



## LOS ANGELES RAMS

### Rams Defensive Lineman Michael Brockers – Media Availability – January 18, 2019

**(On him saying it was a blessing in disguise last time they played the New Orleans Saints and if it's played out that way)**

"I think, yeah. We learned a lot from that game, learned a lot about ourselves – learned what we could fix and what we could work on. So, like I said, it could definitely be a blessing in disguise, because we feel like we know these guys a little bit better now. It's hard to beat a team twice. So, we'll see what's happening when we get in the (Super) 'Dome'."

**(On if it was nice to practice in perfect weather today)**

"It's crazy how the football Gods work when it's time to get things going. So, yeah, it was a beautiful day today. We got outside, the sun is shining. So, it's a great day to play some football, for sure, especially this late in the season."

**(On having great success against Cowboys RB Ezekiel Elliott and how different it will be covering Saints RB Mark Ingram II and RB Alvin Kamara as interior linemen)**

"Like you said, they have two different backs that can have two different games. (Saints RB Mark) Ingram (II) is a downhill runner, he can get those hard yards. (Saints RB Alvin) Kamara is an outside guy, he's fast. He's hard to bring down himself. So, it's a different game. We knew (Cowboys RB Ezekiel Elliott) 'Zeke' was going to get the ball and we knew what type of runner he was. But, we have to prepare for two different running backs. (Saints Head Coach) Sean Payton is a master offensive mind. So, he'll find a way to get those guys the ball in the right situations."

**(On being a veteran and being on the Rams since the start of his career in 2012 and how excited he feels about playing in the NFC Championship game)**

"I don't know. Can you tell I'm excited? (laughs). I don't know, man. I'm trying not to be too excited about it, just because I know this is my opportunity, this is our opportunity. So, I don't want to – last year, the thing about this team was being too young in the playoffs. So, really trying to act like we've been here before and not get too high on winning or losing. We just focus on one game at a time, one play at a time."

**(On what he needs to do differently in this matchup compared to the last time they faced the Saints in Week 9 to put pressure on Saints QB Drew Brees)**

"I think that was the gameplan last time. I think we just didn't execute as well as we wanted to. It's the same gameplan. (Saints QB Drew) Brees doesn't do so well when he has people in front of his face. He's a shorter quarterback, so it's hard for him to see. So, if we could get the pressure inside and make him, like we said, uncomfortable, we feel like that's to our advantage. We didn't do that well last game, so we look forward to doing it this game."