



Washington Commanders Head Coach Ron Rivera

On what went wrong with the offense today:

“Well, I just think we got to get better. We missed some opportunities to give him more the time when he had some guys open, but we didn’t have time and that’s unfortunate, but also again, so I’ll tell you guys, we look at it, we’ll see whether or not we gave them the opportunity to succeed with what we’re calling.”

On what he thought about the second half:

“Well we had some opportunities, but we missed opportunities. So, you know, we got a chance to make plays, we got to make those plays. That way we keep the ball going, keep the chains going. And we can’t get into third long, because those are really hard to convert.”

On allowing explosive plays:

“I thought we reacted pretty well. We handled it pretty well to a point in the second quarter. And you know, there’s a little bit of lacking complimentary football when one side playing well, the other side’s got to step up well too. And it goes for all three phases.”

On how challenging it was missing CB William Jackson III:

“It was challenging, but you know, here’s an opportunity to have some young guys step up and play. You know, it was good to see young guys get good opportunities. I thought [CB] Benjamin St-Juste lowered his neck and made some plays and did some things. He allowed a couple of plays but he’s been working at nickel for the most part. Now he gets an opportunity to get outside and shows us some really positive things.”

On if the offensive line or QB Carson Wentz are responsible for giving up nine sacks:

“Probably a combination. Want to take a look at the tape, see what they were doing, you know, defensively and just go from there.”

On his message to players postgame:

“Learn from this, learn from this, and now start focusing on getting ready for next week more so than anything else.”

On where he feels the team is in the division:

“I think it it’s right where it needs to be. As far as I’m concerned, we still got 14 games left. We’re one and two. I mean, it’s an early part of the season, got a young group of guys are getting opportunities to play, learn, and grow and develop as a unit. So, I do think this is a chance for us to continue to grow and get better. We are playing an awful amount of young guys out there, the only way to get better is through experience. We’ll take a few lumps right now. We’ll start giving them out pretty soon too.”

On if he could tell in the game how much Philadelphia had an effect on QB Carson Wentz:

“I don’t think so. I think they did some things that we should been able to handle and we didn’t, and that’s really what came down to.”

On if he feels like the team paid attention to detail:

"I thought we did some good things early on. Like I said up until about in the end of the second quarter, we struggled a little bit. And that was disappointing because the defense came out and did a couple of really good things. Held the fourth down in the redzone and kept them from scoring, that's a big deal."

On QB Carson Wentz performance:

"I think he could have played better. I mean that's the truth."

On points of emphasis for QB Carson Wentz:

"When we get an opportunity to go through it with a fine-toothed comb we'll give points to him."

On reports that the Commanders were looking to trade for QB Jimmy Garoppolo previously:

"You guys that was a bull crap report just so everybody understands that. Okay. I didn't talk to anybody about that. I'm not sure where that all came from. I'm disappointed that came out like that, especially in today's game, you know, I really am because I didn't talk to anybody about, about Jimmy Garoppolo. The timing is what really upsets me."

On the play he attempted to challenge:

"Well I needed to throw it sooner that's the truth of the matter. You know we couldn't really get a clear look. We're hoping to get a review look and then eventually I just said screw it I gotta throw it, but then it was little late so that's on me. I still don't know whether he was in or out. I asked the referee for their definition. They told me he had one foot down the other foot he dragged. From my vantage point, I thought he got his shin down when he was going out of bounds so shin body part equals two feet."

On how to prevent sacks with QB Carson Wentz:

"There's 10 other guys on the field. We got to make sure we're protecting, we're running the routes in a timely fashion. There's eleven guys on the other side we've got to deal with as well. When we get an opportunity to look at everything and see the final points. I know [Offensive Coordinator] Scott [Turner], I know [Quarterback Coach] Ken [Zampese] will get those things across there."

On if he feels there needs to be more of an effort to get WR Terry McLaurin the ball:

"I think again when you have a talent like that yeah, we probably try need to get the ball to him a little bit more. I do know though, a lot of it has to do with what happened in the first half."

On how frustrating it is to be 1-2:

"I'm not too frustrated about it because as I said earlier, I believe we got 14 games left. We have plenty of time. We will run out of time if we don't fix the things that are wrong."

On the challenge of jumpstarting all three phases:

"First I think the biggest thing is, and again, I say this, we just got to make sure we're getting ourselves in position to make plays and then go make em. We gotta make sure we are putting them in those positions. So we'll see how it goes. Again we'll look at the tape we'll break the tape down. We'll talk about what happened and we'll talk about how we can be better."

On the challenge of having missing pieces in the offensive line:

"It's been a bit of a challenge, but you know, they'll continue to work. They'll continue to work at it. They'll get better at it and I believe they'll come together and you know, again, I'm an optimist."

On if the Eagles defense did anything that got to QB Carson Wentz:

“Well you can't get yourself in third and longs very long. I mean when they can just pin their ears back and go, you know, that's hard. That's very hard on the offensive line. It's very hard on the quarterback.”

On having young players opposed to veterans on the roster:

“You'd like to have some continuity is what you would really like to have. And then if you don't, you know, then you guys got to look at who fits into what you're doing. And so for us we got an opportunity to build some young players, give them an opportunity to get out there on the football field. We got a good young group of wide receivers that we like as we have some tight ends that got to continue, grow and develop. Pretty good running back, happy with that group of guys. Then you look on the defensive side and you say the same thing. We have DB's that are rotating in and out a lot and some defensive lineman and a couple of young linebackers. But again, we got to play better and that's the key. We've gotta coach him up, they gotta continue to work and just keep getting better.”

On if he considered a QB change:

“No.”

On his frustration with the timing of the QB Jimmy Garoppolo report:

“Yeah, we're getting ready to play Philadelphia, c'mon that's what I'm disappointed in I really am. Because again I think whatever it is for whatever reason does it really have to get out or can they wait until we finish our game and then come out. I'm just disappointed it got out.”