

# Los Angeles Rams Media Conference

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## Matthew Stafford

Postgame Press Conference



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### Q. What's it like to get your first playoff win (inaudible)?

MATTHEW STAFFORD: I'm excited for our team to get the win. Obviously what a team effort. Our defense played outstanding tonight. Special teams basically set up a score with Johnny pinning them down there. Did a good job on field goals. And we were good enough on offense to score some points and come away with a win. Just happy to be moving on.

### Q. (Inaudible)?

MATTHEW STAFFORD: I think it means a lot more to -- you guys and all. I just want to be part of this team and help us win. So I have trust in myself, trust in my abilities, trust in my teammates to go out there and play and let the chips fall where they may.

### Q. (Indiscernible). What's the message for all the fans?

MATTHEW STAFFORD: It was awesome. They did a great job. It was deafening when our defense was out there. Pretty awesome the way they responded and the way they came out and cheered for us tonight. Our defense did a bunch to keep them cheering, which was great. And just happy to get a win at home.

### Q. [Off microphone]?

MATTHEW STAFFORD: It's a play we practiced this week. Odell is a super talented guy. Made that throw right-handed, probably could do it lefty, too. He's a freak. But just really well-executed.

Cam did a great job walking underneath it. Made a big play. Kudos to Sean for calling it at that time. It was an awesome call. I thought Sean did a great job setting us up for success all night and we made plays when we had a

chance.

### Q. (Indiscernible). What did you learn from the previous seasons (inaudible)?

MATTHEW STAFFORD: I thought we had a great plan coming into the game. There were a couple of wrinkles they showed that were a bit different, some of the stuff on third down that they were doing. But we were able to execute and make some plays.

But Sean, again, came up with a great one. Went out there and executed it well and moved it up and down the field. We had short field a bunch. Our defense scored. Those kind of things are huge in any game. In a playoff game it's going to be magnified even more. Just proud of our team.

### Q. Can you speak to your offensive line? Some kind of a (indiscernible).

MATTHEW STAFFORD: It was outstanding, both in the run game and in the pass game. It's a tough front we're playing. That's a really good front seven. They can really get after the passer, stop the run, they can do all of it. Just proud of those guys, the way they played.

They played great all season, to be honest with you. Did a great job keeping me clean and giving me chances to work the ball down the field. And in the run game, moving guys out of the way and our backs did a great job of reading and creating.

### Q. [Off microphone]?

MATTHEW STAFFORD: A huge challenge going into their place, tough place to play. A place they've been really good this year. Obviously fantastic quarterback. Great defense. A really good football team. It'll be a big challenge for us.

I think their team is different than when we played them last, and I think we are too, both personnel and scheme a little bit as you always evolve throughout the season. It will be interesting to see what they look like here as of late.



And we'll go out there, attack and see what happens.

**Q. [Off microphone]?**

MATTHEW STAFFORD: I felt like I was putting the ball in the right place for the majority of the night. I had to throw one away towards Coop one time. But other than that felt like the ball was going to the good spot.

Our guys made great plays. That's how I expect to go out and play every game. Doesn't always happen that way. But just felt good out there. Felt comfortable and our team played great.

**Q. (Indiscernible). What did you see from him tonight. First playoff (inaudible)?**

MATTHEW STAFFORD: He did great, both catching and throwing. But he had another one that was called back, too, from a holding that was going to be a 25-plus-yard gain that was great. He was separating all night, making strong hands catches, doing what we know he can do. And just the more guys we have step up -- Van catches the deep one there late in the game for a big momentum play.

And Cooper, what an unbelievable catch on his touchdown. They brought a full-out blitz the last second. I had to get it out quick. And he did a great job making the catch for us. And then he iced the game for us in the four-minute drive with his couple catches and run.

Great team effort. Higbee got us started. It was everybody -- both backs. But Odell definitely played really good football. That's two games in a row against the Cardinals he's played well.

**Q. (Indiscernible). Is it that much bigger than the playoffs against Tom Brady?**

MATTHEW STAFFORD: No, it's just the next step in the journey. He's an outstanding player. He's been doing it for a very long time. They've got a great football team. Their defense is really stout. They played really well this weekend. We'll have to go look at that.

I'm not playing against him one-on-one, but I understand that he's a great player and he's going to get his team in the end zone. I have to do my part as well.

**Q. I know that you were talking about the (indiscernible) defense. (Inaudible) holding things back from what he does in the regular season versus what he does in the postseason. Really curious, what did you look for to identify those things that you're going to have to (inaudible), some of us will see not**

**even on tape?**

MATTHEW STAFFORD: Absolutely, as a veteran quarterback, to be honest with you, I get that just about every week. Just about every week teams are showing me something that looks like what they did last week and it comes out to be a little bit different.

This game on third down some of their stuff they had not shown at all this year, too. So gotta just go out there, figure it out and go play.

Todd's an unbelievable defense coordinator. Gone against him a bunch of times in my career. He gives you a lot to look at. And they've got threatened players. It will be a challenge for us.

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