



HEAD COACH KYLE SHANAHAN

KYLE SHANAHAN: Sam Okuayinonu got evaluated for concussion, but he ended up returning.

Q. Do you have an indication of how serious it is for Jauan Jennings?

KYLE SHANAHAN: No. We've got to get the MRIs tomorrow to figure it out.

Q. Trent Williams was out for a while as well?

KYLE SHANAHAN: He came back. Everything was good.

Q. Was it an ankle?

KYLE SHANAHAN: They didn't tell me.

Q. You got a good look at that deep ball to Pearsall. He seemed to vary the speed, and that kind of allowed him to get open. Is that part of that route or improvising? What did you see on that play?

KYLE SHANAHAN: It was a double move. We ran it earlier in the second or third down of the game and then we just came back with a double move on it. Ran a really good route, and Brock threw a good ball. We had good protection on the play because it takes a while to do.

Q. On the touchdown, was that a regular scramble kind of drill?

KYLE SHANAHAN: That was just breaking out. I was looking to the left on the play that they were calling, and they weren't there. I take my eyes to the right, and Brock's breaking the pocket. When he threw that up, I couldn't see it at all. I didn't know if he was throwing it away. I didn't know if it was a pick. But our guys on the sideline started cheering, so it ended well.

Q. What does it mean that you have all the guys out and a guy like take time to make the touchdown catch to win a game?

KYLE SHANAHAN: It was huge. It wasn't just that catch, but both of those tight ends, him and Luke and Juice picking it up. Losing Kittle in that game was big for us. He was a huge part of the game plan as you guys saw earlier. Had to mix some guys around, and those guys stepped up big, man, especially to end it with the game winner.

Q. With everything that went on, missed field goals, guys getting hurt, to win this game, what does that mean?

KYLE SHANAHAN: I was just so happy with our team. There was a lot of adversity in that game that we had to overcome -- offense, defense, special teams. A number of injuries, those two turnovers, being able to get two to even it out and still find a way to win. I was real proud of our team. That was our first game together. Didn't like everything, but I liked how our guys played. I liked the attitude that they never wavered. I expect us to get better as we go.

Q. A lot of new moving parts on the defense. What was your impression?

KYLE SHANAHAN: Just as a whole, I thought they slowed them down enough, kept them out of the end zone enough for us to win. I thought we gave up a number of big plays in the second quarter. There at the end at the two-minute, just for them to get all the way in the redzone before we got that turnover back, so hopefully we'll clean some of that stuff up. I like how they played overall.

Q. On special teams woes.

KYLE SHANAHAN: Obviously I was disappointed that we missed two field goals. Missed one, which was a big miss, especially I think we were inside the 10. I want to say it was a 27-yarder. The next one, Love made a helluva move. I think it was Love, splitting that D gap. Looked like he jumped over those guys. I saw it on the scoreboard. But we've got to clean up that protection. That's everyone there. That one wasn't Jake. That's just the whole operation. We've got to do better.

Q. You went for it on fourth several times after that. Was that just we're not going to kick a field goal if I can help it?

KYLE SHANAHAN: I don't think so. I want to say they were fourth and two. So I don't think that changed it. Would have kicked it if it was more than that.

Q. Is Jake as a kicker, does that trigger any question in your mind on whether he's going to be back on the team?

KYLE SHANAHAN: No, no question.

Q. How pleased were you that Christian was healthy and able to go today?

KYLE SHANAHAN: Real pleased. Got a scare on Thursday, but started to feel much better on Friday and Saturday. I didn't get to talk to him about it, but it seemed like it wasn't an issue. Thought he had a helluva game. It was awesome to have him out there.

Q. What can you say about Brock's poise and ability to come out and win that game?

KYLE SHANAHAN: It was huge. There were some big plays at the end. We were back and forth. It kept getting tighter and tighter. To make that big play to Ricky to get the explosive to get us down there, and that play he made on fourth down was huge. I think the biggest one on the drive was him going across the whole board on a progression. Just a tough deal to do for a quarterback. I don't know if he hit, I think it was Jake Tonges, a lowball on the other side that kept a drive going and played really well there.

Q. Fred Warner after he got hit was out for just a little bit. Did he seem a bit more feisty or angry after the nose issue?

KYLE SHANAHAN: I don't know, he always seems feisty and angry. I don't think he can be much more than he always is.

Q. What did you see on the Purdy interceptions? I know two separate ones, but was he forcing it a little bit, at least on the second one?

KYLE SHANAHAN: I didn't think so. I thought both guys made really good plays. We had a high-low going and they did a good blitz and took Christian out so the 'backer could really drop under it. I've seen Brock a lot of times lob that over the guy. The guy was deep. You'd love to say check it down, but they ran a blitz, so Christian wasn't there. I thought the guy made a helluva play. Obviously at the end of it, don't throw it, but I thought that was a pretty good play by that guy. At the end to Ricky, it was man coverage. The guy was tight on him, but that gave Rick an opportunity. I didn't have much problem with that, but worst case scenario on all of those, I always tell the receiver it should be offensive PI, not a pick. Hopefully Ricky can make sure that's not a pick next time.

Q. What was your view and emotion when you saw Bosa recover the fumble to seal it?

KYLE SHANAHAN: Took a breath, was relieved, pumped up. Then I got to watch out for all the big guys that try to knock me out on the sideline to celebrate after it. They always get much more aggressive than me, but I was pumped. In those two-minute situations, you want to go tee off on the quarterback. From what I saw, it was an awesome job, not just running past him, allowing him to step up. He got to the top. I think he came back underneath. I don't know if he knocked it out or not. Did you guys see it? Did he hit it out or did it just slip?

Q. Kind of forced the tackle back into it.

KYLE SHANAHAN: No, it was huge. Just to finish it right there, we don't have to worry about what else would have happened.

Q. What was going through your mind when Jake Tonges made that catch in the end zone and the ball was in the air?

KYLE SHANAHAN: When the ball was in the air, it was blocked. So I had no idea where it was going. I was just hoping it wasn't a turnover. I was getting ready to decide if I was going to make another call or send the field goal out there.

Q. Another guy that was involved was Marques Sigle. He led the team in tackles by halftime. What did you see from him.

KYLE SHANAHAN: I saw him running around making a bunch. I see less out there than I do in the preseason stuff getting ready for the next series. Pumped to watch him on the plane, but it looked like he was flying around and making some good plays.

Q. Where do things stand between the 49ers and Kendrick Bourne? Is that something that you're still monitoring?

KYLE SHANAHAN: I know he hasn't signed with anyone, so I know it's a possibility we can get him. We're still trying. Hopefully that can work out.

Q. If Jauan is out for an extended period, do you think that Jordan Watkins is a possibility?

KYLE SHANAHAN: He got back at the end of last week, so he is a possibility. It's getting closer with him. We'll see.

Q. When you say there's no question about Jake Moody's job security, why is that?

KYLE SHANAHAN: Just the way you guys ask it. Right now I have no question. I'm trying to finish today and then get on a plane and evaluate stuff and go back at it.

Q. So we can ask you again?

KYLE SHANAHAN: You can ask me every day, and I'll answer how I am right at that moment.

Q. This is the kind of game that you did not win last season. Does that strike you at all that this is a different kind of feeling, different kind of team than it was last year?

KYLE SHANAHAN: Not really. I feel like in our building, in our meetings, just talking to the guys, like I think we started out trying not to make comparisons to other teams. We're trying to not have this year be tied to any other year from the past. I think we started out that way, talking that way, but I think it's become that way. I don't think we're thinking about that much right now, and we've been working to do that. I think a game like this makes it easier to do that too because you're right, they finished that. That was one that could have gone either way, especially after the missed field goal, the block, the two turnovers, and a few of the big injuries in that game. So for us to still find a way to close that out and win, I'm real proud of this year's team. Hopefully we'll be back at it next week ready to go.

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QB BROCK PURDY, RB CHRISTIAN MCCAFFREY

Q. Brock, were you definitely throwing that to Jake (Tonges) all along?

BROCK PURDY: Yeah, I knew (Jake) Tonges was going to come down with it.

Q. Can you give us your view? Obviously the long play, you're looking left. You're moving around. Describe that play.

BROCK PURDY: It was a fast break, so you step up and snap the ball quick. It was a straight across the board read. I felt like the coverage was tight. At that point I felt like I needed to leave the pocket, try to find a guy in the end zone. As I'm going away, put it hopefully to where Tonges can get it or nobody can get it. It was a close call, but he used his length, came down with it. Yeah, here we are.

Q. Christian, what was your view of it?

CHRISTIAN McCaffrey: Yeah, I ran a flat and then just watched from there. Yeah, it was awesome. It felt like it was slow motion. Then when he came down with it, obviously we were excited.

Q. This is going to be for either of you. Did you realize that today he didn't have a career reception coming into this game, and how impressive is it that he then goes out and has the game he has?

BROCK PURDY: It's pretty sweet.

Q. What does it say about him to stay ready in that moment?

BROCK PURDY: He's a guy that last year, even against the Rams, George (Kittle) was down, we had Tonges go down. He's been a smart guy. It comes down to opportunities in games. Do you get the right look to get the ball and everything. He's been a consistent guy all throughout last year and camp. George goes down today, and boom, he's ready for his opportunity. We all love Jake. He's a smart kid, and we all love him and he's a brother to us. We're going to keep moving forward.

CHRISTIAN McCaffrey: He's a guy that's made of the right stuff too. Practices really hard, attention to detail is great. He's willing to block, does all the things right. I was pumped for him.

Q. After 31 touches, do you sense of how your body is going to feel when you wake up tomorrow?

CHRISTIAN McCaffrey: Oh, amazing.

Q. There was a lot of runs. Was that a grinder for you?

CHRISTIAN McCaffrey: Yeah, it's a really good defense. You go into an NFL game, you never know how it's going to play out. You've just got to be ready for the ops (opportunities). We knew that was a good defense. They don't give up a lot of explosives. Some of them was just stick your head in there and try to get as many as you can and stay on the field. We had a lot of long drives, but overall I was just happy we got that win. They're not all going to be pretty, but it was good to come out with a win.

Q. You guys have practiced the two-minute drills. Did you practice that throw to Ricky (Pearsall)? Is that part of the repertoire? How did that develop?

BROCK PURDY: In certain situations Kyle knows when to take a shot and everything and has a good idea of what defenses do. Yeah, that was a great play by Kyle, man. Then Ricky executed it great, double move on Tariq (Woolen). For us to be able to come down with it, the O-line holding the protection and giving us the time to throw a play down the field, it's not easy. Yeah, we've done that at practice, but I thought it was huge, man, just for Ricky to get out there in his first start and then in a clutch moment like that, do his job and come down with a catch and put us in position to score.

Q. There were a lot of games last year, particularly in the division, that came down to the wire that you weren't able to pull out. What does it do for this team's confidence to get one on the road in the division?

CHRISTIAN McCaffrey: It means a lot. I think we have a really new team. I think there's so much talk about our past teams, but we try to wipe all the past noise away and focus on this team. To have a bunch of new guys come out for the first time together and to play with each other and get out a gritty win against a good team in a tough environment, that's a big deal. There's so much we can build from that we're excited about, but to come out of a game like that with a win is huge.

Q. Brock, all the one-on-ones that you've done with Ricky, did that kind of pay off today?

Brock Purdy: Yeah, 100 percent. I thought there were some things that I missed him on that he did his job really well. So we're going to go back and continue to grow and build together. Yeah, man, from him coming in with the right attitude at camp, willing to learn our offense from day one, and be humble as a young player and ask me like, 'Hey, as a quarterback, what do you see? What do you need from me?' He's done that day in and day out, and he absolutely loves football. For me as a quarterback, I want to ride with a guy like that and go out and compete and find ways to win. I thought today going out there, with the position that Kyle put him in to come out and win one-on-one reps and come out with the ball, it was pretty awesome to see. We're going to keep growing together.

CB DEOMMODORE LENOIR

(On the rookies' performances) "Stuff like that is going to happen, they're getting their feet wet with the NFL. It's going to take reps and time and you've got to have patience."

(On playing under defensive coordinator Robert Saleh) "It was great, we got the W, the energy was there, the defense (was) flying around, making plays, turnovers- it was beautiful."

(On if he saw Jake Tonges touchdown) "Yeah, let's go. He had a great week at practice. Proud of my boy. He had a beautiful touchdown. That was one of those plays I'll remember that forever."

WR RICKY PEARSALL

(On his key reception late in the game) "We had a similar route earlier in the game on the right side, the same deck formation. I just felt him coming up. The entire game, he liked to play back in. That's what we knew when we were watching film. On the sideline we were just talking about it: 'We need to go deep one time. We need to hit something like that.' I mentioned that same exact thing, that we should make that play. (Kyle) Shanahan dialed it up and called it, and obviously it worked. Actually, I was telling him, in that look, I would have rather ran it. Honestly, they actually ended up being deeper, and it looked like he was going to backpedal more than the previous throw I had. I was, like, 'We might as well run it. They tend to come up anyway, trust your speed.'"

(On if creating the separation was intentional) “For sure. I tried to create separation. They’re really good DBs, and they made me work today, for sure, and they do a really good job of getting hands on you, and I knew going in it was going to be a physical game at the release point. They were making me work. They’re two really good DBs, and I was happy to go out there and be able to compete with them.”

(On the catch in the late third or early fourth quarter, on the pass being placed in just the right spot) “For sure, yeah. It was (a dime) by Brock (Purdy). That route, I went outside. You actually want to go inside on that route, but they were squatting inside the box, so I just reacted at the release point and went outside and caught the ball over my shoulder. He didn’t look back at the point because he was beat at that point, and you’re just running for your life at that point, and I came down with it, “

(On what he saw out of Jake Tonges, who did not have a career catch before today) “Actually, I didn’t know that stat, so that’s pretty cool, because when I watch Jake Tonges in practice, he’s a pretty good mover for a tight end. Tight ends, you know, have got to be in that box, they have to block, so sometimes route-running is not first. That’s not the case for Jake. He’s a tremendous route-runner. He moves very well, he blocks very well. In a moment like that, to go up and make a play like that, with the ball in the air and the game on the line, that’s pretty cool to see a guy like that, especially having George (Kittle) go down and having to step in that role.”

DL NICK BOSA

(On ending the game with the strip sack) “It means a lot. It was a grind of a game, lots of ups and downs. It tested us in a lot of ways, so it was really good. Ending with a win is what were always aiming for, and the fact that I was able to help is always great.”

(On slowing down the Seahawks run game) “That’s what we always emphasize. It was a scheme that we were familiar with under the Kyle Shanahan tree. For the young guys, it was good because they’ve seen it during camp a little bit, so they had a little more familiarity. But (Robert) Saleh’s the man. He calls it great. And I obviously need to watch it. I don’t really know what’s going on half the time during the game. But yeah, that’s number one, stop the run. So, we’re always happy with that.”

(On what his emotions were like during the game) “It was a roller coaster. In the NFL, you have to stay even keel no matter what happens because if I’m not locked in on that last play, maybe we lose. So, you never know when your opportunity is going to come. It’s a really tough league. Whenever you have those opportunities, no matter what’s happened before, you’ve got to be ready.”

(On what Robert Saleh brought to the team in his first game back) “Yeah, I mean, he’s as good of a defensive coach in the league. And you could just feel leading up to the game how important this is to him. He’s trying to get everything perfect before we step out on the field so that everybody knows. With a lot of young guys, he was a little nervous coming in, but we all were. And just putting players in the best positions possible.”

LB FRED WARNER

(On his nose injury in the first half) “I just laid out for the tackle, and I guess my helmet wasn't on tight enough. So that chin strap came up and got the nose. It was more so falling on his cleat that got me, and falling right on my stomach. So, I just tried to let that subside for a bit. It's all good.”

(On his emphatic tackles during the game) “I just knew we needed that energy. It's a big game, Week 1 on the road. We knew how tough of a battle this was going to be, and I was trying to just continue to inspire my teammates through the adversities that we were hitting there throughout the game. And so ideally, I was really hoping to get the ball, but my teammates were doing an incredible job all game of finding ways to get that. And I know we didn't finish plus one. I think we were even after that Bosa play but can't express how huge a win this is.”

(On what it was like having Robert Saleh back on the sidelines) “It's huge. I've talked about it all offseason, just the confidence that you have as a player with such a dialed-in coach like that. It was great, again, having him back on the sideline, making adjustments. I kind of had a feel for how he was going to call the game, so throughout the game, when he was making calls, I was on the same page, and it was great. It wasn't perfect, but you love to learn off of a win.”

(On his view of Nick Bosa's play) “You'll see it. It wasn't the best coverage by our group, but thank God for (Nick) Bosa in that situation. I saw the ball come out. I didn't know who forced it. I saw him get on it. So, the fact that he made that big of a play, it was major. It wasn't clean at all, like I said, all game long, but finding a way to win in the division Week 1 is major.”

S JASON PINNOCK

(On what Pinnock saw on Nick Bosa's forced fumble recovery) “That was incredible. I missed a lot of it, but I just got excited. I saw a ball on the ground, that's it.”

(On what it took to hold Seattle to averaging three points per quarter) “It was just a mindset. It wasn't anything crazy, no big differences, just a mindset.”

(On the confidence Fred Warner and Nick Bosa bring to the rest of the defense) “We play free and be who you are. At the end of the day, it's football. It's 11 on 11, it's football from what you've been doing since you were in little league.”

T TRENT WILLIAMS

(On if he injured his ankle) “It was more of a knee. It was okay. I just got fallen on and kind of jarred it, but I'm all right.”

(On if there was frustration when the 49ers slowed down on offense following a good start) “No. In my opinion, I think we had maybe one three-and-out, maybe two three-and-outs. As an offense, we felt like we were getting what we wanted. Obviously, they play a ‘bend but don't break,’ so you've got 15 to 20-play drives you have to play perfect football. It's always tough playing a team like that. If you look at the yardage and our stats, it's kind of proof that we did what we wanted to get to. We just have to clean up little stuff. It's Week 1, every team deals with it.”

(On if 36 runs was the game plan or not) “I don’t even know. We’ve played this team so much, I’m not even sure if we have to go over a game plan. It was a divisional opponent. With the two backs we had in the backfield, we’re going to always lean on the run pretty heavily.”

TE JAKE TONGES

(On his point of view from his touchdown) “I had a corner curl route. I kind of slipped a little bit coming out of it but, I looked back at Brock and he started scrambling around. Immediate scramble drill, trying to stay in bounds, trying to beat your guy. I saw him throw it up, but I wasn’t sure if he was throwing it away. I just tried to cut underneath the corner right there, high-point it and come down in bounds.”

(On if his touchdown catch was instinctual) “Yeah, it’s something you work on. Good fundamental football is always reaching out to high-point the ball or attack the ball. If you let it get into your body, the defender can punch it out. That’s something that we work on and emphasize a lot in practice. I’m glad to see it come into play there.”

(On if he knew if Brock Purdy was going to be looking for him) “So the first one was a screen. Honestly, I could have done a better job on that one. I kind of got my feet caught up with one of the defensive linemen. I was disappointed about that one because they were calling my number a little bit. That one could have gone better. The other one, I knew I could have gotten the ball. I was later in the progression, so I was trying to stay alive and convert that into a first down.”



HEAD COACH MIKE MACDONALD

MIKE MACDONALD: Well, it was a really hard-fought, physical football game. Obviously very disappointed about the outcome, but got to look at the process as well. I think our guys played incredibly hard; played all 60 minutes; gave ourselves a chance to win at the end. I think we have a really good football team and we're not there yet, so let's go work, figure out things we can do better, and move forward. Which we will. We're a good team now. We're only going to get better. So the guys will respond and let's go have a great week and go to Pittsburgh.

Q. How would you assess the offense overall? Looked like the run game got going early.

MIKE MACDONALD: Yeah, hot and cold. We've got to maintain the ball better and be more efficient on early downs, convert more on third down. Good two-minute at the end. I mean, some good stuff, but we got to operate more efficiently and be better on first and second down to give us some third downs where we can convert and keep drives going.

Q. Take us through your view of their final drive on offense.

MIKE MACDONALD: Yeah, got them to a second and long; guy made a great play. Seems like Riq might have lost it there down the field. We played the first 9.9 of that 10-second play at the end phenomenally. The guy made a great play.

Q. Did you consider going for it on fourth and one on your second to last possession on offense?

MIKE MACDONALD: We did. I just felt like let's go take a lead and let's go play ball.

Q. Some breakdowns of coverage. Ricky Pearsall seemed to get open a couple times and Kyle Juszczyk as well in the game. Is there something there?

MIKE MACDONALD: Just (that) we can play that one better. The Pearsall one, that was a good play by them.

Q. The last play the ball slipped out of Sam Darnolds's hands or what happened on that play?

MIKE MACDONALD: I didn't ask him. Looked like it just slipped out of his hand. Didn't look like they made contact. I think it looked like it just slipped as his hand was going backwards.

Q. What happened with Nick Emmanwori and how did that change the defensive game plan?

MIKE MACDONALD: He hurt his ankle, so we'll see moving forward. We don't think it's a high ankle so that's positive. Everything is intact we think. Yeah, guy goes down, you've got to

change personnel. We played the game lighter than we normally play against them. But I thought 'Spoon (Devon Witherspoon) went in and did a great job at nickel.

Q. What were your thoughts of the defense overall in this game?

MIKE MACDONALD: Our guys played really, really hard. I mean, there are plenty of things we can clean up operationally, getting the calls in and out, substitution patterns. We'll look at our rush. Third down we weren't good enough. I think they were 50% on third down. Fourth down we can clean up as well. Two for two, got to convert on those. Guys played hard and physical. We will clean up and look at the rest.

Q. How hard is it to play offense the way you want to when you only have the ball 15 of the first 50 minutes of the game?

MIKE MACDONALD: I don't know if that's a given that we want to play that way. I think it's indicative of we need to play more complementary football and be more efficient on first down. We just need to play better in those situations and then we'll maintain the ball better. It's a team stat. Defensively, I think the first touchdown drive I think we were like 0 for a trillion on third down, whether it was a penalty or -- we'll look at the roughing the passer penalty and make sure we're coaching it the right way.

Q. Walk us through the blocked field goal.

MIKE MACDONALD: Just shows our guys, just the fight. We are going to fight, claw tooth and nail to the final whistle, man. That's what our guys did.

Q. How do you assess Sam Darnold today?

MIKE MACDONALD: I'll look at the stats, but thought we played efficiently. Protected him well. Thought he played fast. Just like what Sam does. In the clutch we got to put ourselves in was to win and dang football slipped out of his hand. Just go from there.

Q. Does it add to the disappointment of the loss that it was at home?

MIKE MACDONALD: Yeah, absolutely. Our first drive giving up a touchdown was a bummer. But our guys rebounded. I don't know what the stats are after that first touchdown, but nobody batted an eye. Went right back to work. And I thought we played really good defenses for the remainder of the game.

Q. (Regarding Jaxon.)

MIKE MACDONALD: Yeah, Jax (Smith-Njigba) made a lot of great plays. There is more opportunity for him out there, which I'm sure he'll tell you. We're going to count on everybody. See who else steps up. It's not the Jax show every snap.

QB SAM DARNOLD

SAM DARNOLD: Obviously not the start that we wanted, credit those guys. I thought their defense came out and played really well. They had some good scheme. Obviously Coach Shanahan and the guys over there, knew they'd be ready to roll. For us, it was just not enough today. I felt like we weren't as efficient as we wanted to be on first and second down; third down we got to be way better as well. So not our best day today. We'll bounce back and be better next week.

Q. Did you lose the ball on the back of Abe Lucas or did you drop it?

SAM DARNOLD: It came out off somebody. I don't know who hit it or what. I think it was off one of our offensive lineman's back. Yeah, didn't slip out or anything like that.

Q. Who were you going to there?

SAM DARNOLD: Just going to check it down.

Q. Do you wish you had gone for it on fourth and one at the 19-yard line?

SAM DARNOLD: I mean, first of all, it's not my decision. Second of all, that's a tough call. Whatever Mike (Macdonald) wants to do in that situation we believe fully in that. If we want to kick the field goal, great. If we wanting to go for it, great. For us, it's just about going out there and executing. I felt like we just didn't do a good enough job of that today.

Q. The running game seemed like it was going pretty well early and then kind of stalled a little bit.

SAM DARNOLD: Yeah.

Q. Did they do something or what did you feel like happened?

SAM DARNOLD: For the most part, especially early on, felt like we got some good runs in there. Like you mentioned, we got some one-, two-yard runs. I think at the end of the game as well in the fourth quarter I felt like we were able to get some good runs in there. Felt like the guys ran the ball well. Like I said, I think obviously wasn't the result we wanted. I don't know what the stats exactly look like. I don't think they're great. I thought we ran the ball well early in the game and then we ran the ball well at the end. I think for me personally, I think I just need to take advantage of some of their looks on third down, hit our guys, and just be better overall and more efficient on first and second down.

Q. What did Jaxon Smith-Njigba show you? Had a big game; then he has the fumble; and to come back and have some big catches later, what did that tell you?

SAM DARNOLD: He's resilient. Jax is a resilient player. He's been through a lot so far in his early career. Those are the things we expect from him. Go out there, you're going to play fast and mistakes are going to happen; it's about how you bounce back. I thought he did a really good job doing that.

Q. In terms of being efficient on first and second down, what needs to happen there? You haven't looked at the film yet, but...

SAM DARNOLD: When I say that, just getting three or four yards on first down, getting three or four yards on second -- getting in those third and short manageable situations. When you start to get backed up a little bit in the second-and-10, obviously you want to be able to get five, get in that manageable. I think just as a whole we got to be better, more efficient on first and second down.

Q. When you opened, you credited their scheme. Anything in particular that stood out maybe on the early downs?

SAM DARNOLD: In particular they switched up some of the fronts. Obviously they've got really good players. You know, Nick Bosa. I thought they played really well today. Obviously they got other really good players as well. So again, like I said, credit to those guys. I thought they prepared really well and had a good plan. I think we just got to play better as an offense and we'll leave it at that.

Q. It's easy to say or ask this now, but do you think there is any connection to some the offensive struggles today and then the fact that you're installing a new offense and only have one series in the preseason, just not a lot of reps?

SAM DARNOLD: No. I think for us, we knew right away after we came off the field. After I came off the field after the game I knew that wasn't our standard and how we do things. We knew that. I knew that personally. I talked to some of the guys already and we're just going to continue to grow and get better from it and we'll be all right.

Q. What's the process to get to your standard?

SAM DARNOLD: I think the process is the process. It's just going in tomorrow, looking at the tape, understanding how we can be better, understanding. Every guy looking in the mirror and saying, how can I be better. Nothing more than that. I thought we had a really good week of practice. I thought we came out with the right intentions every single day. Just didn't work out the way we wanted to on the field. We'll be better that way and we'll grow and continue to stride to be the best offense we can be.

Q. Sam what did you think of the protection throughout the day? Sack at the end, but that's the only the one on the day; only took a couple hits.

SAM DARNOLD: I thought the O-line protected really well all day. I was able to go through my progressions, get the ball out. Like I said, I thought they did well all day. It's a big credit to those guys, the work they put in throughout the offseason.

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WR JAXON SMITH-NJIGBA

(On his initial impressions after the game) “Tough one, tough battle, good team by 49ers. Got a lot of stuff to clean up, myself included. So just get to the drawing boards and get ready for Pittsburgh next week.”

(On how the 49ers front line slowing the Seahawks’ run game affected the Seahawks offense) “I thought we did a pretty good job running, throwing, and mixing it up. That’s kind of the offense we want to have. We want to have good balance. We just didn’t get the job done on offense today. I want to thank my defensive guys and my whole team. My whole team stepped up and was ready to play. A few bad play from myself and the game looks different.”

(On losing at home) “It’s very tough. I wanted this for the 12s and for Seattle. And it sucks not finishing, but I appreciate their support. I know they’re going to bring it next game. And we’re going to make sure, you know, we’re celebrating next game.”

S JULIAN LOVE

(On the defensive play) “It was good in some areas and there were a few areas where it wasn’t good enough. Obviously, just stopping the run kind of in the middle of the game, and then just third down, overall, it’s got to be cleaner, it’s got to be sharper. We’ve got to be more conditioned, definitely, down the stretch.”

(On whether conditioning was an issue in this game) “As they’re getting their flow, as they’re running the ball, it’s getting it down, getting set, getting the call. Just communicating efficiently, late. I wasn’t say it’s like a gassing, I would say it’s like a mental stamina thing.”

(On the 49ers’ final touchdown) “Their tight end made a good play. Purdy, he scrambles efficiently. He rolled around, we thought we had him, and the guy made a good play. You hate to see it, we felt like we were strapping up pretty well that play, but you got to finish it.”

(On potentially playing lighter with Nick Emmanwori out with an injury) “Nick’s a great athlete, great player. He’s going to be a great player in this league. Him going out early adjusted some things for us. Lighter? Nah, I think we got some good DBs to stop the run. It’s just kind of a matter of trusting each other and kind of getting the feel. It’s so early in the season, it’s game one. You just want to get a feel of how each other plays next to one another. We got some new pieces. I know we’ll definitely shore it up. I don’t know if it’s being light with him out, but we anxiously, definitely, ready for him to come back.”

(On the blocked field goal) “Their kicker is up and won, so nothing was given there. They’re kicking a field goal, so we’re just going to rush hard. Obviously he missed one, and I was able to get the block on another. Similar situation [to last year’s block], I kind of jumped the gap, got a good launch, and thankfully got my hands on it. So, yeah, good play.”

(On the disappointment of losing at home) “It’s frustrating. Obviously, they got the better of us today. But we feel very confident on who we have in the building. We feel very confident in the team. So, it sucks, to lose a division game early on, especially against these guys. But, we’re going to make the jump. It’s week one, we have a lot of new pieces, we’re going to get to that, hopefully next week. I can’t sugar coat it; it sucks. You’re waiting all off season to play these guys and to take it to them. For them to come out on top is a tough pill to swallow.”

“I appreciate you guys.”

T ABRAHAM LUCAS

(On mistakes being a Week 1 effect) "Some people, will say it's Week 1, it's this and that. For me, if you were talking to me last year, off two weeks of practice, yeah, I probably would have had a different answer, but we've had months' worth of practice in competitions. It's unfortunate when things happen, it is part of the game, and I'm not trying to cover my ass or anything like that, but I've just got to be better."

(On the confidence in the ground game on the scoring drive in the fourth) "We're confident in the ground game period. I think today, there was a lot left to be desired. I don't know if it's necessarily, I'm not going to call it bad, I just think it could be better. I don't think it's sloppy, there's just one or two things that we missed."

(On whether it's a feeling out process, as it is Week 1) "I could say that if I wanted to take the pressure off, but I think for us as an O-line, it's on us to be more consistent, is the word I'm looking for, down the stretch. We had great flashes and pockets of what we came to do and what we can do, we just have to do that, more consistently, drive after drive. You're going to have bad plays here and there, it may happen, I'm not really worried about that, it's just the consistency part."

TE AJ BARNER

(On the last drive of the game) "We've got to finish it. Those are what those games come down to. You're always going to have a chance at some point in the second half, and we did, and we've got to go finish it, but we're built for this game. We'll be all right."

(On what he's excited to look at on film) "I'm excited. Got to make it right. Got to go back to work. It wasn't good enough, but if we are who we say we are, then we'll get it right. I know the type of team we have, the culture that we have, and the player that I am and sometimes it is the best thing for you."

(On not winning this one in front of the fans) "It sucks. It's not much you can say but it's got to get better. It will get better. Again, if we are who we say we are, then we're going to make it right. I believe in the team, it's a long season. During all these games, you always have a chance to win, and we didn't make enough plays in the end, so."

(On being the main guy in the tush push) "It's cool. You continue to execute and do whatever the play calls necessary, and help the team win, so that's what that is right there."

DE DEMARCUS LAWRENCE

(On how he rates Julian Love's impact on today's game) "That's why he's our captain. We know what he brings to the table each and every day. Proud of the work he puts in, and we just have to keep going."

(On scooping up the blocked field goal) "When you are out there, that's what you wish for. A play like that to come your way. So, shout out to Julian (Love)."

DE LEONARD WILLIAMS

(On what the referee told him on the roughing the passer call) "He originally told me that I hit him in the head, and then I rewatched the play. I didn't. I went back to the refs and they told me that they thought that I could have avoided hitting him. But then, the white hat told me that it looked like it was hard to avoid him, so I don't know. I feel like they threw the flag and they couldn't overturn it."

(On how he thought they did against the run) "In the first half, we did a good job containing (Christian) McCaffrey, stopping the run in the first half. In the second half, they started running the ball more, started wearing down our defense, and then I think our defense was just out there for too long. We weren't getting off the field on third downs. We showed up big in the red zone once we got down there, but we have to do a better job getting off the field."

(On not winning in front of the fans) "We wanted it for everybody. This team is connected right now. We're connected with the fan base, we're connected with each other as players. We're connected with the coaches. We've been grinding. We believe in our team, and we still have a lot of belief in our team. We wanted this one, opening up the season with a divisional opponent. They got away with one. Props to those guys for making the plays when they counted. I'm looking forward to seeing them next time."

(On if the disparity in time of possession was the difference maker) "I think so. I can't credit it to being anyone's fault or anything like that, but overall, if there's a big swing in time of possession like that, one side of the ball is going to be tired. Our defense was doing a great job. We were holding them for a long time. We got a field goal block, stopping them in the redzone and all type of stuff. We got wore down at the end there."

NT JARRAN REED

(On what worked for the defense) "We were rushing as one, everybody was helping everybody out there. The guys were winning, they were making huge plays, beating some guys, and we were just doing what we can."

(On the difficulty to keep the energy up despite the unbalanced time of possession) "No, it's not difficult. We practice for almost three hours; we do that for a reason. That's part of the game. This is what we get paid to do to do and we have to handle our job. We have to win, at home, point, blank, period."

(On what it will take to win at home) "We're going to get back to the drawing board and see what we did. We have to keep the ball, and we have to take the ball. Plain and simple. We have to execute on third down. We have to get off the field, and get the offense the ball back, and we have to play a hell of a defense."

(On Mike Macdonald's message in the locker room) "I'll summarizing it in my own words, we know we have a good team. We know what we're capable of doing. We work so very hard during the week, and personally, I just wanted to win today for these guys in the locker room, you know how hard we work, everything we go through during the week. But we're going to get back to the drawing board and get ready to go to Pittsburgh."

WR COOPER KUPP

(On how tough of a loss that was) “Yeah, man, that’s a killer. The ending of that game just makes you sick. We were right there. At the end of the day, we shouldn’t have been in that position. If we make half the plays that we expect to, and we’re not there. Killer way for it to end, but we will go back and watch the film and make some adjustments off of it, and know there’s going to be a lot of people saying there is so much we can do, so much that’s out there for us, still, and we’re still in that place to go make the play at the end of the game, and hopefully be able to walk out of here with a win. Just that one play doesn’t change the however many, 55 that happened before it, right? There’s a process to this, and the result was not what we wanted. Even if we were able to complete that pass, and score there at the end, we still have to look at this game the same way. The story says that we left some stuff out there and we have to be better.”

(On why the offense left stuff out there) “I just thought there were some plays; there’s so many of us, myself included, if we can make this play it will give us a chance to get on a little bit of a streak; if we can get a first (down), we can get into a rhythm, and get moving. I didn’t do a good job of being able to get that first down for us on a play. We were negative on some of our first downs. I just feel like if we were able to keep things positive, keep things moving down the field and get a first down, I thought we could get some rhythm going, but we kind of hit a little bit of a lull in the middle.”

(On whether he would have liked to have gone for it on fourth and 1 at the 19 yard line) “I don’t know, I guess you can look back on it now and say oh yeah, shoot, it would have been great to have gone for it. But, I trust the decision makers here and what they’re doing what the analytics say and also what those guys are feeling in terms of the course of the game. Shoot, I would have liked to have find a way to convert on that third down, find a way to get my foot in the ground and get us that extra yard. There’s a lot of things that go into it, and it’s a process. The result is not what we wanted, but we have to look at the process and make sure we’re doing everything we can to win some games.”

(On the atmosphere in the stadium) “I thought it was incredible. I thought the defense, consistently throughout the game making huge stops; big plays. The offense had their moments, too, of just being able to make some big plays and make some big explosives and put some drives together. Shoot, it was awesome to be a part of that. We want to be able to defend home. The guys are sick because they know the importance of winning here. There’s a weightiness to that in finding a way. This is not how we want to operate, and not what we want to do, and guys want to make that right.”

(On what San Francisco did defensively to limit Seattle’s time of possession and his receptions) “That’s just kind of the way the game ended up. I felt like overall it was good football being played and I just have to keep doing what I’m asked to do. If you do your job over and over again and you play good football, the ball is going to find you. I’m not worried about that. More important for me to go back and look at the process and see the things I can do better. Whether it’s a play, whether it’s a game, whatever it is, everyone wants to look at the result. Whether it’s a catch, whether it’s a drop, whether it’s an incomplection, are you moving backwards or forwards; there’s do much that goes on in the course of that play that we can clean up. It’s easy to say I’ll catch the ball, or make the throw or hit the gaps, but there’s a lot of coaching that’s going to happen, and I’m excited to make those adjustments because everyone that’s in that locker room is capable of making the adjustments we need to go out there and win games and be a really good football team.”

(On what he learned about the offense today) “Guys are going to play together and they’re going to play hard. I thought the mentality in the huddle, the excitement and the urgency the guys had, it didn’t waver. Even when we were in that lull where we were just trying to find that first down, we were able to do it there for a few drives. The urgency and the excitement of going out there with those guys, how they went about their business, stayed the same. It’s like, man, we want to make this happen, we’re going to work hard together and guys are talking on the sidelines. It’s fun to be a part of that. No one is putting their head down. Everyone is trying to figure out a solution, and playing for the guy next to them, and communicating. That’s the kind of group I want to get out there on the field with.”

(On what he saw from Jaxon Smith-Njigba) “Saw a lot of really good plays. There’s some ones he wants back, he’s in there, he’s sick to his stomach right now about the ones he didn’t make. But, he made some really good plays for us. He’s just that guy. He’s going to have some ups, there’s going to be some downs. But, his ability to stay steady through it and be able to weather the storm a little bit even when it felt like guys are trying to get after him a few different ways. Just being able to continue to win and come back. Be able to talk, find a solution, and go out there and keep competing.”

“Thank you guys.”

LB ERNEST JONES IV

(On how they establish the way they play) "The assessment for now, we make plays during the game. When it mattered, we didn't make those. We didn't make the plays. Towards the end right there, we didn't execute as well as we had done earlier and lost the game."

(On what stands out as a thorn in their side) "Finishing. Been preaching it all offseason. We've been working our butts off to finish and be in those positions today, we didn't get it done. Today was their day, hats off to them. We'll be better. We'll correct these things."

(On what the upcoming week will look like) "We go in, we watch the film, we correct. You see schematically what we need to correct, maybe a guy wasn't where he was supposed to be. You fix those things. One thing about us, we've been working hard since I've been here, and we're going to continue to work hard. Continue to fight for one another, continue to fight for the boys on the other side of the ball. We're going to be together and we're going to get this shit rolling."