



## **SF Postgame (at Giants) Transcripts: Head Coach Kyle Shanahan**

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KYLE SHANAHAN: Alright guys, injury from the game, just (defensive lineman) Mykel (Williams) with a knee, that's all we got right now.

### **Q. What's the initial diagnosis?**

KYLE SHANAHAN: We're worried it's ACL, but you never know until tomorrow.

### **Q. Could you tell what happened?**

KYLE SHANAHAN: I didn't see it.

### **Q. How would you assess (quarterback) Mac's (Jones) performance today, and what has he come to show you week after week?**

KYLE SHANAHAN: I thought Mac did a hell of a job, extremely efficient in what he was doing, going against a real tough pass rush. Probably only one negative play in the game, just the fumble there at the end of the second quarter. Hell of a play by -- I think it was (outside linebacker) Brian Burns who did it, but Mac played really well, took care of the ball, got the ball to the right guys, and made a couple plays with his legs, too.

### **Q. How did you feel like (offensive lineman) Spencer Burford did at left guard?**

KYLE SHANAHAN: I think he did well. Excited to watch him there on the plane. But only one came up I thought that wasn't all his fault, just a full slide on one of the sacks. But felt like he did well in the run and pass game. I was excited to get him back.

### **Q. What did you think of (running back) Brian Robinson Jr.?**

KYLE SHANAHAN: I thought he played real well, too. Ran the ball well. Completely flipped me, I went from being extremely angry with him for not taking a touchback to eating my own words and saying hell of a job, getting past that -- I don't know where he got to, but I believe he got close to the 50, but it was a hell of a return and played real well today.

### **Q. What's it like as a play caller when you finish a nine-play drive with eight straight runs?**

KYLE SHANAHAN: It's very fun. It's awesome. It's so tempting the whole time. You're like, man, can you do it again and get away with it, maybe we should do a play action or something off of it -- screw it, we'll just keep running it, and the guys came through. That's one of the most enjoyable drives that you can go on when it's all run plays.

### **Q. (Linebacker) Tatum (Bethune) had 16 total tackles today. What have you seen from him?**

KYLE SHANAHAN: He knows how to play the position. He's got a good real knack for playing football in terms of in the box and making tackles. I think he's getting better and better in the pass game, had some big hits today.

I know he got that one penalty, but from what I saw, I disagreed with it. So we'll see when we see the tape. But yeah, I can't say enough good things about Tatum today.

**Q. After that opening drive, after that touchdown drive they had, it seemed like the defense, when they came back on that second and third series, they were swarming to the ball and hitting. Was there a message cut across?**

KYLE SHANAHAN: It's not like we had some big pump-up thing that we needed to start hitting, but we definitely felt it more after that first drive. The first drive was a very rough one.

And I thought it was such a big play (wide receiver) Jordan Watkins made, I think it was like 2nd and 20. We don't make that completion there, the odds are you're not getting it on 3rd and 20 or 3rd and 15, whatever that was. So that was a huge down.

Also, we were going to punt. Thought it was 4th and 2, but it moved up a little bit, half a yard. It was huge getting that sneak on the 4th down and answering, then after that the defense was real impressive all game.

**Q. The underneath stuff that they were throwing today, how much of a point of emphasis was tackling today and what did you think of what you guys did?**

KYLE SHANAHAN: I thought we did better, definitely. We definitely did better. Still looked like we missed some tackles out there, got a little loose, especially there at the end giving up some big plays. I wish we didn't let them get in the end zone there at the end, but I was always real happy with the defense overall.

**Q. 6-3 instead of 5-4, does it change your approach at the trade deadline as far as adding?**

KYLE SHANAHAN: Yeah, I think it's been the exact same, regardless of our record. We've been looking at it the same all year. Nothing changes based off today.

**Q. What did you think about the contributions from (defensive lineman) Keion White and (defensive lineman) Clelin Ferrell?**

KYLE SHANAHAN: Seemed like they did real well. I know that big play, I saw that one that Cle made, looked like that ball was – I don't know if it came out, but it was about to come out.

But I thought our pass rush was great, chasing around (Giants quarterback) Jaxson (Dart) all day. It's such a big challenge. Guy is going to be a hell of a player. But I thought we swarmed him very well and can't say enough good things about the D-line.

**Q. I know his rehab is the most important thing to (linebacker) Fred (Warner), but do you know how much time he's spending with Tatum every week in prepping?**

KYLE SHANAHAN: No, but probably not much. He's rehabbing and Tatum is real busy doing what we have to do.

**Q. Was (tight end) George (Kittle) supposed to get the jet sweep on that?**

KYLE SHANAHAN: Yeah, he was, yeah. Pretty bad call, though. (Laughter.)

**Q. What was your message to the team? You guys are 6-3 but this division is so tough.**

KYLE SHANAHAN: No message. We just talked about the game, told everyone how proud I was. I thought all three phases had a huge part in that game today. Gave them their first victory Monday of the year, so I know they were excited about that. We'll see them Wednesday and get back to work.

**Q. How close was (quarterback) Brock (Purdy) to being active today?**

KYLE SHANAHAN: We'll reassess it the same way we did this week. Wasn't that close to doing it. I considered it throughout the week, but just want to make sure he gets 100 percent better and don't put him out there too early. Thought about it as a possible backup or emergency, but I think the more time we give him, the more.

**Q. Is that an uncertainty every week where you guys say maybe he'll play, maybe he won't? Do you see that affect Mac's preparation at all?**

KYLE SHANAHAN: No, nothing changes Mac in that way. We're trying to ease Brock out there into practice stuff, but anytime you're dealing with this turf toe, it's probably something that probably won't fully go away all year, regardless of when he comes back. He's always going to have to deal with it a little bit, especially with the people you talk to who have gone through turf toe.

It's really about just assessing when is the best time to come back that you have to deal with it the least. It's a little bit of a tricky decision.

**Q. Is there a possibility that he'll need surgery after the season?**

KYLE SHANAHAN: Not that I've been told.

**Q. Did you get a chance to talk to Mykel afterwards?**

KYLE SHANAHAN: Yeah, just real quickly.

**Q. How is he?**

KYLE SHANAHAN: He's just down, and you never know, so I said, hey, hopefully it's not the worst. But if it is, hey, it sucks for this year, but that's all it sucks for. You'll be back next year and this won't affect you at all.

**Q. After just 10 rushing attempts last week, what impressed you about the running game?**

KYLE SHANAHAN: I mean, just -- collectively as a team we were able to stick with it. I think last week just the amount of runs was indicative that we had the least amount of plays I think in like 40 years, so I think that affected a lot of stuff.

But I thought getting the run game going today, wearing them down and the way you get those numbers called is how you finish games. To be able to wear them down, get a two-score lead, be able to stay on the field, have I think a 10-play drive where I think nine of the plays were run plays or something like that, it was a huge team deal getting those run calls, and it feels very similar to Atlanta in that way.

**Q. How would you describe the shot in the arm that Mac has given you guys?**

KYLE SHANAHAN: I just know how much confidence guys have in Brock, and then when Brock goes down, I mean, when you lose your starting quarterback, it's always tough on a team.

But the way Mac stepped in there, going back to New Orleans and how he was that first game to how he's been in practice, how he was in the off-season, Mac has been great.

**Q. Christian had more than 30 touches again, big game for him. I think he leads the league in that category. Is it a credit to something that he changed in terms of his practice regimen? You mentioned kind of trying to ease him in week to week this season after maybe he wouldn't hold himself back the previous season. How has that maybe helped?**

KYLE SHANAHAN: I think Christian has always been pretty durable. I think last year he had something that bothered him in the off-season that never fully went away, and when it finally did get better, he tore his knee on a random run versus Buffalo.

If you ask Christian, and I agree, Christian has always been a very durable player. But when you get bad injuries on stuff, then it affects guys and you miss the year.

Christian is the most conditioned, prepared athlete I've ever been around. He's such a big factor in blocking, running, passing. He's one of the best players I've ever been around.

I'd like to say he figured something out, but I mean, the guy goes as hard as he can every off-season, so there's not much more to figure out.

**SF Postgame (at Giants) Transcripts: QB Mac Jones**

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**Q. How did it feel out there?**

MAC JONES: Felt good. I definitely feel like we started better as an offense. That's been the complaint for the past couple weeks, so definitely want to do that as best we can and then continue those drives, too, and we really left some out there. Just got to get better.

**Q. How important was the catch (wide receiver) Jordan (Watkins) made there early to kind of get you guys going?**

MAC JONES: It was great. Yeah, it was a hurry-up play, and as a rookie, you just have to get that communicated to you. I don't know, it's hard, it's tough stuff, and they were scrambling on defense and then he just made a competitive catch. We've worked on that, had some reps with him in OTAs and stuff when we've had some of those contested catches, but really great job, strong hands, and he came up with it.

**Q. Virtually every week we hear that maybe (quarterback) Brock (Purdy) will play, maybe he won't. It's very up in the air. How does that affect your preparation?**

MAC JONES: It doesn't really affect my preparation to be honest. I've been fortunate to play both roles as a starter and backup in this league, so I understand what I need to do to get ready to play and really it's about my health and my body and just trying to get back to 100 percent for myself.

I know Brock is working hard and he's done a great job every week helping me get ready, and that's all you can ask from your quarterback.

**Q. (Running back) Brian Robinson, Jr., had a good game; what does he add to the offense?**

MAC JONES: He's the man. I know he's been kind of itching to get a chance, and we've talked about it. Nothing bad, but just like, I'm like, stay ready, dude, it's coming.

(Running back) Christian (McCaffrey) has just done a great job, and I said, your day is coming. I said that last week and this week. He's done a great job just taking it day by day, attacking the line of scrimmage, just knowing what to do. He's more comfortable and looks how he did in college to be honest.

**Q. Did you know at halftime that you were 14 of 14?**

MAC JONES: No. Am I supposed to? (Laughs)

**Q. Did you feel like, okay, I haven't had an incompleteness yet?**

MAC JONES: No, I never really think about it like that, to be honest. Just because it's more about are my eyes in the right spot. But that is cool. Honestly, right before half we had a touchdown and I just took too long and didn't step up on that fumble or whatever it was. We really were going to score there, so I was pissed about that.

But just trying to keep moving the offense down the field however we can do it, and what a great job by the offensive line with the running game and limited sacks.

**Q. You had a passer rating of like 135. Is this the most confident you've felt since you've been in the league?**

MAC JONES: I'm pretty confident in myself. I think I've had my – I'm not going to say issues, but I've had my ups and downs with that. I really just put it down to just believing in myself and believing in (head coach) Kyle (Shanahan) and the system here and the guys just let me be myself, which is kind of different than what I've had in the past.

I appreciate that, and it takes – I say all 33, all 11 on offense, defense and special teams. Really just thought we had a good team win. As always, we'll watch the tape and get better. But definitely feel comfortable and I'm not going to lose confidence in myself.

**Q. Was it your idea to get (quarterback) Adrian (Martinez) in his first snap at the end of the game?**

MAC JONES: Yeah, Kyle already took his headset off, and I'm like, go on, Adrian, so I just subbed myself out, snuck to the sideline. But I was happy. I think Adrian was going to go in either way, and they wanted him to get in there. But when they scored, you've just got to get the 1st down with the offense. Once we were taking a knee, I definitely wanted Adrian to be there. He's just been awesome, to be honest. He's a good friend of mine. I've just gotten to know him. He's been a great voice in that room along with Brock and Rourke as well, so we've got a great room.

**Q. What's the feeling in the team a little past the halfway point at 6-3?**

MAC JONES: Yeah, this was a big one for us, and we talked about it yesterday after practice, just talking to the team like this is a big one, having played five years in the NFL now. You really have to look at this game as like a playoff game almost. I feel like we answered the bell there. Like I said, all 1 of 33, that's what we talk about, and everyone has got to be on the same page. We definitely answered the bell, but the challenge is don't be complacent and we've got to do it again next week. That's the goal.

**Q. We saw (defensive lineman) Mykel Williams go down with about four minutes to go. Is it one of those things like every freaking game --**

MAC JONES: Yeah, I don't know what the severity of it was, but I was definitely pissed. I was just sitting there getting ready to go back in and I didn't know who it was and I was like, oh, Mykel, I hope he's okay. Just prayed for him, and I know he's up walking around and stuff, so hopefully he's doing better, but I'm not sure. You'd have to ask him.

**Q. Anything about this turf that's concerning?**

MAC JONES: I've played on it a few times and I just adjust my cleats if I feel like it's an issue. Like I said, it's a football field, and we'll play wherever we have to play, in a parking lot or on the field.

**Q. Do you feel like you've been able to be yourself more here than you've been allowed to in other organizations?**

MAC JONES: Yeah, for sure. I really do feel that. It's not a knock on anybody, I just feel like this is a great organization that it's a lot of laid-back people and it's more my personality and just lets me be me and all the guys every day, they're the same guys every day, whether we're down in a game like last week or up in a game like this week. There's the same mentality, and I really appreciate everybody from coaches to everybody, but like I said, you've got to keep going. It's one good week and trying to do it again next week.

**SF Postgame (at Giants) Select Quotes: TE George Kittle**

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**Q: George, on the opening drive, the catch that Jordan Watkins makes [49ers WR Jordan Watkins] to keep the drive alive, how important was that to spark you guys [the 49ers offense]?**

A: Was that on third down? Well, it keeps us [the 49ers offense] on the field, it rips it away from the defender, and it's a great way to bounce back; he had a drop last week. I told him 'Look, there are going to be more opportunities. Go and make a play.' That was his first play of the day, and I really love it when young guys step up and their number is called, and they make a play because all that does is give them confidence going into the next week. I just expect to see Jordan [Watkins] continue making plays for us.

**Q: There were about eight different guys who caught passes from Mac today [49ers QB Mac Jones]. Does that help with what [the offense] is looking to do?**

A: I think so. Mac [49ers QB Mac Jones] is doing a great job of seeing the field, and when eight [different] guys catch the ball, it means that Coach Shanahan [49ers Head Coach Kyle Shanahan] has trust and belief in eight different guys and multiple guys on our offense, which is good. It's better when we spread the ball around and not just force-feeding two guys. Christian [49ers RB Christian McCaffrey] is going to get his reps, but when you can get the ball to other guys and they are continually making plays and guys are selfless about it, and nobody is complaining about it, that is a great way to have a healthy offense and a way to score 34 points. I love it.

**Q: George, Mac [49ers QB Mac Jones] has talked about how he feels like he can be himself more than he has been in other places. What have you seen from him from OTAs to today in terms of just how he has grown confidence-wise?**

A: I'm not going to lie; I'm pretty sure that he has had confidence; I think he has just opened up to us because we are a very supportive team, we are a very inclusive team, we like to do things together, we like to hang out. Mac is an honorary Tight End; he has that juice to him, that energy and that kind of free-flowing love, so Mac just fits in perfectly with our locker room, and all he has done is go 5-2 as a starter. That's pretty good. I just want Mac to keep being Mac, and he is helping our team out tremendously, and if he feels like he can be himself more with us, that makes me extremely happy, because that is what my goal is. I love it when guys don't feel like they have to fit a certain mold. Our mold is high-energy, high effort, play as hard as you possibly can and hit people really hard, and if Mac can just be himself out there, that is fantastic for us. When people feel like they can just be themselves, that is when they are at their absolute best.

**Q: George, Kyle [49ers Head Coach Kyle Shanahan] drew up a jet-sweep to you. What were your feelings and thoughts when you were getting the ball on it, and do you remember your last jet-sweep that you had?**

A: No, I don't remember the last jet-sweep that I had; it was probably in 2021. It was a good look, I think they [the Giants Defense] were in a weird front [defensive rotation], where they didn't have a defensive end, so Jus '49ers FB Kyle Juszczyk' had to ark around a five-technique, who kind of picked Trent [49ers Offensive Lineman Trent Williams] because Trent is supposed to get to the back of it and he couldn't get there, so there were just a lot of people in my way and it's going to crush my [yard-per-carry]

average, so I don't know if I am going to get another one of those plays anytime soon, which is disappointing.

### **SF Postgame (at Giants) Select Quotes: RB Christian McCaffrey**

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#### **Q: On setting the tone with two opening touchdowns**

A: It was good. I think coming out strong is always important to us, but I think when you look at the duration of a football game it's just important to keep emphasizing with our team just to stay emotionally sharp throughout the whole game, mentally sharp throughout the whole game so that you can score seven points early and then might not get another opportunity until the fourth quarter. So, it's all about just taking it one play at a time.

#### **Q: On getting (running back) Brian Robinson the ball**

A: It was awesome, man. He runs so hard, and it feels like this whole season, it's just been, you could tell he's itching and might not be the way he wants it to be right now, but to have him is huge for me. It means a lot to me. He pushes me and the way he runs, if we can continue to kind of get that flow of the game in there, man, it's, I'm really excited. You couldn't ask for a guy to have a better attitude to come into work every day and to have that mindset and to keep pushing. So, I'm really pumped he's in our room and I think it's only going to get better.

#### **Q: On last week's struggle of staying on the field early and (wide receiver Jordan) Watkins' catch giving the team a spark**

A: That was huge. I think that was, might've been the, I don't, I mean, look, I kind of black out during games. I don't remember a whole lot, but I think when you look at the tape, that might be one of the plays of the game for sure. I know it's early and a lot happened after that, but that was huge.

#### **Q: On (Quarterback) Mac (Jones) not having an incompleting in the first half**

A: That's awesome. I did not know that. No, that's awesome though.

#### **Q: On sensing something different about Mac**

A: No, no, Mac's Mac. He's like that every day. He's cool, calm and collected, but competitive and fiery, and he's a great operator in the huddle. He sees it really well and obviously can make any throw. So, you know, we love, we love the confidence that he plays with.

#### **Q: On his run down the right sideline**

A: It was good. Yeah, it felt good. That was actually an unbelievable play by Mac because that play wasn't initially supposed to have that happen. I think they just dropped me and forgot to cover me, and I wasn't supposed to run a longer route, but I just turned and when I turned the ball was in the air. That was a huge play by him. And just after that, it's a lot of green grass.

**Q: On the overall feeling of a 6-3 team halfway through the season**

A: It's a great feeling. I think we worked really hard this week, and we had a good week of preparation and came out and wasn't perfect and we'll correct those mistakes. But I think this team's pretty urgent right now. I think it's been good to come back from losses with big wins, but I think with this team, it's important that we take a win like this, learn from it, get better, but just continue the momentum into this next week.