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## Kyle Shanahan

### Press Conference



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KYLE SHANAHAN: -- same thing with punt returners last week. I thought it was a better game at receiver this week.

Showed the poise and everything we wanted to see as a returner.

**Q. What did you see with Cameron Latu, that he's getting more comfortable?**

KYLE SHANAHAN: He made a bunch of good plays today. I thought he blocked well. He's been doing better and better each week in practice. It's been nice to string together here a training camp where he stayed healthy. I think it's showing out there in the games.

**Q. You talked last week about backup quarterback. Did you see any separation out there tonight?**

KYLE SHANAHAN: Not really. I think it's been pretty similar in all these games. They've both done some real good things. We got two guys we believe can play.

That will be a tough decision. It's a decision I'm glad that we've got to make.

**Q. Where do you think Jordan has improved most?**

KYLE SHANAHAN: I mean, he's been such a good runner since he's gotten here. I think his stamina has gotten better. I think his all-around play, especially on special teams, too, has gotten a lot better, especially from the first year. He started playing at a high level on special teams last year, though. He carried it to this year. He's been running the ball well for a while. He's solid in the pass game as well.

**Q. What is your trust level?**

KYLE SHANAHAN: A ton of trust. We got a bunch of

good backs. Got a ton of trust in J.P.

**Q. (No microphone.)**

KYLE SHANAHAN: I hope so. We'll see how he is this week. Hoping to get back into practice this week. If he does, that's a pretty good sign he could be available for then.

**Q. (No microphone.)**

KYLE SHANAHAN: Subluxed his shoulder.

**Q. (No microphone.)**

KYLE SHANAHAN: I don't play doctor either, so that's what it is. You can look it up. I would tell you if I knew the definition of it.

He did it in college I think his junior year. About 50% of the people coming out of college do that. That wasn't really the problem. He did it in OTAs for the first time with us.

When you do that, it's tender. Then he redid it here a couple weeks ago. It makes it tender, so you want to give him time to come back from it.

**Q. (No microphone.)**

KYLE SHANAHAN: No, not at all. It's probably happened to 80% of the guys on our team at some time. It's just a pretty normal thing.

**Q. There's no other structural damage?**

KYLE SHANAHAN: No, huh-uh.

**Q. How do you feel about how Brock played?**

KYLE SHANAHAN: I thought he did a good job. The pick, I thought that corner made a good play getting his hands in there and knocking the ball up in there. That was unfortunate.

No, it was what we wanted. We wanted to get him some



playing time, get him out healthy. That's really was the goal for everyone today. Not really a fun thing going into these games when you want guys to play because I truly believe it helps them, but you want to make sure they stay healthy too.

It wasn't a good feeling watching Yetur, then Leonard the next play. But besides those two, I thought we came out pretty lucky, healthy in the game. Hopefully we'll get some good news on those guys, too.

**Q. What did you think of the ending?**

KYLE SHANAHAN: It was pretty cool. That was one of the more fun plays that I've seen. It was frustrating to end there in a tie. Never want to end in a tie. But I'm definitely glad we don't have to go to overtime in the pre-season. I'd much rather have that.

But it was real cool. Gutierrez took about half an hour to get back in. We were messing with him that he was doing interviews after and stuff because his dream finally came true.

He was still exhausted from it all. Guys had fun with him in there. It was a real fun play. But all for nothing.

**Q. Last year you kept Darrell Luter around. What has it been like to see him from day one go through an entire training camp?**

KYLE SHANAHAN: It's been great. It's unfortunate with what happened to him. For him to get through the whole camp and stay healthy has allowed him to get better. We have a lot of belief in his ability and everything. Guys need time and guys need reps. He's gotten those reps finally this year where he didn't get them last year.

I think it's helped him a lot. Gets better each week. Made some big plays in the game. That pick was huge. No one is a finished product, but love the direction he's going.

**Q. Memories coming back here?**

KYLE SHANAHAN: Not really. It was different going in the locker room 'cause I remember last time I was in that locker room, stadium... Actually, really like the stadium. Cool atmosphere. It's one of the newer stadiums that feels truly like a football stadium when you're inside there. I like having games here.

But yeah, wasn't the best feeling going into the locker room remembering the last time you were in there. But you get over it pretty fast.

**Q. (No microphone.)**

KYLE SHANAHAN: It is weird. Just keeps happening (smiling).

**Q. (No microphone.)**

KYLE SHANAHAN: Usually guys are excited about it. I remember Bobby had some mixed feelings on it 'cause he had worked so hard to make it on defense for a long time. He didn't want it to look like (indiscernible) on defense. I remember kind of snapping at him. What's wrong with you, man? You don't get how good the offense is going to be for you, how fast you're going to move on it.

Bobby could have coached anything. Most coaches can. Usually guys, if we want them to do it, it's for a reason and they're usually pretty excited about it.

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