

GAME NOTES



San Francisco 49ers vs. Pittsburgh Steelers Sunday, September 22, 2019

With the win...

- The **Niners** open the season 3-0 for the first time since the 1998 season and the 8th time in franchise history.
- The **49ers** have won their home opener for the first time since 2016 [W, 28-0 vs. LAR (9/12/16)].
- **San Francisco** is now 2-0 against the AFC North this season, with 2 games remaining against the division (Week 5 vs. Cle. & Week 13 at Bal.).
- The **49ers** improved to 12-10 overall against the Steelers, including a 6-5 record at home. San Francisco has now won 3-straight home games against Pittsburgh.

Right On Time

- Late in the 4th Qtr. with the 49ers trailing 17-20, DL **Arik Armstead** forced a Pittsburgh Steelers RB James Conner fumble, marking his 2nd career FF [at Buf. (10/16/16)]. The fumble was recovered by DL **DeForest Buckner**, his 4th career FR and first since 12/23/18 vs. Chi. The takeaway led to the game-winning TD pass from QB **Jimmy Garoppolo** to WR **Dante Pettis**.

You Never Forget Your First...Game-Winning TD Pass

- Trailing 17-20 with 1:20 to go in the game QB **Jimmy Garoppolo** found WR **Dante Pettis** in the end zone on 5-yd. game-winning TD pass. It marked **Garoppolo's** third 4th-Qtr. comeback win with the 49ers (12/3/17 at Chi. & 12/17/17 vs. Ten.) and his first game-winning TD pass. It also marked the first game-winning TD recept. for **Pettis**.

Like Water To Wine, Takeaways To Points

- The **49ers defense** registered 2 takeaways on the day (1 INT, 1 FR), with each takeaway leading to TDs (1-yd. TD run by RB Jeff Wilson Jr. & 5-yd. TD pass from QB Jimmy Garoppolo to WR Dante Pettis).
- Through the first 3 weeks of the season, the **49ers** have turned 7 takeaways into 32 points, ranking 2nd in the NFL for the most points off of takeaways.

Most Points Off Of Takeaways In 2019			
Rank	Team	Takeaways	Pts. Off Takeaways
1	Minnesota	6	34
2	San Francisco	7	32
3	Tennessee	5	24
4t.	Houston	3	21
	Green Bay	8	21
	Baltimore	3	21

Move The Rock

- The **49ers offense** had 436 net yds. (168 rushing and 268 passing) vs. Pit. Along with the 572 net yds., the offense (259 rushing and 313 passing) amassed last week at Cin., it marked the first time the 49ers offense had over 430 net yds. in consecutive weeks since 2003 [12/7/03 vs. Arz. – 496 (232 rushing and 264 passing) and 12/14/03 at Cin. – 502 (171 rushing and 331 passing)].

Shark In The Water

- CB **K'Waun Williams** intercepted Rudolph, marking his 1st INT of the season and 2nd of his career.
- The **49ers** now have 5 INTs on the season, the most by the team in Weeks 1-3 since 2011 (5 INTs).
- The INT led to a RB **Jeff Wilson Jr.** 1-yd. TD run.

De-Fo Squared

- DL **Dee Ford** brought down Pittsburgh Steelers QB Mason Rudolph for a 5-yd. sack. He now has 2.0 sacks on the season and 32.5 for his career.
- DL **DeForest Buckner** brought down Rudolph for a 9-yd. sack. He now has 2.0 sacks on the season, 23.0 for his career and has registered 1.0 sack in consecutive games for the 4th time with at least 1.0 sack in back-to-back games. In addition to his FR, Buckner was also credited with 1 FF, marking the 2nd of his career.

Big Willie Style

- RB **Jeff Wilson Jr.** finished the game with 8 carries for 18 yds. and 2 TDs. He now has 4 rushing TDs on the season and at least 2 rushing TD in back-to-back games for the first time in his career.
- **Wilson Jr.** becomes the first member of the 49ers with at least 2 rushing TDs in consecutive games since RB Frank Gore in Weeks 7-8 of the 2013 season.
- According to the Elias Sports Bureau, Wilson Jr. is 1 of 4 undrafted players in the common draft era with 2-or-more rushing TDs in 2 of the team's first 3 games of a season (Isaiah Crowell – 2018; Priest Holmes - 2001, 2002 & 2003; Dan Reeves – 1968).

Halftime Adjustments Paying Off

- With RB **Jeff Wilson Jr.**'s 1-yd. TD run in the 3rd Qtr., the **49ers offense** has now scored a TD on their opening possession of the 2nd half in all 3 games this season.