

**49ers Head Coach Kyle Shanahan
Press Conference – October 27, 2019
San Francisco 49ers vs. Carolina Panthers**

Opening comments:

“Injuries from the game, [RB Matt] Breida left with an ankle. Didn’t return. And then, Wilson left with a stinger. Passed the concussion exam though in there. That’s all we have right now.”

Do you have a prognosis on Breida’s condition?

“No, it was ankle. I know he was trying to go back in. We probably would have given him a chance if the score wasn’t what it was like and if we didn’t have to play Thursday. We’ll see, you never know after the game and how he comes back tomorrow. Hopefully he’ll be alright by Thursday.”

Are you surprised the Panthers came in and had some good things going for them? 41-13. Are you surprised by what you did to them?

“In the NFL, you never expect to just blow someone out like that, especially a good team like that. They’re a real good team. They’re a team who will be around at the end of the year. They can run the ball. They play really good on defense. Our team was just ready to go. Everything was clicking, got a few turnovers. Defense set us up with some great field position. We were able to capitalize on both of those, all three of them I believe. The turnover that our offense had, they got a field goal. Our whole team played very well and everything was just hitting today.”

How pleased are you with how you guys did in the red zone the first few trips? And how much did you dig into your playbook to come up with some of those calls?

“It has to do with what they play. We got a few good screens on some of the stuff that they were doing. Then they switched it up in the second half, which takes away some of those screens and you’ve got to do some other things. It was nice how some of them hit. You never know how it’s going to hit and our guys did a good job blocking on it so our guys could run it in from a little further out.”

What was your impression of DL Nick Bosa’s day?

“Probably the same as you guys. It was pretty damn impressive. I’m sure when I watch the tape, it’ll look even better. The play that he made on the interception was one of the more impressive plays that I’ve seen from a D-Lineman. Thought he should have scored, but it’s always nice when they don’t and they let the offense score too. So, it was alright.”

He just turned 22. Are you surprised at his kind of poise? He kind of seems to be matching what his brother has done as a veteran in the league.

“I think since the first day he’s gotten here he hasn’t changed. No matter how everyone looks at him or how he plays or if he’s hurt or not. He’s always very even keeled. I think people like that are very impressive. He’s just very confident himself. The more he plays, the better he’ll get, as long as he can stay healthy. He’s a special player. Definitely hasn’t arrived yet. He has a lot more to go, but he’s been playing extremely well.”

Kind of following up on the red zone stuff, you guys entered the game as the third least efficient team in the red zone this year. How beneficial is it having WR Emmanuel Sanders out there today? Obviously, the first red zone touchdown went to him today. How much did that open up your playbook and kind of free things up for guys like TE George Kittle and some of your other receivers down there?

“I think it was just a coincidence, but we did have some better looks today. I thought we played very well down there. Hopefully, as the year goes, we don’t end up where we’ve been ranked these last six games. Hopefully we can balance that out. I know we took a good step in that direction today, but it’s

week to week. Loved having Emmanuel out there. It was very fun. He came out and helped us big at the beginning. Had a few big passes to him. Had that touchdown. I think it was tipped, so he made a helluva play on it. But, guys did good up and down the field today.”

Have you ever been 7-0 before?

“No. I have not.”

Something that just kind of feeds on itself, to get to this spot?

“I think so. It’s always one game at a time. The more games you win, the more confidence guys get. Just like the more games you lose in a row, the less confident you get. Both can be a little bit contagious to the team and I think our guys, we’ve won a lot of different ways. Been in a lot of different types of games and I think our guys, the more you do that, the more you can reassure yourself that you can pull out certain types of wins. When it’s low scoring, high scoring. When you have certain injuries. When you have to play in certain weather. The more you can have a team that does that stuff, it’s something you can always go back on. No matter what the circumstances are, you can find a way to get a win in.”

How much growth have you seen from CB Emmanuel Moseley since he’s been here?

“A lot. We gave him a chance, we thought he was going to help us out last year when we got him up on the roster and he ended up getting hurt on, I believe it was his first special teams play that he had with us. He was very aggressive last year on the practice squad. Always working and found his way to get up and had that bad injury. But, he was the same in OTAs. Same in training camp. Played his tail off in the preseason. Got his opportunity when [CB] Ahkello [Witherspoon] got hurt and he’s gone out there, just like a lot of our guys who have got their opportunities because of injury. The game hasn’t been too big for them. They’ve looked the exact same way in practice every day. They don’t get too into who they’re going against or too nervous under the big lights. He’s gotten better each week the more he plays and I think that will continue.”

How much of a challenge has it been creating these game plans and these designs without your two tackles and your fullback these last three weeks?

“It’s always a challenge, but it’s not our first time having to do it. We’ve all been coaching for a little bit and the more situations you go through, the more you learn how to do it. I know it sounds like a huge challenge when you are down to your fourth and fifth tackles, but that’s kind of an insult to those guys because those guys definitely haven’t been playing like fourth or fifth tackles. They’ve made it a lot easier to put game plans together, because they’ve been impressive.”

Is something like that possible because you’ve had most of these guys now for multiple seasons and you’ve had that foundation in place?

“It gets easier the more you’re with people, but [OL Daniel] Brunskill and [OL Justin] Skule are new guys, so this is their first year here. I think it makes it easier for the other guys to step it up because they have an idea of the different directions we can go schematically, which you want that to be any way possible based on what you’re going against. Those two have stepped in well and been very impressive. Felt bad about that call I left them out on, backed up. That was a tough deal for Skule, but that happens to a lot of people. You try to keep them out of those situations with the play calls.”

What was the wind like and did that affect your play call at all?

“It didn’t affect mine. I was very well aware of it going out. The times I’ve seen [QB] Jimmy [Gar] throwing in the wind, he’s been effective. I try to just ignore it. I know, it would mess me up if I was thinking about throwing because I can’t throw in anything. So, I just try to watch how he throws and if it’s not bad, then I don’t let it affect my mind. If it is, then I’d adjust.”

Has it been a readjusting process for him or is it a matter of things have clicked for RB Tevin Coleman?

“Tevin is very similar to how he was when I was in Atlanta. Just his skillset and everything, doesn’t change. I had him his first two years and I think he is more of a veteran now. He’s been through a lot more. I think everyone matures in this league. Tevin was great right away, but I think he knows what he wants. He knows how to play in the offense. Tevin can play in any offense, so that doesn’t matter. But, he had some good looks today and when Tevin has a good look he can usually get it across the endzone. That’s what he got.”

On the safety, rolled the dice a little bit on that play. You felt confident on it?

“Yeah. I didn’t after it. I was kicking myself for that call. We did a run, got it out a little bit. Thought we’d get a little bit different of a look, we didn’t. Always want to put pressure on the quarterback to get it out, never take a sack. But he had no chance on that. Jimmy did a good job just protecting the ball, not making it worse. Taking a safety on that was probably the best play because it was the only play that you could do. I’m just glad we were able to play defense and score the next time we got it, so that didn’t end up biting us.”

You got Emmanuel Sanders involved very early. His connection with Jimmy Garoppolo, was that what you expected after seeing them a couple days this week?

“Yeah, he was great all week. Just for a receiver to get here on a Tuesday night and the way he looked in practice on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. It helped give him a head start, just having a little familiarity with the offense, being in Denver. But still, a lot of new stuff and a lot of different words and everything. He was a true pro, he crammed it in right away. Even when guys cram stuff in, you never know in the heat of the battle if they’re going to resort to how they used to know it. Emmanuel didn’t make any mistakes. It was a helluva first game for him and he’ll continue to get better learning out stuff.”

**49ers QB Jimmy Garoppolo
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Might be the last time you have both of the backup tackles there if T Joe Staley comes back. I was wondering if you could quantify how they’ve grown and how well they performed over the last few weeks?

“Both of them, just from the beginning. When you don’t notice those guys, it’s a good thing. Every one of these games, it’s just they’re so consistent in what they do, how they approach it every day and for two young guys, it’s impressive.”

What difference did having WR Emmanuel Sanders have out there today make? Obviously, the first red zone touchdown of the game went to him. A bunch of third down conversions to him as well. How much easier was life for you with Emmanuel out there?

“It’s always hard out there, but, having a guy like that, a savvy vet like E just makes you comfortable as a quarterback. To have him have a great day today, it’ll only get better from here.”

Some of those touchdowns, the guys weren’t touched before they reached the end zone. From your perspective, what were you seeing? Was it just misdirection that had the Panthers going in the wrong direction on those?

“Honestly, I thought our guys up front, they were getting after them. They set the tone early, and it was just throughout the entire game, when those guys are blocking like that and doing all the dirty work up front, it makes it a lot easier for the rest of us.”

On the interception, was TE George Kittle supposed to go a little bit more shallow? Did he need to get a little more deeper?

“No, just a bad decision. It was “National Tight End Day.” I was trying to get George the ball. No, just bad decision, though.”

Was Carolina sitting on those short routes early in the game?

“A little bit, yeah. They were jumping some of the short stuff, which helped us get some behind them on a couple third downs, actually. It helped us and we kind of knew that going into the game.”

Back to the tackle thing, when you do have to get behind them, is that head coach Kyle Shanahan showing some faith in those guys, because they have to block for longer?

“Oh yeah. Those guys, we ran some double moves, just longer developing plays and they did great. Whenever you don’t notice those guys or their names aren’t popping up, that’s a good thing.”

What did you learn about RB Tevin Coleman today?

“He can fly, man. We had a trap play and he was one-on-one with the safety and he just burned him with pure speed. He did everything today. Tevin was awesome. All the running backs.”

The last couple years when the momentum was sort of shifting early in the second half, maybe things would’ve gone differently, but what’s different about this team that allowed you guys to go on that big run in the second half?

“I think it’s just a good mindset by everyone, starting with the coaches, trickling down to the players. There’s really no panic on the sideline. We have to go execute, do our job and I think that’s what we did. When we do that, good things happen.”

I saw you kind of give a fist bump to Sanders, I think it was on the screen touchdown to Tevin, because you were looking right and went back left. Was that congratulating for the route?

“All the plays are tied together with all 11 guys working together, so he was kind of the misdirection. Got the linebacker’s eyes looking over there and Tev went in for the score. Like I said, it’s all 11 guys working together and when it works right, it’s a beautiful thing.”

You obviously had good chemistry with him very quickly, he was only here for a few days. What was that process like this week?

“He’s coming from a similar offense, so the verbiage is a little different, but he caught on very quickly. For a guy to be here only for a couple days and get as much playing time as he did today and really have no hiccups or anything like that, it’s impressive.”

What was the wind like today for you? The wind, the conditions.

“Nothing crazy. You get used to it in the stadium, I guess. It just is what it is.”

**49ers LB Kwon Alexander
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What has enabled San Francisco 49ers DL Nick Bosa to step in immediately and be a force?

“I think he was born like that. There are a lot of people that work hard to get where he is. He practices hard. He practices his technique a lot. He goes out there and shows what he can do. He has just been amazing for us.”

What did you see on his interception?

"I was in coverage so I was just doing my job. I saw him catch it, and then I saw him run with it, and I was just hoping he would score, but they got him down. He has just been amazing for us. He just works his butt off and it is showing off."

Was this the most complete win of this season so far?

"No, I don't think so. We have a lot of work to do. We are trying to be the best of the best so we have to keep working on how to be the best of the best, and that is where we want to be."

**49ers DL Arik Armstead
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Can you talk about the way you guys were able to put pressure on once again?

"That was a goal of ours first to stop the run, always and then to put some pressure on him and try to rattle him. We were able to put some pressure on him and get to him and that had a big impact on the game."

San Francisco 49ers DL Nick Bosa obviously had three sacks in the first half. Can you talk about what you see in him and his development?

"Nick has been balling. He is an awesome player. We knew that he was super talented when he got here. It is all falling into place for him, he has to continue to keep working hard and keep stacking them."

What do you see out of quarterbacks when you are starting to put pressure on them? Do you see their eyes start to change when you apply pressure like you guys do?

"I am trying to focus on the linemen more so and beat my guy to make sure I get to him. Throughout the game, if you keep attacking and putting pressure then it usually turns out well for us."

You guys did a good job taking away Carolina Panthers RB Christian McCaffrey, he is a unique guy. Can you talk about what the game plan was against these guys?

"He is a super talented player. They love to get the ball to him in various ways so we definitely had to gang tackle and corral him. He got a few plays in on us but for the most part we got the win. It was definitely a challenge, he is an awesome player, he can make guys miss and so it was definitely a challenge for us."

**49ers DL Ronald Blair III
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You guys on defense probably couldn't wait to get the ball back so you could get out there on defense again?

"We like taking advantage of a lot of opportunities because you never know when a play can be taken away from you. We are just living in the moment and having fun with each play. It is just crazy having so much talent in the room. We are just trying to compete with each other on each play."

Is this the best performance by this team all around so far this year?

"I would say so far yes. There are improvements to be made all around, but today was a good feeling. The play of the special teams, the offense, and the defense, it was really complimentary football, we are just happy with the results."

What did you think when SF 49ers DL Nick Bosa picks up that ball and is acting like a running back?

“He is one of the best players I have seen live. I thought he was just batting the ball down, and I saw a pick so I just tried to run down the field and give him a block. By that time he was out of gas, but he already did enough at that point.”

How much fun is this team having? It seems like you guys are having a blast out there.

“We are having a lot of fun. Because we work so hard throughout the week, you really get a chance to showcase that work on Sunday. Just being able to work so hard and have the results come out on Sunday is just a great feeling.”

**49ers DL Nick Bosa
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CB Richard Sherman just said that you shouldn't just be Rookie Defensive Player of the Year, you should be Defensive Player of the Year. He's already given you that award. What do you think?

“We've got a lot of work to do before that, but I appreciate it from Sherm.”

Take us through the interception. What did you see?

“They had been cutting us a little bit on pass. He got me on a play before, cut me really good. So, just played the cut that time and saw the quarterback's eyes and just jumped. Then, it went right into my hands.”

Do you get in a zone as a pass rusher, and if so, were you in one today?

“Yeah, I mean, whenever your moves are working really good, it's just a good feeling. Once you get a sack, really it just lets you calm down. I mean, two of those sacks could have been [DL DeForest] Buckner's easily. We've kind of gone back and forth giving each other sacks this year, so I'm lucky to have two interior guys who close the pocket so well.”

**49ers DL DeForest Buckner
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What did you think of DL Nick Bosa's day today?

“He had a great day. Nick's one of those guys where, if he gets one, he's going to get a couple. It was a big day for him, and honestly, that interception was unreal on the screen and then he took it for, what, I don't know, 50 yards at least? It was unbelievable, so I'm very happy for him. He's got to keep playing at a high level every week and it's just exciting to see.”

On that first sack, it looked like you provided pressure up front and then you got bottled up or whatever and he ended up finishing the play. How different is that compared to what you had?

“Yeah, honestly, in the past, he probably would've snuck through a little bit and made a play downfield or a play with his legs. Providing pressure, whether it's from the outside or inside, somebody's going to end up with a sack, and you saw it today. It's just pretty fun to see. Nick was saying on the sideline, he was like, 'I've never had a sack where I fell down and got back up and then it was just right there.' He just ran right into him, so I mean, it's just great to see everything's coming together.”

You've dealt with being on the wrong side of games like this in your first few seasons here. How nice is it to see other teams suffer?

"It's really nice to be on the other end. Like you said, starting off, especially for my rookie year, we got blown out a couple times and it's a terrible feeling. To be on the other side of that, it's just great to see. The whole team is having fun, and especially our crowd, I mean, the Faithful has been unbelievable, home and away. So far, I feel like we've played seven home games and it's just been great to see that. We've just got to keep it going."

**49ers RB Tevin Coleman
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That was a pretty well-respected defense but you guys scored 50 points. Were you surprised at how dominant you all were?

"Oh yeah, definitely because they are a great, great D and they have great players on their D, especially [Carolina Panthers LB] Luke Kuechly and things like that. So, we definitely had to work and get our details down, just to play against him. [San Francisco 49ers head coach] Kyle [Shanahan] and the other coaches came up with a great scheme to do that."

What was working so well for you today?

"The runs, definitely. It was real open. The guys on the O-Line blocked well, tight ends, receivers, they blocked well and they opened up gaps for me."

San Francisco 49ers TE George Kittle said that when you hit the edge on those outside zone runs, you do it without any care for your body. Where does that mentality come from?

"Not sure, but that's just my mentality to get downhill and get extra yards that we need. That's what I like to do and that's what I try to do."

**49ers DL Dee Ford
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Winning doesn't come easily does it? Is this the result of the hard work?

"Exactly. It only gets harder from here. We understand that as a team. We enjoy the wins, but we erase it and move on."

How rewarding is it to be a part of a defense that really dictates the whole game? If they did anything longer than a 3-step drop, they were in trouble.

"Yes, it is unbelievable. It is fun and I couldn't have made a better decision. I am blessed. This can go down as a very historical defense if we keep doing what we have to do."

Is this the best effort by this team on both sides of the ball thus far this season?

"No. We all know that we have more in the tank. We have more opportunities and we are going to continue to get better. This can't be the peak. Teams only get better from here."

When you see one of your guys snag the ball out of the air and take off running, what does that do to lift all of you guys?

"I have never seen anything like that in my life, just the totality of the game. That man [49ers DL Nick Bosa] is special, I said that when I first met him. Once I saw the character in him, I knew that he was going to be special. It was a crazy thing to watch."

**49ers TE George Kittle
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What do you think about your teammate DL Nick Bosa and his performance today?

“He could be a little bit better I guess. Are you kidding me? I’m really happy he’s on my team because I don’t want to block him. It’s not very fun in practice, but I’d rather do it then than in the game. He got cut blocked, stood back up and intercepted it and ran it 40 yards after stiff arming two guys. He’s an honorary tight end for National Tight End day. So, he had a catch and I had a tackle. I was pretty excited.”

What did you think of RB Tevin Coleman’s performance today?

“From the first time that Tevin came into the building, just watching him run with the ball and how he reads it, how he gets downhill, him taking the edge and then getting vertical is one of the most impressive things I’ve ever seen and he does it with zero regard for his body, which is pretty amazing for a running back. He gets downhill so fast, so I just love watching him play. For him to get, I think, 110 yards on 11 carries, something like that, and three touchdowns, I’m just happy for him. He deserves that because he grinds every single day and we’re just happy we could help him do that.”

How nice was it to have WR Emmanuel Sanders out there? How much did his presence go into what you guys did today?

“He’s pretty good. I mean, he’s established. He knows how to win. He’s a great player. You don’t have to coach him, just have to get him to know what our offense is about. I think he did a fantastic job. He made the plays when we called his number. He’s a distraction on some plays and I think he did everything we wanted him to do today. If we can keep doing that moving forward, it’s going to be some fun football.”

**49ers WR Deebo Samuel
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What does this say about this team, you guys just keep winning, 1-0 every week?

“We just take it day by day and keep on doing what we are doing.”

What did you think of San Francisco 49ers DL Nick Bosa’s play?

“Oh that was ridiculous. It was unbelievable. You could see that he got chop blocked, he got up, they threw a swing pass and he caught it and almost scored. I was like, what in the world. I actually went down and celebrated with the defense.”

You and San Francisco 49ers RB Tevin Coleman both ran in for touchdowns untouched, was it as easy as it looked?

“We practiced that every day at practice this week. Earlier in the week I was messing it up and wasn’t seeing the holes right and we got it figured out during the game.”

You guys have the Arizona Cardinals on a short week this week. How do you prepare for that?

“We are just going to do the same thing that we do every day, day-in and day-out.”

**49ers WR Emmanuel Sanders
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Your new team scores more than fifty points, doesn't that reinforce that this is a good spot for you?

"I knew it. All week the energy has been so positive here. This locker room is just amazing with a great group of players, and great personalities around here. I showed up today expecting the same results in personality. I will never forget going out into the tunnel with these guys. Everybody was laughing and smiling, I was like man this is football, this is fun. I am blessed to be here."

It seems like you were out there for nearly every snap at least in the first half. Were you surprised at all at how much you ended up playing?

"No I wasn't surprised. All week in practice our receivers coach Wes [Welker] was telling me that they will let me play as much as I feel like I can play. I didn't feel like coming out of the game, that is what I am used to. I am looking forward to watching the film to see if I had any mental errors, but as right now in my head I can't think of any. I am proud of myself."

How is it with so many guys being involved in the offense?

"When I look at this team I feel like I just go to do my job. If I need to catch third downs to keep the chains moving, I just got to do my job. I don't have to do too much. I don't have to expect to go into a game saying I need to catch 10 passes and have over 100-yards for us to win even though I want that. If they need me to do that I know I can. It feels good we can dial up plays for anybody and potentially score so it is awesome."

Take us through that touchdown in the first drive of the game?

"I ran like a five-yard out route. I guess the ball was tipped, but it ended up falling right in my hands. It was probably one of the easiest touchdowns I have had. It was awesome to get on the opening drive to be a newcomer on this team and be able to open up like that is awesome."

How did you have to adjust to the tipped ball?

"It kind of fell right into my hands, I was open but when he tipped it, it kind of delayed it a little bit. The ball still fell right into my hands, so that it is good."

**49ers CB Richard Sherman
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You seemed almost incensed about the missed interception and on the next play you got the pick.

"Well, it's great defense. It's great, sound defense. I had a good feel, had a good rhythm for what they are. In this game, as you get older, people kind of lose respect for you. That's the frustrating thing sometimes about this game, is like, people say, 'Oh, he's 31, he can't be the best cornerback in football, so we'll just give it to somebody else.' It's like, oh, you guys don't actually watch the film. [WR Dante] Pettis had told me, I guess he's friends with the quarterback, and he was like, 'Hey man, his plan is to just go at you.' I was like, 'You don't understand, I'm not new to this.' I've been playing at a high level for- you know, my 15 minutes started an hour ago. Like, I've been doing this. It's one of those things where you take advantage of the opportunities. Guys are going to sit here and throw 5-yard hitches and gain confidence, like, 'Oh my God, we've got a chance.' As soon as you throw anything substantial, I'm taking it. [S Jaquiski] Tartt did a great job on that play, too. He was in a great position. The D-Line has been hunting all day. That's the great thing about this defense is you just have to play

sound. When your D-Line is hunting like that, [DL Nick] Bosa deserves all the credit in the world. [DL] Dee Ford, [DL DeForest Buckner] DeFo, [DL] Arik Armstead. You see [DL Ronald] Ronnie Blair [III] got in there, [DL] Solly [Solomon Thomas]. Pressure all day and night on them. [DL] D.J. Jones came in there, huge, huge sack early on. That's what you need, you know. You had [DL] Sheldon [Day] come in there and had great third down stops. It's team defense, and that's what we're playing. [CB] Emmanuel Moseley, like a few weeks ago, everybody's concerned, everybody's worried. 'Oh my God, we lost [CB] Ahkello [Witherspoon].' Ahkello's a great player, and we can't wait to get him back, but so is E-man. So is Emmanuel. Emmanuel has played at a high level and has had very limited opportunities and finally gave him an opportunity. He was just ready, played well and he got his hands on the ball. That's just sound football. These guys are playing great and I think they deserve all the credit in the world. Obviously, [LB] Fred [Warner] and [LB] Kwon [Alexander] deserve a ton of credit, but the safeties back there eliminate it. They had some good throws and Tartt and [DB] Jimmie [Ward] went out there and eliminated it. When 22 [RB Christian McCaffrey] broke out, he's a good player. He's going to get his runs. Jimmie was able to get him down and keep points off the board. That's what you appreciate about the eraser. He's not going to get enough credit for that. It's not going to show up as a huge stat in the stat sheet, but he's a guy that you appreciate."

You've talked about pregame fuel and using that. Are you completely sure Dante Pettis was not making that up?

"No, I'm not completely sure. I love that, that's what I love about it because he knows how I am, too. He could've not know this kid at all and could've said that. They'll write a story about it and be like, 'Richard Sherman said this.' I don't know if he said it, but Pettis said he said it, so it pissed me off. I didn't respect it."

You said you're not new to this. Bosa is new to this--?

"It doesn't seem like it, though, does it? He's an incredibly poised player. He's everything you could ask for. He's probably one of the best picks in ten years with just how he's played and he's played like this since Day 1. If it wasn't for the ankle injury, everyone would've saw him early on in the preseason, but he didn't get to play the preseason. Everybody's like, 'Oh my God, he's the number two pick, he hasn't played,' but when he came in here, if you watched him from Day 1 like we got to, he plays like a 10-year vet. He plays with such a savviness and such a poise, such an aggression, that it's like he's been playing on this level. You can tell he's been coached up great at a young age. Obviously, his family has a great pedigree, but he's an incredible talent, and he's so humble. He's a humble, nice guy. I don't know what he does in his free time, but I think he plays video games and he comes to work and he wreaks havoc. He deserves Player of the Week or Rookie of the Week or Rookie of the Year, everything. If he just kept the stat line as it is right now, he could win Rookie of the Year, but right now, he should be in line for Defensive MVP."

**49ers LB Fred Warner
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Is this the most complete game for this team on both sides of the ball thus far?

"Yes. I think so. The way the offense was firing, guys on our side making plays [San Francisco 49ers DL Nick] Bosa having the game of his career. It was just fun."

What does it do when the defense is just forcing the action the way that you guys were? They couldn't do any long drops because of the pressure that they were getting. Did you guys feel like you were dictating the tempo of the game?

“Yes. Like we do every week, we try to stop the run. We knew 22 [Carolina Panthers RB Christian McCaffrey] was going to be an issue in this game, just having to focus on him throughout the game and just flying around the football.”

Can you talk about what you saw when Nick Bosa made that play with the interception and return?

“I don’t think I’ve ever run that fast for someone. I started sprinting all the way down the field trying to catch him. He got all the way down there and didn’t get in, but that was a crazy play.”

How complete of a win is this? Not only playing defense the way that you do, but you guys put up 51 points.

“That was a team win. The offense did great. The defense we could have been cleaner but we got the job done at the end of the day.”

**Panthers Head Coach Ron Rivera
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Their pass rush really got after Carolina Panthers QB Kyle Allen, especially early in the game. Was that sort of where things got away from you guys?

“Well, things got away from us when we missed opportunities to get up the field on third down and that was tough, unfortunately. And then, they get a little bit of a lead, and then you can make some things happen.”

What were they doing on the ground that was working so well for them?

“Well, we were getting out of our creases and they were blocking us out of our creases and you know, it’s just one of those things. I’m going to take a look at the tape and we’ll go from there, but I’m not going to sit here and criticize. We’ll take the blame, okay? We got beat by a better football team today. It’s on me as the head coach to make sure we do things the right way, okay? Whatever happened on that football field will be corrected and that’s all we can do. I’m not going to look back and I’m not going to put blame on anybody but myself. It’s that simple.”

What was the message to the team in the locker room as far as how to rebound from this?

“Well, the biggest thing more so than anything else that we talked about is that we’ve got to learn from this, okay? There’s some things that happened on the tape that we’ve got to get corrected and that’s the truth of the matter. And as I said, I’m going to take responsibility and we’re going to move on from there.”

Kyle always comes out a pretty even keel guy. Do you think that he started out today as normal? Did you see anything different considering he said this was the biggest test for him?

“Not necessarily. I mean, once you got behind the eight ball a little bit I think he pressed to try to make some throws that he probably didn’t need to. I think there’s some other throws he could have made but again, he was trying to win a football game.”

Could you talk about the decision to switch up your tackles going into this game and where you feel about that position specifically going into the next--?

“We have some young guys that we feel can play the position as well and we’ve got to make sure we work everybody in, and give everybody the opportunity to grow and develop. That’s kind of where we are with the young tackles.”

Was that a tall task for a guy like Carolina Panthers G Dennis Daley?

“Oh, it’s a tall task for anybody. They’ve got a good pass rush and they’re a good football team. Let’s be honest about that as well. I think you watch the things that they do, you watch it on tape, it’s a tall task for any tackle, left or right, young or old, rookie or veteran.”

Do you feel like today showed a gap for where you guys are in terms of being a good football team?

“I think what it showed us is what’s it going to take to be a good football team. The things that we got to look at and get corrected to become a good football team. I think we’re still a very good football team. I just think today we missed some opportunities, you know? Fricking third play of the game, we’re about to get off and the ball ricochets and a guy makes a play. Again, that’s the fortunes of football. The ball didn’t bounce our way today. They made some plays. We didn’t make plays.”

What were they doing to counter your own pass rush today?

“Threw the ball quickly. They threw some screens. We were very aggressive up front. That’s the nature of our front four or five. Those guys attack. They go, they go and they got us early on with a couple of screens, and it’s something that we’ve got to feel and we’ve got to see better.”

You mentioned taking some of the blame for the game today. How did you feel about the effort that you got from the players?

“I thought the effort was, I didn’t think there was a problem with the effort. It’s tough. It’s tough when you get down like that. They played hard. The guys went out there and showed up, did the best they could and again, we ran with a bit of a buzz. You saw the 49ers are a good football team. You’ve got to give them credit. They showed up and did some good things against us, and we showed up and tried to fight and counter it. We came out in the second half right off the bat and scored a touchdown. Got a safety and scored a touchdown, you know? Tried to put ourselves back in the game, but unfortunately we didn’t capitalize when we had the chance.”

Because of the points allowed there will be comparisons to last year’s Pittsburgh game. How do you make sure that doesn’t happen again?

“By winning. I mean, it’s all we can do is just go out and prepare, and give ourselves an opportunity to win a game and then, go out and win it. I mean, it’s that simple. Whatever happens happens but the truth of the matter is we’ve got to go out and do it. There’s no secret to it. It’s like I told the guys, there’s no secret to winning or losing this game, other than the fact that you’ve got to go out and play your best. You can’t make mistakes. You’ve got to capitalize when you get opportunities. That’s it. I mean, it’s not very difficult. This game is not a hard game. But, you also got to understand that those guys in the other locker room, they get paid too. So, you just got to be better than them.”

You mentioned the misdirection and how effective it was, them getting in the creases and everything. Was it something different than what you guys had prepared for, or is that just not staying disciplined in the--?

“Again, like I said I’m not criticizing. I’ll take a look at the tape and I’ll have an opinion for you on that, but again it starts with me and that’s the way I’m going to approach it. I’m not going to sit here and try to give you guys answers without really getting a chance to break it down, and see what happened and why.”

Carolina Panthers LB/DE Brian Burns’ wrist, did that play overall on his lower snap count or just something you guys saw?

“Yeah, you know again, just trying to get him used to playing with the cast and having had the procedure done a week ago. So, he’ll learn. He’ll learn how to play with it and we’ll go from there.”

The decision to not make Carolina Panthers WR Greg Dortch active?

“Again, he’s a guy that we’re still working into things. He’s a young player. He’s going to get opportunities and it’s just a matter of time.”

There’s going to be a lot of questions with Carolina Panthers QB Cam Newton. Where is he right now? What is the situation?

“Cam is still rehabbing. It doesn’t have to be a lot of questions either. Just so you know that. I’ll tell you guys where he is on Monday. I’ll tell you where he is on Wednesday. You don’t need to ask after that to be honest with you.”

Update on Carolina Panthers WR Jarius Wright?

“He came and went back in the game. So, my understanding is that he took a pretty good shot but he was able to come back.”

Was there something that you saw from Carolina Panthers T Daryl Williams in that first series that lead you to bring Dennis back in at tackle?

“No, not necessarily. We wanted to get Dennis in there and give him an opportunity to play a little bit. We also knew Daryl was going to go in and probably play some right guard as well. So again, we just wanted to have a plan and I thought we did have one.”

A couple of the sacks it looked like maybe Kyle held on too long--?

“Yes, and that goes back to what I said earlier. I think he tried a little bit more than he needed to. The thing that young players have to understand is there’s no 24-point play. You’ve got to make them one play at a time, and you’ve got to make them one score at a time and take what they’re giving you. If they’re giving you five-yard check downs, take the five-yard check down. He’s a young quarterback and he’s learning. He’s done a great job for us. As a starter he’s 4-and-1. He’s going to learn from this just like we’ll learn from this. I’ll learn from this. Like I tell you guys, I’ll go back, take a look at the tape and make sure we’re doing the things that we need to do to give these guys a chance and if not, we’ve got to correct them.”

In terms of the misdirection, I know you have to go reevaluate and re-watch everything, but early on did you get a sense that guys were maybe a little over eager on certain things they saw?

“Yes, very much so and again, as I said earlier, they got us on screens. We were very aggressive in terms of our pass rush, that’s in our nature. We coach our guys to go and we made an adjustment later to slow it down, but that’s the thing you have to be able to do. If you can slow their run game down then that changes the whole thing. If not, if they’re running the ball effectively, you’ve got to deal with everything that happens and that’s exactly what we got today.”

Do you feel like the preparations were on par for what you saw today or were there some wrinkles that you guys experienced today?

“I thought our preparation was pretty good. They hit us on a couple of plays that we practice, we literally practiced. But sometimes, you’ve got to give the other team credit as well. I mean, there’s a reason why they’re 7-and-0.”

Was wind a factor at all in the passing game?

“No. No. No, the wind wasn’t that much of a factor. Probably, the only real time you saw it was when we had a couple of deep shots where the ball drifted away from the guys. One drifted out of bounds. One drifted more to the middle, but the short passing game, I don’t think it was that big of a deal.”

Panthers QB Kyle Allen
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Your coach said that as the game got out of hand you tried to do too much and that you can't score 24 points on one play. Does that match with your assessment?

"Yeah. I was inaccurate with the ball today. In the second half you saw a couple get away. Those turnovers in the third quarter just put our team in a bad position. You're not going to win games if you're turning the ball over and the other team is getting the ball. It's just putting our defense in a really bad position."

Things have gone so well for you in those first four starts. What do you do now to deal with this adversity and regroup?

"It's football. Stuff's not always going to go your way. As a team we're going to learn from this film. We're going to learn from what we did, starting with me especially, we're going to learn from what we did. We're just going to move on from it and not make the same mistakes twice. We're a really good football team. I know that. Today didn't show that. I didn't play to the ability (and) I didn't put our team in the position to win the game. I guess it starts with me so we're going to go see what we did wrong, figure it out and keep pushing forward."

What did you see out there from the pressure coming from San Francisco's line?

"They didn't blitz much. Their defensive line just did a really good job of rushing. I tried to get the ball out of my hand as quick as I could, but the D-line did a really good job. Hats off to them. They're a talented group."

On a couple of sacks, did you just hold onto the ball a little long trying to make a play?

"Yeah. There were definitely a couple of sacks that were completely on me."

How hard is it for you guys offensively when you've had a lot of flux at that left tackle position?

"I don't think that matters. We have a lot of good players that can play that left tackle position and the right tackle position. I think [Carolina Panthers T] Taylor [Moton] was going back and forth. We have a lot of talent there. I don't think it mattered at all."

In the first half, what were some of the issues in being able to get momentum offensively?

"We were hurting ourselves a lot. If you look at our past four games that we've won, the things that we did best were we stayed on schedule, we had manageable third downs, we didn't have many penalties and we were moving the ball efficiently. I think today we just got away from that. That starts with me."

Can you walk us through the San Francisco 49ers DL Nick Bosa play?

"It was just a screen to the left. I tried to get his hands down and cut him and get it over him. He got his hands down, I got it out a little late and I didn't get it high enough. It's that simple. He made a great play. He's a great player, but I can easily fix that by just getting some loft on it and getting it over. It's completely my fault."

How do you guys as a team and you individually bounce back from this?

"You just learn from it. It's a 16-game season. It's one game. We have to look at the film, we have to learn from it and we have to see who we are as a team. Like I said coming in, this game was going to be a measuring stick for who we are as a team. We're going to try to dig deep and really figure out what we did wrong and try and wash it away but still keep that memory of today in our mind and keep that taste in our mouth because it was not a good day for us. I know how good we are as a team. I know how good we can be as a team."

Because of the score and nature of the game, a lot of people will probably point to last year's Pittsburgh game that began an unraveling for you guys as a team. How do you prevent that from happening, and do you see any similarities?

"It's a totally new season and a totally different locker room. Yeah the games are similar, but it's different people. It's just like I said, we don't need to look back at last year. We just need to stick with this year. We need to learn from this game and not let this game skid us on a losing streak. I know how good we are as a team. You've seen it this year. We just have to learn from this and keep pushing forward."

**Panthers LB/DE Mario Addison
Postgame Quotes – October 27, 2019
San Francisco 49ers vs. Carolina Panthers**

Carolina Panthers head coach Ron Rivera said you were well prepared for what the San Francisco 49ers did today. Did they just execute better or did you shoot yourselves in the foot?

"Some plays will be on us. We weren't reading our keys and we got hurt on that. We have to play with more discipline."

There's a lot of talk about putting this game behind you, how easy is that?

"It's never easy. A game like this, when a team puts 50 on you, every time you think about it, it's going to hurt. It's going to hurt to the core. Easier said than done. It's easy to say, 'Let's put it behind us.' We have to go correct everything Monday morning, come back on Wednesday and start fresh."

Do you find that it's better to learn from it or to put it behind you?

"You've got to learn from it. If you don't learn from the past, you're going to repeat it. We just have to show up and play our style of football and stop doing more than what we're capable of doing. We need to read our keys, play our keys and we'll be good."

**Panthers S Tre Boston
Postgame Quotes – October 27, 2019
San Francisco 49ers vs. Carolina Panthers**

Early in the game, in the middle of the field with San Francisco 49ers TE George Kittle getting open, what was going on there? Was that something that you guys weren't expecting?

"We're going to have games like this. It's the NFL. Sometimes stuff just doesn't go your way and you need it to go your way. These are important games. They just had a better flow than we did. They came out and they did a great job. They knew what we were in. They knew the schemes and how they wanted to get to us. Our hats go off to them. They played exceptionally well and we did not play our best. This is a game where we will go to the table, we will watch film, we will evaluate it heavily and then we'll throw it away because we have to. No one is going to feel sorry for us and we are not going to feel sorry for ourselves. This is one game. We are going to learn from it, we are going to get ready for our next opponent and we are going to come out and play ball."

You struggled with misdirection on offense. How effective was that for them?

"They did a great job left and right. They did a great job of coaching. We knew what was coming at us but they found ways to tweak it even more. It was flashy stuff and it got the job done. So for me and the guys, we know what we have to do. We have to watch film and come back next week. You know how we are. We are high energy. We're not moping around. Again, this is one game and we're going to come out next week and play Panther Football."

When you know what they are going to do and they are doing it and succeeding, what is the conversation on the sideline with each other?

“You’re trying to figure out how to win. We are all professionals. So, no one is out there looking lost. At the same time we are trying to find answers in the midst of the fire. We have to do a better job but at the end of the game, this is over.”

**Panthers CB Ross Cockrell
Postgame Quotes – October 27, 2019
San Francisco 49ers vs. Carolina Panthers**

Overall, what are your thoughts on the game?

“We wanted to come out here and perform better. It didn’t work out that way. We’ll watch the tape and make the corrections. The beautiful thing about the NFL is we’ll have another opportunity next week and we’ll be sure to take advantage of it.”

The amount of misdirection that the 49ers used, the play fakes and everything they do, did it keep catching you guys off guard?

“I don’t think it caught us off guard. We prepared for it. We prepared for the misdirection. We prepared for the zone running scheme. We prepared for everything that they did. We didn’t play well enough to stop it today.”

What is it that leads to big plays on defense?

“Sometimes, it’s the guy in the wrong gap. If you have two guys in the B-gap and the A-gap is open, it can lead to a big play. Sometimes in the passing game, it can be guys not running in the right place, maybe dropping into coverage they shouldn’t be dropping into. We’ll go back to the tape and see what happened.”

How do you keep a loss like this from spiraling into next weekend?

“We talked about this after the game. [Carolina Panthers head coach Ron] Rivera talked about it. [Carolina Panthers TE Greg Olsen] G.O. did a nice job talking about it. He was in the locker room last year when the team lost our sixth straight after a big prime time loss. We have that experience from last year and we’ll work on it and come together as a team and not split apart.”

**Panthers LB Luke Kuechly
Postgame Quotes – October 27, 2019
San Francisco 49ers vs. Carolina Panthers**

What were the San Francisco 49ers doing, on the ground, that was so effective in the game?

“I just think that they were able to get a couple of big runs. We have to get our eyes in a better spot and play our gaps. We’re going to go back and look at it. Again, they just hit some big runs and we had guys out of position. We just have to get that cleaned up.”

Is it because of what they are doing prior to the snap that guys are out of gaps? Or how does that come about?

“I think that the more you move on offense, the more it gives the defense to look at. We do a good job every week of practicing and preparing and the coaches do a good job of giving us looks. We just have to do a better job of seeing it, talking about it and reacting during the game.”

Carolina Panthers Head Coach Ron Rivera was saying that in terms of your pass rush, it's a little bit too aggressive at times because they were hitting screens and then adjusting. What did you see there early on?

"We have to do a better job, at the second level, of seeing screens. Those guys do such a good job of rushing and we have to let those guys do their thing and we have to clean-up the screen game"

Last year, post Pittsburgh Steelers loss, things did not go well. What can you learn from that experience to use this upcoming week?

"You know, you hope you learn that you don't just go out and win games. That's what happened last year. We kept saying next game, next game, next game. There's always a next game but you don't just go out and win games. That's not how the NFL works. That's not how football works. You have to go out and make plays. You have to do what you are expected to do and you have to mind your responsibilities. We have to know and understand that seasons can be very fragile and that you have to make the most of every game."

**Panthers DT Gerald McCoy
Postgame Quotes – October 27, 2019
San Francisco 49ers vs. Carolina Panthers**

A lot of people are saying that you have to put this game behind you guys. How easy is that to do when as a defense you guys take a lot of pride in how you play, and then to have San Francisco put 51 on you?

"Yeah, that's bad. It's a tough day at the office. I know how I am. I keep the same energy, win, lose, or draw. We just lost. They beat us today. There's not much more you can say about it. Just hold your L, get on tape and fix it, and put it behind you. How you put it behind you is you have no choice because Tennessee don't care. They won today. So they are going to try and go on the run, going on the road. We're going to try and keep winning. We can't allow one loss to turn into two. After we watch this tape, we've got to put it behind us."

How much of that was what they did versus what you did not do?

"Yeah, how I am, I give respect. I give credit where credit is due. They just beat us today. It was a mix of both, us being out of place and them scheming well. They're a great team on both sides of the ball. They're hot right now. We just didn't come here and play how we were supposed to play. We didn't play how we were supposed to play, and it showed out there."

What made them so difficult to deal with today?

"Just us not being where we were supposed to be, making mistakes. We just got beat, top to bottom, in every facet of the game. I've been playing this game a long time, and I've played enough days for games like that to happen to everybody. It happens. You can't allow yourself to be that way and stay that way. You take the loss and move on."

Carolina Panthers head coach Ron Rivera talked specifically about gap integrity. What can you say about that?

"Yeah, that's what I'm saying. It was a lot of what we did, and we didn't respect for how they schemed it up. We could have prevented a lot of stuff. It was just gap integrity. We got out of our gaps, and they exploited it. The thing about their team is that they have so much talent, it's not so much about talent. They don't beat themselves. That's why they've been so successful. We've got to do a better job of not beating ourselves. We just did a lot of wrong today."

Panthers WR DJ Moore
Postgame Quotes – October 27, 2019
San Francisco 49ers vs. Carolina Panthers

What was it about [San Francisco's] defense that made it tough for you guys to get anything going offensively?

"I would say all the different looks they threw at us. They threw six, seven people at the line, so that was pretty tough."

You were on this team last year after that loss in Pittsburgh. A lot of people said that was the turning point of you guys' season last year. How do you let a loss like this keep you guys from having that second half collapse?

"I mean, going back to Pittsburgh last year, that was a tough one. We all know how it feels, for all of us that were here last year. We just don't want that feeling ever again."

Panthers TE Greg Olsen
Postgame Quotes – October 27, 2019
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Because of the points allowed, there's going to be comparisons to Pittsburgh last year. How do you not fall into the same thing?

"That's totally legitimate. To ignore that and pretend it's not going to happen, it happens if you allow it to happen. We allowed it to happen last year, never got our momentum back and it tanked our season. So, we're going to find out if this group is better. Is this group going to respond better than last year? Is it going to be just one bad game? That's the plan, but it doesn't just happen. You've got to make that happen. It starts when we get back tomorrow with the evaluation of the tape. It starts with our evaluation of ourselves collectively as a group. That's the only way you bounce back from games like this."

Can you potentially use that learning experience from last year?

"We can see what happens when you don't get back on track. You let one bad night ruin the entire second half of the season. That's what happened last year. You'd hope you're more aware of that, we'd understand that. A lot of the guys in this locker room went through that and we have enough pride and enough sense of what we're capable of to bounce back."

What was the San Francisco 49ers defense doing to get you guys off the field on third down?

"That's what they do. It's one of their strengths. Obviously, the third-and-longs and falling behind didn't help us much. Early in the game when we were fighting to regain momentum after falling behind, penalties killed us. We had the long run by [Carolina Panthers RB] Christian McCaffrey called back. We got a first down and had the illegal man down field, that held us back and we never converted that first down. You're not going to beat teams like this. You're going to have to earn everything you have and the times you win, to have it not count is not a recipe for success."

Panthers G Greg Van Roten
Postgame Quotes – October 27, 2019
San Francisco 49ers vs. Carolina Panthers

You've watched tape on San Francisco 49ers DL Nick Bosa. Then you see him live and in person. Was it more than you expected?

"No, he's pretty good. He's just as advertised. I think we just didn't play well across the board. Too many of us had a penalty or a negative play. That cannot happen. You cannot win games that way. You

cannot keep the ball out of the offense's hands if you're not doing what you are supposed to do as a line."

How do you keep a loss like this from spiraling into next week and the week after?

"We need to hold ourselves accountable. We need to be very honest with the film, we need to make the corrections that are necessary and we need to re-focus. At the end of the day, this is one loss but it can turn into two and it can turn into three like it did last year. We need to make sure that we tighten up because the season is unforgiving. In this league you cannot let an opponent take advantage of you when you are down."

What did you learn about losing streaks last year that can help you this year?

"We learned that you can't just talk about it, you have to actually do it. You have to look at it as one game. We'll be fine. When we have practice on Wednesday, it needs to be one of the best practices of the season. We can't focus on what happened. This is a different locker room than last year and there's nothing we can do about last year. There's nothing we can do about what happened last week. We just have to keep looking forward and focus on our next opponent."