



Los Angeles Rams – Miami Dolphins Postgame Quotes – November 20, 2016

Rams QB Jared Goff

(On how his first NFL start felt)

"It felt good. I think I'll start off with obviously very disappointed with the result there at the end, and how things turned out and how we felt the whole game and how in control we were. How at the end there, with six minutes left, we just couldn't put it away and I think that's just every play— we need to finish well and finish better than that. I don't think it's just one thing or another, or we need to do this better, we need to do more or something, we just need to stay out of our own way— we just need to continue to do what we do correctly, and do it well and we'll be fine."

(On his comfort ability on the field in his first game)

"I think it took me a couple drives to settle in—that was expected, I expected that. Similar to my first start in college, in high school, my whole life, your first game in there you got to settle in. It took a couple of drives probably, but I felt good. I did settle in well through the game."

(On what went right during the Rams first touchdown with RB Todd Gurley)

"The o-line was just doing what they do, doing what they do well. Opened up holes for them and he was doing what he has been doing for his whole life, just running the ball well. I think early on we were running it well, and like I said, we just hit a lull and started stepping in front of ourselves. Again, it's not any one person or any one little thing, it's just a culmination of little things that add up and it seems like it has been a story for a while now, but that's it. It's not like we need to do something more, something better, if we do what we do right, we will be fine."

(On if he would like to take more shots downfield)

"Yeah, I think we will. I think that early on it had to do with the weather. I think, honestly, both sides were kind of running the ball, trying keep it on the ground. It was just a little bit wet out there, and early on, that was the reason why and late, we were winning, and we wanted to run the ball and that's when it got dry and that's when they had to pass it. But, yeah, I would like to throw some balls down field and I think that will be in the plan every week and it's up to them."

(On what did he the best and what he could improve on during today's game)

"I think getting in and out of the huddle in time, getting the ball snapped and not having any delay of games was a positive. Something I would like to do better is to just be a little cleaner on my reads— I missed a couple and some I want back. You are never going to be perfect, but you want to be as perfect as you can and I strive for that, but there's a couple I want back, of course, but I think it's kind of a testament to their (Miami's) defense. They've got a really good team, a really good defense, a really good front seven, a really good secondary and did a good job on us."

(On the last 36-seconds of the game)

“Yeah, I don’t think it was shocking because we saw them drive down the field. I think we lost some of the momentum, honestly, I think that’s how games go, the momentum shifts back-and-forth. I think we had it for most of the game and I think at the end there, we started stepping in front of ourselves there and started not doing what we are supposed to do and then they started making plays.”

(On opportunities for the quick passing game in the future)

“Maybe, I think we like completions and got a bunch of those on the slants today. Again, I think it had a lot to do with the weather early on, a little bit with the play calling, but I don’t expect us to try and do anything crazy next week – we’ll do what we do, of course, we had shots on the play and stuff we wanted to do, but I was happy with the play calling, really happy with it and I felt really comfortable out there.”

(On where he sees the team’s future with a 4-6 standing)

“We are going to go to New Orleans next week and get a “W.” That’s what we got to do, get back on the horse tomorrow and go out and practice throughout this whole week and go to New Orleans and win that game there.”

(On how helpful it is to have a starting NFL game to watch on film)

“Yeah, I think game experience is priceless. It’s something that you can’t get enough of, it’s something that is helpful for myself, the rest of the team and the rest of the young guys. I think it’s going to be good to go back and go look at and see what we did right, see what we did wrong, see what we want to do – and the coaches will look at it and do what they do.”

(On what was different before this game as a starter compared previous games)

“Yeah, it was definitely a little more nerve-racking, more nerves, but I’ve never been one to be too nervous. I think it’s just natural to be nervous and have butterflies, but honestly, once the first play happened, I was good to go, felt like I’ve played in every game of my life. That’s how it felt and I think, of course there were nerves, but I felt pretty good.”

(On how helpful QB Case Keenum was on the sidelines of the game)

“Case was great. I told him before the game that I’m going to need to lean on you and he was great – very helpful. He gave me good information when I came over there, helped me out, he told me what he said, he told me what the pressures they (Miami) were bringing, everything in-between, they were really helpful, him and (QB) Sean (Mannion), were really helpful.”