

#### Rams CB Troy Hill - Media Availability - August 26, 2020

## (His thoughts on NBA players boycotting in the wake of the shooting of Jacob Blake)

"I think that's big for what's going on in the world today. With everything that's happening and the way they just keep killing us. I think that's a big thing. I think it's real special that they was able to unite as a collective group and all decide together that they was going to boycott today. So, I think that was a good thing, a good stance. I know we need a lot more that's going to happen in order to make some changes."

### (On if the team talked about doing something similar to what the Detroit Lions did)

"It's been small talks, for sure. We got to figure that out, it's still fresh. You don't want to just do the same thing that other people do, you want to stand up and make a change. So, it's going to take some thought behind our actions. They brought up the topic today, so I think that's a move in the right direction, for sure."

# (On how his training camp has gone so far and his thoughts on the defense under Defensive Coordinator Brandon Staley)

"I think we got the chances to be a special unit. It might surprise a lot of people, but I don't think we are going to surprise ourselves with what we can accomplish. So, I think for me, I'm taking it one day at a time and just trying to make sure I peak at the right time and staying consistent in everything that I do. I feel like that's what the whole defense is doing. They're staying consistent with what we got going on. I feel like we are all having fun and It's going to be special. I think we got a chance to be special on defense."

# (On what it's like having the chance to experience Staley's energy and approach on the field versus over Zoom calls)

"Still got that same energy, still all about ball, all about football. Kind of the same way (Head Coach Sean) McVay is. They always say, 'You can never get tired of talking about football' and that just goes to show his mindset and his thought process into these things that we talk about on the field. I think he's a good 'DC' and I think you all going to like him a lot."

#### (On his thoughts on rookies in the secondary)

"They're asked a lot to what they're doing, but I think they coming alone great, making a lot of plays, flying around. So, I think they're coming around and they going to be special players for this organization. So, I like them."

#### (His first impression on the SoFi Stadium)

"Beautiful. State of the art. Probably one of the best ones I've been in. I wish we could have fans in there, but we'll see. But it's beautiful."

## (On what the locker room looks like)

"That was a little different, because we had, you know, with the COVID and everything that's going on and these taking these safety precautions. Usually, we'll have the lockers and you'll be able to see the person next to you, but now it's kind of like they got a shield or something. I guess so you can't look left or right and see the other players. Kind of social distancing type of thing. But, locker room, state of the art. So, I love it there. I'm not going to lie, I love it, I feel like I was at home."

(On his expectations of the team after all the changes during the offseason)

"We're taking it one day at a time. That's one thing that I learned throughout college, you got to win today, and you got to take it one day at a time. I also learned that a lot of people will count you out in this life, but when you step up and you show them something else, they become believers. That's the kind of mindset we got to take. We just got to keep grinding one day at a time."

(On how much he loves playing the slot and if he has a preference between the slot or outside) "I don't have a preference, because I think I'm a football player. I want to play football at the end of the day. Corner was kind of what I always did my whole life, so for the slot, it's a lot of learning that I'm doing, but I'm going against probably the best slot receiver out there in (WR) Cooper Kupp, so I'm just crafting every day. I'm enjoying this, I'm having fun with it and I love the process."

### (On what it's like to play with CB Jalen Ramsey and what does he bring to the group)

"(CB) Jalen (Ramsey) going to bring that energy every time. Jalen bringing that energy and he lock down. So, at the end of the day you can't be the weak link out there. So, I feel like we all sharpen each other. In a way he like leading it, he got the name. He definitely out there strapping everything, so he's leading that charge. But I feel like we got a secondary from top to bottom who come out there and we all forming together. I feel like he's leading the charge and he's bringing that energy and that spark, but I feel like it's a collective group right now. We working as a collective group and we trying to get things done as a collective group right now. He a big part of that stuff too, and the things we do he play a big part. Valuable, very valuable part."

## (On the social justice movement and what we can all do)

"We all affected by it and I would hope that you all put your input into it too and use your words too. It's not right regardless of however we look at it. If something was to happen to you all's family members like that and something was to happen to my family members like that, we'd all be devastated. So, I feel like we all got to come on here and speak our piece and if we going to unite we got to unite. So, I think that's big."

## (On what he would like to see more teams do and the Rams in this situation)

"I don't really have the answers right now. I don't want to just come on here and just speak on some things. But, like we're having these conversations, these uncomfortable conversations, the next step is maybe try to come together and figure this out together. Together unite and we'll be strong, but until then, we got to keep on taking these steps day-by-day and when we come with that solution, we got to all buy in to it. That's kind of my mindset about it and that's what I think we need."

## (His thoughts on the Milwaukee Bucks boycotting tonight's game)

"I think that was big the way that they came together and unified. They all got on the same plan and their organizations stuck behind them. They went alone with it and they were ready to accept every consequence that came with it and I feel like that was a big step. That shows that they are powerful and they know that too. It's harder when it's just one person trying to fix something, but when you're uniting as a whole organization then that just brings a much more power, because now you got everybody all in and using their voices. So, I think that was powerful and I think that's a big step in the right direction. I hope people see that, see what's really going on."