Trey and get a chance to represent the Bison a little bit."

On the takeaways of the past week:

"I think tonight compared to three days ago, I think we are a better football team. We learned a ton about ourselves and what it takes to compete against a really good football team because that team is great. Especially up front, their front seven men are really talented and going against those guys all week, out here [with] live [reps] was really good for us. It helped us, challenged us, and honestly it is a different scheme. Some of the stuff you are running is a little bit different and having the chance to game plan a little bit and go through that process is a benefit as well."

On the safety:

"I can't have the ball there in that situation and I needed to find a way to get rid of it. It is just a situation where you cannot take a safety and I have to be better."

On pocket collapsing:

"You do not want to get caught with that because it is two points either way. Just understanding where we are at on the field and I know that I just do not want to finish with the ball in the end zone like I did there."

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS HEAD COACH KYLE SHANAHAN**On if DL Maurice Hurst suffered a high ankle sprain:**

"No, I don't know yet. I think he did it in the first two or three plays, so for him to not return, I'm sure it wasn't very good."

On his level of frustration with the offense:

"First two series I was frustrated with, just not making those catches on third down. I was really happy with the first drive, was planning on putting [QB Jimmy Garoppolo] in for a few more series, but we had 16 plays on that first drive. For us to not make the play with that turnover and for them to get the ball. Trey came in, wanted to get him going a little bit on the first third down, but [WR] Deebo [Samuel] should have made that play, too. After that, we kind of had the same situation the next third down and third series. I thought that one was a little too hard for [WR Mohamed] Sanu to come down with though, that would have been a very great catch. I thought he had a chance to come out, sputtered a little bit around him, then I thought he lost it a little bit. I was glad he was able to finish that in the second quarter, then coming out, I think on our second drive in the third quarter and take a shot at it for a touchdown."

On QB Trey Lance's 'pace' of throwing:

"I think when you can throw it really hard, when you're amped up and ready to go, some of those things are going to happen. You would love to make it easier and catch footballs, but also our guys better get used to it. He throws pretty hard. Some are tougher than others, but I don't think that had to do with a couple."

On speaking with Lance after his 'shaky' start to the game:

"Yeah, I talked to him a couple times during the game. I just try not to overreact about anything. You want everything to go perfect. A lot of eyes are on him, so I was a little more frustrated at those first couple opportunities that I thought he had, where some guys could have helped made it a little easier for him to get into his rhythm. After that, he struggled a little bit, but it's kind of what we talked about and expected before each game. Don't go in there and try to impress anyone or prove anything, just go in there and try to get better. Whether it's good or bad, he played well. This is your second game in about 500 days or something like that, so just soak it all in and make sure you learn from it. We only have a few of these, we only have one more left. I'm excited, like last week, to get back and watch the film with him."

On if he listens to how Lance is communicating with Quarterbacks Coach Rich Scangarello:

"I mean, I'm talking to Rich a lot in the headset, too, during that. I'm also trying to keep my eyes on the defense and make sure I don't lose track of that part of the game. I go wherever I feel I need to. I'm not a coach that just, if something is really good or really bad, I'm going to go over there and make much of a scene. I communicate that through our electronics, our technology, and if I need to talk to Trey about something, I'll make sure I have the chance to do so."

On the defense's performance:

"Yeah that was fun for the third defense. Anytime you play the run like they did, play like they did on third down, I think you give your team a chance to win big. We didn't do that today because of turnovers and how we were on third downs on offense."

On if Lance 'took steps back' in his development:

"I think it is too early to say. I have my eyes down the field most of the time. I'm not watching him a lot. He did much better at the end of this week. I didn't see as much of a fundamental issue."

On if the inconsistency of either starting strong or ending strong is to be expected in the preseason:

"No, I think it's just sports. Nothing will ever be consistent. It's different every day. We're putting guys out there for the first time, so I'm not making any excuses for anyone, but there will never be a great answer to those questions because you go out there and compete. You have different functions, different coverages. There's 11 guys out there and if [WR] Deebo [Samuel] catches that first third down for them, like I know he's capable of, the whole first drive might be a lot better. I wish that he made a better throw on the next series up on the third down to [WR Mohamed] Sanu [Sr.], because Sanu, I think, ran a hell of a route and had somewhere to run. You change those two, which one I think was more [QB] Trey's [Lance] fault, one I think it wasn't, you change those two and you might look at everything different. That's why I try not to get too caught up in it and panic and go over and talk to him or anything. You just let them play it out, learn from the situation and get to the play. I'll watch it."

On Lance's 'rebound' performance:

"Yeah, I was happy for him. I mean, you understand the situation. I understand whatever Trey does, the guys are going to be on him. I don't want him to have that pressure, but it's also the reality of this business. I thought last week he had that big throw, which I think is fun to watch for a lot of people, so that takes a little pressure off, but he didn't play after that as good as he would have liked to. This week, I think he came out much more locked in, more comfortable. I thought we had a chance to start early, pretty fast, and we didn't. It started to kind of stack up a little bit where it seemed like it was going in the wrong direction. That's why I was pumped about getting the two-minute drill at the end. The defense being able to stop them and get it back to us. Trey can't get enough two-minute drives in before the season starts, so I was pumped for that. Then, what we did in the third quarter, I was really happy with how we finished."

On any 'doubt' if QB Jimmy Garoppolo will be the starter:

"No, I haven't seen that. Although, I would love for it to be more and more [of a competition] each week, I think the situation is pretty similar right now."

On if he planned to have QB Jimmy Garoppolo to do two drives:

"Yeah, I was really hoping, we don't really have ones or twos out there for the most part, we're sitting a lot of 1s. There are some ones out there. I was really hoping to mix a lot of guys up — receivers, o-line and our quarterback. So, I was going to go with Jimmy for the first series, put [QB] Trey [Lance] in for two, then put Jimmy back. We were going to change up the same with [OL] Laken [Tomlinson], [OL Mike [McGlinchey] and some of the wideouts, but I wasn't expecting a 16-play drive for the first one, either. That's kind of the problem. I would like to get our twos some experience without ones, but if you let the ones go all the way for their 16-20 plays, and then your second quarterback comes in, I'm going to have to leave him out there for 40 plays just so they can get some work in with those. We were going to work it that way, but when you have a 16-play drive, our goal is only three or four more plays, so we need to shut it down."

On if QB Jimmy Garoppolo is their starter for Week 1:

"No, I'm not making that announcement.

"Whenever I feel like it. Tonight's not that night."

On RBs Wayne Gallman III and JaMychal Hasty taking the workload:

"I thought they did a good job. Always when you go into a game with just two backs, it's a challenge. I was thinking [FB Josh] Hoke was going to have to help us out there in the fourth a little bit, but those guys kept battling and running hard. I thought they did a good job today. There are always things you want to take back, but those guys ran hard for us. Today especially, something like 33 carries and it wasn't all pretty, but it gave us a chance to win."

On if the plan was to play OL Jaylon Moore the whole game:

"I want to play him a lot. We're trying to beat him down. He was in school there early, with [OL] Shon Coleman out this week. You're running out of some tackles. He's got a lot of ability, he's got a lot of high belief in him from drafting him and the way he's done here. Anytime you're young, whether it's good or bad, the more you can be out there and fight through the stuff, the better it's going to help you in the year."

On if DB Deommodore Lenoir has exceeded his expectations:

"I wouldn't say that. I think we got both of those draft picks and our corners are getting a lot of opportunity out there. I think he has done some good things, but by no means has he been perfect, either. There's a lot of things he needs to be better at. He'll have a pick in practice in the last two minutes, which seems fun and stuff, but they play before that he gave up a fourth and ten. Way too far off. There's a lot of good things, which I'm excited about, but by no means are they ready yet. They need to keep going."

On the pass rush:

"I thought they did a good job. When they're backed up, getting that safety, that was when there were zero's on the board, when we weren't doing very well. It was nice to see two points up there, as embarrassing as that could be. I love [DE] Jordan [Willis] doing that, a guy that's going with it. The whole game, whoever was in there, I think we were coming off the ball off hard and what I saw was that they were affecting the quarterback from it."

On if DE Jordan Willis and LDT Kentavius Street have made big strides from last year:

"Yeah, I think they have. Both of them. We have some depth on our defensive line. It's going to be tough decisions. Both of those guys I think have taken a step forward."

On how QB Trey Lance lives up to his expectations:

"I think pretty close to what you think. You know, you put guys out there in situations, especially a quarterback from a smaller school and doing some different stuff, you're not going to go out there — Trey runs the ball too, but you're not going to do that stuff in a preseason game. So you put them in a situation where you're practicing stuff that he isn't fully majored in and hasn't done a ton of, which makes it a lot harder for him. I think that's a good thing about these games. I think the tough in a person that no matter how it goes, you improve from all of it."

On Lance practicing with the starters in the Friday practice:

"The same thing. I thought I might put him in a little in the game, so I didn't want it to be the first time here. In the second quarter in the second drive, I was thinking about doing it. I wanted to see how he did out there, but it was also because I wanted him to go against [Chargers LB Joey] Bosa and [Chargers S] Derwin James, and people like that. It was the one ball period we had. We didn't do any 3s in camp either — not camp, but this week versus the Chargers — and I knew [QB] Nate [Sudfeld] was going to play in the second half, and that was an easy way to get Nate six reps too, by letting Jimmy [Garoppolo] take a [practice] period off, let Trey do six, then let Nate do six also."

On when he will name the starting Quarterback:

"It's hard for me to get a date when it's just when I feel like naming it. I promise it will be by that Sunday."

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS QUARTERBACK JIMMY GAROPPOLO

On what he was told before the game about his playing time today:

"I kind of knew the plan going into it — go in, come out, go back in type of thing. We had a good first drive. We were moving the ball pretty well. Unfortunate ending to it, but a lot of good came out of that drive."

On his interception:

"I got to get it down, no doubt. But one play, you can't dwell on it for too long. Wish we would have had more opportunities to go back out there, but I think it was like a 16-, 17-play drive, so like I said, a lot of good came out of it. Just wish I had that one a little lower."

On if he threw to WR Brandon Aiyuk because he knew that a penalty would be called:

"I knew we had man [coverage] one-on-one, I'll take that all day. I had a lot of confidence in him on the route. He was trying to fight through it. I could tell, I could kind of see what was about to happen and, yeah, I feel like if I don't throw it, it's going to be hard for them to throw the flag, so a little bit of both."

On his 10-yard run and if the coaches have told him not to run in the preseason:

"They're telling me not to get hit, I don't know about not run. It was one of those things. I don't even know who got through, but I felt some pressure and saw a lane, so I just tried to take it. It was kind of just something that happens out there."

On the 15-play drive on the first offensive possession:

"Just staying in a 16-, 17-drive like that, we were moving it pretty well. That's tough. It takes the momentum away from the other team, kind of lets your guys get rolling, control the clock, all that stuff. When we've done that in the past, we usually have success. That's what I was saying. It was a good start. I wish we would have been able to do more with it, but hopefully next week we'll have that opportunity."

On whether he'd be ready to go if Week 1 was next weekend:

"Oh yeah. I'm ready to roll. It'll be nice, this next — we were talking about it on the sideline — to get all the guys out there, even if it's just for a half or the end of the third quarter. It'll be nice to have the guys out there and get things rolling and see where we're at right now."

On if he wants more playing time in the final preseason game:

"I'd hope so, yeah. We'll see what happens. [Head coach] Kyle [Shanahan] likes to keep us guessing a little bit. I'm looking forward to next week."

On whether he's ever played a series, left the game, and returned for another series later:

"I know what you're saying. I don't think I've done it in the past. In New England, I had some weird reps back in the day. Definitely it would be hard to get into a rhythm like that, as a quarterback at least. I don't know, we'll see what happens. In the preseason, you always have to be on your toes for stuff like that. We had linemen doing weird rotations today, just with injuries and things. There's a lot of that that goes on that you don't even really see, but it's always happening that type of stuff."

On whether he finds scripted practices or live game action more beneficial in the joint practice setting:

"I think the practice probably. A lot of good comes from the game, especially for me, you got a lot of holes flying, things like that, but practice, you get a lot of those two days. In the preseason, teams are trying to hide some stuff and keep some things close to the vest, so you don't really see everything, but in practice, you get a good taste of it. I thought we've battled with them for two days. It was some good back-and-forth stuff, we made some big-time plays the first day, even the second day. Overall, I think the practice is more important. I don't know if that's the word, but I like it better."

On if Shanahan has been 'challenging the quarterbacks behind the scenes' in training camp:

"I think [Head coach] Kyle [Shanahan] is always challenging us. I think he knows us and knows how to push guys in certain ways, I guess you could say. I'm not too worried about that. I'm just trying to go out there and now get ready for the Raiders. I think we had a productive this week against the Chargers, got a lot of good work out of it, but there are so many other things to worry about it. I'll let the chips fall where they may type of thing."

On QB Trey Lance's performance:

"The touchdown throw was really nice. He progressed to it quickly, threw a nice ball to Trav [WR Travis Benjamin]. I thought he was playing well. Like all rookies, there's room for improvement and things like that, but overall, I thought he had command out there."

On WR Travis Benjamin:

"Yeah, Trav's consistent. You know what you're going to get from him. He's fast as hell, so you love to have that. He's just one of those guys that you know what you're going to get every day from. He's been around for a while. He knows how this thing goes. Just a nice guy to have out there, a good threat for us."

On quarterback group's interactions between offensive series:

"Just like any other ones. [QB Coach] Rich [Scangarello] does a great job of simplifying the game plan for us, simplifying what they're doing defensively, so I love having him back. He's not trying to do too much and put too much in your head and have you thinking about all these things. He knows you've got to go out there and play. He's just smooth with it. I don't really know how to describe it. It's a smooth process. He gives you the information you need to know. If Kyle or one of the other coaches is telling him something, he'll always relay that to you in a good, clear way, and you appreciate him for that."

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS QUARTERBACK TREY LANCE**On what he was going through emotionally during the first three drives:**

"I think the first two honestly, for me confidence wise it just meant that I thought it went a lot better probably then they looked. With the one throw to [WR] Deebo [Samuel] just missing with me behind him, and then the tip ball that I threw to [WR Mohamed] Mo [Sanu] coming inside. The same thing, I knew I missed the similar throw in cut to Deebo. I missed a little behind him so I wanted to make sure I put it in front of him and I thought with a little better of a ball, he'd probably score us on that play on his birthday. I was frustrated for sure, but at the same time I learned so much, I think from each of those drives that it was easy to just turn the page. I think I was just as confident from that point on as I went throughout the game."

On what Head Coach Kyle Shanahan was saying to him throughout the game:

"We talked a couple times throughout the game just about the same thing, just throwing down and making those throws. Those two for sure are ones that I wanted to have, obviously, and I think you know turnovers can happen. I think that was the biggest thing and the biggest point he made after the game, as well. Just that we had too many turnovers and mine was a big one for sure."

On how the week's practice prepared him for tonight's game:

"I think this week was huge just for my development just for a player not even necessarily for tonight, if that makes sense. I think I learned so much this week, and practice against another defense, getting to be around different guys, and have a different experience, practice in a different setting. So I learned a lot for sure and, at the same time, got to take all those reps this week that I wouldn't have against our defense back in Santa Clara."

On seeing the fan's support on the road:

"It means the world. It's super cool and is something that thankfully is used to our advantage in a situation like this. It's awesome being able to look out and see red even at the joint practices this week. It was really really cool and I didn't really know what to expect but it was super exciting when I got to see all the red jerseys out there."

On his talk with QB Coach Rich Scangarello before the two-minute drill and what his mindset:

"Score a touchdown. I think that's kind of the conversation we have. Get a drive going and score and end it the right way. I think that's kind of the conversation we have before every drive. Talking through what we like, what we don't like, what we're seeing. Just make sure all the quarterbacks and him, and Coach Shanahan are on the same page with everything. I don't remember exactly know specifically what it was but I'm sure it was along those lines."

On looking left to see if WR Travis Benjamin was open before throwing for a touchdown:

"Yeah, it was kind of a full field progression for me, so yeah it was one thing, hold the safety, check [TE MyCole] Pruitt was my first look and then check the wide and go on the outside to my left to No. 1 receiver was another option. Then we ended up getting a five man pressure, which is perfect to throw through route. Travis was in the right spot and obviously we got him the ball."

On contemplating being the starting quarterback:

"Zero. Just focused on getting better, learn as much as I can. We have such a great quarterback group and such a great lockerroom of guys that I can learn from on and off the field. So for me that's been the focus."

"Different mindset [from being a redshirt in 2018], for sure. I knew [Chargers QB] Easton [Stick] at the time was the starter. Easton was the winningest quarterback in FCS history, so I had no business taking that spot from him. For me, it's similar in the fact that I'm able to learn as much as I possibly can. At the same time, I think now, you know in a position where I still get to compete and be a little bit more ready than I did probably as a redshirt freshman in college. But yes similar, similar for sure just learning as much as I can."

On reverting to some of the techniques that he'd been working on and if he felt like it's been corrected:

"Yeah, I got to watch it after the Kansas City game for sure. I think, especially with my footwork I reverted a little bit back towards to what they had seen before. I got to training camp and had put all that work in to be as ready as I could be for training camp. I definitely feel like I calmed myself down a little bit this week and was able to kind of settle in and get a little bit of a rhythm."

On if there are times when he doesn't feel the need to throw the ball as hard to the receivers:

"I'm definitely not throwing the ball as hard as I can every throw. For me, it's just my mindset is throwing catchable passes. I know the receivers appreciate it and their hands and fingers do as well. Like I said, the one to Deebo [Samuel], the one to [Mohamad] Mo [Sanu Sr.], those are both on me for sure. If I put it in a spot where they can't drop it, then it makes it a lot easier on them, makes it a lot easier on me, and obviously they can catch and run."

On if it's tangible in his mind what he learned from this game and all the situations he was placed in:

"Yeah, I think throughout this whole week I think I come away from these games and these practices and weeks just being thankful for everything that I've learned this whole entire week. Obviously, the end goal is to win the game, but at the same time I think for me especially in the situation that I'm in, learning as much as I can and being able to go back and watch the tape tonight and tomorrow with the coaching staff and with the quarterbacks in the room. I think that's where I grow and where I learn the most."

On if he feels like he is ready to start:

"I'm just going to keep learning. Learn as much as I possibly can and I have a great group of quarterbacks around me that are helping me along the way."

On fitting the ball into tight windows in college and the pros:

"I don't know if it's a whole lot different. Football is just kind of just a field thing, but Mo [Sanu Sr.] ran a great route on that first one [touchdown] and was just super excited to hit him on that one."

On how far he's come since the start of training camp:

"I think just the number of reps that I've had. Not only in games but just the practice reps, practicing against our defense. I feel like I've learned so much every single rep that I take, no matter if it's in a game or in a practice. Obviously, in joint practices this week, I got to learn a ton and those are just different situations and experiences that I get to have. I guess my mindset more is that once I make a mistake, I try not to make it again and that's kind of how I remember. That's the best way for me to learn."