



POSTGAME QUOTES

**Carolina Panthers vs. Washington Redskins
Sunday, December 1, 2019**

Washington Redskins

***Interim Head Coach Bill Callahan
Washington Redskins***

RE: Game Summary

Real proud of our team today. Came back from a 14-0 deficit. Had resiliency, grit and fortitude to come back from that score and take the lead – come out with a big win. It was really huge for our team. Really proud of our guys, all units, all phases.

RE: Early deficit a factor in win

I think we didn't start as fast as we wanted to. I thought that we got behind the eight-ball a little bit, from the perspective of not giving up a long drive on the first drive of the game then going three and out. We just weren't clicking early and then I thought our defense made really good adjustments. Stopped one of the top rushers in the game. Applied really good pressure with the rush and provided us with some really good field position in our special teams phase and gave us an opportunity for some good set ups.

RE: Team coming together as envisioned

I think overall you've got to give a lot of credit to the offensive line. I thought those guys up front blocked really well and along with that, you know it's easy just to name off the five guys and of course Phil Rauscher (O-Line coach) had a heck of a game plan prepared for this team, but our tight ends blocked extremely well. Brian Angelichio (TE coach) has done a really good job being two tight ends down and of course playing with Hal and Sprinkle. I think he's done really good. And of course we used the jumbo quite a bit today with Bergstrom and our receivers blocked well. I think you saw (Kelvin) Harmon come in there a few times and block up under their safetys, so that was really a good group effort throughout the running game, no doubt about it. We're real pleased, real happy about that. We just like the way the guys fought for four quarters today.

RE: Haskins play today

I thought he managed the game real well. I thought that he made some big plays that were ad-libbed on the move. I also think he made a couple of plays he'd like to have back. I think it was a little learning experience against one of the top, top pass rushers and pass rushing units in the game and to manage that aspect and make the escapes that he did, come up with the plays that he did I thought was huge. Especially, he made a couple of third down plays I thought were really big. Just the overall management and obviously making smart decisions, good decisions. I think he'll learn from the good and the bad. I like the way he played on the road. It's a hard place to come in and play. This franchise hasn't won here since '98 I believe, so to come down here and come away with a win that speaks volumes for our team.

RE: Agree that the young guys are leading the team?

Well, I think that we've got good veteran leadership and I think with any team any one can lead it. The way you come in the building, how you prepare, how you practice, how you support each other. I've mentioned that many times to the team. It's not one guy, it's not one player with a C on his chest, any one can lead and that's the beauty of leadership. We're getting a lot out of that from our young players as well as our veteran players, so I mean there is a good blend, a good mesh of that throughout the team.

RE: Your observations of the onside kick and the final minutes

I was concerned on the onside kick because we had a missed assignment up front and we let the player make the reception on that play and it was...that was a little bit concerning but you know we've got a lot of guys that were juggling in and out of the lineup – guys that have been injured that we're trying to replace so backups got to step up. We just didn't have the blocking assignment accomplished on that play the way we wanted to.

RE: Holding on for the win

I thought our defense played well, too. They went all the way down the field. That series down in the red-zone when it took four downs, took it all the way down to the fourth-down position and to make those types of stops and back them up and make those tackles for losses and then to make the sack for the game, I couldn't be more proud of what Greg (Manusky) did with the unit and how they came back in the second half and played hard with good results. Those guys, I mean they played hard. We had a lot of contributions. We had contributions from two guys that weren't even here last week. One was on the practice squad and the other fellow was on the street – Nate Orchard. Chris Odom and Nate Orchard both contributed I think to three or three and half sacks in this game. So it was good to see them come in and give us some production with Ryan Kerrigan being out.

RE: The Trey Quinn hit and the ejection call on Ryan Anderson

The only explanation I wanted, you know, they are spatial hits and they come from distance so any type of hit from a distance was..against us was an ejection and the other one wasn't so I just wanted to know how they viewed the difference between the two. Obviously, it was a clear difference. I'll find out a little bit more as we submit our report to the officials tomorrow.

RE: Adjustments after the first two drives

I think the coverages got adjusted well. I thought that the pressure plan that Greg (Manusky) exhibited was even better and then finding the rhythm in coverage to shut down the pass concepts I thought was excellent. I just think the pressure, the pressure looks, the types of pressures we came with and the consistent rush that we'd gotten in. Of course I thought we buckled down in the running game to limit 22 (McCaffrey) to 44 yards for the day, that was a really, really, really good job all around. I thought we had a good plan. I talked to the team last night about the plan we had in all three phases and I felt really, really good about it all week in practice. I was glad to see that practice and preparation carried over into the game day reality.

RE: Pass rush

Jonathan Allen, (Montez) Sweat, (Tim) Settle, all those guys kept consistent pressure. You know a lot of times it's not the guy that gets the sack, but it's the complimentary player that creates the push or the

disruption that creates the force on the queue that sets up the sack. We had a lot of complimentary play across the board. I just thought we had good, consistent pressure on the quarterback that allowed us to make those types of plays.

***Quarterback Dwayne Haskins Jr.
Washington Redskins***

RE: Running backs Derrius Guice and Adrian Peterson

It's extremely fun to watch those guys run the ball. I challenge those guys, like I need a 50-yard run, and what can you do? He had a lot of runs today. He runs so hard and it's so fun watching him run the ball. I try not to buy a ticket back there but he does a great job running the ball.

RE: Are things starting to slow down for you now?

I think I was playing faster than what I needed to, so I was playing myself out of certain positions with certain reads and stuff like that. So I'm just slowing it down as far as the speed of my drop and every time I feel pressure, I don't have to feel scared every time I see someone flash across my face. But I knew to trust my eyes, trust my feet and I'll make reads.

RE: The trio of him, Terry McLaurin and Derrius Guice going forward.

I think we're a great trio, we have a lot great players as well, Steven (Sims Jr.), Kelvin (Harmon), a lot of young guys that are stepping up. I feel if we continue to grow throughout the season and the rest of our career together.

RE: Feeling more comfortable

I feel like it's a mentality, just have to play like a grown man and that's what I have been trying to work on these last couple of weeks. Taking the ball, ripping it when it's there, moving when I have to and making stuff happen when it needs to happen. Not having to worry about being a rookie or making mistakes and just playing hard as I can every play.

RE: What did you do to stay in the game when it was 14-0?

Coach Tim (Rattay) always talks about silencing the noise and we got down early, but one team at a time one play at a time. And as we continued to play you saw the score coming more in our direction. We just keep fighting, chipping away and defense played a hell of a game today. Knowing that we can trust special teams to make great plays, defense to make big plays and we're finally getting it going in the offense, we can be really good as far as running the ball and passing and shots down the field. I feel like we are doing a great job coming together.

RE: What are some of the little plays that are helping to build that confidence on the field?

I wouldn't say it's just one specific thing, I just love going out there, getting [inaudible], moving around in the pocket like the play with (Jeremey) Sprinkle, where they had takeoffs on the outside we clouded it to high safeties over the top and when my feet came back and Luke Kuechly got aggressive on the snapper basically right behind him. Stuff like that where it might like be not as complicated for someone who is watching it but for me that means a lot for me to trusting my eyes, moving on spot, finding the second read and then not getting overly cautious about it.

RE: Connection with Kelvin Harmon and Terry McLaurin

Well I have known Kelvin (Harmon) a little bit more than Terry (McLaurin), I have known Kelvin since I was in high school. We have comradery together because we've thrown routes, we train together in the off season and of course Terry was my college teammate. So having both of those guys on the outside, I can trust them with any route they're going to run; they're going to be there where I need them to be. It's just great having those two on my team.

RE: An improvement from last week's six sacks

I feel like that's a pretty strong part of my game. I think people underestimate how strong and big I am, especially the guys that try to go up top and tackle me. Give some credit to offensive line, getting those guys off of me, just getting a hand instead of getting two hands and moving in the pocket finding a way to find the third party progression the guy running across things that I can feel on when I am escaping the pocket. So continue to work on how we do scramble drills in practice and stuff like that. I feel like that's another part of my game that will continue to get better.

RE: How much are you learning within these games as you able to figure what a team is doing to you?

I think the preparation going into it just makes it easier, as you see it. They are bringing two of the backs this way or rotating coverage this way, [inaudible] design this but he is really bringing the other way, it's this game they're playing. At first I was like what is going on, it's so many different things. Especially like when we played Minnesota, they were bringing happy fronts and we didn't know when they were coming but they were just bluffing. As I continue to play knowing that they are just showing stuff to get me to check out of things and stuff like that. As long as we use my cadence and I use the clock in my favor and it will work out.

RE: You take a knee at the end, did anyone have fun with that?

Oh everybody did, but you know I did that, it's my fault.

RE: Winning two in a row

It feels great. I come from a winning program, come from a winning background. Of course the more you win the better it feels, and the more you want to win, go out there and compete every play, every team we play. Of course we would like to win the rest of the season but every game, one game at a time. It's another opportunity for us to continue to come together as a team, all three phases of the game and continue to work hard to continue.

Running Back Derrius Guice

Washington Redskins

RE: Overall game feel

It feels good. I had to overcome a lot in the last year and a half. It felt great to just get out there and get going with (Adrian Peterson), the offense and the whole team. I just felt a lot of energy today. We really finished it off. The defense stepped up. The special teams did great. The offense really stepped it up and did great because when Bill became head coach he wanted to run the ball and I feel like today we really did that on a whole different level.

RE: Confidence builder?

It doesn't. I've always had confidence, just had bad luck and couldn't really show it. It's always been there though.

RE: Excitement of back-to-back wins

We've just got to keep going. We actually all are just getting in rhythm. We all are getting that chemistry together. We are all playing as a team and it's showing. Less penalties. We are all coming together. We eliminated the mental errors.

RE: On finally working with Adrian Peterson

I was telling him that earlier. They finally got to see the two-headed monster. These are the days I have been waiting on since they called him when I tore my ACL.

***Running back Adrian Peterson
Washington Redskins***

RE: Today's rushing attack

Coach [Callahan] and coach [O'Connell] talked about it. 'Hey, we want to establish the run game and be physical.' The offensive line did a great job. Tight ends, receivers, they all did an amazing job. When you come to the sideline and you hear the receiver 'hey, you got to trust me I got my block,' you know you're going to have a big day. The young guy, [Derrius] Guice, he came in and gave us a spark we needed. He had an incredible run and was picking up some big chunks. It was good in all phases.

RE: Today's production by committee

It seems like we found the right recipe. Me and [Derrius] Guice just talked throughout the game like, 'hey when you're in there you do your thing.' We have a signal if we need each other to come in, and if not we will just let that guy spin. Especially if he has a roll going. It felt good. I felt like as a collective group with the fullback, CT [Chris Thompson], we all did a good job.

***Linebacker Montez Sweat
Washington Redskins***

RE: Defensive performance against the Panther rushing attack

That's just a credit to the guys we have on this side of the ball and the defense. That was the main point and the main thing we were focused on during the week. Just stopping Christian [McCaffrey].

RE: Late game defensive stand

It was definitely a shocker, but that excites us. We excel in those moments and we love to do that.

RE: Team's feeling following today's victory

It feels great to get a win. Just to build confidence and keep rolling moving forward.