

SAN FRANCISCO POSTGAME QUOTES SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

HEAD COACH KYLE SHANAHAN

(On 49ers injuries)

"We had [Tevin] Coleman go out with an ankle injury, [Matt] Breida, K'Waun Williams and Robbie [Gould] had dehydration, but returned."

(On how significant the injury of Running Back Tevin Coleman is)

"Not sure yet. We'll have to get X-Rays and see after this game."

(On if Nick Bosa made it through the game OK)

"Yeah, he did. I have no report on him yet. Guys will get checked up tonight and then tomorrow morning and we'll see tomorrow afternoon."

(On Kicker Robbie Gould's apparent Injury)

"He was cramping a little bit."

(On if the cramps were an issue on Gould's 57-yard missed field goal)

"Maybe. You'd have to ask him [Laughs]. I'm glad he attempted it. That was right where we wanted to do it, not wanted to do it, we wanted closer, but we needed one more yard."

(On if he is concerned with Coleman's injury.)

"Yes I am."

(On how refreshing it is to see cornerbacks make big plays)

"Oh it was huge. I mean, hopefully we got that, well compared to last year, I think we already beat it right? We had three (Interceptions) today and two last year so it's good to get that monkey off our back a little bit. We didn't play our best ball today, but the guys played very hard. When you get 21 points called back from penalties, gave them a number of free first downs off penalties, just a lot of self-inflicted wounds that we weren't proud of. But the guys to still battle and fight and come up with that win shows how hard the guys fought, especially in this heat and stuff, which I know guys were struggling. And also losing one of our linebackers early in the first quarter was tough to overcome, but the guys kept fighting through and pulled out a win and I'm very happy about that."

(On his evaluation of Quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo's performance)

"I mean I think the whole offense was shaky. I think he made a couple of good throws but Jimmy and everyone else, including myself, needs to get a lot more consistent. There was some things out there that we missed, which I think made it a much tighter game than it needed to be. Fortunately our defense got us some turnovers. They got four of them, which it's hard to win when you have two turnovers on offense but when you get four on the other side, especially when they scored on two of them, that makes it a little easier to overcome some sloppy play that we had on offense."

(On the pressure put on Quarterback Jameis Winston on his final interception)

"I mean very rarely do they throw it to the other team. These quarterbacks are real good. When you have guys coming after them it makes it a lot harder. The final one was a screen so everyone got through on that, but it just sailed over him a little bit but he made the play and I think we dropped a couple too, but I was really happy with the guys that they got that."

(On his take of Jimmy Garoppolo's inaccurate passes possibly being a product of rust or if they could have been caught)

"No, I think it's both. I mean, I don't know about rust or anything. If the receivers touch it, then we expect them to catch it. We want the receivers to catch it anytime they can touch it and we'll always challenge the quarterback to try and make it easier on them also."

(On his view of the offensive pass interference that wiped out tight end George Kittle's touchdown in the first half and if there was consideration for challenging the play)

"No, because their guy ran into him. He was chasing him to the flat from what I saw. When they do collide, I know that won't get overturned. I also was frustrated with it because that was on our fullback, who he had nothing to do with the play. I'll see it when it's on the tape. But yeah, it was a frustrating one."

(On Dante Pettis lack of playing time and if it had to do with health issues)

"No, I mean a little bit of both. He had health issues so that's why he missed a week of practice. He just got cleared to come back on Monday so he was a little behind the eight-ball on that. He didn't start the game and we didn't have a ton of long drives where we got into the substitution flow, but he went into this game backing up and when he did go in there from everything I saw live he did a hell of a job. Hopefully he'll work off that and continue to earn some more time out there."

(On what the biggest reasons were for the post-game celebration in the locker room)

"I mean we were celebrating our turnovers. I mean we're celebrating the win first and foremost. It was nice to give Kwon [Alexander] the ball even though he only played a quarter with us. I know it's a big deal for him coming home to Tampa. He did a lot of good things here and played a lot of good ball in that stadium so I know it was a big deal for him. I know it's hard on him to only get to play the first quarter but I think guys were pumped up we were able to win it for him and give him the game ball."

(On if Kwon Alexander hit that led to his disqualification was a result of him being too amped up)

"No, that's what hard about the challenge of these rules. I mean you have a 200-and I don't know how much Jameis Winston weighs, but he's a very big guy and you've got him running and you're right at the sticks and you don't know whether they are going to slide or lower their shoulder and run someone over like he does left and right. So Kwon brought it which you kind of have to do. You want him to do that without leaning with their head, which sometimes is physically impossible, but you want to challenge him hard on that. We'll review the tape and slow it down and figure out how to coach him on that. So I'm sure he did deserve the penalty. It's just very tough when you only have 46 guys up on gameday and you lose a guy in the first quarter. It's not like college where you have 100 people on the field, so that's going to end up being a huge problem for people in this league."

(On the no-call against Richard Sherman, and the challenge that overturned it to pass interference in the first quarter-Second Buccaneers possession)

"I saw it and they showed it up on the replay. You can see he grabbed him, so it was a good job by them. I was going to throw my first one when I thought it was offensive PI at the end but it was the last play of the game so I didn't get to do it and it ended up not being one so it was alright."

(On how the running back depth is affected based off Coleman's injury)

"We really love Jeff [Wilson, Jr.] who's on practice squad. Jeff's a great player. We'll see what's up with Tevin [Coleman] and how long he will be out and then you see what else is out there. We like to have three guys up on gameday and if Tevin can't go we'll have two and most likely bring Jeff up."

(On getting Nick Bosa and Dee Ford on the field together at the same time)

"From what I saw it looked good. I know they weren't out there all the time, but I saw them make a few plays. Every time I looked up it seemed like when Bosa was in he got back there. He missed Jameis [Winston] on a couple that I saw but Jameis is pretty good at that too. He's done that to a lot of good players. But I was really happy how they got in the backfield, and not just those two but it seemed like the whole D-Line."

(On how this win validates everyone's hard work)

"I think it's huge, especially with just as hard as we played. It's fun to win when you can be hard on the guys the next day. There is lots of stuff on that tape that could've cost us that game in all three phases."

Very rarely is it perfect but I was disappointed with that and to still be able to pull out a win says a lot about the guys we've got in there, how important it was to them, how hard they were fighting. They weren't looking to make excuses or looking to blame it on someone. They all just kept grinding and when you do that, usually good things happen."

(On how it feels to have a winning record as a head coach)

"It feels good. Can we stop right now [Laughs]? It feels nice to finally be on the plus side. Last year we got to .500 at 1-1. It feels better this year so far."

(On Ahkello Witherspoon's work that was put in that contributed to his good game)

"I'm just real happy for him. We know he's had some ups and he was real all positive the first year. You know how he came on strong. Last year he battled and had some up and down moments and you want to see how people respond. He came into this offseason, you can tell he'd done work on his own, battled through a couple of injuries in the offseason, rehabbed very hard, and worked his tail off. He's had a great camp and we expected him to do better because of just how consistent he's been, but I'm happy for him that he got to show everyone else and do it out there and he played a hell of a game."

(On the coaching points on Jimmy Garoppolo's interception)

"Don't throw it. You do a quick game to the field. A lot of times you expect a corner to just play off and look inside and not thinking you're going to throw it to a back, but you have to see the throw. The corner is flat footed. He made a great break on the ball. That's why it's scary to throw to the field. Jimmy's got the arm to do that, but that corner teed off on it and made a risky gamble and made us pay. That's one you've got to learn from and it happens."

QUARTERBACK JIMMY GAROPPOLO

(On how the game went for himself)

"I think there were some ups and downs, obviously some things to learn from, but it is always great to start the season 1-0."

(On missing a pass or throwing behind a player)

"Yeah you never want to miss those, especially the easy ones. I don't know, you get used to them happening all the time and things happen."

(On his pick-six)

"Just a dumb decision, got to see the corner flat-footing out there and move on. To the field like that, the ball is in the air for a long time."

(On the offense gaining confidence from the play of the defense)

"This whole game is complementary football. Defense gets a turnover, what do we do with it? Them helping us and us helping them; special teams mixed in there. Everyone plays a role, so I think we did a good job of that today."

(On mistakes and penalties slowing down momentum)

"Yeah, it was tough. You hate to see those, all the penalties you want to wipe them away. I think we responded well. Get rid of the penalties for next week and move on."

(On if he had a 'flashback' to his injury last season during his scramble)

"Not really a flashback, I saw a lot of open space, I felt the guy coming from behind and kind of got caught in an awkward spot; didn't know whether to slide and I couldn't really get out of bounds so it is what it is."

(On losing RB Tevin Coleman early in the game and the effect that had)

"It put a lot more pressure on the other guys and I think those guys stepped up. [Matt] Breida and Raheem [Mostert] especially down the stretch started running real hard. Towards the end there when we needed a couple yards here and there or a clutch first down, those guys were getting it for us."

(On the touchdown pass to WR Richie James Jr.)

"Rich had a great route, a little wheel route, and just got past the guy and saw he had a step on him and let him run under it. Giving him a lot of credit and the line blocked great so he had all the time in the world."

(On the game plan)

"We wanted to pick our spots and I think we did that to a point but we were taking what they gave us and I think that is what a good offense does. They were making it tough on us early, but I think we did pretty well"

(On starting the season with a win)

"It feels really good. It feels good to get back, it has been awhile since I have been out here with the guys for a full game and it was fun out there today."

CORNERBACK RICHARD SHERMAN

(On his interception returned for a touchdown)

"Well it was empty, we knew we were pressuring him [Jameis Winston], we had a mismatch in the slot, they had a back to my side. In their offense, they're backs only run certain routes. So I knew what the route was, I waited for the quarterback to break, I broke before the back and I got a chance to get my hands on it and the rest is history."

(On how he felt after the interception)

"I'm not gonna lie I was just tired. Today was one of the hottest games I've ever been a part of. That's why you don't have much for celebration because your body is just in survival mode and you're just trying to stay on top and trying to get your job done as best you can. But it felt good, I'm sure I'll enjoy more later on, but I'm just happy for our defense, I'm happy for our team. Ya know, we played sloppy today, but it's the first game, we've got to knock out some of the wrinkles. They've got a lot of talented players over there and we gotta find a way to play a more mistake-free football game, myself included. I had a couple penalties that I shouldn't have had. Just ticky-tack, I've got to put myself in better position and we've got to hold ourselves to a standard. It was a decent game for us, but we have to get better."

(On how he thought the pass rush and coverage unit meshed today)

"Yeah, we just felt like Jameis was uncomfortable. He wasn't in rhythm, he couldn't hit the top of his drops comfortably, he was looking at the rush a lot of times. But he's still crafty. He avoided a few sacks, he's very ingenuitive in the pocket, very similar to Ben Roethlisberger, as I said earlier. And we knew that, and I think Nick [Bosa] learned an important lesson today."

(On if he believes Ahkello Witherspoon is a different player this year)

"Ahkello is the same player. Don't get me wrong. He was a good player last year, it's just about his mentality and his approach has changed. He was a talented, incredible player last year. He had a few bad plays and a few mistakes here and there, and he was a victim of just some busts, some coverage busts where the touchdown or the play wasn't even necessarily his fault. It was, the safety is supposed to be there and he's not there. Or this this happened, or we called a different coverage. But this year he's learned to overcome those things mentally. He's learned to just fight through and not let it emotionally hijack him. Like he's just next play, I'm gonna do my job the next play, regardless of what happened on the previous play. He could've had a pick-six or he could've had a touchdown, he's gonna get past it and he's gonna play great the next play. And that's growth man. He's gonna be a great player in this league for a long time, and I'm just so proud of him today and the way he battled and the way he showed up."

TIGHT END GEORGE KITTLE

(On how solid defensive play impacts the offense)

"I mean watching [Nick] Bosa get sacks, and watching the Dee Ford strip and get fumbles, it gets the offense going. When your defense is playing like that, and [Richard] Sherman gets a pick-six, and Ahkello [Witherspoon] with the pick-six. It just gets you fired up. It's hard to watch an offense go down, and the

defense have a 12-play drive for a touchdown. That kind of drains the offense too, sitting there. When your defense makes those big plays, it just gets everyone excited. It gets the offense moving, it's just good vibes really, it just gets you going."

LINEBACKER KWON ALEXANDER

(On what he saw from his teammates in the second half)

"They just didn't let up. They kept going. They finished Everybody was finishing. Everybody was still running to the ball – they were having fun and we got the [win]. We just have to move on to the next one."

(On if his knowledge of the Tampa Bay's offense was a big part of the scouting report)

"I gave them a little bit, but they have a new offense. So, it was just little tendencies. Other than that, our guys did their jobs. They studied, prepared and got turnovers."

(On receiving the game ball)

"It feels great even though you're not supposed to have another one. But, it's ok. I'm really going to give it to my teammates. They worked for it. They played hard today. I'm thankful for the ball for sure."

(On the support he received from his team after getting disqualified)

"It meant a lot. They had my back. They told me they were going to have my back. They went out there and did their job. They did what they said."

(On if he spoke with any of his former teammates before the game)

"I just met with (linebacker) Lavonte [David] before the game – just to talk it up, chat it up."

(On what happened during the play that caused his ejection)

"It wasn't intentional. I was just playing hard. I just saw the pump-fake at first. Once you pump-fake the ball you can either throw it or you can fake like you're going to run it, so I was in a tough situation. Like me, I just play hard and just finish everything I do. It just happened like that."

(On how he thought the game was going before his ejection)

"I thought everything was going smooth. I feel like I was having a good game besides the missed pick. Other than that I just have to keep getting better and keep working."

DEFENSIVE LINEMAN DEFOREST BUCKNER

(On getting turnovers and making key stops)

"Every single guy on the defense did their job when they had to – when it really counted. At the end, the score tells it all. I'm just really proud of all the guys on the defense – offense, special teams – the whole team. Everybody played their a— off and didn't give up."

(On the humidity playing a factor at the end of the game when they have to bear-down and get a defensive stop)

"It's a battle of wills. It's about who wants it more. At the end of the day, I think our team wanted it more."

(On the heat and humidity)

"It was pretty hot. I'm not going to lie, but like I said before – in the fourth quarter it was a battle of the wills and all about who wants it more. It was all about the mental part of the game and we've got a lot of good guys here."

(On if the team thought they could pressure on Buccaneers QB Jameis Winston into bad throws)

"Definitely. I mean you could see it. We talked about it on film – trying to force him to make bad throws. We did that a couple times today."

TACKLE MIKE MCGLINCHEY

(On the illegal formation penalty called against him that nullified a touchdown)

"I was too deep. That's all it was. I thought – normally, you get a warning before the flag is thrown, but it's Week 1 and they're ready to throw flags, so that's what happened."

(On if the penalty was frustrating)

"Yeah, I mean it's very frustrating. It's frustrating because it seems like they're a little bit too quick to trigger, but they're working out the kinks just like we are. It wasn't just us that felt it. The Bucs had some calls like that too. I've got to be better. That's all it comes down to. I have to be on the details when it matters."

(On the mood in the huddle after quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo threw the interception for a touchdown)

"Fine. We were ready to go. We looked at the way our defense was playing and we knew we had to respond, because they carried us all day. That happened early. We knew we were in control of the game and we just bounced back from it."

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