



49ERS HEAD COACH KYLE SHANAHAN

On injury updates:

“Injuries we had in the game: [RB Matt] Breida left, he was checked out, he ended up returning, he was alright. [WR Marquise] Goodwin the same thing, he ended up being hurt later but we helped out.”

On how weather conditions effected the game:

“A lot, I mean both teams. Just with the footing and everything how rainy it was. It is not just going and catching, but it is tough to stand up and block people too. I know everyone outside the field always is, just the way it was raining from last night made it a tough game for both sides.”

On how they prepared for the weather:

“I mean to talk about it, but it is really tough to prepare for. It is tough to make it rain in California and ruin our field. We talk about it, but you have an idea going in so we had an idea it was going to be like that.”

On how the defense responded to the first drive:

“Yeah definitely, the first drive is a little bit scary when they got their runs going. Especially that second-and-long with that fake pass when they ran the drop and we had to pull them on third down. Unfortunately, they missed that field goal. They were great the rest of the day. Especially after we turned it over. They were able to stop them right away. The turnover that [DL] Jullian [Taylor] did get where we got three points on that, that was huge and obviously shut them out so it is hard to ask for much more after that.”

On if play calls were limited because of weather:

“Yes it was. That weather was as bad of weather that we have played in since we have been here. Combined with that field, that is how the field always is. It is really tough for anyone to move.”

On additional safety concerns with the bad weather:

“None more than usual. It is just hard for people to stay up. But it was definitely fun watching our whole team slide across the field at the end. We enjoyed watching that.”

On if he considered joining the team slide at the end of the game:

“I did think about it, but I don’t think I would have done it right.”

On how much he would want to have a game with zeros on the clock:

“A ton, especially in that weather. It’s going to be a defensive game once you do get a lead. It’s very tough for either offense to get anything going unless you get a big turnover or something like that, or you get a big play. We had two big plays in offense, one to [WR] Richie [James Jr.] on the third down and I think one to [WR Kendrick] Bourne on the keeper play action that we got down there instead of five. So, you get a couple big plays in those games, but everything usually depends on turnovers and trying your hardest to avoid opening the probability of having those.”

On his trust in his defense once they were in the lead:

“It definitely puts you at ease, especially knowing how that game was going to be. You know both teams are going to have to run in and both teams are going to eventually try for a big shot, so you know you have to commit to the run, just hold on when they take their shot and we’re going to keep them from getting those big plays.”

On if QB Jimmy Garoppolo got more comfortable during the second half:

“I think the whole game was pretty consistent for probably both teams in the passing game. I mean you’re never too comfortable when you’re playing in all the sleet and mud, so I’m glad we made some big throws when we had to. I know he wants to take that interception back, you know just not holding safety enough. But he also made some big plays scrambling with his legs and I think he kept one-third down going. Besides the one-third fourth down shot we took, he did a good job protecting the ball.”

On what the safety did:

“I don’t know if you saw him but he was looking at the receiver, hoping the guy would hang in the middle but he didn’t, and we just got to hold him a little bit better.”

On what contributed to the ball hanging on to Garoppolo during passes:

“It takes a lot to throw in that weather. Sometimes you get ahold of it, sometimes you don’t. It’s hard to really drive the ball and it gets caught up in the air a lot, so we did get that one interception. We’re fortunate to get that one down to [WR Kendrick] Bourne. I wish safety wasn’t an issue but it made it hard to score also, but it was both teams that had to deal with it.”

On if the away game wins boosted the team’s confidence:

“I mean as much as we struggled on the road our first two years, I do think that’s huge. We had to break a long streak with our first game. Being able to come out here, this was our first time this year having a 10 a.m. kickoff west coast. So I was a little worried about that, trying to come in Friday, but the guys, they were ready to go. They got here early, you could tell they had energy and pregame and I was really excited about just the vibe our players had. They came out hungry. I know it was a messy game, between nine and zero, but just how much they battled throughout it all with the number of guys we were missing, and it was really cool to watch how important it was to them at the end and how much fun they were having in a game like that.”

On if this game felt more magnified than a regular season game:

“I’ve been in a number of buildings and not all not it always ends good. But it had nothing to do with the game. Everyone’s a little more sensitive being that things involve your family, so that’s why I’m always a little more sensitive to this with my dad here, and that’s why it was nice to get the win. But, it definitely had nothing to do with the game, has nothing to do with the score, but you always want to take care of things the right way when you’re bothered by how some things have been for a family member.”

On DL Jullian Taylor playing in the first half:

“It was huge. I mean we got a lot of confidence in [DL] Jullian [Taylor]. He never knows each week whether he’s going to be up or not based off of usually other positions and how we’re going to play that game, but it was a huge turning point getting that turnover. I think we had them in first or second along in that drive, and that’s when we got one of our two penalties. First down gained some momentum, and then Jullian did get that fumble. I was going to give him a game ball but he didn’t score, so I told him he had to score to get one. It wasn’t easy to score, so he did a hell of a job and that was a big turning point in the game.”



49ERS QB JIMMY GAROPPOLO

On the toughest part about playing in these conditions:

“I think everything. You have to take it into account, but you can’t let it get in your head, I guess. Just a ‘mind over matter’ type of thing. I thought we did good out there though – only a couple penalties and took care of the ball fairly well. It was a good day.”

On going eight-for-eight after his interception:

“Yeah, I just kind of got into a good rhythm there. I was upset about the interception and everything, and that one’s on me. I thought the guys responded very well, just throughout the whole entire game.”

On the difficulty of throwing the ball in the rain:

“I mean, it made the ball heavier, but you know you practice it and stuff. I’ve played in the rain my whole life. It wasn’t anything crazy.”

On what he could have done to avoid the interception:

“Yeah, just hold the safety. That’s really about it.”

On if playing in the rain takes him back to his childhood:

“Absolutely, yeah. Growing up in Chicago, you play in the rain all the time, football and everything. But I haven’t had one on the grass like this in a long time. It was fun out there. Just running, you’re soaking wet and you know you’re going to be soaking wet. It was a good time.”

On 49ers Head Coach Kyle Shanahan's second half adjustments:

“There wasn’t a ton of adjustments. There was a couple throughout the game, but we knew what they were going to do. They wanted to crowd the box, play man. It was a sloppy game out there. We had an idea of what they wanted to do in the second half and I thought we took advantage of it.”

On having more rushing yards than passing yards at the half:

“I didn’t know that. Yeah, it’s kind of cool, I guess. I don’t know, in a game like this it’s whatever you have to do to get the job done, so got the win and I’m happy.”

On getting more comfortable as the game went on:

“I think everyone – you get more comfortable and everything with the conditions. [TE] George [Kittle] played great out there, obviously. It was good.”

On missing the slide:

“No, I missed the slide. I was upset about that.”

On practicing with a wet ball:

“Yeah, just take the Gatorade bottle, soak it and start throwing it.”

On the postgame celebration:

“I mean, yeah, I missed that. Sorry.”

On gripping the football in these conditions:

“It’s different gripping it. Not harder, just different. You have to take everything into account, but practicing it and everything – we were ready for it today.”

On his break out run:

“Yeah, I got in the open field. Wasn’t really used to being there. When it’s muddy like that, everyone is on the same playing field, so I took advantage of that.”

49ERS TE GEORGE KITTLE

On if it is fun playing in the rain:

“Yeah, are you kidding me? I had a blast out there, you couldn’t tell?”

On if he did a ‘rain angel’ after the game:

“No, I did not. I spent plenty of time getting wet in the game, I let other guys do it for me.”

On his approach at catching the ball in the rain:

“When it comes down to it, it is pitch and catch and you have to be focused. You can’t take your eyes off of it and worry about the guy that is going to hit you. You have to secure it and I think we did a good job of that.”

On the team winning in the different ways:

“I think it say everything. When you have a guy like [CB] Richard Sherman that says, ‘It is going to be one of those game where it is a championship mindset.’ With Richard Sherman saying that, a guy who has actually done it, it carries alt of weight. When you have someone like that saying it to the entire team, we have that focus, we have that will, and we have that grit and I love that about this team.”

On playing this game for Head Coach Kyle Shanahan:

“It’s a game that we wanted to win for him and [his dad] Mike Shanahan, it was fun that we can get that done.”

On if K. Shanahan gave the game ball to his dad:

“Yes, he did.”

On the offense converting third downs in the conditions:

“It means a lot, converting third downs is how you score. I was happy. It was a [K] Robby Gould win, [we] have to get at least one of those a year, but it says a lot about this team, the focus. The big plays by [WR] Kendrick Bourne and [WR] Richie James [Jr.]. I’m sure I tackled Richie by accident, but you have to get a tackle once in a while.”

On having the lead and knowing what the defense can do:

“I never like to take the foot off the gas, when you have a defensive line like that and linebackers and a secondary that makes plays you definitely feel good, they get you fired up. If we are winning or losing, it’s like our defense did this. So we have to give them some help and it’s awesome.”

On energy level rising when the defense gets a stop:

“Yeah, the whole team feels it and it’s awesome.”

On QB Jimmy Garoppolo’s mentality in the huddle:

“[QB] Jimmy [Garoppolo] is great in the huddle, I try to make him laugh every time we get in the huddle when he gets too serious, he gets pretty mad at me. He is great in the huddle though, the leadership that he

carries in the huddle and on the sideline is incredible he is what makes our team click. He is the leader and to have someone like that carry the team whether he throws for so many yards or rushed for so many yards, but his voice takes up a long way.”

On go to material to make him laugh:

“He will say a play and I will act dumb, so he has to repeat it and I am like I am joking I got it. Football is a lot easier when you are having fun if it is too serious I don’t like it, I try to joke around a lot.”

49ERS WR KENDRICK BOURNE

On stepping up in the game:

“It was big, man, I was just doing my role. [WR Marquise Goodwin] kind of got banged up a little bit, so I got my little opportunity and took advantage of it. We’re only as good as our third team or second team, so whoever comes in, we can’t have any drop-off. If we want to be a championship team, we got to keep that up. Whoever comes in, we expect them to do great. That’s our standard here and we’ve kept that since I’ve been here. I think that’s why I’ve always done so well when I come in, it’s because I have just been able to be poised. Kudos to my whole team, great [offensive] line, great quarterback, especially [QB] Jimmy [Garoppolo] putting the ball on the money and being poised, stuff like that. Whether we start fast or slow, he’s the same so it’s good for us.”

On the post-game message:

“It was just a big game for [Head Coach] Kyle [Shanahan]. He’s been here a couple years and we wanted to come out hard and show these guys what we are made of this year. We 6-0, it’s been really fun, and he gave the game ball to his dad. We did it for him, he probably feels really good and as our head coach we want him to feel really good. It was really fun, different game, muddy, but I had a lot of fun. It was different.”

49ERS CB RICHARD SHERMAN

Opening statement:

“I’m going to start this off by saying shout out to my boys from B1 Santa Clara Juvenile Detention Center. I’ll see you guys on the 22nd. Told you guys I would give you a shout out.”

On celebrating after the game:

“Yeah, I saw those guys running and diving on the ground. I was like, I got out of this one healthy, so I’m just going to go. I’m just going to observe and then jog to the sideline, but it was fun. It was ‘Mud Bowl 2019 Champions,’ you know what I mean?”

On whether he had seen a celebration in the mud:

“No, I’ve never seen anything like that. We’ve had ‘mud bowl’ like that in high school and we won, and it was ugly and it was terrible, 7-6. But I never had anything like that. It was fun. Guys out there having a good time, playing hard, but we won.”

On the weather conditions:

“Yeah, that was as bad as I have seen. You know, I’ve played in this stadium once before in the playoffs and it was pretty bad. That’s the year [QB Robert Griffin III] went down with a knee injury and the field was pretty awful. It was mostly sand, like playing in the sandpit. Today, it was rain and everything was going bad.”

On if the weather dictated how they approach the game:

“We always feel like it is on us and we try to do our best to allow the offense to lean on us, and today was one of those days. You have to get a turnover, you’ve got to make a play. Thankfully [LB] Kwon

[Alexander] got the ball out. Kwon is playing fantastic football and he deserves all the credit, and [DT] Jullian [Taylor] was able to pick it up and that was the big play we needed. Our offense was rolling. Give a lot of credit to [WR] Richie James [Jr.] and [WR Kendrick Bourne], they played fantastic football. Obviously, [QB] Jimmy [Garoppolo] getting them the ball and [TE George] Kittle came through clutch like always. In a game like this, you need your big-time players to step up and he did that and he did that in crucial situations where we needed a first down. Obviously, [RB] Tevin Coleman, we rode his back the entire game and [RB Matt] Breida, before he went down. Everybody had their moments. I think when you have a game like this, it's everybody doing their job effectively. You got the defensive line just playing effectively. It's a slow game, it's a slow grind. You've got [DE Solomon Thomas], you've got [DE] Arik [Armstrong], you've got [DE] Dee Ford, you've got [DE Nick] Bosa, everybody out there – [DE] Ronald Blair [III] – everybody out there just doing their job every play very effectively. Jullian came in, [DT] Sheldon [Day] came in and played a very good game. That's what you appreciate and we were able to pull it out."

On the fourth down stop in the first half:

"It tells me we have a tremendous amount of depth. [DE] Jullian [Taylor] is a great player and came through in a crucial situation, played in the clutch. He hasn't played in a few games – I don't think he's even been active a few games just because of the number situations. That's what you need on a great team, you need guys to always stay ready. You never know, next man up, next man up, next man up mentality. We were down seven starters today. When you're down seven starters you would think you're not gonna play your best football. In a game like this, we played pretty good under the circumstances."

On how QB Jimmy Garoppolo handled his struggles on the sideline:

"We didn't know he was struggling. It's just a rainy game. I think everybody's just doing their best. I think he completed the passes we needed him to complete to move the ball down the field, so we don't look at it as a struggle. We look at this as an ugly 'mud bowl,' making the big-time plays we needed whether it's a scramble or whether it's a hidden play to get the ball out, whether it was time for him to eat the ball and just make a turnover, not give them the ball back. Sometimes you've got to eat it and get us to the next down, and he played a great game. He got us in situations we needed, too. He got us out of those situations. You've got to give respect to [CB] K'Waun Williams, the nickel. He came in and made crucial plays down the stretch. There was a boot-pluck pass to a tight end that [K'Waun Williams] came and dominated. Then, they throw a toss play and he came in, knives through – those are very difficult plays and nobody's really understanding how crazy he is beating two, three blockers and making the play on the sideline. That's what's allowing us to be successful, guys making extraordinary plays look ordinary and that's a testament to them."

On the weather being a factor:

"I think any grass field with this kind of weather, where it's rain, torrential downpour the whole game, it's going to be a rough field. I know this field's conditions been pretty bad. But if it's raining and it's grass and dirt, it's getting turned into mud."

On what the team is accomplishing and what warning he would give the team:

"I don't think I would give them any kind of warning. I think they understand. We're taking it one game at a time and we got through this one. Every game's a unique battle too. I think that's where we're approaching it. Nobody's looking ahead. Nobody's like, 'I can't wait to play such and such' or 'I can't wait until we get here' or 'man, we're looking forward to.' We're looking forward to the Carolina Panthers now and we're gonna get prepared for them and hopefully we get some reinforcements back. I think guys have the right mentality on this team to just stay locked in, stay in the moment, stay in the present. Don't look too far ahead, don't look too far back. Don't say, 'man, it feels good to be like this.' Because I think the moment you take an exhale and say this feels good is when you get hit in the mouth and you take a step back. I don't think anybody's doing that. I think [head coach] Kyle [Shanahan] has a great feel for that because he's gone through that in Atlanta with the 5-0 team that ended up 8-8. He has a good feel to keep his head under pose. [Defensive coordinator Robert] Saleh's been on good teams and great teams and he understands what you

need to do. You can't pat them on the back all the time. You can't always say these are our great plays. Sometimes you got to show them all the bad plays in the game. Everybody thought they played great because it is never as good as you think. It is never as bad as you think. But I was told to give a shout out to the Bad Boys in the Bay, that's somebody's name. Let's go, Bay Area Bad Boys take that."

On playing in the rain:

"It's kind of both because crummy weather, it takes you back to being a kid. You're out there, you're sloshing around in your shoes. Your shoes are full of water and mud. Everybody's stepping. Everybody did the little angel, mud angel at the end. Guys are really having fun. It's still a kid's game at the end of the day and guys take it. Obviously, these are grown men out there and they're going to do their job effectively, so you have to take it serious to a degree too. But I think guys had a lot of fun stepping and sliding out there, but winning is always fun."

49ERS DL DEFOREST BUCKNER

On playing in the tough field condition:

"Obviously, just make sure you don't slip. But, we knew what kind of game it was going to be. We knew it was going to be a dogfight. We knew the weather was going to be bad, but the guys came out, had fun, and we came up with a win."

On the 'slip n' slide' celebration after the game:

"It was a lot of fun. It was definitely worth it. I saw [DE] [Nick] Bosa out there sliding, so I said, 'Let's do it.'" Everybody else started sliding around and everything. It was like a bunch of little kids out there. That's part of the game, having fun. Right now, we're having a lot of fun."

On what's working well with the defense:

"Guys are just owning their jobs. They're not pointing any fingers when things go wrong. They come on the sideline and see what's going wrong. Everybody's seeing what we can do better to help the defense and just feeding off of each other's energy."

On DL Jullian Taylor:

Things like that just boosts the confidence of the defense. It also makes you very happy for a guy to get his opportunity again and for him to make big time plays in a game like this.

On when he joined the slip n' slide celebration:

"Right after [DE Nick] Bosa got his sack, I joined in."

On if it's fun playing in the rain:

"It's one of those games where we didn't get as many balls as we wanted to. We only came up with one takeaway, but we knew what kind of game it was going to be. That's the kind of game where the balls going to be on the ground a little bit. I think it's more fun for the defense, going against the offense and everything. At that moment, it was definitely a lot of fun having all of the guys sliding around and everything."

On having a 'shutout' mentality:

"It's really not thinking about, 'Oh, let's shut them out.' It's just more of approaching the game like we do every week. Our objective is to get the ball back to the offense and stop the other offense from scoring. That's what we did today."

On winning 'ugly':

"It's never going to be pretty. It's the NFL. It doesn't matter who you go against. Everybody's good. You just have to find a way to win. That's the objective. I felt like it didn't matter if it was three field goals and

didn't score. I'll take it. A win is a win. I'm just proud of each and every one of the guys for fighting it out to the end."

On takeaways from this win:

"Guys are learning how to finish games. That was a problem early on a couple of years ago. I think we set a record of losing five straight games by three or less points. The whole thing was just finishing. Guys are getting it now, knowing how to finish and also practice."

49ERS K ROBBIE GOULD

On challenges with kicking in bad conditions:

"It's more [about] the conditions on the field than anything. I had to go back to a game I kicked in Chicago against Baltimore, we had a tornado and it rained pretty hard and had sloppy field conditions like today. So, making sure I have good footing and then I thought [LS] Garrison [Sanborn] and [P] Mitch [Wishnowsky] did a great job of operating today and the guys did a great job. I think the offense did a great job of getting it in the second half to be pretty manageable field goals and the defense did a great job of stopping them all day."

On if another kicker misses affects him:

"No. You have a game plan that you go into and is pretty constant today. I think I just slid underneath it too much and tried to save it as oppose to just trying to push it out to the right upright and I didn't hit as good of a ball as I like. Back on the sideline I started thinking about the situations I've been in like the Baltimore game and I measured my step and measured my approach and made sure I hit a pure ball and let everything take care of itself."

On if poor weather conditions make him take more time to prep:

"You just have to go look at what the range is going to be for a game winner. It's going to change based on the field conditions and you also have to see where the offense and defense has been playing for most of the game to see what the hash is going to look like so if you can communicate where to put the ball to manage those situations. Today was one of those days where the first team that was going to put points on the board was going to have the advantage cause now your chasing and kind of have to get out a little of the run game type of opportunity of an offense."

On how far he could kick it with today's conditions:

"I never give that away, that's my secret."