

# Seattle Seahawks Media Conference

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## Coach Mike Macdonald

### Postgame Press Conference



49ers 17, Seahawks 13

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.

You know, 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 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 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 Juszczuk as well in the game. Is there something there?**

MIKE MACDONALD: Jus 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'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 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 kind of 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 got to change personnel. We played the game lighter than we normally play against them.

But I thought 'Spoon 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 think -- 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 there is -- I think the first touchdown drive I think we were like 0-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 the 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 (video glitch) 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 as of 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 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.

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