



## LOS ANGELES RAMS

### Rams Quarterback Jared Goff – Media Availability – January 24, 2019

**(On if he has reached out to anyone he knows who has played in the Super Bowl about advice about what to look out for)**

"Yes and no. I've had some people reach out to me. I'll keep that between me and them. They gave me some advice and what to handle and what to expect. As far as how to treat the week and how to treat next week with a little bit of a circus out there, how to keep it as normal as possible."

**(On if he has noticed any anxiety in his teammates)**

"Anxiety? No. I think we're excited, we're ready. This what you work for. This is why you play is to get a chance to play in this game. We've put in the work and earned this position."

**(On what he has seen from RB Todd Gurley II in terms of getting mentally ready to bounce back in the Super Bowl)**

"He's a great teammate and a great guy – a guy that doesn't let that type of stuff affect him. He's going to come into work and be the same guy he always is and work hard. I expect him to have a big game. He's going to go out there and do everything he normally does. For whatever...last week wasn't his and it happens. It's not the end of the world. I think he knows that and approaches it like a pro."

**(On how much playing in close games this season helps with knowing that the team has the composure down the stretch to compete with an opponent like the Patriots)**

"It's big. I think anytime you can go into an atmosphere like that, go down 13 (points) early and then show the poise and perseverance and get through adversity the way we did and be able to come out on top late in the game like we did. Just being able to fight through all that. (There) was so much against us early on and so much going on that was not going our way. To be able to get through that and come out with a win, it gives you some confidence and gives you something to look back on as a way that you handled some stuff correctly."

**(On if there are any Tom Brady Super Bowl performances that stick out in his mind from when he was growing up and how this second start against the Patriots will be different from his first time in 2016)**

"Grew up, obviously, I was young when he got his first Super Bowl. I do remember him playing in the Super Bowls. I don't know if I remember an exact moment I could give you, but obviously do remember them playing in and winning a bunch of Super Bowls. Then, yeah, two years ago – that was, I believe, my second or third game – they got after us pretty good. Hopefully, it's a different outcome this time."

**(On his relationship with Head Coach Sean McVay and his growth since McVay has gotten here)**

"(Head Coach) Sean (McVay) has been great for me. We have a great relationship and it's continued to build throughout this season. I feel like we're in a really good place right now with just the way he calls the game and the way I feel about the way he calls the game. The relationship has been great. He's very receptive (to) listening and at the same time, very easy to listen to. He's a great coach and a guy that I've enjoyed playing for."

**(On when he knew that he had chemistry with WR Brandin Cooks)**

"Probably in OTAs (organized team activities). When we first got him in and just knowing – I think the way I can tell if a receiver and I are going gel is the way that he tracks a deep ball. I think it's something that you can't really teach, you can't really drill it. It's just something that you either you have or you don't from a young age and he has it. When a guy can do that, you can kind of have a little bit of room for error as a quarterback. When I can throw a deep ball with not exact perfection and he can go and get it, it causes that chemistry to go up. He's the type of guy who can do that."

**(On the roller coaster of events that have happened since they won the NFC Championship on Sunday)**

"Yeah, exciting moment, obviously, with (K) Greg's (Zuerlein) kick and just an exciting time for myself, our team, family members of the team, my family, everyone. It's been fun. The last two days have been a little hectic just trying to, like you said, organize everything, get your family and loved ones out there, and get everyone you want out there. But, I think that's done now and we're on to football."

**(On the challenge of going up against Patriots Head Coach Bill Belichick and his ability to adjust defensively)**

"They're a great team, they have been for a long time for a reason. Obviously, (Patriots Head) Coach (Bill) Belichick and everything they do there defensively is at the top of the league almost every year for a reason. It will be a good challenge for us and something we're ready for. We have a lot of respect for them, but at the same time, we're going to prepare and do our best to win the game."

**(On how aware he was in the moment that Cooks intentionally dropped a pass just prior to the game-winning field goal over the New Orleans Saints and how important that decision was at the time)**

"Yeah, I was not aware at the time that he did that intentionally. Afterwards, found out that it was probably a pretty good decision. I probably shouldn't have even thrown it to him. Probably should've just throw it at his feet. But, yeah, it was smart. Saved us probably about four yards there. Made that kick 57 (yards) instead of 61 (yards). I think Greg would've made it from there, but I don't think we want to even chance that, so it was a good decision by him."

**(On his reaction when he hears about Brady having played in nine Super Bowls while this is his first appearance and how it could be considered a natural advantage for Brady)**

"It just goes to show what he's been able to do. I think getting to this game nine times is unbelievable. You can't put into words how remarkable it is and everything he's done and why he's going to go down as the best of all time, if not one of the best of all time. Just so much respect for him and everything he's done. At the same time, I think our defense is ready for the challenge. It's going to be a tough one and one that we're getting prepared for right now."

**(On him personally going into the Super Bowl for the first time and if he's ready for the challenge)**

"Yeah, I'm ready. Yeah, ready to go. I think you don't have a choice. You better get ready (laughs). Ready to go. It'll be fun. I'm excited. Again, like I said, it's something that you dream about, you work for. You put in all the work since even before this year. You're constantly thinking about this game and constantly thinking about getting to this game and having a chance to play in this game and now we have it. Now we have a chance to be world champions and have to prepare our best and get ready to go out there."

**(On if there is any single thing that the offense can counteract if taken away by the Patriots defense)**

"Yeah, we've got a bunch of different ways to counter stuff. I think if they want to do something, which I'm sure they will, like every team does – try something new. We'll have our adjustments. We'll be ready for anything. Yeah, we've got different personnels, different ways to attack defenses that we'll prepare for."

**(On if feels his performance against the Saints personified being at his best when he needs to be and if creating off-schedule plays and throwing from different arm angles is something he is doing with more experience)**

"Yeah, I've definitely worked on that. That's definitely been part of my game I've worked on is different arm angles and throwing in different positions on the move. Definitely something I've worked at and tried to get better at, but I think as you gain more confidence and you get more comfortable, you're able to actually

make those throws in-game, in real time. To your previous question, I think, yeah, I was proud of the way that we battled and the way that we were able to sit in there. It was as hard of an environment as I can imagine I'll ever play in. Just for us to be down 13-nothing early and for our offense to slowly chip away and make plays, it was great. It was a good one to build confidence for us."

**(On what he remembers from being called by the Rams to meet McVay)**

"I was excited to meet him. Didn't know what their plans were. Excited to get to meet a potential head coach candidate, I guess. Left the meeting extremely impressed and extremely excited if he was the guy that was chosen. As I was leaving the meeting, got a pretty good idea that he would be the one chosen and was very excited for it. It was awesome and it has turned out pretty well, I think."

**(On growing up in Northern California and what he thought of Brady and if he had any interactions with him at all in recent years)**

"I met him after our game when we played him. That's about it. A ton of respect for him. Being from the Bay, it is cool that he grew up just close by where I grew up. Cool story-line for you guys, I guess. It's fun. It's cool. I think any time you get a chance to be around a guy like that, is awesome. It's a guy that you've looked up to for so long. I was, like I said, I was probably seven or eight years old when he was winning Super Bowls to begin with and now I get a chance to play in one with him. At the same time, we do respect him, but I'm going to go out there and do my best and be the best I can be and hopefully come out with a win."

**(On if it's surreal in some ways to be playing against Brady)**

"No. I've played these guys before."

**(On TE Gerald Everett's development and how that's been for the Rams offense)**

"(TE) Gerald's (Everett) been great. I think he's been a guy that we've used in different matchups that we like. We can exploit some different things with lesser athletes on him, I guess. I think he's truly a receiver and we like to use him that way and he blocks well, too, and we can use him that way. We can hand him off the ball. We can throw him the ball. He can block well. He's a great player and a guy that's really come along this year and a guy that I'm really comfortable with."