



NEW ORLEANS SAINTS AT PHILADELPHIA EAGLES
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SAINTS POSTGAME NOTES

- The New Orleans Saints suffered a 40-29 loss to the Philadelphia Eagles on Sunday, Nov. 21.
- The Saints now sit at 5-5, standing in second place in the NFC South.
- The Saints loss drops the team's regular season/postseason record against the Eagles to 15-19 and gives them a 2-4 record at Lincoln Financial Field
- The loss drops Coach **Sean Payton's** regular season/postseason combined record against Philadelphia to 6-4.
- Payton's record in the month of November falls to 38-21.
- The Saints improve their streak of 313 regular season games without having been shut out, dating to a 26-20 win at the Tampa Bay Buccaneers on Sept. 6, 2002, at Raymond James Stadium,
- Quarterback **Trevor Siemian** completed 22-of-40 for 214 yards, three touchdowns, two interceptions and a career-long 17-yard rushing touchdown.
- Tight end **Adam Trautman** had his career high in yards with five catches for 58 yards, and one touchdown.
- Defensive end **Marcus Davenport** had 10 total tackles, 1 tackle for loss, and 1.5 sacks. Now with a team high in sacks with 5.5, he needs just .5 next game to tie his career-high of six set in 2019.
- Linebacker **Demario Davis** was responsible for one tackle. He now has 698 career solo tackles, needing only on two more to reach 700 for his career.
- Wide receiver/return specialist Deonte Harris had two catches for 11 yards and 101 total all-purpose yards. Harris now has 687 career punt return yards, moving past Darren Sproles into fifth place in club record books. Harris now has 1,119 all-purpose yards in 2021, setting a career-high, surpassing his total of 1,018 in his rookie season in 2019 when he was selected to the Pro Bowl.
- Running back **Mark Ingram II** rushed the ball 16 times for 88 yards. Ingram also grabbed six catches for 25 yards. He now has 7,942 career total yards from scrimmage as a Saint to rank second in club record books, surpassing wide receiver Eric Martin to move into second. Including his tenures with Baltimore and Houston, Ingram has 9,874 total yards from scrimmage, needing 126 to reach 10,000. Ingram played in his 110th career game as a Saint, the most by a Black and Gold player who played running back as his primary position, moving into a tie for 35th place in club records with punter Tommy Barnhardt.
- Defensive end **Cameron Jordan** accounted for 3 total tackles, one sack, and one pass deflection. Jordan now has 98.5 career sacks, taking sole possession of 38th all-time in the NFL record books surpassing Joey Porter with 98. Eagles signal-caller Jalen Hurts is the 38th player Jordan has sacked in his career. Jordan played in his 170th career contest Sunday, having never missed a game, moving into a tie with defensive lineman Derland Moore for 10th place on the club's all-time games played list.
- Defensive tackle **David Onyemata** totaled four tackles on the day and .5 sacks. He has now reached 200 tackles for his career.
- Wide receiver **Tre'Quan Smith** led the team with five catches for 64 yards. He now has 101 career catches including regular season and playoffs.

Saints Head Coach Sean Payton

Opening Remarks:

"I'll be brief. First off, tip your hat to Philly. They played a great game. Obviously we didn't do the things necessary to win in our league – pretty much in every phase. Turnovers, those were significant. I thought we struggled defending their running game, obviously. And I thought our return game – we thought we would have an edge there – I thought that was just average. All of us got to do a better job. It's going to be a short week and we're going to have to quickly refocus."

On the Eagles' effectiveness in the running game:

"It's a patient attack. [The Eagles] stuck with it. Ultimately, we didn't do a good enough job."

On Eagles CB Darius Slay's interception return for a touchdown:

"We got a two-minute drill. Obviously it comes inside against a good corner. When we see the film – we saw the replay of it – [Slay] sat on the route and it ended up being a significant score at the half."

On the injuries the Saints are facing:

"I don't really want to talk about it – the injuries. I understand the question and it's a good question, but there were a lot of things we did today that weren't injury-related. I appreciate the question, though."

On Saints QB Taysom Hill's role Sunday:

"He was the backup quarterback, really, in the event we needed him. We were lucky to have him up just in that role."

On what Hill would have been able to contribute to the offense:

"I don't want to speculate. We were able to get him to move around enough."

On the Saints going into a short week:

"Yeah, listen, it's a quick week. Thursday and then another Thursday, so, we have to get back to work and get ready for a couple of good teams. We played some good teams, but it's going to be on us quick."

On the slow starts offensively with Trevor Siemian at quarterback:

"I don't think so. Look, [Siemian] missed a throw early on. We have a play-action, [Siemian] just underthrows it and [Eagles LB T.J. Edwards] gets his hands on it. I'm not sure."

Saints QB Trevor Siemian

On the Saints' slow starts offensively but picking up production late in games:

"I couldn't tell you. The urgency is certainly there in the first half. I look back to the pick I threw on play-action. That's one play that's really going to – obviously the one that's in two-minute, too. [Saints TE Adam Trautman] was wide open and if I get him that ball who knows how the game plays out. That's what I'm thinking about right now."

On whether he forced the throw on the second-quarter interception return for a touchdown:

"Yeah. Single safety. I moved a little to my left and just left it a hair inside, I think. Looking back, I probably just dirt it or throw it at the running back's feet. There's no reason to put the ball in jeopardy in that situation. I have to make a better decision."

On whether he saw Eagles LB T.J. Edwards on his first interception:

"Yeah. [Saints TE Adam Trautman] was wide open."

On the Eagles' change in pass coverage in the fourth quarter:

"Yeah, once you get to three scores you get a lot of shell defense and there's a little more space back there. You're not quite playing the game on your terms there. In the fourth quarter you're getting chunks, but it's really not chunks because you have to get back in the game so quickly. Or try to, at least. Everything looked pretty bad going into halftime and then [the Eagles defense] loosened up. They looked like they were trying to squeeze the ball on offense a little bit. Just didn't do enough."

On the Saints' comeback attempt coming up short in the fourth quarter:

"Just too much [to overcome]. We put our defense in some tough spots and just too much. That's just too much to try to overcome."

On breaking out of the offensive struggles with a short week upcoming:

"I think we can do it. I think we have the players. I think the one thing no one is saying is, 'Hey, we're dinged up.' It's the NFL. The train is moving. We'll be ready to play Thursday. The urgency is high right now as it was before this game. [The urgency] is high, for sure."

On the confidence in Saints TE Adam Trautman:

"I think Adam is a good player. I think, at times, these weird plays are kind of glaring to some of us. It's easy to seem like we're down on Adam, but it shows up consistently on film that he's doing the right things, blocking the right guys, [and] making plays. I have no hesitation giving him the ball or trusting that he's going to do his job."

On the performances of RT Landon Young and LG James Hurst:

"They did a really good job against a really good front. James has obviously been doing everything all year. Really can't say enough about how much he's done and how well he's done this year. I think it's kind of remarkable how much he's moved around and played at a high level. And Landon, [I have] a lot of confidence in him. I think he's going to be a really good player in this league."

On whether the Eagles showed more pressure today than seen on film:

"Yeah, a couple unique pressures that we hadn't seen, maybe. They're allowed to game plan, too. A couple early. But, yeah, they have a good defense, good front. They're well-coached. There's not a lot of easy plays against them."

On the challenges the Saints face on a short week and the remainder of the season:

"Like I said, the urgency is at an all-time high as it was going into [today]. We know exactly where we're at. We have to string some [wins] together but it starts with this Thursday. It's one of those short weeks where a lot of times, maybe, you're like, 'I need some more time for my body.' But I think a lot of us are looking forward to playing again quickly."

On the Saints' turnovers hindering the offensive production:

"Three turnovers – two were [from] me in the first half. I'd be curious to know what the percentage is on teams that turn it over three times and win the ball game. I bet it's pretty low. So that's on me. I put our team in a hole early and it's just too tough to dig yourself out of that. Like I said last week, the margin for error is so small."

Saints FS Marcus Williams

On how tough the Eagles' run game is to defend:

"I mean, you seen the tape, you seen the film, and you seen the game. We just have to do our job. It's not about their run game, it's about us doing our job and eliminating those explosive plays with the run. If we do our job, we'll handle that."

On first time experiencing being on a team with three losses in a row and the mood of the team:

"We face adversity all the time. It's just about this next game coming up. We are going to prepare, get our bodies right, and go out there and do what we have to do to get our win."

On Saints Head Coach Sean Payton's message after the game:

"His message was his message. I'll keep that with us, but it's onto next week."

On how tough it was to get back into the game:

"I mean when you're down, you just have to be positive and think you're going to come back. You know we never get our heads down too much thinking about losing. We were just thinking we were going to come back and win. So, with us we just have a positive mindset to come back and do what we have to do one play at a time, and I think that's what we did."

Eagles Head Coach Nick Sirianni

Q. What are your takeaways from this game? (Tim McManus)

COACH SIRIANNI: I think it was a good, physical game. That's something that we really wanted to do is be physical in this game. I thought our guys really showed that. You guys have asked me a little bit about identity, and I can share with you what we talked about with our team -- and I don't think it's about plays you call, or defenses you call, or special teams calls you call, it was about our team is close. It's a close-knit group of guys that connect. It's a physical group of guys and its guys that leave everything out there on the field.

That's what we really talked about last night. You guys have asked me a couple times about identity, and what I just wanted to say to them is, hey, our identity is these three things that I just mentioned right there. That was really on display today.

Q. When you put the gameplan together against the No. 1 ranked run defense, did you have to decide whether you wanted to try to run through them or do something different and why was it that you thought you guys could run on them? (Bo Wulf)

COACH SIRIANNI: I think [QB] Jalen [Hurts] is a special player that forces defenses to play different. You look at the tape and again I think I told you guys early in the week, you look at the stat sheet, you look at where they are, you look at their defense, but you also want to do what you do well. We know we have been running the ball well and it's a little different when Jalen is in there.

You try to look at some teams that they've played that are similar to that, but you want to make them stop what you do well first and that's definitely what our goal was going out there.

Q. Being physical, obviously that was something you wanted to do. Does the run game lend itself to that when you are able to establish it? (Dave Zangaro)

COACH SIRIANNI: There are different ways to be physical. I don't want to make it sound like you can only be physical running the ball, because there's different ways to do that. Because receivers can be physical. And the tight ends can be physical. And the backs can be physical when you're passing it.

So, it's just the style of play. I just think we have tough guys on this team. And that's important. I think again I've talked about this before with you guys that when you get on the bus to come to the game -- I know I'm speaking in terms of a bus, we didn't take a bus here. But when you get on a bus to go to the game, you never want to go to that game without your guys that are tough. I feel that's a common denominator of a lot of guys on this football team. We've got tough, gritty guys. That's going to help you win a lot of football games throughout.

That's just something when you're physical and when you're tough, that's just something throughout the history of football that has shown to help you win games. And that's in my experience with players. It's like this is one of my favorite guys I've ever coached, the common denominator is they're tough and they're nasty and physical.

Q. RB Miles Sanders caused that costly fumble inside the 5 there and another fumble was the one that was forward progress, but what do you say to him and what is your approach when a running back has that? (Ed Kracz)

COACH SIRIANNI: Dog mentality like you say to a corner if they get beat or you say to a wide receiver if they drop a pass or you say to a player if he jumps offsides. Dog mentality. Move on. Next play. Next play. Next play.

If you dwell on -- we wanted to show him confidence, too. I think Miles had a good game, what did he end up with, 94 [yards]? Miles had a good game. He ran the ball hard. He ran the ball well and he ran the ball well in a time where we really needed it.

And so, it is. It was just, 'Hey, forget that play. Next play. Next play.' And I think that means a lot to guys when you show the confidence in them. And then you correct what's going on. And you say, 'Hey, when you get in the traffic,' -- what we talk about, we call this a clasp hand, you put that clasp hand on it. That's what we talked about and showed trust in him and belief in him. And I know that will be rewarding going forward with Miles.

Q. Three of the last four games you have had strong defensive performances, LB T.J. Edwards being asserted in that spot, is that coincidence or something to do with -- (Jeff McLane)

COACH SIRIANNI: He's really playing well. I think our defense as a whole is playing well. I don't want to single anybody out because I think they're all playing well. Starts up front. T.J. brings a physicality that really is contagious. And he continues to come after the ball.

You saw the one play on the swing pass out there where the guy felt T.J. coming. And then he ended up getting -- I think he dropped the ball. But T.J. just has that physicality and he's just really playing good football right now.

And he's a good communicator with the defense and talking to everybody. And so, he's playing really good football. And sure, those guys from Wisconsin, that played as a Badger, my experience with those guys is they're tough and they're nasty and they can play physical ball.

I'm sure glad he's playing the role he's playing right now.

Q. When QB Jalen Hurts had the 24-yard touchdown run and made the move on the guy, how demoralizing do you think it is to a defense when they think they have him bottled up and he breaks free? (Martin Frank)

COACH SIRIANNI: I think in that scenario, too, with what the score was and the way it was going, I got too conservative. I'll say that right now. I'll say it out loud. I got a bit conservative with the play calling that allowed them to work their way back into the game. So that's on me. But Jalen made a huge play. And the guy read the play pretty well and made a great move. It was awesome. It was a great individual play by Jalen.

I'd also like to recognize [WR] J.J.'s [Arcega-Whiteside] play that he made in a critical time. Because I think everybody in the stadium felt, and you guys probably felt, it kind of slipping a little bit. They were coming back into the game. We needed it. Was it a 23, 26-yard gain? I don't know what it was. But a big-time play by a guy that's had a tough week. And I don't want to give his personal information out so I'm not going to, but he's had a tough week. And for him to go out and make the type of play that he made right there, I love J.J.

I think he embodies the toughness of this city and this football team. He's been asked to do things that he hasn't been asked to do before. He's been asked to be a special teams guy that really is gritty and tough because he has that in his body.

He's been asked to be our blocking type of receiver in critical times. So, it was great to reward him with a catch in that scenario.

And I'm just so happy for him that he made that type of play and helped kind of stop the bleeding in that drive and make a big play to help us kind of put that game away.

We always vote for player of the game. We always vote for play of the game. That for sure, I guess I got the trump card because I'm the head coach, that will be the play of the game. I'll tell [Eagles offensive coordinator] Shane [Steichen] that on the way home.

Q. The way you're describing your team today as far as the toughness, the physicality, is that the way you would have described them after seven games? And if not, what made that change, do you think? (Zach Berman)

COACH SIRIANNI: I think these guys have always had that physicality and toughness. And, yeah, I'd like to say that I've seen that from them the entire time through. Whether that was the joint practices with different teams that we had joint practices with, or the training camp practices or the practices we've had or games we've had. I know we've had tough guys.

I've known that. I think I've known that all the way through, to answer your question.

Q. What was your vantage point of TE Dallas Goedert's fingertip catch? And although you didn't have to pass it that much, how effective was he in the passing game? (Josh Tolentino)

COACH SIRIANNI: Are you talking about the third down catch where the guy kind of got his hand in, before the one-yard touchdown?

Q. Before his touchdown that got called back. (Josh Tolentino)

COACH SIRIANNI: Yeah, that was third down. I thought that was a phenomenal strong-hand catch. And a lot of tribute to Dallas that he works on that catch every day. [Eagles tight ends coach] Jason Michael, our tight end coach, throws him that ball where he's got to catch that ball like this.

And [TE] Richard Rodgers is always with him pulling that ball out. It's a catch we work every day, because if you try to catch that ball right here with strong hands with them ripping through there and it's your first time trying to catch that is on Sunday, it's going to come out.

So that's a catch we do with the receivers and the tight ends and the running backs every single day in what we call our catch circuit. It's 85 catches. I'll fill you guys in on it at some point. 85 catches, different catches that don't happen a lot.

And so, Dallas does that religiously. He does that not only in walk-through, but he gets 85 times two, because he also gets that in practice as well.

So, he's getting 20 of those catches a day for that ripping through. So that's what I love about this game. Those things you do just religiously over and over again and when they come up in that scenario, you're like, 'Thank God we've done that and we've repped that,' and all the credit goes to Dallas in the first place because he's got strong hands in the first place.

But they work relentlessly at that, and they just keep working it over and over again. And that's who Dallas is. He's a hard worker. So, it was good to be able to see that happen and that just is a good example to show every other receiver and tight end like, 'Hey, I don't know when this play is going to come up, but when it does, it might be for a big third down.'

And he made another play like that where we had an illegal man down field on that play. He made another play like that in the game. Dallas is, you saw how strong he was with the football today. I thought he played a very solid game.

Q. Going back to WR J.J. Arcega-Whiteside real quick that play. You go all the way back to week one in Atlanta, I remember you saying at some point we're going to have to do the trend buster or reward him with a catch. Was that play-action called by you in the huddle or was that Jalen Hurts progressing? (John McMullen)

COACH SIRIANNI: It's part of the read of what happened. I don't want to divulge too much information on that play because it's been a good play for us. But it can happen on that play. And it did in that scenario.

Jalen made a great play with what the defense gave us. J.J. got his hands on the ball and it went from there.

Q. We saw T Jordan Mailata mixing it up a little bit out there. Do you enjoy that, watching that? (Dave Zangaro)

COACH SIRIANNI: Within the rules, obviously. I think when you see that play, it's just two guys going really hard. 92 [Saints DE Marcus Davenport] and him were going hard on the play. And that's football. And that happens in football. Emotions run high in football and that was emotions by both guys.

You want your guys to play within the rules with what the rules are. And so obviously no flag was thrown right there. It was good physical play. Both guys were working hard and just excited the way he played in this game because you don't run for the amount of yards you do without good play from your left tackle.

Eagles QB Jalen Hurts

On what his conversation with Saints S Malcolm Jenkins was like after the game:

“He did play here for a while. I remember last year in my first start the words he had for me. Coming from a guy that’s played here, won a Superbowl here, and been a part of great things here I appreciate what he said last year. I have nothing but the same love and respect for him. He just encouraged me to continue to keep balling, continue to keep going, and continue to be me. I appreciate that from him.”

On whether he got a look at his touchdown run and the move he put on the guy in the open field:

“No I didn’t.”

On the move prior to his touchdown run:

“I just made a play. I look at it as a situation in a game. We obviously had drives. I’m really frustrated from the drives that we didn’t score in the red zone that we should have. We had a few mental errors, a few things that we could have controlled that didn’t happen. We didn’t execute. It allowed them to come back into the game and we kept giving them good field position and they scored. It shouldn’t have even been that way, but nonetheless I just think there’s so much to learn from this game. There’s a lot of good to take away from the game too.”

On what gave him the confidence to go to Eagles WR J.J. Arcega-Whiteside during that big drive:

“I always have a lot of confidence in everybody and anybody who’s out there on the field, targeting whoever it is. I believe in everybody and that’s what it is. For J.J. to come into the game in a situation like that, in a situation where we need to get a first down to essentially take the air out of the ball and keep it rolling. It was a big-time play by him. Where ball security is a premium and four-minute offense in a situation like that at the end of the game, he did what he was supposed to do. He did his job. I love it.”

On what his reaction was when the fan threw his jersey to him after his touchdown:

“He threw it to me. I didn’t realize – I think he threw a marker with it. I didn’t see the marker until I walked way, if there was one. It’s the enthusiasm from the fans, the love from the fans. He threw my jersey out there. I was in a different mode when I scored that touchdown because it was something we needed to do for the team. I just held it up.”

On whether he can see how demoralizing it can be for a defense when they run the ball as effectively as they are:

“We’re going to continue to attack, continue to play our game. I’ve always been asked about the identity of this football team. Early on in the season everybody is asking me the question. Whether I answered it or I didn’t answer it, I think identity is not being able to run the ball or ‘we’re a running team’, ‘we’re a passing team’, or ‘we’re a team that doesn’t give up big explosive plays.’ That’s not what identity is. Identity is a mentality. It’s a mentality, it’s an approach, it’s the detail you put in day in and day out throughout the week. It’s being physical, it’s wanting it, it’s effort. It’s all of those things. I think that’s what we want to be. That’s what we’re growing to and what we’re evolving into. It’s being a team that controls what we can and we know when we control what we can. We’re a dang good football team and it’s taken some growth, it’s taken a lot. And we’re still evolving, we’re still growing, we’re still learning from a lot of different things. We just want to continue to control the controllables. Continue to connect with one another and know that everybody has each other’s backs out there in the field, and continue to move forward with that mentality of ‘rent is due everyday.’ That’s the identity of this football team.”

On if he thinks taking hits because of his physicality has any demoralizing effect on the team:

“I don’t ever really think about it that way. I never really thought about that.”

On the offensive line helping the running game, particularly Eagles RT Lane Johnson and his continuity with the line:

“We have great tackles; we have freaks out there on the edge. Teams know that they are good players, teams know we have a great center and that we have a lot of experience. We have young guys that can play guard at a very high level. But I think [Eagles RT] Lane [Johnson] has done great things for a very long time. The way Lane works, the effort, the toughness he has, even last year trying to play on his ankle injury... I have a lot of respect for Lane in everything he’s been able to overcome. He’s been great for the team.”

On referencing back to Jalen’s comments the last several weeks that the team ‘has been’ close, and if he feels they are where he had predicted them to be:

“Enough is never enough for me.”

On what the next step is to getting better:

“It’s the same thing I’ve been saying, slow and steady wins the race. Continue to learn every day. Buy into that and it’s something we have bought into. [We] believe in that, attack every day, learn from everything you do, [and] just grow from it.”

On if he thought his rushing touchdown that ended up being challenged was a touchdown:

“Yeah, I thought I got in. Sometimes it’s hard for me to celebrate or do all of these different things after we score a touchdown because I had, like, eight of them called back this year. So, I am a little hesitant sometimes.”

On if there was any significance in scoring three rushing touchdowns tonight since the last QB to do that was in 2012 by Russell Wilson:

“I like winning. That’s the most significant thing that we get out of the day for me. We came in today, we played hard, we had some ups and downs in the football game, but in the end we were victorious and we won. We have a lot to learn from this game. We just want to continue to move forward and grow from it.”

Eagles RB Miles Sanders

On whether being out for a few weeks played into him having a fumble after having a lot of success running the football:

“It is something I am not supposed to do. My job is to protect the football and I failed to do that. I am not going to sit here and make excuses. It is not going to happen again after being back active and getting in a groove. I am going to keep this thing going and move forward.”

On whether it means a lot to him that he was put back into the game after the fumble:

“Yes, absolutely. Everybody trusts me with the ball in my hands. All I can say is that I appreciate that to keep my confidence going throwing me back in there.”

On Eagles QB Jalen Hurts’ impact on the running game:

“It is a big impact. It is opening the holes up a lot for all of us, especially [Eagles RB] Jordan [Howard] who played a heck of a game before he got hurt. Having [Eagles QB] Jalen [Hurts] makes it ten times easier, but you really have to give credit to the [offensive line].”

On whether he was able to see Eagles QB Jalen Hurts’ touchdown run:

“Yes I did, but I was too busy trying to block somebody and keep them from touching him but, I love that man. I love how complimentary we are playing. Everybody is getting their touches in. Next thing you know, we are moving down the field and next thing you know, we are in the end zone. That is all I really care about and that is what I love about this team.”

Eagles T Lane Johnson

On the performance of the running game today:

“We ran against them today, so that was good. We knew coming in that they had a good [defensive line], a good linebacking core, they’ve been stuffing the run all year. So yeah, like I said, we’re going to try to keep doing what we’re doing moving forward. I know teams are going to scheme up to try to stop that.”

On how they were able to contain the Saints defensive line:

“Just staying on their tracks, picking up when they started to do some cross-stalks, some slanting, some stunting and we just have to be more efficient at times in the second half, picking up on that and not making the game as close as it was there towards the end.”

On how new players have been able to acclimate themselves to the team:

“I just think at practice – the season didn’t start off how we wanted. Lot of penalties, lot of not being synced together. We preached about doubling down on what we do and finally started to turn, at least the last couple of games. That’s really it. Moving forward, we got the Giants, a division game, so no game is bigger than the next.”

On how Eagles Head Coach Nick Sirianni was able to keep the team together:

“Like I said, when things weren’t going well, he talked about doubling down on what we do. That’s really it. Just staying the course and that’s really it. In this league, when losses happen, you have to learn from it the best you can and adjust and move on and do better moving forward.”

On the Saints’ rally late in the game:

“That comes down to everybody executing and letting your guard down. The league is so talented, you can’t do that, you can’t allow that to happen. When it does, you’ll see stuff like that. You’ll see games turn, especially against good –

the Saints have had our number for a number of years and we know that when we play against them. And they made a late surge there in the second half.”

Eagles WR DeVonta Smith

On what the feeling is in the offense right now with things working so well:

“Just going out there and doing what the coaches ask us to do. Going out there and being physical. That’s what they want us to do. Whatever is working we’re going to continue to do it – whether it’s running the ball or throwing it.”

On whether he feels that the run game opens things up for him:

“Most definitely. When the run game is working the way it was working today you’re going to stick to it.”

On what kind of pressure it puts on a defense playing a QB like Jalen Hurts who can win so many ways:

“A lot. Just him being able to create by running the ball, scramble routes and things like that, it just opens things up a lot.”

On the chemistry they have going on in all three phases of the game:

“This thing is just coming together as one. We go in and we compete against each other every day and we’re making each other better and it’s showing off.”

On whether he feels like they learned their lessons from the tough times early in the season:

“Most definitely. The mistakes we made in the beginning of the season – we’re cleaning that up. Every week we clean up the mistakes that we make.”

On what his matchup today with CB Marshon Lattimore was like:

“It was fine. Just going out there playing against a guy like that – one of the top corners in the league – it was fine.”

On coming so close to scoring a touchdown that got knocked down around the 4-yard line and how big that was:

“It was big. Just go out there and just execute. It was one little small detail that we missed and that’s why we didn’t score, but it was still a big play.”

On being 5-6 and what he’s thinking now about the 2021 season:

“You take it week by week, day by day, just keep chipping away and get 100% better.”

Eagles TE Dallas Goedert

On how important it is to get into an early rhythm being involved in the opening script of a game:

“Yes, it always changes with the first 15 plays or whatever. We look at the defense and think of ways to attack them. It could be setting stuff up or see how they will play different formations with different people. Being able to get the ball early just gets you into a rhythm. Any way I can help the team by doing that or blocking, I am down for whatever.”

On his vantage point on Eagles QB Jalen Hurts’ cutback touchdown in the fourth quarter:

“I didn’t really see it until it was on the big screen. It was incredible seeing it on the big screen. I wish I could’ve seen it in person, but I was on the backside, not really sure what was going on, or how we got all the way back there. I was just trying to make sure the cornerback couldn’t make the tackle on him.”

On whether he finds himself watching Eagles QB Jalen Hurts more than he should because of his athletic ability:

“It is kind of hard when you are either running routes or blocking to see all the things that he does. I definitely enjoy going back and watching the film and seeing the amazing things that he can do. Sometimes you are in scramble drill and you see him take off. You just watch and say, ‘Dang, this man is special.’”

On his thoughts on Eagles WR J.J. Arcega-Whiteside and what it does for his momentum after making that fourth-quarter catch:

“Yes, that is big. [Eagles WR] J.J. [Whiteside] knows his role with the team and does an excellent job at it. It was awesome to see his hard work pay off and to be able to get that catch. As a wide receiver, you love that. He was able to run for 20-30 yards, or whatever it was, and that was a big play in the game. The couple of drives before that we stalled out. For him to do that, it flipped the field and was able to get us in a good position. I am really happy for him and his hard work is paying off.”

On whether he could see where this team is now after the flight home from Las Vegas:

“I think so. All those times I was saying, ‘This team is close, we are really close.’ I think we are showing it and fixing the little things that everybody was so concerned about early on and now we are on a roll. We have to get back to work on Wednesday or Thursday and get ready for next week.”

Eagles K Jake Elliott

On reaching third on the franchise’s all-time scoring list:

“I did not know that, but it’s pretty cool. I think there a couple of guys ahead of me for which I have a long way to go, but being named with any of those guys is an honor and I’m happy to be there.”

On why the field goal unit has been so successful this season:

“I don’t know. We have a great rhythm and we’ve been putting together a lot of really good days of practice. I just feel really comfortable. [Eagles punter/holder] Arryn [Siposs] added some dad strength last night since he had his first child, so you have to appreciate his effort in terms of getting that done last night and then getting back for the game today.”

On the rhythm that the field goal unit has been able to maintain throughout the season:

“Obviously things are clicking. [Eagles long snapper] Rick [Lovato] is doing a great job, [Eagles punter/holder] Arryn [Siposs] is doing a great job, and I’m just really comfortable. It’s fun everyday going out with [Special Teams Coordinator Michael] Clay, going out with [Special Teams Quality Control Coach] Tyler [Brown] and the guys, and we really enjoy what we’re doing.”

On how far he thinks his range is this year on field goal attempts:

“I don’t know. I’m just trying to strike the ball clean week in and week out, and trying to perfect the craft. I’m trying to have good foot to ball, good rotation, all of the nerdy stuff about kickers.”

On the mood in the locker room after the first home win of the season:

“It was a lot of fun. We’ve definitely been waiting for that one for a long time, so we’re happy to get one back in [Lincoln Financial Field], and now we have to keep it rolling.”

Eagles DT Fletcher Cox

On what kind of statement he felt like they made today putting up 40 points against a team with a winning record:

“We just have to continue to grind. We just have to continue to play team football. Offense, defense, and special teams – I think everybody did a good job. We complimented each other and if we keep that up I think we have a good chance. Right now it’s just focusing on a big game coming up – a division game – basically, I think the rest of the games are divisional. We just have to continue to focus on what’s important and just take it one game at a time.”

On what Eagles CB Darius Slay’s touchdown did for the team going into halftime:

“Obviously it sparks everybody. To score on defense and have our offense get the ball back right after halftime, that’s always good.”

On his performance overall and keeping the pressure on Saints QB Trevor Siemian as they were trying to come back:

“We just needed to keep our thumb on them. We knew they were a good team with explosive plays and have some really good players on offense. We knew they were going to run the ball really hard so the biggest thing was just focusing on getting a win.”

On whether he feels that they epitomize a physical, tough team that’s going to put up a fight against any opponent:

“We just have a lot of guys that don’t quit, guys that don’t give up, guys that don’t point fingers. Everybody just plays complimentary football to each other. If someone is down you pick him up and that’s always the biggest thing.”

On what has been the key to the turnaround and winning three of the last four games:

“Just knowing what we’ve got. I think it’s the time of the season where you figure out who you are. Right now I think everybody is doing a good job of being accountable, holding each other accountable, and just playing team ball. I keep saying team ball, everybody together, one unit – win, lose, or draw – where everybody sticks together.”

Eagles LB T.J. Edwards

On his first-quarter interception:

“Yeah, it was honestly reading the quarterback’s eyes and I saw the over out coming behind me. You know, just making a play on the football, but the rush was getting there so we knew we had to get it out quick. So yeah, just made the play, so everything was locked up and he had no other choice but to try to fit it in. We finally got one and it felt good.”

On the team’s effectiveness today blitzing on third down:

“We knew that we wanted to get them in tough, longer third-down situations. Again, we have such a good front that we get them in those longer distances. Those guys can really get home with stunts and things like that. We wanted to make [Saints QB Trevor Siemian] as uncomfortable as we could and that really accounts to being good on first and second down.”

On how the in-game injuries impacted the defense:

“Obviously it’s football and injuries are part of the game. I think that’s why we do such a good job during the week of guys knowing what they’re supposed to do and how to do it. Again, at the end of the day they made some good throws, some good catches. They were well contested at times. So, you know, they made some plays at the end there. We’re just really excited about how we played as a unit in terms of energy, effort, and just getting to the football.

On what he saw on Eagles CB Darius Slay’s interception return for touchdown:

“I mean, it’s Slay. He made a really good break on the ball. I think everyone really stopped running as soon as he caught it. We knew he wasn’t getting caught. It was just a really good play by him. Again, he’s a guy who’s been doing that for a long time and he’s coming up big for us right now.”

Eagles LB Alex Singleton

On Eagles head coach Nick Sirianni preaching about winning at home:

“Yeah, he’s been preaching it for three months now and last year. We know we need to win at home. Like I said, this city, the crowd, we win at home and it makes us a scary team. So to be able to do what we did today and hopefully continue to roll. Obviously we’re not going to be home now again for a little bit. Just to get that going and get two in a row is huge for us.”

On the team’s gameplan knowing the Saints were missing a number of players today:

“Stop the run and force the man to beat you. That’s what we did today and we took advantage of it obviously. The offense put us in a good situation to start the game and play the way we did. Obviously [our play in the] middle of the fourth [quarter] we would like to take back, but besides that, we played a pretty polished game on defense.”

On letting his athleticism shine and being able to take advantage of opportunities:

“Whenever they call [me] I’m going to do everything I can to make plays. When he gives me that opportunity, just take advantage of it.”

Eagles CB Avonte Maddox

On signing a contract extension that will keep him an Eagle until 2024:

“I’m excited. This is everyone that plays in the NFL’s dream. I’m just happy that it’s here in Philly because I was drafted here and it means a lot for them to have me back and to show me how much they are committed to me. I’m here until 2024 and it’s going to be fun. I have everything that I want, and I’m going to be here and play hard for the team and the city. I’m excited just to be here.”

On whether the fact that he signed a contract extension has hit him yet:

“It really hasn’t hit yet. I was really focused on today. The main goal is to keep winning each week. I’ll tell you this, after [the win] today, we’re going to have some fun.”

On the play of Eagles LB T.J. Edwards:

“I’ve known T.J. since he got here and I always scream out his name as soon as I see him. He’s a motor and he makes big plays. I’m happy and proud of him and hopefully he will be here a long time as well. He does everything. He runs the

defense from the middle linebacker spot, and every time I go out there, he's talking to me and we're always communicating. He's making big plays and I'm proud of him."

On whether he watches Eagles QB Jalen Hurts when the offense is on the field:

"I always watch him. When he made that move [on his third touchdown run], I was like, 'Oh, snap'. I was looking for the trainer so that I could find some tape to help [the defender]. If it was me out there [trying to defend Hurts] I probably would have been calling in somebody to tape me up. He's definitely dynamic, he's always a baller, and it's exciting to watch him play."

On whether the team has developed toughness as the season has progressed:

"We had it all along. We had to just get all of the little details down and make sure we were paying attention to our fundamentals. We battled through adversity and we're a tough team. The only thing that really matters is being tough and going out and competing each and every single play."