



## **POSTGAME QUOTES**

**Carolina Panthers vs. Tampa Bay Buccaneers**  
**Sunday, November 4, 2018**

### **Carolina Panthers**

***Head Coach Ron Rivera***  
***Carolina Panthers***

**RE: The versatility of the offense**

It's kind of neat to see the different group of guys we have and to have them come out and all contribute one way or another. It speaks well to the personnel that we have here on both sides of the ball, in fact in all three phases. I'm very pleased with it. We've still got some young guys that have a lot to learn. We had a few mistakes out there and those are things we have to get corrected.

**RE: Misdirection allowing the offense to play fast**

I think the biggest thing when you look at it, we use the right kind of guys. Norv [Turner] as far as creating things and putting things together, we're taking advantage of those types of guys and we are putting them into position. That's probably the biggest thing we that we have to look at is making sure we are putting them into position to have success.

**RE: The success in using misdirection today and this season**

I think a lot of it is just having to do with the personnel and getting them all back on the field healthy. Remember again, Curtis [Samuel] was out for a little bit so there were some things he was still working and trying to put into play for us. Just real pleased with that. Real pleased with again, the different personnel groupings that we have and having them all come in and contribute.

**RE: Curtis Samuel and what he offers the team now that he is healthy**

He is just explosive and he is a dynamic playmaker. A lot like in the mold of DJ [Moore], he is tough to bring down. But you look at the other guys we had out there and you look at the traditional players we have and you see Devin Funchess making plays, you see Jarius Wright coming up with a couple of big catches so again, the whole contribution by that group I think is what has been very good for us.

**RE: Torrey Smith**

It gives us a different type of game. Torrey [Smith] is our vertical attack guy and he has been very good at that for us. But with these young guys we can go sideways with them because of their quickness, speed and ability to make cuts. As I said, they are tough to bring down.

**RE: What does the double reverse say about Norv Turner?**

That he is willing to call it. It's something, again, that when you play a defensive unit with as many talented athletes that they have that can run well, you've got to get them off balance. We were able to do that early on

with the first reverse and then coming back with a double reverse, I think really caught them again because they over pursued and it played in really well to the game planning portion of it.

**RE: How effective was the pass rush/pressure on Ryan Fitzpatrick?**

We were very effective except for probably the end of the third quarter, into the fourth quarter. They were able to lock us up upfront. I thought our guys rushed well for the most part but we had a little bit of a lull which got a little bit hairy there for a little bit. For the most part we were able to keep it in front of us which was important. We did give up a couple of chunk plays which was disappointing because we had guys in position to make plays and we didn't unfortunately. But again, as I said earlier, we just have to make sure we are giving them an opportunity to make plays and we are putting them into position. Real pleased with the effort that we got. This is the number one offense in the NFL right now so we were able to hold them to right around 300 yards so kudos to what Eric [Washington] and the coaching staff did and kudos to the defensive guys going an execute.

**RE: Does team take it personally going into a week when facing a top ranked opposing unit?**

It's a challenge. It really is. When you go back to last week and talk about the number one defense and their ability to get after the passer and the way our guys anchored down and held up. Then today coming up against a very dynamic, explosive offense and being able to keep them in front of us speaks well to the fact that our guys accepted the challenge. Like I said, that was an impressive thing and very pleased with that.

**RE: Is today James Bradberry's best game of the season?**

It was one of them. It really was one of them. He did some really good things and really was pleased with the effort we got from James [Bradberry]. It was as solid as it gets. Donte [Jackson] did some really good things. A little tweak with him. He blew a coverage and we will talk about that with him. But again, we had some mistakes by some of the young guys as I said earlier and those are the things we are going to have to live with. We know they are going to do some things but we, as coaches, got to make sure we are continuing to instruct them and direct them and give them the chance to continue to grow. That's why we are playing as many young guys as we are playing because we think the future is going to be bright with these young guys.

**RE: Adjustments going forward in facing elite tight ends**

No. I think, again, we will continue to work the way we do things. Again, you also look at the fact that we have played against some really good tight ends but what they also have had very complimentary wide receivers. I guess you look at it and you sit and we think about how do we beat teams with great players like that. You have to be able to keep them in front of you. Unfortunately, somebody is going to come up and make a play for them and the tight ends have done a great job to take nothing away from those guys. Our guys are battling and doing the best they can.

**RE: Eric Reid giving team a spark and then playing through shoulder injury**

Very much so and very courageous. The young man came in and had a big interception, a big return and set us up for a touchdown which was great and helped kind of start the momentum for us which I think we needed obviously, because of their ability to score. Then to watch him fight through that shoulder sprain was very admirable. Again, just a great effort on his part.

**RE: Different players stepping up each week showing the number of weapons team has on offense**

When you look at the offense and see the things that happen, you see the very steady players. You see the Greg Olsen – very steady. You see the Christian McCaffrey, very steady. You see [Devin] Funchess being very steady, Jarius Wright. We have a couple of dynamic young guys who can be explosive which we see. Then who knows what will happen next week. Somebody else may step up. It's exciting to have these kind of players on the field that give you an opportunity to succeed.

**RE: What does Mario Addison provide?**

I think the biggest thing is the explosive off the end and can make an impact. It's good to have a guy like that just making plays for you.

**RE: How important was the 90 yard scoring drive after Tampa Bay brought the game within one touchdown?**

It's important to do what we did. Again, we had opportunities in the third quarter and we didn't convert. We made a couple mistakes that hurt ourselves but again, it just shows when we have to do things, we have that kind of ability.

**RE: Concerns on injuries with the short week**

Well the only one right now that I am aware of is the shoulder that Eric [Reid] has and hopefully we can get that shored up and have him ready for us on Thursday.

**RE: Christian McCaffrey hurdle of Tampa Bay player**

That was pretty impressive. He is an athletic, dynamic football player, who just makes plays for us. That was about as exciting as it gets.

**RE: Cam Newton having teammates around him to help carry load, especially in fourth quarter**

It is interesting to go back and think about that, which I have to be honest with you, and you are right, it is one of those things that you think about that the way that he played in that fourth quarter against Philadelphia, the way he spread the ball around, his completion rates, his conversions on third and fourth down and the steady play. He has carried that over each week the last two weeks. Again, it is pretty exciting. We as a football team have to continue to play to our abilities and more so than anything else, just be consistent as a football team.

**RE: Keeping the team focused and disciplined when the opposing team is driving, like in third quarter today**

Well I think the biggest thing that happened was we made a couple of mistakes and you just try to get those guys to focus back in on what we needed to do, more so than anything else. This was a situation where a lot of it had to do with us. We didn't play to our abilities at a certain stretch but you have to give them credit. Our biggest thing was we had a couple guys make a couple mental errors. We had to take a couple timeouts unfortunately. Then we had to accept a penalty because again, we weren't quite sure where to line up. But as I said, that's part of playing young guys. When you play young guys, they are going to make mistakes. Again, we can't let those things get in the way and define the game. We were able to settle in, we got a penalty unfortunately, and then Cam [Newton] throws a touchdown pass. It's about making plays when you get the chance. We were fortunate enough at the right time we made a couple of plays.

**RE: Coverage of Tampa Bay's fake punt**

For the most part, Chase [Blackburn] put the guys in alert. For the most part, what we are going to do is we try to make sure that we have eyes on the punter. The punter goes through his motions and if he is obviously not punting the ball, then these guys have to find what's happening. They were in the position to. I thought our gunner, Curtis Samuel, was very aware. When the guy tried to cut back inside with the ball, Curtis was in the area. Again, it just speaks well to what Chase is doing when they work our guys and they talk about those things.

**RE: Increase in interceptions this season over last**

I think the secondary is really kind of shaping up nicely and the more they play together, I think the more opportunities they will have. It is good to see those guys come up and make plays when they had opportunities. Again, as you asked earlier, James Bradberry had a tremendous game and probably the only thing that would

have made it an even better game is if he had intercepted one of those balls. He was there where he needed to be, knocked those balls down and defended very well.

**RE: Did you expect Donte Jackson would lead team in rookie season with four interceptions?**

Not necessarily but we expected Donte to come in and play. He is a special athlete and he is one of the guys that I thought our scouts did a great job. As I told you guys before, Marty [Hurney] was very patient in the draft and when the opportunity came, he was there.

***Quarterback Cam Newton  
Carolina Panthers***

**RE: Panthers offensive weapons**

Well, you know when it's clicking it's clicking. It was a tale of the different quarters. First quarter came out, first early three-and-out. Then we started getting traction. We finished strong as far as the first half is concerned, but we have to be better in the third quarter. Knowing that we have to have better habits moving forward. We know that coach mentioned it. I've mentioned it. Everybody really notices it, but as far as the talent level on this team it's extremely scary that we possess a lot of different good matchups in our favor.

**RE: On how much fun it is to have the control to read and call trick plays**

I'm just doing my job. At the end of the day, we don't necessarily call them trick plays because we work on them so much and the way we execute them is like any other play. It's just another thing for the defense to prepare for. We play against good defenses and if we have those guys second-guessing the actual play and trying to find where the football is, the success rate is high for us.

**RE: Curtis Samuel**

Well I told him and Denniston [DJ Moore], I'm going to have a paddle on the field that I'm going to bring and it's going to have one side Denniston and the other side it's going to have Cupid [Curtis Samuel]. The reason I'm going to do that is because they are so talented that if they don't focus, they'll let an opportunity like we had today slip away. For them, it's just getting them the ball. They have to understand where their alignment is, what their assignment is. We ask a lot from those guys and for them to be so young and dynamic, they have to be able to digest the things that we're throwing at them. When they're focused, there are no young players that I'd put those guys up against in this league because they have the physicality, the playmaking ability, and the want to. That's the most important thing. Those guys want to make a big impact on this team and a lot of the impacts come as distractions for other players to come open.

**RE: Norv Turner's play-calling before versus now**

To be honest with you, I really want to start deading the conversations about Norv. We're going in to our seventh, eighth game. At the end of the day, if ya'll don't know what ya'll can see in him, I am getting tired of talking about it. Our relationship is good. It's extremely healthy. We mesh extremely well and at the end of the

day, I don't see any of that changing. As far as the play call from him and myself, I'm the player and he's the coach. Anything he's trying to implement in this offense, I'm all for it.

**RE: On his dynamic with Norv Turner**

"What's up Coach?" "What's up, baby?" "How do you feel?" "I feel alright, you know what I'm saying." "It's going to be a good game today, alright. Stay focused, alright?" Boom. Then when I score a touchdown it's, "Oh I love it".

**RE: Rating Christian McCaffrey's hurdle form**

It's pretty solid and then for him to keep his balance. I know we all saw that commercial of him and J. Smoove. The cat, he was like a cat right there. I told him, it was funny in the game. I felt so bad as we go down and we're in the red zone then all of the sudden we have a play where it's a read for me and I'm looking and I'm like, "Bruh, I don't want to keep it. You did such a good job of getting us down here, so please score a touchdown." He did, he got in. It's just so fun to be on a team like this, having guys like C-Mac [Christian McCaffrey] and players that we've already mentioned. It's going to tell a lot about our team, how we get prepared on a short week going against a very good team.

**RE: Greg Olsen's comment on not wearing sticky gloves**

I don't know. Well, Mr. Reliable [Greg Olsen] it doesn't matter what you wear. If he goes out there naked, hell, I'm a big fan of Greg Olsen. He's done so much for me and I just know when that ball goes in the air, he's coming down with it a high percentage of the time. I don't care if he wears sticky gloves, un-sticky gloves, latex gloves, hospital gloves, small gloves, big gloves, kitchen gloves. He'd catch it.

**RE: Blocking on the reverse**

I've been seeing a lot of folks didn't want no smoke from your boy. I've got good film now and it goes way back. I just want ya'll to show TD [Thomas Davis]. If you show TD how well my physicality is and how I'm blocking, he's going to realize how old he is when he runs up against me. No, but on a serious note. Like I say man, I'm a football player. I just so happen to play quarterback and I think a lot of people kind of get that misconstrued. Whatever this team asks me to do – run, pass, catch, block – I'm all for it. I just want to win football games and that's it.

**RE: Lead cut to 7 points, Panthers respond with touchdown drive. What was said in the huddle before that drive?**

No panic. We knew that, I said it before and I say it with so much respect for Tampa, those guys are extremely comfortable with playing behind. A lot of teams, I don't know if there's lot of teams that would have come back with a fight, battling from 35-14 or whatever the score was at halftime. Those guys battled back and made it a

game. We knew that. They have so much of that in their DNA as we prepared for those guys knowing that they'd never give up, they'd be resilient, and they were just one play away. At the end of the day, we still had to find ways to put points up on the board and battle back. Like I always say, we just have to have great tactics and good things that we put on film because we never know. That may have set up something later on in the year that we'll be prepared for.

**RE: Vibe knowing you have plays like the reverse in your back pocket**

I can't speak for a lot of people, but for me I just look and see if the quarterback is involved in the receiving end of it. It baffles me that I only have one reception and I'm looking around at different quarterbacks in the league that I can go toe-to-toe with for athleticism and I just ain't got no passes. I just want a rushing, passing, and throwing touchdown.

**RE: Who'd be the best teammate to throw you the ball?**

We've got so many athletes. I know Fun [Devin Funchess], he's going to look at this and be like, "Man, bro I'm supposed to be throwing it," but I think that accuracy-wise, it could be either C-Mac [Christian McCaffrey] or I think Denniston [DJ Moore] can throw too. I'd love to get one from Greg [Olsen] though. Wouldn't that be sweet? That would be ironic, huh? Throwing it to him and then him throwing it back to me. I could show him why I am Mr. Reliable too. With no gloves.

**RE: Assessment of the first half of the season**

It's good. We kind of break our season into quarters. We're still in, I believe, the third quarter right now of games or we're going into the third quarter. We've just got to stay focused. As for us, we know how teams are going to play us before or right in between the second and third drive. And when that downloads into our system, we have to attack and be ready to make plays.

**RE: How would you assess David Tepper's drip?**

Just ask that question one more time. I just like the way that sounds. Say it again, I couldn't hear you. [Repeats question]. First off, he was bold for doing it. I got to get my plug with this hat, there's a lot of things with a hat connoisseur. I saw some flaws, but I was surprised. I liked the color. The color you can't go wrong with the shade or hint of Carolina blue. Then he had the feather. I'm a big fan of feathers. But the quality was just kind of, for a person with his bank, he's supposed to have the best of the best. I'm going to get him the best of the best. I'm going to get him a present for Christmas and hope he gets me something for Christmas too because I know he's got it. He can't fool me.

**RE: Is a short week more mental or physical preparation?**

Mental more than anything. I just know, for us, we've got so many young guys on this team that are like sponges. For the old guys and vets, we have to be able to roll over. I remember playing last year and that was one of the most challenging games because your body doesn't have time to recover. Usually you're peaking over the hump on Thursday or Friday to get prepared for Sunday's game. For us, we know that moving forward we just have to stay on top of those things to make sure we're putting the best product on the field.

**RE: Is there value in seeing Pittsburgh in the preseason?**

Not really because it's different guys. I think we played them in the fourth game. They didn't have any starters playing. We didn't have any starters playing. At the end of the day we know that going into Heinz Field is going to be a playoff-like environment. We're looking forward to everything that they present and it's going to tell a lot about our football team.

***Safety Mike Adams***  
***Carolina Panthers***

**RE: Allowing the Buccaneers to score 28**

They're the number one offense in the league, we've got to take that into consideration. We didn't lay down, we didn't give up, we didn't let them have things. They're the number one offense in the league, and I thought we did a good job. Being that we were ahead and we gave up some things we shouldn't have gave up, granted, but it's the National Football League, it happens. They get paid too. It's a good football team. Obviously, I would like to keep down the points, but it is what it is.

**RE: Was this game a good learning lesson defensively**

Yeah, no question. But again, that was the number one offense that we faced. We expected them to throw the ball more than they did actually. They put it up, we expected more picks, but we didn't get it. We only had...how many deep balls did they throw, two deep balls? We expected more of that. That goes to show our defense, we kept it in front of us. They dinked and dunked down the field, a penalty here and there kind of cost us and then they ended up scoring out of it. It happens.

**RE: What he's seen from Donte Jackson**

Just him growing, him growing into his own. I had to get on him a little bit. We're not going to crown him just yet, we've got some conversations over that. But he got another pick and I thought he did a great job on 11. Jackson is a good receiver, fast. We matched speed up with speed and he answered the challenge.

***Defensive End Mario Addison***  
***Carolina Panthers***

**RE: His performance today**

It feels good. I'm going to start out by saying, that's my job. They pay me to rush the quarterback and some games, you're not as successful as others, but the Lord blessed me to get three [today]. I'm very grateful.

**RE: Deflecting passes**

We always say get your hands up when the quarterback releases the ball. I do a poor job of doing that because I'm still trying to run the guy all the way back to the quarterback, but all I need to do is get my hands up and I can knock a couple down. We practice that, as soon as the quarterback releases the ball or gets his hands up or gets his hands off the ball, then we get our hands up because we know it's going to be quick.

**RE: His strength on the line**

I'm a pretty strong guy. People underestimate me because I look kind of small but I pack a punch. By the time they miss and my hands get on the inside of them, I'm running them back and they're like dang, this guy's stronger than I thought.

***Linebacker Thomas Davis***  
***Carolina Panthers*****RE: Holding off the Buccaneers' comeback**

Those guys are the No. 1 offense in the league for a reason. They've played well all season long and [Ryan] Fitzpatrick has been a guy that has done a great job of leading that offense and you can't go out and make mistakes. That's what we did in the second half, we did a couple things that are uncharacteristic of what we do as a defense and they took advantage of it.

**RE: What holding onto the win says about this team**

Today really showed what we are about as a football team and what we can be. When things got close, we didn't fold, we stayed together as a group. The offense went back out and put a touchdown up and the defense got a takeaway and that's how you have to go out and compete and finish games in the fourth quarter.

**RE: Staying healthy in the short week**

You have to go ask one of those young cats about feeling fresh on a short week, for me it takes a little bit of time. But I think we did a good job of not having a lot of contact today when you look at the passing game and the way Tampa approached it and the way our offense approached it. I think we made it out pretty healthy overall. We'll know tomorrow how we are and how guys are feeling, but at the end of the day, I feel like we're in pretty good shape to be able to play on Thursday.

***Cornerback Donte Jackson***  
***Carolina Panthers*****RE: What didn't click defensively in the second half**

I don't know, we're going to have to get back in the lab tomorrow and look at the film and really decipher a little bit of miscommunication that we had. Everything that it was, it was small things, but you gotta remember that that's another pro team on the other side so they're going to exploit some of those coverages or anything that we had, and that's what I think they did good in the second half.

**RE: Seeing the lead go from 28 to 7**

It's very frustrating, but at the end of the day we couldn't be all that frustrated because most of the stuff, it was on us. Most of the things that they got was on us and most of the big plays they got was because we didn't...we probably didn't initiate what we were supposed to do. Like I said, it was nothing to get frustrated about. We just knew that we had to come out and close it out and that's what we were focused on doing.



**RE: The showing by Thieves Avenue**

Another day at the office for the thieves, man. We're playing some good ball, we're putting some good ball on film and that's the thing that keeps us going around here. Credit to our front seven, credits to the pressure that they get on the quarterback, it makes it easier for the guys on the back end. Most of the credit goes to those guys and we just going to keep balling in the back seven, keeping this Thieves Avenue thing alive.

**Center Ryan Kalil**  
**Carolina Panthers**

**RE: Scoring 35 points in the first half**

I think continuity of the guys we had in there, especially the skill position. We've been getting a lot more repetition through the season and then obviously during the practice week, so I think any time you do that it makes for better football. And honestly, a lot of those plays we have so many moving parts that a lot of it is timing. When we are able to rep that stuff full-speed with the same guys, it's very helpful.

**RE: Is it fun to run those trick plays?**

Yeah, but honestly a lot of those plays if it's a trick or not because it's really a read by Cam. Cam can run it, he can hand it off. We block it all out like it's coming up the middle and sometimes he does hand it off up the middle and sometimes it's one of the reverse guys. A lot of these plays aren't set trick plays, they're reads and a lot of moving parts. Cam does a good job reading that stuff. I think he doesn't get enough credit for the type of stuff he has to look for on any given play. For us, it's always tough sledding because you're trying to move those big guys and those are really good defensive linemen that we're trying to move out of there. It always seems like the best blocks are the ones he hands off to the reverse guy running around on the side, but we'll take those big chunks too.

**Linebacker Luke Kuechly**  
**Carolina Panthers**

**RE: His thoughts on the win overall**

We had a good game plan going into it, Coach put together something that allowed us to play fast and he called a bunch of good plays. The guys up front got after it and the guys in the back end covered really well. They scored some points and there are some things to clean up, but we had a good plan going in and we executed for the most part.

**RE: What the team needs to clean up**

Anytime a team scores 28 points, there is stuff to fix. It's tough right now to know exactly what we need to look at but we'll take a peek at this tape and come in and get it addressed tomorrow. I thought that the guys played well for the most part, but when a team scores 28 points, there are a lot of areas that we need to clean up.

**RE: Mario Addison**

Yeah, he's done a great job. When Mario came in, he was a special teams guy that had a great motor and he worked his butt off to get where he is now. That's what's cool about this league: you work hard, you bust your tail and you can put yourself in a position to be a really good player, and Mario has done that. The coaches have coached those guys up and that's what's fun to see a guy like Mario come in, who worked his butt off from undrafted guy to bouncing around teams, coming in playing special teams and then earning a big contract and

starting now. It's kind of one of those situations where you bring young guys in and you point to Mario as an example of a guy who's done everything the right way and been rewarded for it.

***Running Back Christian McCaffrey***  
***Carolina Panthers***

**RE: Fun to play in this offense**

Yeah, definitely. We have so many playmakers. I mean, you saw what Curtis [Samuel] did today, what DJ [Moore] did today, what Greg [Olsen] did today. We've got playmakers all over the field and obviously Funch [Devin Funchess] is always out there too. We were playing with momentum and when you're playing like that, we have a lot of juice coming our way so it does make it very fun.

**RE: Norv's misdirection (Norv Turner- offensive coordinator)**

It was good. We put together a lot of really good drives. Obviously Coach Turner is a heck of a coach and it's our job to trust him and when he puts us in certain positions, we have to play our part to make plays [inaudible]. We had a lot of great drives. We had some drives that kind of lost themselves a little bit, but regrouped. We just have to work on eliminating those negative drives.

**RE: Holding onto the lead when Tampa attempted to come back**

Yeah, we knew that coming in. That was the talk all week. They're very good at playing from behind. At the end of the day, it's all about us though and how we keep our foot on the gas.

***Wide Receiver DJ Moore***  
***Carolina Panthers***

**RE: How Having Torrey Smith out changes the game plan**

Having Torrey out doesn't change our game plan. We just go in when our name gets called.

**RE: Today's fast start**

We always want to start fast. Starting fast is what we plan to do. So, it's just something we plan to do coming into the game week.

**RE: Curtis Samuel's performance today**

We joke about who's going to go off that day, so he got his chance to go off so I was happy for him.

**RE: How fun it is to play in an offense with misdirection and end arounds**

It's always fun to have to have those in the game plan. We just know when they come up we've got to go execute it and make the play that we do.

***Tight End Greg Olsen***  
***Carolina Panthers***

**RE: What holding on to the win says about this team**

We talked at halftime about we don't have to make these close, we don't have to make them so hard like we typically do. So, I think the big drive that I think showed a lot was that fourth quarter drive that Curtis [Samuel]

ended up scoring on. That big third down conversion to Christian [McCaffrey], I think Cam had a keeper too and then ended up throwing it to Curtis for the touchdown there. That was a big drive to put the score back to 14 and kind of took the momentum of the game back.

**RE: The reverse plays**

Reverses are kind of a touchy situation but it's not so much the play as when you call them and how you set them up and how they're put together. Norv and the whole staff, they do a good job and then we've also got guys that are really fast. That helps as well.

**RE: Mood in the huddle before going back up by 14**

I don't think we got tight, we just made a couple uncharacteristic plays. The first play of that drive, I blocked the wrong guy and then I think we might have gotten sacked – all of a sudden our heads popped off there for a minute and we started getting outside of what we were, so that was very uncharacteristic. Then the third drive of the third quarter, we had the ball going and then obviously had the infraction – I guess we weren't set on Cam's quarterback sneak – so that was tough. It just seemed there for a minute, we didn't execute the way we wanted to so we've just got to do a better job of that.

***Safety Eric Reid***  
***Carolina Panthers***

**RE: The interception setting the tone for the game early on**

I think that's all you can ask for as a DB, just trying to set your offense up to score. So I'm glad we were able to do that.

**RE: Getting his first interception**

Yeah [it felt good] but I missed a sack. I should've had it but Mario [Addison] can have it.

**RE: What getting the game ball means**

What I've wanted to do since I got here was just help the team win games and I'm happy that I was able to do that today.

**RE: Playing with the lead**

I think we could've done a better job. At the end of the day we got the win, but we've got some corrections to make.

***Wide Receiver Curtis Samuel***  
***Carolina Panthers***

**RE: His touchdown**

It was an amazing play call by Coach. I came around – DJ [Moore] gave me the reverse coming around – and saw the whole sideline was open, but as I took off and started to get closer, I felt like the defense was closing down and I didn't feel like tip toeing the sideline. So I was like let me go make something happen across field and do what I do and I was able to get in the end zone.

**RE: Returning from injury**

It's amazing after what happened last year. To go down unexpectedly and to fight through the offseason and preparing myself to get back from my ankle injury, and to come back and finally be out there to make plays and

contribute to the team, it's amazing. I have to thank the training staff because they allowed me to do what I did today.

**RE: Going forward**

We've got more. We're just going to keep working every week, keep implementing plays and keep executing them.