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Q. What's the frustration level like right now?

JONATHAN GREENARD: Still frustrated. Still gotta drive. We gotta continue to keep working. Not much to say. We've just got to keep going.

Q. What did you see from the run defense early on? Seemed like they got some big runs on you guys at the start of the game.

JONATHAN GREENARD: Trust each other. Stay in the gaps. They had a good game plan. Pretty much what they should, attacking our defense. It's a copycat league. They've probably seen multiple teams before and tried -- they've seen success, going back to it.

We have to fit it up better, be more stout. Not just up front, everybody got to get to that football.

Q. What are the things they knew to attack that other teams have attacked?

JONATHAN GREENARD: We run over defense. We've got a 6-3 to the tight end side. Backside is where the bubble is. Shade in the five. They're going to audible to that. That's pretty much universal football. They'll audible to that side every time. But with that comes different looks and different disguises.

Just trusting your gap, trusting your keys and stuff like that. It's a difficult play. We're in the league. Just gotta make those plays. It's a hard-nosed play, they're going to have to earn those downs and yards and we've got to be better.

Q. When you're in a game like this, how hard is it to shake off the loss?

JONATHAN GREENARD: It's real tough. But at the end of the day we've still got, what, nine more games left. People can say -- it can always get worse. So that's the thing about it we've got to have that in the back of our

head. That's why you've seen that little pop and the little juice towards the end, because we've seen that it could get worse.

We've seen how recently in the past couple of weeks we haven't put points up. And I think the offense looks at it with a chip on their shoulder. Obviously we'd love it to be earlier in the game.

To see the fight with Davis coming out finishing up being the leader, that was huge for him and for us as a team moving forward.

Q. Is that the motivation in the locker room, that you're not worse than the last couple of games?

JONATHAN GREENARD: It's just something you always think about. Obviously nobody likes to lose. But you start to see patterns and things like that and to see how those losses and results come about. And we do things so it doesn't get to that point.

Obviously our back is against the wall in those situations. So we've got to play, do whatever we can to make a play, make sure we still do it within the system, obviously. But, yeah, that sense of urgency still kicks in when that point in time comes.

Q. That was your seventh sack. How much is it about maintaining your own individual standard even if the team's not winning?

JONATHAN GREENARD: It's tough. Like I say, I don't really pay too much attention to it. I know if I get one, I get one, it helps the team. That's what I'm looking at. I don't look at it for individual stuff. I was trying to make a play to get us some juice to put us back in the game.

Seven is a good number. I'm going to keep striving for more. Obviously that's not my main goal when I go out there. I'm trying to make a play for the team to get what we want in the end game.

Q. Is that what you learned about Stafford, is that what you wanted?



JONATHAN GREENARD: He was a little comfortable back there. They had a good setup up this game. They pretty much ran a system pretty much lures you to sleep and a bit, block 'em up play comes, deep routes and deeper plays come in there, explosive plays come from.

Q. When your defense is kind of straightforward like you were being, how do you get an advantage or be expressive when you have that kind of play?

JONATHAN GREENARD: There's always adjustments that can be made. All I know, I handled the stuff from the front line. They tell me where I fit, I go from there. I do the best I can to help out for the team. But there are many ways.

But it comes with a lot of risk with that. Obviously it seems clear you want to set a team up for, want to run this play, stop this one play. They come hit you with another play and gas. We could play the guessing, what-if game, but that's not going to work out for anybody in this league, honestly. Just have to find a way to make it work within your system.

Q. You said lulling you to sleep. What could you tell see in the moment that they're doing it?

JONATHAN GREENARD: Not necessarily. They're a methodical team. Matt Stafford, pretty much that same offense, even though it's LA, same principles they ran at Detroit. The line protects him a certain way. He knows how to get the ball where to look people off. He's a vet in this game, underrated vet, in my opinion. Nobody gives him credit for his knowledge of the game, how to set people up. Hats off to them. They are who they are. They're one of the top teams in the league and they showed it. But hats off to them. We've just got to be better.

Q. How does it feel as a defender and just a guy going against another team when a team is able to pull its starting quarterback back out for the entirety of the fourth quarter?

JONATHAN GREENARD: If they're able to do, I don't blame them. To our defense, too, we need to make sure they don't get to that point. I mean, I don't care who they put in there. We should never let it get to the point where they put the backup in.

I take it as a chip on my shoulder. Obviously they did it. We made a couple of stops. We need to get to a point where they don't get to that, that's all I can say that.

Q. (Inaudible) especially the way you played this year. Losing six straight, what are you seeing that potentially are building areas right now for the team getting success from your perspective?

JONATHAN GREENARD: We can play -- one thing I'm not going to do is point the fingers. I think overall we've all got to be better. I had a play where I got out of my gap, spit out for five, six-yard run. Now it's second and three instead of second and nine.

It's one of those situations, we've all got to be better. You can cut it up on film, pick it out. But that's not what we're about, what I'm about, for sure.

Q. How tough is it going from the quarterback that you played last week to the quarterback you played this week, two fully different --

JONATHAN GREENARD: There's a sheer difference in this one. But I think one thing we definitely can appreciate they're both at the top of their game. Kyler Murray and Matthew Stafford top of their games.

And they'll be two teams, they'll have to face each other again. That will be a matchup to see moving forward. Two different playing styles.

Kyler wants to run, make plays on his feet. Matt Stafford, later on in his career, not trying to do all that, trying to sit in the pocket, make good throws, which is what he's done. Fits the Rams system. I think a lot of both of them. Guys I pretty much -- I watched Matthew Stafford coming up. And been watching Kyler in the league. I think they're going to be doing some pretty good things moving forward. But overall we'll do the same game plan, make them uncomfortable, anybody we play.