

**San Francisco 49ers Head Coach Kyle Shanahan  
Postgame Quotes – October 19, 2025  
San Francisco 49ers vs. Atlanta Falcons**

**Opening comments:**

“Injuries we had from the game. [CB] Renardo Green had a toe, didn't return, and [OL Jake] Brendel pulled his hamstring, didn't return. Go ahead.”

**That was a great win against a really good team that had won three out of four coming in. What are you most pleased with regarding tonight's victory and what did you say to the guys?**

“I was pleased with just how much of a team effort it was. We thought we had to win that game a certain way. I mean, even last night talking about how we felt we needed to run the ball, definitely. I challenged the team saying I'd like to get 40 runs called, but that's not just an offensive thing. In order to do that, you've got to play defense like we did tonight, you've got to play special teams like we did tonight and having them allow us to pull that off was huge.”

**DL Bryce Huff and CB Chase Lucas have been making some huge plays. What can you say about those two guys on the defense?**

“Yeah, they made a bunch of big plays today. I mean, the strip-sack was huge. Chase stopping him on that fourth down. He wanted that pick-six, but it was a hell of a job. Just being ready, losing [CB Upton] Stout late in the week, being ready for his op. Then Huff's been doing it all year and Chase did it all offseason and got his op today.”

**What can you say about what RB Christian McCaffrey has meant to this team through the first half of the season?**

“He's huge. He is the most consistent player I've been around. I mean, he just allows you to stay on track. He gets every yard in the run game and more and what he does in the pass game, it's rare you're going to throw the ball to him and not get a completion.”

**I get the assumption maybe QB Brock Purdy and WR Ricky Pearsall will be back next week. Do you feel a sense of achievement getting through these games without a ton of guys and still be 5-2?**

“I've been proud of all the guys just overcoming a lot of stuff. Offense, we went through that stretch without [TE George] Kittle, it was nice to get him back today. Just the wide outs being banged up all year. This was the first week this year that [WR Jauan Jennings] J.J.'s been able to practice, and I know those guys were all just battling to get out there. And how [QB] Mac [Jones] stepped it up with Brock being out. The amount of defensive guys today who stepped it up, we all know all the eyes were on [LB] Tatum [Bethune] and how well he played. He went out for a series early in the game and was able to come back in and play unbelievably. [CB Darrell] Luter [Jr.] stepping it up today with Renardo going out, we talked about Chase, he was awesome. Getting [DL] Kevin [Givens] back too on the D-Line, that helped today. Just real proud of our whole roster and all the guys that have stepped up throughout this year so far.”

**There was a lot of faith expressed in Tatum during the week that seemed like it was more than just wishful thinking. Everybody was very confident that he could go out and do the job. What about him jumped out at you tonight? Is this what you expected?**

“Yeah. I've got to watch in detail once I see the tape, but Tatum's a real good linebacker. We were excited to get him out of college. We were excited having him all last year when he made the

team and we've been excited about this offseason. You never know when your op's going to come, and unfortunately his came with a bad injury to Fred, but he's been ready for this moment for a while. I mean, no one doubted Tatum at all."

**What did it mean for you guys to have Fred here tonight?**

"I love having Fred here. I saw him on the scoreboard up there. It was cool. He got a big cheer from the crowd. He had a big surgery this week and we saw him on Saturday when he got back in the building, but awesome to have Fred around."

**When you're thinking 40 runs, is it like only 39 to Christian in your mind? It does seem like he is the guy to go to. Is that something you think going into it or does it develop as the game goes?**

"You mean going to him on those? No, that was the first time we looked at a game that way this year prior to the game. We just felt just based off how their team was and stuff, that was just a goal of ours that we thought it would give us the best chance to win. You can't just run 40 runs though, unless everything's going right as a whole team. Definitely didn't think when I said it last night that all 40 were going to go to Christian, but he is our starting back and he doesn't come out that much. So, we knew the majority of it would. But I thought [RB] Brian [Robinson Jr.] had a few big runs today. There were a couple that I thought we were going to lose yards on, a few guys unblocked in the backfield, he ended up getting positive gains on it and thought Mac made a couple plays scrambling too."

**How much of a team thing is it to be able to hold Atlanta Falcons RB Bijan Robinson down to what you did?**

"Huge team thing. I mean, he is as good as there is. Everyone knows that. You need 11 guys swarming to the ball. If that guy gets too much space it's just hard to touch him. I thought we limited the space he got. We tried to limit his opportunities by doing good on third down, getting them off the field and you try to limit how much they can do with it by keeping the ball away from him."

**What did you think of the run blocking tonight? It seemed like McCaffrey wasn't getting hit in the back field nearly as much.**

"Run blocking seemed really good. For us to run the ball that well, it must've been pretty good."

**How do you sense Kittle's impact in that regard, both as a blocker and maybe the attention that he draws?**

"Yeah, I think it always helps having Kittle back. Kittle's as good of a blocker as there is. Our other guys have been doing well too though, so not to take anything away from them in terms of the run game and stuff. Kittle, would've liked to get him some more passes tonight, but it was awesome having George back."

**On the third-and-13 throw to McCaffrey, what was the call there and what did you feel you saw on that play?**

"Just something that we had on our call sheet for a third-and-long situation. I felt like that was the first one we were in during the game, and he actually tried to come out on the play, which we never, he came out a number of times in the game, we never sent him back in once except for that play. I looked at him and said, 'go back as long as long as you're not hurt.' He knew the deal and he went back and it was a hell of a play, hell of a throw."

**OL Jake Brendel has been an ironman for this team. I think the number was 58-straight starts. How do you think the guys adjusted up front?**

“Again, I’ll know better when I watch the tape, but I thought [OL Matt] Hennessy had a really good offseason with us, really enjoyed him throughout OTAs and training camp. I didn’t notice anything go bad when Brendel went out. So, Hennessy must have been ready for the opportunity, went in there and allowed the offense to keep going, made the right calls. I’m sure he blocked well because of the results that we had. So, sucks losing Jake. He’s been a stud for us. I’ve got a lot of respect for Jake and how much he’s helped us. It’s just a hamstring, so I know he’ll be back soon. It always does take some time, but it’s nice to have Hennessy step it up and play well too.”

**How important was them not being able to get the field goal attempt at the end of the first half? Were you aware that when the ball went up there may have been a chance there was a 10-second runoff if the penalty was called?**

“Right when we knew that they got it, as long as they called it, we knew there was going to be a 10-second runoff, so we were pumped. That was huge.”

**How excited are you that Jones’ baseline per play is pretty high and he plays pretty efficiently every week?**

“Yeah, Mac’s a really good quarterback. We thought that before he got here and we’ve thought that since the day he got here. He’s been great in the offseason, great this year in training camp and you guys have seen how good he is been in these games. So, I feel very fortunate to have Mac.”

**They mentioned on the NBC broadcast that Colby carried McCaffrey into the end zone. Apparently, that’s against the rules. What did you see on that?**

“I saw a pile and I saw the pile moving across the goal line, so I was happy.”

**Any early inklings on how much time Renardo might miss?**

“I’m not sure.”

**Turf Toe?**

“It’s a toe, so we’ll see. Not sure, possibly.”

**San Francisco 49ers QB Mac Jones  
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**TE George Kittle just talked you up pretty good right before you came out. Give us your thoughts on this win tonight.**

“It was good. It was a good team win and thought the defense played really well. The offensive line did great. We ran the ball well. George had a great impact in the run game, obviously want to get him some more footballs here, but we’ll get that going. I’m just glad to have George back out there and all those guys. I thought it was just a good old-fashioned win.”

**What does George’s presence on the field do?**

“In the huddle, he is just funny and keeps it loose. And then obviously in the run game, he is a very powerful blocker. And then in coverage tonight, he had pulled a lot of defenders. They had two to three guys on him and stuff. So, it’s obviously tough when you’re the apex guy, but really loved playing with him tonight and we’re going to build our chemistry. It’s just the first time together out there.”

**How challenging is it to switch centers early in the game?**

"It's not challenging really. Honestly, I have a lot of trust in [OL] Matt [Hennessy] because we had gotten a lot of reps. It'd be one thing if you maybe hadn't had a lot of reps with somebody. But it was funny we were talking this week about, I was like, 'it's your revenge week this week' because he was in Atlanta. Then sure enough early in the game, he is like, 'all right, here we go' [laughs]. And I was like, 'revenge week.' He did awesome. He was cool as a cucumber and just went out there and did his job."

**How would you describe RB Christian McCaffrey's game tonight?**

"It was good. He definitely owes me some money. He fell down on those passes at like the two-yard line, so he wanted to run them in [laughs]. But no, he did a great job. He's an awesome competitor, just does his job on every play and that's what you want. And [RB Brian Robinson Jr.] B-Rob did good too tonight. I thought the one-two punch was good. Obviously, the offensive line did great, having [OL] Jake [Brendel] go out, has to be tough early. They just found the holes and they just did a great job. I was proud of them."

**You seem to be moving really wonderfully. Did you feel like physically a little better this week than past?**

"Yeah. I definitely felt better. I still feel like there's some limitations, but to be honest, I'm working through it. I felt a lot better this week and just being able to practice meant a lot to my confidence and all that stuff. And that's when you can work on things too and get back in shape and all that. So, I just hadn't practiced a lot prior to this week. So, glad to be back out there."

**What was your view of Christian McCaffrey getting kind of pulled into the endzone by OL Connor Colby?**

"Oh yeah, that was awesome. Yeah, I know the first one he did like a crazy front flip thing that was pretty wild. I was like, 'don't hurt yourself.' But the other ones I just saw the guys pushing him. I don't know, it's tough in those situations because a lot of times the refs blow the play dead, but all I can do back there is like yell 'push' like somebody hit him. So, they did a good job getting everybody in there and sometimes they blow it dead, sometimes they don't. So, it was a good job by Connor."

**What do you make of Connor's run after catch ability?**

"Yeah, that was good. I don't know, he did a pretty good job. I've had that happen to me a few times in my career, weirdly enough. He did a good job. He caught it and made some YAC."

**Sounds like QB Brock Purdy is getting close and you made no bones about the fact that you know that this is Brock's team and you're just doing your job. You're doing what is asked of you, but you have had a pretty good run here, a lot of good games to show who you are. What has that meant to you?**

"It's meant a lot. I think everybody on this team's had my back, Brock included. He's just been so fun to work with, Brock and everybody in the quarterback room. So, we have been fortunate to have some wins and that's important. Every win counts early in the year and all you're trying to do is get to that number so you can get in the playoffs but got a long way to go there. We're just taking it one week at a time. My goal is to be prepared whatever role I'm in. I'm just looking forward to the challenge next week."

**Watching you at practice, you look like you're having fun. You're having a good time, you're fooling around with the receivers, you're having a good time. How important is it that you play football and that you work at it and that you have that fun?**

“Yeah, it's very important, I think. That's why you play, right? You play to have fun and win and when you can do both, it's really awesome. And even when you're losing, you still have to go out there and enjoy the week of practice, enjoy the process that shouldn't change each week. So, it's really fun that they allow us to do that here, I guess. The music's on and everyone's dancing having a good time, but we're also super intentionally focused when we have to do our jobs and play. So, there's a balance. I don't want it to seem like a bad thing. It's a cool thing that everyone has here and that's what it's all about.”

**T Trent Williams spoke about your toughness. We've seen you take hits. It kind of seem like they're rattling you maybe just a little bit, but you come right back every time. Where does that toughness come from? What is it that fuels you?**

“I've played with a lot of tough players and watched a lot of tough quarterbacks play in front of me, whether that was in college or whatever, and just learned it. I think it rubs up on the team and I feel like if you're able to play and you can protect yourself, you should be out there. So that's what it's all about. Those guys are getting hit every play. So, they have it much worse than I do. They did a good job this evening keeping me upright and the only big hit I took was when I had to tackle the guy on the interception [laughs]. So, other than that, I feel good. It is definitely part of my DNA though.”

**When you see McCaffrey have a game like he did tonight, how much does that help your confidence throughout the game?**

“Yeah, definitely. We had a plan going in that we wanted to establish the run and he did a great job and the offensive line ultimately gets all the praise for it and as they should. He did a great job finding the holes, but it does take off, these past couple weeks we've just been throwing a lot. We've just been trying to find ways to win whatever.”

**What did you see from Christian on that third and 13?**

“He made a good play and then ran it in shortly after. So, that was a big play. Our offense wasn't perfect. We've got a lot to clean up and definitely wasn't satisfied overall with everything, but we'll take it and can't wait to work this week in practice.”

**Was Christian your first read on that?**

“Kind of, yeah. It's a tough question, but kind of.”

**Do they ever say maybe don't do that?**

“If you can complete it, they're happy.”

**San Francisco 49ers LB Tatum Bethune  
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**You told us during the week in the group around your locker, how confident you were, you seem so confident and you seem so ready for this. Did you do tonight, what you expected to do?**

“Of course. Yes. I've been playing in big games since I was a little kid. The only thing I thought about was just having [LB] Fred [Warner] back and just make sure I play to the standard. That was my biggest thought going into this whole week, and my preparation, I just didn't want to let my brothers down and be the reason why a big play happened, like last week against Tampa. So I feel like my preparation and the whole defense preparation going into this week, we were all locked in. I even went to [S Malik] Mustapha's house sometimes and we just watch film and I'm texting him about play calls and route concepts. It's all new to me sometimes, but yes, I'm just

happy the way we played and all I can think about now is just ways we could get better. We haven't played a perfect game yet.”

**Coming in after, obviously you played in place of 49ers LB Fred Warner last game, but this was like the first full game where it's you in place of Fred. Just wondering, how was it that this game went so well, you played so well, your coaches, players all saying that you played so well. Does that kind of settle you into this role going for the rest of this season?**

“I'll just say, yes. I would say it settled me, but I feel like that's me being comfortable and I'm not comfortable at all. I just want to be Tatum Bethune and Fred has done so much on his defense and made so many plays and, I want to do the same thing. I don't want to be Fred, but I also want to make plays the same way that he does. It's inspiring, you don't see a linebackers do that around the league and he's one of a kind too and I'm just excited to be able to learn from him for a year and a half. And now it was my chance to learn and be able to make those type of plays too.”

**When you left the game, was there a moment where you were like, oh no something is wrong? Or did you know you were fine?**

“Yes, I was fine. It was just a lot of stuff going on, but I was good.”

**There were a lot of people before this game that said, no Fred Warner, no Nick Bosa, this defense is going to take a step back. I'm sure you try to ignore it, but you hear that. Did you guys take that as motivation? Was there any extra juice of like, Hey, we want to show, we can still play?**

“No. Personally, I saw all of it. I saw all of it and as a defense we didn't talk about it, but I felt a certain way about it. I was emotional before the game. I even cried before the game because I'm thanking God for this opportunity. It is unfortunate Fred got hurt, but this is also opportunity for me to be able to expand and get better while I can before he gets back. I'm just excited for this game. I'm happy the way we play it.”

**San Francisco 49ers DL Bryce Huff  
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**Do you feel like this was a game where you really felt more comfortable out there in the scheme?**

“Yeah, one hundred percent. I feel like it just started with practice, honestly. We just kind of put together a great week of practice in preparation as a D-line, and I feel like it showed up tonight.”

**How do you feel LB Tatum Bethune was in communication today?**

“I feel like Tay did a great job stepping up for LB Fred [Warner] with him going down. That's a big role to fill and big shoes to fill. He definitely got it done.”

**Did you feel like you guys were being overlooked at all? Everyone's talked about how the two best anchors of your defense are out, and the team isn't going to be the same. Did you feel like you guys had something to prove?**

“I don't feel like we necessarily got overlooked or anything like that, but injuries are unfortunately a part of our game, and the younger guys and guys that might not necessarily have been playing a lot of snaps were preparing like starters, and when their time came, they all stepped up.”

**San Francisco 49ers TE George Kittle  
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**San Francisco 49ers Head Coach Kyle Shanahan said for the first time, this year he told the team before that he wanted 40 runs, that he wanted to get there. He's done that before, obviously, but what does it tell you when he tells you guys that?**

"It really excites me because when our run game is going and we're rushing the ball for more than 30 times, you get close to 40. That means you're owning the time of possession, meaning that you're not letting their explosive players on the other side of the ball, get the ball. If we can do our best job to not let number seven [Atlanta Falcons RB Bijan Robinson], who's a fantastic football player, get a ton of touches, that's good football for us. It gives you that mindset that we're going to hit people in the face as hard as we possibly can and give [San Francisco 49ers RB] Christian McCaffrey and [San Francisco 49ers RB Brian] Robinson [Jr.] as many carries as we can give them and just run through a person's face, is the polite way I'd say that. It's a good mindset to go into an NFL game."

**What does it say about this team's culture that so many guys have gone down, have been injured, and yet you're up to a 5-2 record and these young players, especially today on defense, have been able to step in and meet the moment?**

"The defense was so much fun to watch today because they were just flying around. The one play that stood out to me was when [San Francisco 49ers S] Malik [Mustapha] came downhill and hit 25 [Atlanta Falcons RB Tyler Allgeier] so hard in the ribs that I think it took him out of the game. Those aren't fun hits to take. That's the reason I'm really happy I don't play running back. The standard that we've set as a 49ers organization from [LB] Fred Warner to [DL] Nick Bosa. Go back to 2019 with [former San Francisco 49ers DL] DeForest Buckner, [former 49ers DL] Arik Armstead, [former 49ers CB] K'Waun Williams, [former 49ers CB] Richard Sherman, the guys that we had set the standard of how you play defense here. Because if you don't play defense like that, you kind of stand out like a sore thumb. I just love that the young guys have seen, hey, this is how Nick plays, this is how we're supposed to play. You can carry that and you can learn from that. You can't replace Fred Warner, you just can't, you can't replace Nick Bosa. Fred's the best linebacker in the NFL. I'll argue with a wall that Nick Bosa's top two, not two. This is what he does in the run game and the pass game. It's hard to replace guys like that. But if you can go out there with the same energy and the same effort, and fly around and hit the person in the face, then you can have a good defense."

**Did you replace Fred Warner in all the speeches today? How many speeches did you give? Because Fred gives like three or four per game, I think.**

"How do you know? Are you in the locker? He told you. He is the aura farming king. I will say that. How about Fred Warner being shown on the scoreboard and we almost had to go on a silent count because we couldn't hear a play call. How selfish of Fred Warner? Goodness gracious. No, I had to give one speech today. It was fantastic. I'm going to divvy that up. I don't want to give the speech every single time. We have a lot of leaders on this team. We have a lot of voices on this team and I'll speak when I need to, but we have a lot of voices on this team that need to be heard and that will inspire people. If you needed inspiration to play football on Sunday Night Football at Levi's Stadium, I don't really need you on my team. And I didn't see that today. I saw all the guys inspired to go out there and hit a person in the face."

**San Francisco 49ers DB Deommodore Lenoir  
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**How big was it to step up in LB Fred Warner's absence to win this Sunday Night Football game?**

“It was very big. We had a team coming in on a two-game win streak that was pretty hot with a high- powered offense. To come in and play like that on defense while missing a lot of guys was second to none.”

**What can you say about LB Tatum Bethune stepping in to fill that void? Obviously not Fred Warner, but he still played pretty good.**

“He’s a true leader. That just showed you about his character and how relentless he is. He was called to do a job, a big job, and he came in and succeeded at it.”

**With the exception of that one drive in the second half, you guys kept Atlanta Falcons RB Bijan Robinson in check.**

“We understood the assignment. It was going to take all 11 guys to rally to the ball and be able to stop a great runner like him.”

**San Francisco 49ers CB Chase Lucas  
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**Everybody kind of thinks Atlanta Falcons RB Bijan Robinson in a moment like that. What makes you decide that that is not necessarily what that play is going to be?**

“I just believed in it. I think the biggest thing as a DB is that you’ve just got to trust your eyes, trust your training. Me and “Demo” [DB Deommodore Lenoir] have been drawing up plays that we were going to jump throughout the week. I’m glad that I got the look that I wanted and made the play when I could.”

**What does it say about this team that you have so many guys that can step up for guys who are out?**

“This is really my first time being able to play in the regular season on defense in four years. I know there are a lot of dudes on this team, a lot of dudes that are second-string, third-string guys that are starters on other teams. It tells you a lot about this team. It shows that we have talent all the way across the board and whenever we need somebody to step up, we’re going to step up.”

**What did it mean to have LB Fred Warner out there pre-game and just in the building?**

“It’s great for us because we love seeing our captain, love seeing our leader. We were already ready to go but just seeing him kind of took it from a 10 to an 11.”

**San Francisco 49ers RB Christian McCaffrey  
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**You had a 200 yard day rushing and receiving. You're doing it all today. Talk to us a little bit about your performance. What did you think of it?**

“Yeah, I think you know, super happy we got the win. A lot of credit to the guys up front: tight ends, receivers, blocking. Everybody blocking opened up some big lanes in the run game, and defense did a hell of a job keeping us in the game at some tough times, so big team win, character win. I’m proud of our guys.”

**When you went back in did you know, ok, this is coming to me?**

“I figured, yeah. I figured it was something, but yeah, it was a great call and a great time, based on the defense that they’ve been playing in the red zone. Then [QB] Mac [Jones] threw it perfectly

on time, and we'd repped that a couple times in practice this week, so guys held up. Mac threw a great ball."

**I'm sure you'll be able to see more when you watch the tape, but could you feel TE George Kittle's presence just in terms of the way the Falcons were moving around or defending you guys and opening things up in the run game?**

"One hundred percent, yeah. It's a different ball game when he's in there. Even when he doesn't have a big statistical game, the attention that he draws, it opens so much up. I mean, that's why football's the biggest team game on the planet. It always has been. It always will be. When you got guys like that on the field, just their presence alone strikes a lot of fear in coordinators, so you have to keep eyes on them. Some games, it might be me that has these open lanes and has a good stats line or whatever, and then other times it'll be him or whoever else is coming to the table. That's why it's a team game and having him out there is a big deal."

**With George Kittle coming back and playing tonight, you made history when it comes to receptions and rushing yards. How much did knowing you have him back help your game? How much does that mean to the team? You lose a guy like LB Fred Warner and you get a guy like George back, how much of that really played into this win?**

"I think having George out there is awesome. Like I said, he's so good in the run game and the pass game, and I think his versatility is what causes a lot of problems. But also, I mean, we had guys go down on the o-line too and step up big. We had guys like, I don't know how many rotations we had today, but just everybody who came in and stepped up did such a great job. It was [Head Coach] Kyle [Shanahan] always says it takes a whole team to be able to run the ball. It takes receivers, it takes tight ends. Obviously, it takes o-line, takes guys like [FB Kyle Juszczyk] Juice, and takes a quarterback, being able to stay on the field on third down. Then it takes a defense stepping up so that you have opportunities to run. You're not super behind. I've never heard a coach say that, but that makes so much sense to me. To be able to run the ball is a huge team effort and our guys allowed that to happen today."

**Did you make eye contact with OL Connor Colby on the touchdown, or did you just sense that he was pulling you as you were running?**

"Yeah, he did. That was just a huge strain play for a guy like that who's in there busting his ass, man. Those are the kind of plays that are just character plays and that are fun to be a part of, so I'm appreciative of him for getting me in again."

**Obviously, you want all your stars in there, but is there some sense of pride that you've been able to do this? Obviously, you've had guys out. You've got guys out for the year—huge players. To get to this record with all these injuries, is there a sense of pride just within that room, quietly, out loud, anything like that?**

"I think it's a testament to the leadership. A guy like Fred or [DL Nick] Bosa comes out, and you have young guys and guys who haven't been in that position step up the way they have. It's coaching, it's leadership, and that doesn't happen everywhere. I can promise you that, so it's fun. It's a fun group to be a part of, knowing that every week is going to be a fight, and guys are going to have to step up and do their job and get it done. Today was a good example of that, and I know we're still hungry, man. We haven't played perfect yet. I think so far we've done a good job coming back from losses, and I think the challenge this week will be coming back from a big win like this and maintaining that focus, maintaining that intent, and continuing to get better."

**There was a lot of faith expressed in LB Tatum Bethune all during the week last week, and it didn't seem like false optimism. It seemed like everybody was pretty convinced he was**

**going to do what he did tonight. What were your observations about him during the week and the way he stepped in?**

“When you sit behind one of the best linebackers to ever play, you get to see how he practices, how he prepares, how he studies tape. That's such a huge deal for a young guy to come in and, and what a gift to have that because you never know when your opportunity is going to come. I think the thing that I've realized just going against guys like Tatum and guys like [LB] Dee [Winters] is they run and hit. That's something that's preached throughout the entire defense, but they fly around, man. They're physical as ever and they love football, and their mindset is there. So, when he got the nod, obviously, and unfortunately Fred went down, we had all the confidence in the world in him.”

**San Francisco 49ers DL Sam Okuayinonu  
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**Tell us about the fourth down play. That was pretty much the ball game.**

“Oh yeah, I don't even remember, I have to watch that. There were so many things going down at one time, but just being able to get off the field, that's one thing I did notice. We were able to get off the field after a lot of third downs and if you can get off the field after third downs, you're going to give your offense a chance.”

**What did it mean for you guys to have LB Fred Warner in the building and out there pre-game?**

“Oh, he's super energetic. Fred is that guy. He has a lot of aura. He has a lot of energy, and juice. Just seeing him on the screen, seeing him in the locker room pre-game, he was very energetic towards the team for sure.”

**You guys have had to roll with the punches this year with injuries. How good does this win feel knowing that the Atlanta Falcons came in with a lot of momentum, trying to get a win and you guys kept that from happening?**

“It feels good. We've lost a lot of key pieces throughout the season, like I said earlier, and it's always the next men up mentality, guys are ready for the opportunities and I feel like guys are really taking advantage of their opportunities, man. Talking about [LB] Tatum [Bethune], he did a great job today. Just communicating with the defense, making sure everybody was set up on the right page. Shout out to that guy, man because playing MIKE in the NFL is hard because he has to set up the whole defense. I feel like he did great. For sure.”

**As a defender, what is it like to be able to watch RB Christian McCaffrey keep the offense out there?**

“Oh, it's great. It's great, it's great, it's great. They had a game plan to run the ball this week, and for them to be able to execute and stay on schedule, give the defense some time to rest and recover and get out there full energy. That was great. I'm happy they executed the game plan, for sure.”

**San Francisco 49ers K Eddy Piñeiro  
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**How does this hot streak that you've started off with the 49ers maybe compare to other hot streaks you've gone through throughout your career?**

“Absolutely. It feels very special. I had a hot streak when I was with the Panthers a couple years ago but what's going on right now is a dream come true. Having five from 50-plus. It's been a dream come true for sure.”

**What's the feeling like when you're locked in the way you have been?**

“I feel confident, I feel good. My teammates trust in me. The way they're snapping, the way they're holding the ball and how these guys blocking for me, I mean, they're on another level. They don't get enough credit. You'll see kickers make a couple kicks and then out of nowhere, they get a kick blocked and it's normal. Sometimes they get a kick blocked, you know? But it's been amazing. It's been great.”

**How's it been to be here in the Bay Area with so many Latino supporters?**

“Yeah, it means a lot. Having the Latinos in the crowd and obviously me being Hispanic, I feel at home.”

**San Francisco 49ers T Trent Williams  
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**How do you think keeping control of today's game speaks to the San Francisco 49ers' resilience?**

“We've taken a lot of gut punches and a lot of blows that it would've been easy to fold, and I think that a lot of people would've understood. You lose not only two of your best players, but two of the best players to ever play the game, in [DL] Nick [Bosa] and [LB] Fred [Warner], and then not having [QB] Brock [Purdy] and getting [TE] George [Kittle] and then not having him for five weeks, it's been tough. I'm super proud of the team, because we could have given up; could've tucked our tails and just looked forward to next year, but these guys keep fighting. There's a lot of resilience in this group.”

**Does this win feel like the steadying of the ship or just another win?**

“Just another win. It's a good win. It's a win that everybody's watching on national TV and versus a really good team, but it's just another win. We're only in Week Seven, so we've got a long way to go. We're not even halfway.”

**What did you think when Head Coach Kyle Shanahan said he wanted to see 40 runs today?**

“I knew that he would get 40 runs if he had the opportunity to, but I also understood that if we got behind, then that plan goes out the window. We all understood that, not just me. That was part of the reason we all kept rallying together, trying to keep defense off of the field, possess the ball, convert third downs and allow us to get to the 40 runs.”

**Atlanta Falcons Head Coach Raheem Morris  
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**Opening comments:**

“Some missed opportunities out there. We have to do a better job coaching. We have to do a better job playing. Ultimately, those things fall on us and we'll get them fixed.”

**Coach, could you discuss what they were doing to slow your offense down and keep you out of the end zone today?**

“They did a nice job tackling. They did a nice job staying out there. They did a nice job really slowing down our run. They did a nice job eliminating big plays. That's what this defense is made of. That's what they do best, and they were able to execute their plan. Today we did not execute ours.”

**For the intentional grounding at the end of the first half, did Atlanta Falcons QB Michael Penix Jr. think he was out of the tackle box or did he think somebody was over there?**

“I'm sure he thought he was out of the tackle box when he made his steps to the left, went up, and I thought we would have one more second to kick the field goal right there. It landed at 11 seconds. We had the 10 second runoff. We thought we would have one, still kick the field goal, and they end up resetting the clock, making it 10. So they were able to get us out of there with no points, and it definitely came back as a fact that hurt us.”

**Did it feel like those moments popped up all night, like the 3rd-and-13 to RB Christian McCaffrey in the red zone?**

“Anytime you play a team like this and the quality opponent you're playing, you have to be on the screws with every single thing, and we were not tonight. That situation at the end of the half, it happened in two minutes, at the end of the half, and it happened at the end of the game. Those things happen and that's why they won the football game.”

**That 3rd-and-13, were there 10 men on the field?**

“There absolutely was, and it's absolutely embarrassing, and it's my fault. And I'll get it fixed.”

**How did it happen?**

“It doesn't matter. It's my fault.”

**It looked like Michael got a little shaken up on one of those plays late, maybe a leg injury. Is he okay?**

“We don't know that yet. Obviously, we have to go let him get evaluated. He gave me the thumbs up on the sideline and we were asking him, so he was okay to finish. We'll see where he is tomorrow.”

**How do you try to move on from a game like this? From McCaffrey who was able to run it in and catch it on the defense?**

“You go fix the problems. As coaches, you identify them. As players, they'll fix them. We'll go back to the lab, and won't let this game lose twice. Won't lose this game twice.”

**On the fourth and one call to throw to Atlanta Falcons WR Drake London, were you good with not sneaking it?**

“Yeah, one hundred percent. Anytime you get a chance to throw to one of your best players, you feel really good about it. They made a great play. They knocked it down instead of us moving the chains, being able to go out there and try to win that football game. We didn't put ourselves in the best positions to win and they made a play.”

**Did not having your power back Atlanta Falcons RB Tyler Allgeier hurt you?**

“He was in the game.”

**Do you feel like it was a good week of practice and you were crisp and that coming in, you were on the screws with everything?**

“Yeah, it felt great. The guys did a great job during the week of preparation. We didn't get to execute some of the things that we wanted to get done and you lose the games when you play

those types of games. I've played these guys a lot. When [San Francisco 49ers Head Coach] Kyle's [Shanahan] able to maintain possession, able to run the football the way he was tonight, when he's able to take over the time possession, when you break even with him in turnover situations, you lose those games. And any critical mistakes that were happening in the game throughout the coaching standpoint, that's how you lose games versus Kyle Shanahan."

**Clearly, you always know McCaffery can have one of those days. When you're on the other end of an Atlanta Falcons RB Bijan Robinson-type game, does it feel, not helpless, but frustrating?**

"No. It feels like you need to go out there and figure out how to stop it, right? It's never feeling helpless. Especially when you have the players that we have and you have the men we have coaching them. You always feel like you have an opportunity to go out there and win those football games. We did not do enough to win it tonight, and that's what happened."

**Atlanta Falcons QB Michael Penix Jr.  
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**Can you walk us through how you felt about what the offense did today?**

"We had a lot of opportunities to win this game. Unfortunately, we didn't capitalize on the big moments especially that big fourth down late in the game. There were a lot of little things we missed on offense that ended up making a big difference. The defense gave us opportunities to get the lead, and we just didn't capitalize when we needed to."

**What made the run game so unsuccessful tonight?**

"I don't know. I feel like that's something we have to go look at the film, see what it was and how we can get better in that aspect."

**What happened with your leg and how are you feeling now?**

"I don't even know what happened. I got rolled up on but I feel good right now."

**How much does not being able to run the ball consistently affect your team?**

"We ultimately want to win. That's the goal no matter what. I think sometimes we look back and think, 'yeah, we could've won today,' but that's not enough. We've have to find a way to win whether it's on the ground or in the air. The San Francisco 49ers did a good job stopping the run, but with the talent we have on this team, there's no excuse. We've got too many good players not to find a way to win."

**Were you surprised after coming off the Buffalo game that the momentum you had didn't continue this week?**

"This is NFL football, it's tough and hard to win. We do everything throughout the week to strive to win. Today we fell short and all we can do now is go back to the drawing board to win next week."

**Did you think you were outside of the tackle box when you made that throw at the end of the first half?**

"I don't know. We were in an Ozone situation which is basically we either get a completion or we don't and just get rid of the ball. That's what were taught in that situation. I don't know. I knew I couldn't take a sack in that situation right there, but obviously the 10 second runoff didn't help."

**Did it feel like one of those nights where the offense couldn't get anything going?**

“For sure. I feel like the defense gave us a lot of opportunities. They had a lot of big time stops and like you said, we’ve got to take advantage of those key plays, those big time moments if we want to win football games.”

**What were they doing to take Atlanta Falcons WR Drake London away?**

“I don’t know. That’s something I have to go look at the film and see. We’ve got to find a way to get him the ball and we will.”

**Atlanta Falcon ILB JD Bertrand  
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**What does it mean to lose a player like Atlanta Falcons ILB Divine Deablo?**

“It’s funny. I mean, it’s just the nature of the position. You hate that he gets hurt because he’s an awesome dude and an awesome player. It’s funny. It’s just the nature of the position. Injuries happen. It was weird. There’s something that told me. I think it’s a God whisper or something. For some reason I thought I was gonna play and I kept on telling myself. I know that opportunity’s going to come. So I felt like I was prepared. It’s always hard to talk about how you play without watching the film, so I don’t want to answer that until I see the film. But I did feel like there was a God whisper where I just thought I was gonna play.”

**Did it feel like they were kind of attacking up the middle more once you came in?**

“I think we just knew they were a running team. They’re a little more, I guess you could call it old school, where they put in the 21 personnel and the 22 personnel. So they’re definitely a running team and like I said earlier the biggest thing for us was stopping those motion yards”.

**What’s the biggest takeaway from this one for you guys?**

“I think the biggest thing is just to reload. It’s a long season and there’s a lot of games left and so there has to be a reload there. The other thing, like I mentioned earlier, is the idea of just motion yards. Even if you make the contact, it’s a 2nd and 7, but if they’re able to push the pile to make it a 2nd and 5, that keeps them on track. We have to make sure that we’re able to prevent that going forward.”

**Atlanta Falcons ILB Kaden Elliss  
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**Were you surprised that coming off of Buffalo, when you played so well, that momentum didn’t carry over?**

“I’m going to say props to them. They came out and they executed. We’ll be all right, we’ll bounce back.”

**How did ILB JD Bertrand do filling in alongside you?**

“He did great, such a smart player. Very intellectual, very physical. He’s a great player, so we’ll be good with him.”

**I’m sure you go into a game thinking we got to do what we can or stop RB Christian McCaffery, does it speak to how good a player he is, or are there things you look back on and be like, oh, we could have done X or Y or whatever it is?**

“Yeah, already we know things could have been done better. We'll watch the film and see more. Also have to give credit where credit's due, and he made really precise, quick, and efficient reads. He didn't try to do too much. He took what he had in each play, and it added up quick.”

**RB Christian McCaffrey obviously has been one of the best guys in the league for a while. When he gets hot, is it frustrating? What's the feeling on the other side of that?**

“He's just so efficient, he does everything right. He's so efficient in his play. It's not really like RB Bijan Robinson, it's very different from him. Although you think about their stats so similarly, it's not like McCaffrey's really dancing out there, but he reads everything perfectly. He's so precise with his run game, his catch game. He's a great player, and you love going up against the great ones, and he got the best of us today.”

**Atlanta Falcons WR Darnell Mooney  
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**What's the emotion like after a hard-fought, prime-time game against a quality opponent? What's the feeling in the locker room right now?**

“It's down. We just want to win at the end of the day. We had a huge win last week, and we felt like we had the energy and the momentum to continue to build on that. We didn't, but it's all good. We have next week to change things.”

**We saw at the end of the game that Atlanta Falcons QB Michael Penix Jr. looked like he was in some discomfort but stayed in the game. What does that say to you about him when he is toughing through whatever it was he's dealing with?**

“Mike's been dealing with a lot of things that you guys don't even know about. He has some injuries, but everybody's dealing with some things. Mike is a strong guy, and mentally strong. It's good to see that from the quarterback.”

**With you back in the fold, what's it going to take for this offense to get clicking and put together that consistency you all are always talking about?**

“I feel like the offense is clicking very well. I just want to be able to add to that deep threat. That's what we've kind of already been doing with [Atlanta Falcons WR Drake London] and some of the other guys. I feel like the offense has been doing really well throughout the past weeks, and I just want to be able to add to that.”

**Atlanta Falcons RB Bijan Robinson  
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**What were the San Francisco 49ers doing to slow down the run, without LB Fred Warner being out there?**

“We never make an excuse for another defense trying to stop us on the run game because that's the bread and butter. We just got to go back and look at this game and look at the things they did. We've got to correct it when we get back in the facility so we don't have a performance like that again on the run.”

**How do you stay patient in those moments when a defense is stopping the run?**

“Just keep chugging along. You never know what play could be a big play. You just got to keep on just doing your reads, looking at what they're giving you, make sure I continue to set up the O-

line's blocks and do as much as I can. If it's not working, you just got to keep on going and sometimes it can just pop."

**Given your relationship with RB Christian McCaffrey and comparisons about your games, how much did you want to have a big performance tonight?**

"It's always in me to want to compete with my peers and with Christian. Dude did outstanding today and he's very hard to stop. I give him so much credit. It's such a blessing watching a guy like that. Obviously for me, I have to just be better for my team. He did a great job for his, so I got to be better for mine. I'm going to look at his performance. I'm going to look at his game and then look back at mine. He's been doing it for a long time and for me, I got a lot of work to do. I got to be the best player for this team."