

49ERS HEAD COACH KYLE SHANAHAN

On what he saw from QB Jimmy Garoppolo

“Not much. The whole offense didn’t really get going. Had one chance. His turnover we had a chance. It was a longer developing route and we didn’t hold up on it. I think he got hit as the ball was going because it came out weird. He was going to the right spot with the ball, but we couldn’t protect long enough. The next one, ‘41 (Denver CB De’Vante Bausby) made a good play driving on it. He had two tips that would have been to open guys but there were two tips. Went out for a third series and got the holding call on the second-and-16, led to a third-and-16 and it was kind of over before it started.”

On whether he thought Garoppolo had any doubt

“No. Anytime you can’t get an offensive rhythm, everyone looks that way. We didn’t get anyone in rhythm. I wish we could have gotten him in a rhythm. It was very hard to pull him off on the third series because we wanted to go one and two series. One and two good series. I think the first one was longer than three plays. I think the second one was a three-and-out. I think the fourth one might have been a four-and-out. We just didn’t get going and I had to get those guys out of there.”

On what he has seen from Garoppolo to feel confident

“I think what everyone saw when he played in games. I think everyone saw him the year he played for us. The two-and-a-half games that he had last year so everyone know what we saw. It’s just about getting him out there and playing again.”

On whether he was hesitant to play Garoppolo with two starters missing on the offensive line

“No. Not at all.”

On whether it was good for Garoppolo to get this first game back out of the way

“Yeah, of course. He’s had a year off football, and before that he only played about eight games total. The more he can play, the better. I wish we could have kept him out there longer today but you risk everyone else too, so I had to get those guys out of there.”

On what he said to Garoppolo on the sidelines when he took him out

“Sorry I couldn’t let you stay in there longer. I know it’s frustrating but it’s not like go sit there and freak out over two tipped passes. When he’s getting hit, throwing a go-route to the backfield that was a pick. I don’t like the third down that he threw where 41 (Bausby) just squatted on our route and jumped the heck out of it. Try to come back and double a little later but he was in a cloud of coverage.”

It was frustrating for all of us because we wanted to do something, but we are on limited time with it being the preseason. We'll have to get him out and wait a few more days for the next game. Luckily we have three games in ten days so we will get up there again."

On how he looks at the entire week with the first-team offense

"I was really excited about the week. We had two good days of practices. I was not excited about our three series out there, but I was really happy with this week."

On whether Garappolo will be able to be mobile when there is pressure coming off his injury

"No, I forget his knee's hurt. He's been healthy since OTAs, so we aren't worried about the knee right now. We just want to get him out there and get some reps and play some football. It was good for him because it's a big hurdle to get out there for the first time, but we haven't seen any issues with the knee. We aren't too concerned about his injury. It's about him playing and getting reps with our team."

On whether he thought Garappolo should have thrown the ball away on the interception

"He's just got to let go. He's got to anticipate throws on a go route. I think it was [Matt] Breida vs [Josey] Jewell, they got a tease and our guard and our tackle got picked but that's not a throwaway. Guys are open. When people are covered, that's when you throw it away but as he's throwing it away, he get's hit and the ball goes into weird coverage."

On how he thought Joe Staley and the first-team offensive line played

"I think that's how everyone looks when you go against [Bradley] Chubb and Von Miller. We had some third downs and they got us in a couple tees and we had one long developing play that you take a risk for a double move on the back coming and they got us. The next time, they blocked and got rid of it. We had two tipped passes. I think that's like 10 plays so I'm not going to sit and judge each individual for just 10 plays. I'd like to let them play longer but I can't."

On how he would quantify having Garappolo miss an entire year of football

"For a quarterback more than anything, your rhythm is off. You need to be in there a lot of snaps where you can feel the rush and you have the timing and speed of the game with the coverages, with the receivers. You can simulate that only in practices but you're still never going to allow anyone to hit you. It's just getting back there and getting comfortable. Some guys don't come back from it as well. Jimmy's been great. He's come back and he hasn't had any setbacks and he's good to go. But Jimmy hasn't played a lot of football this last year so it's about getting him reps and putting him in different situations and letting him play as much as possible but you can't keep all your other guys out there as much as possible too so we're having to deal with that as we go and have him ready for week one."

49ERS QUARTERBACK JIMMY GAROPPOLO

On if there was anxiety about returning to the field today after his knee injury

"Yeah, obviously a lot of excitement. I got anxious to get out there and everything, but nothing too crazy."

On being able to be hit today for the first time since his injury and if that affected his play

"It's something that I haven't done in a year obviously, so I've got to knock the rust off and everything. Thankfully we have a short week this week so we can bounce back quickly, but it's the first step of getting back into it."

On the interception he threw in the first quarter

"I just kind of got hit as I was throwing it. I just needed a more accurate ball down the field."

On his emotions while going over plays with Head Coach Kyle Shanahan on the sideline

"Obviously I was a little frustrated, but that's the NFL. Unfortunately, we don't get to play the whole game right now, so I only get so many plays. You wish you could be out there for more so we could bounce back. But it is what it is. It's preseason right now, so we just have to take it in stride."

On if the pass rush affected his interception

"A little bit. Just a bad decision. Can't make that one. The corner was sitting on it. He made that shuffle on the ball, so we just have to move on after that."

On adjusting to the shuffled offensive line

"I think those guys did a pretty good job up front. For the most part, it was a clean pocket. I only got hit like once maybe. For the most part it was pretty good up front. I just personally have to be better."

On if he's looking forward to playing next Saturday in Kansas City

"Yeah, just kind of getting in the groove offensively. As the offense, once we got that first down, you kind of start rolling. I think we only got one of those tonight. Once you get in a groove like that as an offensive, it's a good feeling. Hopefully we'll play a little more of the same thing."

On if he thinks about his knee when he is on the field

"Honestly, I really wasn't thinking about it out there so I'm happy about that. Just in general, it didn't bother me that much."

On the positives from the game

"Just playing positive. We'll go back and watch the film and everything, but I think like I said up front, I think those guys did a pretty good job of holding up. I really didn't get hit very much, so I appreciate them for that."

On what he would have done differently in the pocket

"I would have completed [all passes]. No, I'm just kidding. The best thing to do is to look at the film and break it down and see. Obviously I have a picture in my head of what I think I saw, but going back and watching the film gives you a chance to really break it down, talk to [49ers Head Coach] Kyle [Shanahan] about it and get on the same page."

On the potential of taking hits again

"I think those will just come naturally. It's football, and you know what you sign up for and everything, so I think there's value here in wanting that. I think I'll build that in due time."

On how much he expects to play on Saturday

“That's Kyle's decision, so whatever he says goes. He obviously is a competitor. You want to get back out there and go put together a good drive and string players together, but I'll have to wait until next week.”

49ERS CORNERBACK DONTAE JOHNSON

On returning to the 49ers organization

“It's been amazing, just to be back with the organization that drafted me from the start and gave me an opportunity. They have welcomed me ever since I got back, and it has been an honor to play here. I love being here. Just the people in the front office, to the staff members, equipment managers and training room staff. It has been 100-percent great hospitality. I love it and always appreciated it when I was here.”

On the team's progress through training camp

“It's been great. As a team, I thought we have been doing a lot of good things, but there are a lot of things we can work on as a defense and as an offensive unit. Mainly from the defensive side, we have to continue to focus on the details. Tighten those things up and I think we have the potential to be a really dominant defense in this league.”

On his interception

“Coach always says good things happen to those who run to the ball. I was in a position where I was running to the ball, and on tips and overthrows, we have to capitalize. We have to capitalize on that a lot this year for us to be a great defense and a great team.”

On trying to earn a roster spot

“I am going out there and competing every day—helping my teammates get better. Being a veteran guy that I am, helping the young guys and bringing them along. At the end of the day, the chips will fall where they fall. I am just blessed and fortunate and glad I am 100-percent healthy to play football.”

49ERS RUNNING BACK RAHEEM MOSTERT

On playing special teams and running back

“I just take it one week at a time and try to prove my worth to the best of my abilities. I don’t know where I’m going to fall as far as the running back depth. I just go out there and try to give it my all.”

On what he saw on his 30-yard run

“I just saw the defense flowing hard to the left and nothing but green grass out of my peripheral. I just wanted to make a play and I knew that if I could beat one person, who was the DB who was already blocked, it was on to the next man which was the safety, and I knew I had that.”

On getting extended action at running back

“It was honestly an exciting moment, especially coming back from my injury. After dealing with that I’m just happy to have a little more confidence in myself and belief in myself that I could actually do it.”

On whether he had any hesitation in his return from injury

“There was a little hesitation, but it was nothing drastic. I knew that once I got my confidence back hitting in practice it would be smooth sailing once it got to the games. I’ve just got to get used to having plates in my arm. I’ve got two plates and 14 or 16 screws.”

49ERS WIDE RECEIVER DEEBO SAMUEL

On his 45-yard end around run

“Once I got around the corner, I saw the d-end so I had to outrun him. I was looking ahead and there was great blocking out there. There was a big opening and I hit it full speed.”

On being used in multiple ways on offense

“I am just doing what the coaches ask me to do.”

On what he is taking away from the preseason

“I’m trying to take advantage of every opportunity that I get. We had a couple of people go down today. You have to take advantage of that. Be where your feet are is the moto I lived by in college. Go out there and give it your all anytime you’re out there.”

On preparing for next week

“Just go out there and do what coach asks me to do. Keep contributing to the team.”

On adjusting to the playbook

“It is picking up very well now. It is slowly coming, but it is getting there.”

49ERS DEFENSIVE END KENTAVIUS STREET**On playing in his second preseason game**

“It was great. It’s always a humbling moment just being out there. Last year was a lonely year for me so just going out there and being able to perform and play with these guys is amazing.”

On how difficult it was being not able to play last year

“It was tough, I’m not going to lie, because it was my first major injury—especially with it being my first year in the pros. It is not how I expected things to go but I am grateful for it at the same time because I learned a lot of things about my body and about myself.”

On if he’s figured out where he fits within the defensive line

“I’m still trying to figure it out. There is so much talent, just like you said, and there is just so much experience within the room. I’m trying to absorb as much as I can and find my role.”

On what he did well today and what he can improve on

“I think I just wanted to come out and play fast. Last game I thought I was a little hesitant and just thinking a lot. This game I just wanted to eliminate that and play as fast as I can. I still feel like I can play faster, still can eliminate some hesitation and just continue to work on my hands.”