



## Chiefs Head Coach Andy Reid Quotes January 21, 2019

**OPENING STATEMENT:** “Here we go. I don’t have any injuries for you right now. The guys are coming in and doing their exit physicals today. I’ll have a chance to talk to the team, that’s really what today is all about. Then obviously we will go back and look at the rest of it. Everything is a little too fresh right this minute. I do appreciate the fans and all the support they gave us this year, they were phenomenal. Obviously, our goal was to bring a Super Bowl here, and we didn’t get that done. It didn’t happen, but we will go back to work and strive to do that for this city. I appreciate the effort the players and coaches gave this year to the organization. Again, we will go back and evaluate everything once things settle down a little bit. Anyways, with that, time’s yours.”

**Q:** What do you think this game does for Patrick (Mahomes) moving forward?

**REID:** “I think it is a great learning experience. I mentioned that during the season. I thought every game was a learning experience for him, something where he could get something out of the game and get better as a player. He still has room to grow. He knows that, and he will work hard this offseason to do that. What a great start he had and nice foundation he built. He got to see the magnitude of a game like this and how it’s a little bit faster than the game before and that’s the way it continues up through the Super Bowl.”

**Q:** What is his (Patrick Mahomes) offseason challenge? What do you want him to work on?

**REID:** “I will go through all of that with him. I’ll sit back and evaluate it. That’s what this time now is for, to do that. I don’t want to talk about all of that now. I’m not going to get into all that.”

**Q:** What was your process like after the game last night?

**REID:** “It was very final, first of all. Unless you are winning the Super Bowl, it’s final. You work so hard to make sure you get everything done and prepare yourself. For it to end, I have to go back and get organized for today. Today is a big day as far as the exit physicals and then having a meeting with each player, so trying to organize that.”

**Q:** Do you sleep?

**REID:** “I didn’t sleep much last night, but I’m good to go. I am ready for you guys.”

**Q:** Would you set up overtime to be a different kind of model?

**REID:** “I’ve sat in on a few of those meetings. They go back and forth. It’s what the league came up with, and I support it. I sure would’ve liked to have had another crack at it though.”

**Q:** Is it reasonable to suggest there's a fundamental unfairness to one team having a chance to score and that's it?

**REID:** "You have to be a good coin-flipper and then you have to get off the field if you don't have the ball."

**Q:** What do you feel needs to change on the defensive side of the ball for next season?

**REID:** "Listen, all of those things, players and all of that, I'll look at everything. I'll take a peek at all of it."

**Q:** Brett (Veach) harped on the emphasis of getting tougher on defense and the draft philosophy. For them to run the way they did a year later, is that tough to swallow?

**REID:** "We wanted to do better there. I would tell you that they are probably saying the same thing, and they are going to the Super Bowl. When it comes down to the last drive, you magnify where it is, but this was the championship game. It was in overtime. When you really cut to the chase of it here, the few games we lost, we lost by minimal points, so we were obviously doing something right."

**Q:** Do you have a timeline of when you'll know if the defensive coordinator will be back next year? Do you want him back?

**REID:** "What I do, I go back. I never talk about that here. I've never done that. It's something I go back and look at everything, that's the best answer I can give you for that."

**Q:** Patrick Mahomes had a great year, throwing 50 touchdowns. None of the quarterbacks to throw 50 touchdowns won the Super Bowl, and there's still only one guy who's thrown 40 touchdowns who has won it. Is that a sign that when you are that prolific it leaves you vulnerable somewhere else?

**REID:** "Listen, I will go back and look at it. We are sitting here, this is the championship game and we lost to the Super Bowl team in overtime. I know that's real. We have to get better in a lot of areas. We have to get better. I got it. You can about count on one hand the number of points that you lost all of your games with. This is part of the problem here, when you lose you have to face all of this. I get it, but there's a time and a place to look at everything. A little bit more of a rational position than less than 24 hours after a game. A final game."

**Q:** You said Patrick Mahomes learned some things during the course of the game, where specifically did you see him learn and adjust to and get better at throughout the course of the game last night?

**REID:** "Last night, they started off blitzing. They came out blitzing every down. I think he did a great job of adjusting a few little things in his game and the rest of the guys did. I did part of the play calling which is important. It gave us a chance there to straighten some things out and win some one-on-one battles. It takes a certain look to make sure you can handle that."

**Q:** When you have a player like that, how much do you feel like it's your job in the bigger picture moving forward to get the team to a Super Bowl and win it with him at quarterback?

**REID:** "You've known me a long time. I am always going to do what I think is right for the team to try to make it the best possible team we can. We were this close, on an offside, of being in Atlanta. I am going to work like crazy on my end to make sure it's right. Doing what I think is right for the Chiefs."

**Q:** What did you think of the gesture by Tom Brady to go into the locker room and speak to Patrick Mahomes after the game?

**REID:** "I thought that was phenomenal. Tremendous amount of respect. I don't think Tom (Brady) does that with everybody. For him to come in and talk to Patrick I thought was special. It was a very nice gesture by him."

**Q:** You mentioned the offsides penalty, what do you say to Dee Ford, who had such a great season, for the lasting impression to be that moment?

**REID:** "Well, I haven't seen him yet. He did have a great season. He was doing everything possible to try to get to the quarterback. Like I said, it wasn't but by a few inches. I thought it was legitimate, on the angle of our camera at least, that he might have been off by a tad. Normally, you are warned, and the coach is warned if someone is doing that before they throw it in a game of that magnitude, but they did. He didn't waste any time doing it either, he didn't wait until the interception to throw it, he had his hand on his flag right from the get-go. He saw it from his angle and felt like that was the call."

**Q:** What is Eric Berry's offseason going to look like from a medical standpoint?

**REID:** "We are going through all of that now. The guys are coming in, they go through all of their exit stuff. I don't have any of that information for you right now."

**Q:** There are times where a coach loses his voice to his players or it gets stale, do you get that sense with how guys respond to Bob (Sutton) and how do you think they've handled his direction on defense this year?

**REID:** "I didn't feel that."

**Q:** You all have had a good run of coming out and jumping on teams early, getting those three and outs when you defer, how difficult is it when that's the rhythm of what you all do and the Patriots were out there for a long time the first drive, taking up eight minutes?

**REID:** "Normally it doesn't matter what the other team does. Normally we get out and sustain drives. We were the best team in football at scoring on the first drive. We didn't get that done. I will take responsibility for it. As long as they kept the ball, we could've kept the ball. It's no different. We were able to bounce ourselves back and put ourselves in position where you're able to take care of things."

**Q:** There was a roughing the passer call on Chris Jones, did you think the new implementation of the roughing the passer rule was a success this years?

**REID:** "I don't know about that, but that one I didn't agree with. I saw our quarterback from play 27 on get two hits that were way worse than that that weren't called. I thought the offsides was a legitimate call. I didn't agree with that one"

**Q:** How much did experience play into the result of the AFC Championship game?

**REID:** "I thought a little bit early. I felt like when we rebounded we put ourselves in a position to win the game. It really came down to inches there as it does when two good teams play each other, and we were short by inches with an interception with the ball in our hand. Game over. That is the part that hurts there. You have opportunities to take care of business. You want to do it. Can we learn from it? Yeah, that's what we are going to do. That's what you do right now, then you get yourself ready for the next haul next year."

**Q:** How would you describe the young defensive players' season and what is the next step for them going forward?

**REID:** "I'll go back and look at all that. I mentioned during the season with the exception giving something to you on this, but during the season I thought our young guys did some nice things. I thought the addition in our secondary of a couple of things tightened things up and we played better. I thought as (Derrick) Nnadi continued to grow he had a tremendous season. Those are things that there were some good additions in there. We will continue to grow there with the young guys. We will continue to get better. That is a positive. We lead the National Football League in sacks, hurries on the quarterback, all those things. We will tighten it up on the backend a little bit, we got better there. That's not an easy thing to do. It's not easy to be in the championship game. Remember that. As you ask all these questions remember that. This isn't an easy thing. Don't understand right now, just listen. It is not an easy thing to do. There's a lot of credit that goes out to these guys that busted their tail to put this organization and this city to have an opportunity like that. That is a special thing. We will work on taking care of the rest. But don't down play that there were only four teams playing yesterday and you were one of them."

**Q:** In your years coaching, have you ever had so many young players on one side of the ball that were going to grow together in year one and year two and year three like this group of young guys?

**REID:** "I don't have the numbers for you. You have more access to that than I would at this point. I've had some good teams and I have had some young guys that have helped that Philadelphia organization get to the Super Bowl. I will tell you, this is a good group right here of young guys, the nucleus of this group. And it is important in today's football that the nucleus of this group gives you an opportunity to win football games and strive to win the championship."

**Q:** What will you remember most about this team?

**REID:** "I think the heart of the players. I go back to those games that we lost. We lost by just a few points. You can literally, it might be both ends, but it wasn't much, the total number of points. I'm proud of the guys and the effort, the tenacity. You saw yesterday that they never got down and they continued to fight and put ourselves in a position to win the game."

**Q:** Lamar Jackson relayed an anecdote about a coordinator in the AFC who that suggested that he become a wide receiver and he was kind of incredulous. Do you think because of Patrick Mahomes and others that this kind of thinking is over?

**REID:** "I've taken no surveys as I've said. I've never looked at it that way. Never plan on looking at it that way. I don't see that kind of thing. We're all the same in my eyes here and we're a team. That's the important thing. I've never heard anybody that's gone that direction with things. I was a big fan of Warren Moon, you mention those things, and (James Harris) before that. All these guys that have come up and played, I know times might have been a little different then. Again, I've never heard that, just you see it. Now I don't think it's even a question, and that's a beautiful thing. That's a beautiful thing."

**Q:** Have you evaluated yourself and your future?

**REID:** "I'll evaluate myself. I do that daily. I'll continue to do that."

**Q:** Do you plan on being the coach next year?

**REID:** "I'm the coach right now, unless Clark (Hunt) tells me different."

**Q:** What did you expect of Patrick Mahomes at beginning of the year and how did this year compare to that?

**REID:** "We thought Patrick was obviously worth going up and getting (in the draft). We did that. I liked what I saw at the Denver game, I liked what I saw during training camp. During the Denver game I wasn't sure that was the direction we were going with Alex (Smith), but I thought Patrick did do a nice job in that game with room to grow. I saw him continue to grow during training camp. Every week since then I thought he continued to better his game, which is a great foundation for him. His work ethic and his love for the game, his leadership, all of those things I thought continued to grow. That'll drive him and it gives us a great opportunity to be a productive football team."

**Q:** Did the 50 touchdowns surprise you?

**REID:** "I'm not real big on numbers, you know that. But that was a pretty impressive deal, I will say."