



LOS ANGELES RAMS

Rams Defensive Tackle Aaron Donald – Media Availability – January 17, 2019

(On if there's anything he can take from their first matchup with the Saints)

"For sure. Broke that down, we watched film, we've seen our mistakes, things we needed to fix and things we did good at. Watching that film, breaking down that film, coach is coming with a great gameplan this week, so we just got to go out there and execute it and get ready for a big game."

(On if he felt the defensive line as a group was working as well together as they had all season)

"I feel like we've been playing good together all year. We communicate well. It's a big game, big stage and he (DT Ndamukong Suh) made his plays when plays presented themselves. That's what you expect from your guys. That's why he's here, to make plays like that for us and win big games and he did that."

(On what enabled them to stop the run against Dallas)

"We were just swarming, playing gap sound. Everybody was doing their job how they're supposed to. 11 hats at the ball and when you do that, good things come out there."

(On if Saints QB Drew Brees presents a different type of challenge as a pass rusher)

"Anytime you play against a great quarterback like that, he's going to do things a normal quarterback ain't going to do. So, we know what to expect. We try to do what we got to do to try our best to make him uncomfortable and get after him and, you know, but we got to stop the run first before we think about rushing the passer. They got two great backs we got to slow down and try to find ways to stop. After we do that, we'll get after the quarterback and try and put some pressure on him."

(On what he can identify that Brees does that normal quarterbacks don't)

"A little bit of everything, you know. He's a great quarterback. He's been doing it in the league a long time, had a lot of success, won a Super Bowl, so got our hands full. We just got to do our job."

(On the Saints do to try to challenge them in the run game like the first matchup)

"Well, this is what you wanted. We wanted to have an opportunity to play these guys again. They got us the first time and what better stage to do it now. Like I said, we got a great gameplan. We made mistakes early when we played them and that hurt us. You know, you can't do that when you play good teams. We know what we got to do and know what we got to expect, so on a big stage like this, so close, you got to just leave it all out there."

(On what the approach is as a pass rush against Brees)

"We got a gameplan, we're going to stick to it and we're going to get after him."

(On what Saints RBs Alvin Kamara and Mark Ingram II do that's different)

"They can do everything. They can bounce outside, they can run it in between the tackles, they can catch the ball out of the backfield, so when you got two backs that can do the same similar things, you know, you just try to bottle them up and find ways to slow them down and stop them if that's in the run game or the pass game. We're going to have our hands full with that, but like I said, we got a great gameplan, everybody is flying around, everybody is hungry so, you know, we're feeling confident."