



Rams OLB Leonard Floyd – Media Availability – September 1, 2020

(On how practice is going)

"It was pretty good, getting out there, getting some good looks from going against the No. 1 offense. Had fun out there."

(On what he thinks he brings to the defense)

"I think I bring versatility – a guy that can do it all, anything the defense needs me to do – set the edge in the run, rush the passer and help out in coverage."

(On what it's like working with DL Aaron Donald)

"It's been fun, man. It's been exciting just lining up across from him and just getting a feel on how he rushes and how I can complement him with my rush."

(On any surprises being on the field with Donald)

"He's the real deal and he shows it every day at practice. I can't name a play where he took one off, he's always going hard."

(On if it's the same defensive system he ran in Chicago specific to the OLB)

"Yes sir, it's familiar other than the language. We've got different language as far as the calls and stuff we make."

(On how he feels about a leadership role and teaching younger players)

"I'm embracing it. Trying to teach them and show them some of the things that I've learned and some of the things we can do things better at."

(On if he had any leaders when he first came in the league)

"When I got to the league, I can in with a room full of veterans – I had veterans like (Ravens OLB) Pernell McPhee, (former Bears OLB) Willie Young, (former OLB) Sam Acho and yeah they took me under their wing and showed me a lot of things."

(On joining a new team and how he went about establishing himself)

"I'm taking it one day at a time and just let whatever happens, happen. I'm going to be able to help the team win and I'm going to do whatever I can to make that happen."

(On how it is playing with OLBs Samson Ebukam and Terrell Lewis)

"It's been great, man. They're both good guys. They know their stuff, both of them study hard. They go out and execute."

(On his confidence level in the OLBs getting sacks this year)

"I'm very confident. We're just going to take it one game at a time and execute our game plan for that week and see where it goes from there."

(On what it's like working with Defensive Coordinator Brandon Staley and what he learned from working with him in Chicago)

"It's awesome being back up under his tutelage. He's a guy that brings energy, he's a motivator. He brings it every day, no matter what we're going through. It gives guys the drive to go out and practice hard and work hard for the team."

(On if he noticed anything about OLB Terrell Lewis' size the first time he saw him in person)

"I actually worked out with (OLB) Terrell (Lewis) over the offseason. I had a good idea of his size. He's a big rookie. I'm looking forward to him going out there and making plays."

(On his favorite pass rushing moves and also what Ebukam's strengths as a pass rusher are)

"I can't give you all my information (laughs). All the offensive linemen be studying everything. I can't give you that answer, I'm sorry."

(On if he thinks he and Ebukam complement each other)

"Oh yeah, I definitely do. But time will tell as soon as we get in these real, live game situations how it all works out."

(On S John Johnson III saying that defensively the Rams have better personnel than Staley has previously had)

"Yeah, that shows how confident he feels about the defense. You've just got to take it one game at a time and not look too far ahead and go out and execute at a high level."

(On if he's confident the Rams can be a top-10 defense)

"I'm very confident, I'm very confident with that. Very confident."

(On Head Coach Sean McVay talking about Floyd's stats in Chicago not reflecting his productivity)

"Basically, it's a lot of times where I was close. I've been very close to making that play, or extra play for the team. It's just as simple as that. I've been close and I feel like here in L.A., I want to get there."

(On why he wants to get there more than in the past)

"Different team, different players on the defense with me. Also, got to have faith. I believe here in L.A., I'm going to get there."