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PHILADELPHIA EAGLES VS. NEW ORLEANS SAINTS SUNDAY, SEPT. 22, 2024 • CAESARS SUPERDOME SAINTS POSTGAME NOTES

- The Saints were defeated by the Eagles, 15-12 and fall to 2-1 on the season. The Saints will return to action next Sunday, when they play the Atlanta Falcons on Sept. 29 at Mercedes-Benz Stadium. The game will be regionally televised on FOX (WVUE FOX 8 locally) with a noon CT kickoff.
- QB **Derek Carr** finished 14-of-25 for 142 yards with one touchdown and one interception. Carr's passing TD came on a 13-yd pass to **WR Chris Olave** to put the Saints ahead late in the fourth quarter.
- Carr now has 247 career touchdown passes, surpassing Boomer Esiason and moving into a tie with Tony Romo for 25th all-time.
- RB **Alvin Kamara** rushed 26 times for 87 yards to go along with three receptions for 40 yards (13.3 avg).
- With three receptions on Sunday, Kamara moved into a tie for 13th among NFL running backs for receptions with Emmitt Smith (Pro Football Hall of Fame Class of 2010).
- Kamara has 6,113 career rushing yards, ranked second in club records. He officially surpasses Deuce McAllister for second place.
- Kamara played in his 103rd career regular season game, moving into a tie 51st on the club's all-time list for games played with DT Elex Price and DB Malcolm Jenkins.
- Kamara has 4,351 career receiving yards, now ranked 19th in NFL record books among running backs. He surpassed Christian McCaffrey and Warrick Dunn with his receiving yardage performance today.
- Olave finished with six receptions for 86 yards (14.3 avg) including the 13-yard touchdown grab.
- The Saints held Philadelphia scoreless on five straight possessions that extended into Saints territory, an interception by S **Tyran Mathieu**, a fumble recovery by LB **Willie Gay**, a fourth and one stop at the Saints 15-yard line by LB **Pete Werner** and DE **Chase Young**, a fourth-and-three sack

for a loss of six yards by DT **Bryan Bresee** at the Saints 40-yard line and with Philadelphia punting from the Saints 49-yard line, a blocked punt by DB **J.T. Gray** and recovered by DB **Jordan Howden**.

- CB **Paulson Adebo** led the Saints with a career-high ten solo tackles to go along with a pass breakup.
- S **Tyrann Mathieu** added seven solo tackles, his 35th career interception with one pass breakup. The 35 interceptions are the most in the NFL since 2013, and this was his second straight game with a pick. His 35 career picks tie him with Minnesota Vikings S **Harrison Smith** for the most career interceptions among active players. With a 74-yard interception return in the 2023 season finale vs. Atlanta and a fumble recovery in the season-opening win over Carolina, it is the first time in Mathieu's career he has recorded a takeaway in four consecutive games.
- DE **Bryan Bresee** was a force on the defensive front, tying a career-high with two sacks for a loss of 12 yards.
- DE **Carl Granderson** added five stops (four solo), 1.5 sacks and a forced fumble. With 1.5 sacks last week at Dallas, Granderson has recorded multiple sacks in back-to-back contests for the first time in his career.
- CB **Alontae Taylor** recorded four total stops (two solo) with a half-sack. His 3.5 sacks on the year are the second-highest total by a Saints cornerback to Alex Molden's four in 1997.
- DE **Chase Young** finished with four tackles (one solo) and tied a career-high with three quarterback hits.
- K **Blake Grupe** was two-for-two on field goals against the Eagles, his longest being a 38-yarder.
- P **Matthew Hayball** punted four times for 162 yards (40.5 avg) and pinned Philadelphia inside the 20 twice.
- LS **Zach Wood** played in his 118th career game on Sunday, moving into a tie for 33rd place on the club's all-time list for games played with former Saints S Brett Maxie and DE Charles Grant.



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(Opening Statement) “Disappointing loss for us. I don’t think we played as well as we are capable of playing, yet you have to give those guys credit. They beat us today, and we had our opportunities. I don’t think we played, obviously, as well on offense as we had played the first two weeks. Give their defense credit. Defensively, we just gave up too many explosive plays. That was really the key to the game is the explosive plays that we gave up and really kind of our inability to move the ball offensively.”

(On the last explosive play by the Eagles) “We ran into each other. We kind of knew that (Dallas Goedert) was the guy they were going to try to throw the ball to. We had a double on him, and we just ran into each other, creating an explosive play. Yeah, it’s disappointing.”

(On facing QB Jalen Hurts) “I think it is extremely hard. He is a heck of an athlete, a really good football player. He makes it challenging on every single down, and I thought he executed well today.”

(On Erik McCoy’s injury early in the game) “It’s a big blow. I think he’s an important part of our offensive line and the way that we play up front. It was difficult to lose him, yet it is part of the game. We have to be able to step up and still play at an acceptable level when we lost guys like that.”

(On the adjustments that have to be made when losing a center) “It’s difficult, both from a mental standpoint and that guy making sure we’re getting onto the right people and doing the right things, not to mention the fact that he’s probably one of our better players on our offensive line. I think that was certainly a factor in the game, yet we have to be able to still perform.”

(On what he saw on the last explosive play with Goedert) “I think as the game went on I felt like they were trying to find ways to get him the ball, particularly after DeVonta Smith went out of the game. I thought that was the guy they were trying to get the ball to.”

(On the Eagles’ 65-yard touchdown run by Saquon Barkley) “I’m going to have to look at the tape to see exactly what happened on that. At the end of the day, the kid made a great run, and once he got into space, he’s a hard guy to catch, a hard guy to get down.”

(On his decision to go for it on fourth down at the start of the fourth quarter) “It was trying to win the game. I felt like we needed to be able to get a yard.”

(On why he didn’t challenge the play) “It’s technically a turnover, so you can’t challenge. New York looked at it, and it stayed.”

(On the offensive struggles after the first drive) "Listen, I think they did a good job. When you look at it, I think they did a better job up front than we did. I think that's really where it started. Again, that's a good football team that we played today. It's a team that was in the Super Bowl two years ago, and they started the season 10-1 last year. It's a good team; they beat us today. We have to regroup and get ready for Atlanta."

(On if the run game struggled because of the battle at the line) "I think it starts up there (in the trenches). As you get back in and watch the tape, we'll have a better feel for exactly what the issues were. I don't think we were as good, from an assignment standpoint across the board today. I think we made too many mistakes, and when you play a good team and you make mistakes, they take advantage of it. I thought they did that today."

(On if Taysom Hill was close to playing today) "We ended up deciding to rule him out. I'm hopeful he will be able to go next week."

(On if Derek Carr was injured in the game) "It looked like he took a shot on the last play, but I didn't get any report from the trainers on him."

(On if Demario Davis was injured in the game) "There at the end of the game, he had a little hamstring or groin tightness."

(On how his team responded to the adversity it faced in the game today) "Well, I'd say not good enough, yet we gave ourselves some chances. They just executed better than we did. We have to get ready to make some corrections and get ready for Atlanta."

(On if the run game struggles and the injury to McCoy was the reason for the failed fourth down attempt) "I think we have to get a yard. I don't think that weighed into the decision one way or the other. Like I said, I think they just executed better than we did."



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QB DEREK CARR

On his injury status at the end of the game

"I just got the wind knocked out of me. I was fine. (I) Just needed a minute, but I'm good."

On offensive struggles

"I think they did a good job mixing up their fronts. They had a lot of dudes on the line of scrimmage, really set out to stop the run and they did a good job. You have to give credit to them. They made more plays than we did, we as an offense. I start with myself. I wasn't perfect in all of my stuff, and you go back and you've got to correct it. You knew adversity would happen at some point. It's not going to be that easy all the time. For us, it's a great opportunity. You get hit in the mouth, and with that said, I thought we responded to a tough, gritty game. It wasn't all just bombs and this kind of stuff. We had to grind it out a little bit, and still make plays at the end and all that kind of stuff. And at the very end, they made one more play than we did, and that's just how this game goes sometimes. There's no discouragement or anything like that. You're pissed because you lost, you're mad at that. You want to win all these games, but at the end of the day we played a really good football team and we knew what type of team they were. You turn the film on and we knew what we were going to get ourselves into. It was a grind, but they made more plays than we did."

On losing center Erik McCoy

"Yeah, it's hard, especially for communication and things like that, but I thought Lucas [Patrick] did a fantastic job. He's a veteran, super smart, he's been in this system in different varieties. I thought he did a great job. Obviously anytime you lose anybody on a football team, you never can just replace them. They bring a certain role, they bring a certain piece of the puzzle, but it's always next man up and I thought those guys battled. I thought they did a great job battling against one of the better fronts in our league."

On Eagles' preparedness for Saints' offense/studying film

"It could be. That's throughout the season, there'd different ebbs and flows of that. Coaches switching things and changing things, all of that. Again, you've got to give credit to their players and to their coaches. They beat us today, and as players and coaches we take that personal. But we still believe and we know we're a good football team. The belief is so strong in that room. Disappointed, because we want it real bad and we really believed we were going to pull that one out, but we didn't. So for us it's about staying positive, but making the corrections that we have to make and working on it during this week."

On attempted pass to Rashid Shaheed in the first half

"I thought it was close, but he's made so many of those plays for me. I'm going to keep throwing to him whenever he gets an opportunity. I trust my receivers so much. It was close, but that's football sometimes."

On the interception on the last drive

"At the very end someone just came free, and in that situation a sack is terrible. I was trying to just make a tight throw, hopefully that he would look for me as I was getting hit. I wish I had just tried to skip it, whatever, get to the next play, but in that situation with the clock and how many yards we needed to get, I just tried to make that play for our team and I didn't. I tried to stand in there and make a throw, and they ended up making the play."

On what the team can learn about themselves from this game

“This is a great opportunity for us to come in tomorrow and see if we bring that same energy that we’ve been bringing, but bring it to some more corrections, bring it into some things. Everyone’s going to look at this tape and it’s going to hurt, man, because you’re going to see things like ‘What the heck did I do there? Why did I do that?’ And again I say it, but that’s football. The teams that continue over this long race continue to improve. It’s a race to see who can improve the most towards the end, and it’s a great opportunity for us to look at some different fronts we hadn’t seen this year, to see some different kind of games, different kind of routes, different kind of throws for me, coverage, all of that, for me to be better than I was the last time. My commitment to this team and this organization is to be hard on myself and push our guys in the same way. That we look at it just like we look at it after a win. You’re hard on each other, and you’ve got to be hard on each other especially after this loss so we can be better.”

On not having as much success with the run game as in the first two weeks

“They did a good job. We had some good runs and we still were able to make some adjustments and have some really good runs, and I thought the pass game, too. There were some play actions I thought were good. I don’t want to overdo it. Coach [Jon] Gruden always told me ‘We didn’t lose, we just ran out of time.’ They beat us today, and we ran out of time on that one. I thought we were making good adjustments and started moving the ball well, so my confidence is high. Anytime you don’t start off hot it’s a grind a little bit, but I thought we handled it well.”

On the Chris Olave touchdown pass

“Cover zero. They had the safety matched up on Chris [Olave], and for us, that’s a great matchup. Just throwing it to my spot, and he ran it down like he always does and made that play.”

On the crowd volume

“It was electric. That was a playoff atmosphere, when we get to play in one of those, but it felt like that. That was amazing. We need them all year, because that’s such an advantage for us. The fans were fantastic. That was awesome. Hopefully (we will) make some corrections and give them more stuff to cheer about.”

On emotional swing of touchdown to then being back down

“In this game, most of these games, mostly every time, it comes down to one possession. You score when there’s time on the clock, the other team always has a chance. For me, I’ve tried my best to try and stay even keeled. Obviously you’re excited, and then when they score you’ve got to stay still ready to go, make your next read, and make the next throw. It really is a microcosm of what a football season is like, you’ve got to stay like this. You’ve got to trust your process, keep working, and enjoy the process, too.”

More on losing center Erik McCoy

“Again, anytime you lose anybody on a football team, you don’t just replace somebody. They bring a certain gift, they bring a certain talent and ability, leadership. But with that said, I thought Lucas [Patrick] did a great job. Again, I get work with him, too, during the week just in case something like this ever happens. You lose a guy like Erik and it hurts. He’s a captain, he’s a leader of our football team, so it hurts, but with football that stuff happens all the time. It’s next man up, and you’ve got to be able to pick right back up and the expectation doesn’t change. But I thought Lucas did a fantastic job of really listening to and communicating to the young guys, new coming in. Just watching him communicate. He’s a true pro, he’s a true leader, and I’m glad we have him.”

S TYRANN MATHIEU

On the loss

“It’s frustrating. Hat’s off to those guys. They made the plays when it mattered the most. You can play great defense for 55 minutes, and for five minutes, it can kind of get away from you. We will learn from it. It’s still early. We’re still confident in what we can do. Hat’s off to those guys. They executed in those moments.”

On the third down conversion to Eagles tight end Dallas Goedert on the game-winning drive

“It’s one of those situations where we are in man-to-man defense. It doesn’t matter if it’s third and 90 (yards) or third and three. We believe in us. Like I said, hat’s off to those guys. They executed. Clearly, they practice that particular play because we got that exact play maybe three or four times. I missed one tackle. Then, the next time we had three or four guys running into each other. Hat’s off to those guys. They executed in a critical moment.”

On what it does for the team to experience this adversity

“Adversity is a builder of life. You cannot go through life and expect great things without hiccups, without setbacks, without adversity. It sucks. We poured our hearts out into the game. We sacrifice a lot to get to Sunday, and we want to be able to win. It’s not just for us, but it’s for everybody. It doesn’t always go your way, but the positive is that there are a lot of great teams (and) a lot of great people that wouldn’t be great without hard times. Yeah, we’ve got another game next week, a divisional game, so we can’t sulk in this too long.”

On Jalen Hurts’ ability and today’s loss

“He’s an athlete. Year after year, a lot of guys come into this league at the quarterback position. A few of them are much more than quarterbacks; they are great athletes. Obviously, his team believes in him. He believes in himself. He has played in a lot of big football games. So, hat’s off to those guys. Like I said, they executed in the most critical moments of the game. It hurts. It sucks, but it is a part of it.”

On defensive stops in the red zone

“We always want to take the ball away and try our best to limit teams to three (points) when they get to the red zone. It doesn’t always go our way, but outside of a couple of third downs, I thought that we played hard. I thought that we played fast. There’s a couple of moments in the game where we kind of broke down as a defense. We will learn from it. The coaches will learn from it. Us, as players, we’ll learn from it. We’ll be ready for Atlanta next week.”

On Saquon Barkley’s 65-yard touchdown run

“We were in cover zero and we got beat. It’s like once he got past the first level, it was off to the races. Great play by him. They blocked it up pretty well. He kind of cut back to the left and there was nobody there. Great vision by him. Obviously, we want to make that play, we want to make that tackle. He made a great play. He made a great move.”

On if the defense overran on the on the Barkley 65-yard run

“Nobody overran it. We were blitzing from the left. He got the ball and cut back to the left and nobody was there. He ran bubble slant to the field, so all those guys were in man-to-man so they were following their man. Once he rolled off the tackle, it’s just paint. All you see is end zone.”

On the teams talking to each other on the field late in the game

“It’s an intense game and emotions get high. Obviously, it was a one point game for a while there. Defensively, obviously, we want to defend our home field. Me and Latt (Marshon Lattimore), we should never go to those guys’ sideline. So, we will learn from that. It happens to all of us, where emotions get the best of us. We didn’t really hear it much from those guys all game until they went up at the end. We will just be looking forward to playing again against those guys, hopefully.”



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Opening statement

“We were a resilient team. There are resilient men on this team. Last week was rough. Last week was something that our guys had to pick themselves up off the mat. Every one of them did. You get better from your work and you get better from your experiences. Sometimes losing, you grow a little bit more from that. Not that you want to do it, but you grow a little bit more from that. These guys got better this week. When we talk about handling adversity, we talk about having the right mindset. You can have the victim mindset, which I think the world wants you to have, which is essentially looking at the negatives or you can have a purpose mindset. A purpose mindset is knowing that through bad things that happen that if you let it then you will get better. You control what you can control. We can’t think about what anyone thinks about us. We can’t control what anyone says about us. All we can control is our daily work and they did that. When you do that, then you’re going to be an example for somebody else. Our guys did that. All of guys showed how they handled adversity. Adversity happens in life all the time over and over and over again. You are going to have small losses in every single game whether it’s an interception or a fumble or me going for it in a fourth down scenario and we don’t get it. You have to overcome those things and I am so proud of those guys that they did that. It shows resilience. A team plays together. A team has each other’s back. I can’t tell you how many times Saquon (Barkley) and Jordan Mailata and Chauncy Gardner-Johnson came up to me and said we got your back. We got your back coach. This is a hard place to play. This is a hard place to win. Last time I was here, I think Drew Brees had the ball touch the ground one time. We got ran out of here. That’s a really good defense. That’s a good quarterback. That is a really good head coach that is defensive minded, Dennis Allen. To come in here and get a win like that is special. We’ll remember this. That brings a team closer together. I know my dad is going to text me and tell me that we need to win by a little bit more because I am making him nervous. When you win like that, it is special. We’re going to remember this one. We’re going to remember it on the way home, but then we’re going to move on. It’s just a special team win.”

On the resiliency of this team

“We know this is not sustainable. We said this after the Green Bay game. We have to take the ball away. We did in that critical scenario, but we still lost the turnover battle. It’s not sustainable to do it this way. We have to take care of the ball. We have to take the ball away from them. The defense played unbelievable. That’s a good offensive line. We played on their side of the line of scrimmage an awful lot. Jalen Carter played his butt off. Jordan Davis played his butt off when everyone was doubting them all week. What are we doing? Why are we drafting these guys? I’ve heard it all. I’ve heard everything. I try not to listen, but I have to talk to the media five times a week. They responded because they didn’t care what anyone thought. If they aren’t riding with us when we are losing, then they aren’t going to ride with us when we win. We heard it all. We heard everything. They heard it and they responded. All you can do is control yourself. You are always going to have people saying different things about you. They went out there and played their ass off all week. Vic Fangio put them in a great spot all week.

Clint Hurtt put them in a great spot by the way he drilled them. He was on their ass all week. They went out and responded and they did it.

On what he noticed through the week on defense to expect this performance

“You always have to have the right mindset going into it. It’s all about the growth mindset. Sometimes the ball bounces weird. We saw a ball hit the upright and go in. You can’t control the ball and how it bounces. All you can control is your response. Their response and mindset all week was a purposeful mindset. That’s what I am talking about. The way that we were getting scooped out of outside zone last week. They had a response. We could let it happen to us or respond. We responded by putting them in the right positions to potentially make a play and them playing the right technique. I said last week no matter what is called, it’s about playing on the right side of the line of scrimmage, striking the defender and then tackling. That’s what they did. You don’t want to lose, but sometimes you get better from those losses. We know that teams are going to watch the tape this week and see us playing on their side of the line of scrimmage an awful lot. That’s what I’m talking about. I didn’t see Zack Baun get cut today. Why? Because he worked his ass off to do it. I didn’t see Jalen Carter getting scooped on the backside because we saw him in the backfield a lot. That’s what I’m talking about with this response. Having the right mindset. I could talk about this all day long and this mindset that you have after adversity happens to you. That is life. These guys learned good lessons. I’ve taken so much joy in not only teaching them lessons of football, but lessons of life. They taught themselves that today and just how to respond when shit goes bad in their life.”

On the 61-yard pass play to Dallas Goedert

“I saw a great throw by Jalen (Hurts) in the midst of chaos. That place is loud. That place is so loud. We’ll get ready for the crowd noise in Tampa, but holy smokes this place is loud. I saw Jalen completely operate in chaos. The two things we talked about was that we have to be physical in this game. That’s a physical football team. We have to have poise because it’s going to be loud. Jalen operated in chaos. The offensive line had good protection. Dallas ran a good route. You can look at it, but there was help from some other guys in that case with the guys and how they ran into each other on that one. A couple things that we teach in that scenario, and they executed perfectly. Dallas just went. He just turned it on and went. (170 yards) is a lot for a tight end. He’s an explosive player. Shallow routes like that are so critical that the ball is out in front of him, so that he can have a ball to run with. I don’t want that to be overlooked. If Jalen puts it here and he has to slow down at all then the guy gets to come back and make that play. The pursuit comes. Jalen put it here from what I saw and Dallas could just go. It was a great call by Kellen (Moore). It was a perfectly executed call by the guys. Just so if anyone is wondering about the fourth and one call at the end of the half, I called that not Kellen. I called that play at the end of the half. Kellen did not. I called it. I thought that was what was best for our football team in that particular case. It was my decision. I did it. It didn’t work. I’ll get better from it. It was the play I thought was going to work in that particular case. It didn’t work. It’s not on Kellen. It’s not on the players. I put them in a bad spot and I made that call.”

On Jalen Hurt’s ball security

“You have to understand that there is a lot those goes into an interception. It’s more than meets the eyes. The interception has a lot of moving parts. If the player makes a mistake, then it is always on me and me first. Nobody else. It is on me first. I was taught early in this game by my dad that if you are not coaching it and if something happens on that field then it is your responsibility. Nobody else’s responsibility. That’s being a man. That’s what being a man is. Taking responsibility for the shit that you are in charge of. That’s my responsibility. First and foremost, the interception is on me. On the fumble, we have to get two hands on the football and Jalen will learn from that. We’ll have a good response from that. It’s nice to get a win and get out of it. We have to take care of the ball better. There is no doubt. The running backs are doing a really good job of taking care of the football. It just takes one every once in a while with one hand on the ball. If you have one hand on the ball and someone touches your arm, then it’s tough and it’s going to come out. You have to get two hands on the ball and

he'll be the first one to tell you that. He played his butt off today. Jalen Hurts is a winner. He is a winner. He wins. You tell me when he hasn't won. He's a winner. I'm proud of him. I can't say enough good things about his response. He has the same look on his face the entire game. He's getting excited and I love that about him. He knows it's the sum of all the plays that says who you are. Not just one play that everyone is going to talk about. It's not just one play. It's the sum of all plays. He's the quarterback and he is a freaking winner. He won at Alabama. He won at Oklahoma. He's been winning here over and over and over and over. We are the Philadelphia Eagles and we understand that we are going to get criticism. This dude is a freaking winner. Jalen Hurts is a winner. He won today."

On DeVonta Smith and how is he

"I don't know yet. I haven't gotten with the guys yet. He was able to get up on his own. DeVonta Smith is one of the toughest dudes I know. He is one of the toughest dudes I know. I'll get an update on how he is doing. Obviously, he didn't come back in the game. If he would have been able to, then he would have. DeVonta Smith is tough. When one of your best players has that much physical and mental toughness, then that is contagious. You find yourself as a head coach of everything that you talk about with connection, accountability, toughness and detail. The toughness that was played on that field today against a tough team and DeVonta Smith is a warrior. He is tough. He puts his body on the line. These guys put their bodies on the line play in and play out He is one guy that does that all the time. I hope that he is OK. He got up on his own and we'll see. I'll get some information, and we'll see. He's a warrior and he's tough."



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QB JALEN HURTS

On his chemistry with TE Dallas Goedert

Yeah, you know, we obviously have a lot to utilize on offense, it's just about giving them the opportunity to do so. I think we called his number quite a bit today, and he showed up. A lot of guys showed up. He [Dallas] had a great moment. He had a great moment. I'm proud of him. I attest all of that to the grind that we put in. I attest that to the times we were having conversations in the off season, and he's coming to Houston, spending a lot of time there, building that connection and building that rapport, just waiting for the opportunity to come when his number is called. And he had a career day to day, and not only him, obviously say Saquon [Barkley], but the defense had a career day in just the way our they responded off of a tough game last week, in a short week. I'm so excited for them. I am so happy for them and excited to see them continue to grow, and obviously us grow as a team.

On playing much of the game without starters, especially during the game-winning drive

"I noticed that as the game went on that there were some new faces in the huddle. But it didn't matter. It didn't matter. We were able to persevere. And like I said, it's, you know, it's games like that. When it's gritty, you have to overcome some things that are in front of you. You lean on the preparation; you lean on the preparation. And we have moments from last week's game that we learn from very directly, very directly situationally, how we approached it, how we played it, and some moments that we definitely won back. But even for a guy like Parris Campbell to step in; I think he had three or four catches – that's time spent in the offseason not knowing where your number is going to be called. At one time he was at a moment where he didn't know if he was going to make the roster or not, and look at, you know, look at him showing up. So tons of love and respect for him and how he showed up. Even Jahan [Dotson], how he showed up when his number was called, obviously, Smitty [DeVonta Smith] prayers out to him. I don't know anything, but I know it's a special game for him, and I'm happy as a team, we found a way to win in his home state. And so hopefully that's something that he could, you know, hear these words and be proud of."

On what he saw on the 61-yard pass play with Goedert

"We had a great setup there. Great, great call, and just made a great play, you know. Obviously getting the ball to the guy that I needed to in that situation, and he did the rest okay. He told me, if he had my speed, he would have scored, but we figured it out anyway."

More on the 61-yard play and the pre-snap check in such a loud environment

You know, it's operation. You never want to get too high or too low in those moments. You're going to have things that happen in the game. You have things that go your way and some that don't you know. You have things that you want back and things that you'd be proud of. But in the end, it's about how you execute it and trust in the preparation to put ourselves in different situations, to be prepared for those things. And there are some things that don't come up, that you didn't think about, but it's all a learning thing. I said here this week where after last week's game, and I said to you guys, it's really no difference between winning and losing. It's a matter of if you learned. And I'm just excited that we were able to learn from last week's game and this game, and hopefully we can continue to just learn as we move forward.

RB SAQUON BARKLEY

On what flipped for the team in the fourth quarter after things were so dry in the first three?

“I mean, you know, obviously the game wasn't going our way, but we never gave up. We kept trusting each other, kept working. When we had our teammate go down late, we rallied behind that and embraced the opportunity. Especially our defense. They played lights out.”

On what he saw on his 65-yard touchdown run

I just remember seeing Tyrann [Mathieu]. He was down, so I knew it was safety one high and I knew I had a lot of space to the right. Then the O-line blocked it perfectly. You know, against Green Bay, if I would have just went right, I probably would have had two long runs so I learned from my mistakes.

On what was said to the team after last week's loss to turn things around

Nothing. We just kept trusting the process. Kept working. We understand that when things like last weekend happens, everyone thinks the world is ending. It really doesn't matter what the outside world thinks. It matters what happens in our locker room. Today, we just kept trusting each other. Kept having each other's back. That's what team football is about.

On Jalen Hurts' demeanor when he had two first half turnovers

“He's the most, poised human being I've ever been around in my life. He doesn't get flustered, never too high, never too low, to be honest, only being around for however many months, I've learn a lot from him as a player and as a man too. So, he's the leader of this team. Obviously, his turnover is not what you want to happen, but it's part of the game. It's all about how you're responding. He responded with a two-minute drive going down the field, made a big play to Dallas [Goedert] and Dallas ran his butt off. Jalen is our leader, and we follow him.”

TE DALLAS GOEDERT

On if the gameplan was intentionally to get him more involved in the offense

“We had plays that were called for me today. A little bit more than the first couple games. But, like I said, anytime my number gets called, I'm going to do whatever I can to be able to make a play. It is always fun to be involved, but we have so many special players on this offense that when it's my time, I'm going to do what I can, and when it's AJ's [Brown], time, he's going to do it, Smitty [DeVonta Smith], you know, everybody. We got an incredible squad. So, you know, we just have to stay patient and wait for our times.”

On Jalen Hurts' performance

“Jalen is Jalen, man. He's a calm, cool, collected guy. Before we had the two-minute opportunity, I sat down to him, and I'm like, you know we're good. He says, I know we're good. It's just something that when your quarterback has that much confidence, when the game's on the line, he's going to make the play. He's calm, and that brings everybody else back down, you know, just levelheaded, and we can go out there and move on to the next play. And he's a big part of that.”