



DETROIT LIONS VS. CLEVELAND BROWNS

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POST-GAME QUOTES

LIONS HEAD COACH DAN CAMPBELL POST-GAME QUOTE SHEET

Opening Statement: “Okay, I’m going to start with this. We said going into this game our defense was going to have to set the tone and special teams. And offensively, man, we’ll be smart, we’ll find our spots, and really for the most part that’s the way the day went. I thought our defense set the tone for the day, those three takeaways, (Lions WR Kalif Raymond) Leaf on the punt return. And offensively we were able to turn those three takeaways into 17 points, which was huge. Look, in the grand scheme of things, coming off of a big win on Monday night, short week, come out, find a way to close that out and play really good defense. I was proud of the guys for that. Is there a lot to clean up? Yes there is. There’s a ton, particularly offensively. We know there’s things we can do better, but that’s also a good club over there. So, good win, proud of the guys for being ready to go, locked in, and now that’s win number three. On to the next one.”

On if he feels like he has to worry about the team being mentally prepared after such a big win last week: “No, I mean, look, you’re always going to say you better guard for it. And I mentioned this, Coach Parcells used to put the mouse traps up everywhere. You’d come in and the next day if he thought it was one of those games then there’d be thousands of them hanging from the ceiling. But I don’t feel like we need to do that. We’ve been fortunate here that most of our guys are home grown and we got them when they were young, and they know – they know. They know what the standards are, they set the tone for everyone else in the building, and certainly the guys that have been here a long time like (Lions T Taylor) Decker and those veterans. And so we’re fortunate that way. And it doesn’t take much, you just tell them what’s on your mind and they already know what’s up. So, we’ve done a good job in that regard, our guys snap back, and that’s not always the easiest thing to do. But the standards are the standards. The identity is the identity. It doesn’t change for anybody.”

On what Lions WR Kalif Raymond means to the team and his thoughts on Raymond’s punt return touchdown: “Man, I don’t know if I can say enough great things about Leaf. He’s such a stud. I mean, the guy, look, we came in Wednesday and, you know, (Lions Special Teams Coordinator Dave) Fipp and I were talking. And Fipp says I think we need to, you know, let him cut it loose. Tell him to cut it loose a little bit on some of these punt returns. It’s always a feel thing, right? And a lot of those you’re inside the 10. At what point do you let it go? At what point do you see if you can get one return, fair catch? And we

said, 'Hey we're going to get these blocked up, Leaf, go after it.' And man, he was aggressive. He was aggressive. And he took that to heart, he trusted our guys, and he was fearless the whole game. I mean, all I think anybody saw was that return. He was fearless the whole game, and we had some guys, we were this close, man. We missed a couple of blocks early, but we really did a good job on that one return, and a lot of it was him too. The way he hit it and broke through there, but I mean the guy just said, 'Ok, you want one? I'll give you one, here we go.' And it takes, to do some of those, that he did, and to take those returns without fair catching when somebody's coming, full speed, and they're about five yards from you, and to trust the fact, 'I'm going to be able to get this fielded, and stick my foot in the ground and go,' it's just – you've got to be wired different. And that's this guy. He is. So, everybody loves Leaf. He's a pro, he helps us on offense, he helps us on (special) teams, he helps the young guys, he's a great teammate, and he's just, he's a stud."

On if he thinks the offense has reached or exceeded the level they were playing at last year: "Well, I don't know if we can say what that is or isn't yet. Have we exceeded, or where are we at? Look, that's good that we were able to turn those takeaways into points, because that's really where they came from to start, and that takes – you have to finish those drives out. We did that. Alright, that's good. But ultimately, we left a lot out there. And that is a good defense. I said that from the get-go. We knew it was going to be. But man, when you have false starts, when you have holding, you have illegal formations, man, that's got nothing to do with them. That's on us. And those are the ones that really just kind of eat at you a little bit, like, man, we got into a ton of these third and longs because we have penalties, or something. We have a negative play, we shouldn't have a negative play. Those are the things, you just want to feel like you're playing cleaner than that. I know we can play cleaner than that offensively. But I also know that that's a good defense and we put up 34. And in the grand scheme of things, man, you better be careful grading wins. That's a win, that's a good defense, we got number three, and now it's on to the next one."

On Lions EDGE Aidan Hutchinson's performance today: "Yeah, just another big performance by him today. What everybody sees, the quarterback hits, the sacks, the takeaway there, all big things that are right in front of your face. But the guy plays the run too. And those are the things that, I know for me I take the most pride in watching. He can do all of that stuff that gets you all the glory, but he does all the dirty work, man. He plays with his hair on fire, he doesn't take plays off, he's relentless, he's aggressive, he's violent, he's smart, he's disciplined, and it's just good to see him back playing at a high level. It's good to have him back, period. My gosh, man, we were – we missed him last year."

On his comments about the team being a chameleon and if that was the case today: "Well, I just think, you play to what you think your strength is going to be for that game, and I felt like our defense could set the tone for this game, and we were going to play that way and see if they could earn it over there, and play off of it. And feel our way out here a little bit offensively, and we did that. And special teams is going to need the help too. So, I thought that what we went in, the style in which we played and what we – how we wanted to play, I thought we did that. And it did help us win that game. I just think we can be cleaner, that's all."

On injuries to Lions CB Terrion Arnold and Lions CB D.J. Reed's injuries on today's game: "Well, I told (Lions Executive Vice President and General Manager Brad Holmes) Brad, the good news is we have seven days until the next game instead of six, that's the good news. I don't – you know we all saw Reed's, I don't know how – I don't know what that's going to be or how long, I mean certainly I cannot imagine him playing next week, at a minimum, until we get more tests done. And I don't think T.A. is a

major thing. Now, I don't know – there again, I don't know about him next week, but it's certainly not as significant as what, you know, as what Reed had."

On the consistency of Lions QB Jared Goff and WR Amon-Ra St. Brown and the security they provide in a game like this: "Yeah, now, let me say this. Well, yeah. That will always be a security blanket, man. Those two guys, the – what they've got, the rapport they have, the connection they have, it's special. And so that, you know having that always is going to make you feel more secure, make you feel better. And I'll say this man, the last touchdown that we had there, once again, J.G. got us into the perfect call. That was all him, and it's something that he -- you watch tape, and you see what they do, and you can feel it, and he changed everything. He changed the protection, changed the play call, and he got us into the perfect freaking play. Man, that's all him, and that's what we talk about. He recognized it, and communicated it, and then those guys executed. It's just – I couldn't – that's the thing, when you see stuff like that, that's like next level, and that's where our quarterback's at right now. And I don't know if everybody sees those things, but man that's a game changer for us on offense."

On the offensive line allowing zero sacks today: "Yeah, well, look we always feel better knowing the two tackles that we have, when we go against some of these really good rushers. That always gives us more hope than probably some teams do, because we feel like our two tackles, man, that's where they can really excel. We also knew we needed to use some resources over there. (Browns DE) Myles Garrett is a hell of a player, I think (Browns DT) Maliek Collins is an outstanding player. But it says a lot, because I thought those guys did a heck of a job, and I thought (Lions QB Jared) Goff did a really good job in the pocket. He really stepped up and maneuvered on a lot of these too, so I thought they all kind of worked hand in hand, our receivers I thought tried to play fast and get open early, so all of that plays into it."

LIONS QB JARED GOFF POST-GAME QUOTE SHEET

On Lions WR Amon-Ra St. Brown's performance: "He's playing well. Would've loved to get him more involved a little bit today, but just the way the game worked. Yeah, had those two touchdowns – the second one he really had to work for, the first one was kind of a freebie and him and I will both take those."

On if this was a great example of a complementary win: "Sure, I think (Lions Head Coach) Dan (Campbell) said it great after the game. Good, yeah we are going to be happy, but we can be so much better, certainly offensively. The defense played outstanding, right? That is a good defense and they do present a lot of problems. If you take away (Lions WR) Kalif (Raymond)'s punt return, we scored 27 points. That's not like I'm saying that's good enough because today there were a lot of little things that could've been better. It's still a winning performance and enough to get the W. I'm proud of our guys for fighting through some of that little adversity early on."

On the lack of connection with Lions WR Jameson Williams today: "I think we would love to go to him as much as possible – he's as good of a player as there is in this League. I don't think it was that this game was something different. He was open on some of them, he was covered on some of them. I made a really poor decision on the interception that had nothing to do with getting him the ball. I saw it poorly and got pretty reckless there – one I'd like back. I thought Jamo did fine. He had a couple drops there – he's so steady-eddy throughout the week now. I've got no reservations with him at all. He's as good as they get in our League, he can score from anywhere and going to keep believing in him no matter what. And like you said I missed him on a handful too. I know he really had the one drop, but I did miss him on quite a few."

On the offensive line not allowing Browns DE Myles Garrett to get a sack: "He's as good as they get. He's a Hall of Fame player and we've got two really good tackles, though. I thought (Lions T Taylor Decker) Deck and (Lions T) Penei (Sewell) – he lined up on the left a lot more so Deck had to deal with him a lot more, but they were both incredible. They both played really well and that dude is a handful. We had a plan for him, but for a lot of the time they were on their own with him and I thought they handled it well. The rest of their D-line is really good, too. I thought our interior protected really well. Again, zero sacks, we didn't have any."

On if today's performance answers critics' questions: "Don't care. If anyone has questions, keep them coming. We don't care."

On changing the play at the line on the second touchdown: "Yeah, it's a pressure they have that they brought before. I recognized it and checked it – rewind to the previous series, I made a check that put (Lions TE Sam) LaPorta on (Browns DE) Myles (Garrett) which is really ill-advised, which is on me and why he was able to hit me as the ball came out. That wasn't what we wanted to do, so we get a similar look on the next drive and (Lions WR Amon-Ra St. Brown) Saint scored."

On how nice it is to have a good offensive line: "It's huge. We have two first-round tackles who are studs and at the top of the League at their position and being able to – obviously have a plan for a guy like (Browns DE) Myles (Garrett) or any of their other defensive linemen is important and we had a plan. Being able to leave those guys on an island – you have to."

On what Lions WR Kalif Raymond means to the franchise: “He’s amazing. He’s one of those heartbeat guys for us – kind of does everything right, every day. He’s a great guy to be around, is a mentor and a role model for a lot of these guys. I love having him as a teammate, he’s incredible, he breathes life into people. It’s fun seeing him succeed like that and have those moments but it’s not surprising, he’s a stud and I hope he keeps doing it.”

LIONS EDGE AIDAN HUTCHINSON POST-GAME QUOTE SHEET

On how fun the game was today: “Great, yeah today was one of those days that – you’re just having fun out there. Getting after the quarterback, playing good defensively. Like I said, marrying good rush with good coverage. A lot of good things happened. So that’s kind of what today was.”

On the overall performance today from the defense: “Yeah, I think we got it – just got to be better on those first drives of the game. I think that’s our fourth game in a row letting up a touchdown on the first drive. That’s just – got to clean that up. But, I’m happy with how we played. It’s just got to come out faster and whatever way – I don’t know how you do that. But, just got to be a little bit better in that scenario. But, I thought we played the run pretty well. (Browns RB Quinshon) Judkins was – he’s good after contact. He was bouncing off some tackles, but I’m overall happy with what we did.”

On the pride taken from defending the run: “Yeah, it’s just – it’s how we do it here in Detroit. We put a big emphasis on you stop the run and you earn the right to rush the passer. That’s kind of the philosophy. Had a lot of opportunities today too – missed a couple tackles. But I think overall we did pretty good in the run.”

On the identity of the defense: “Yeah, I think we’re super complementary and that’s ultimately what you want. When our offense isn’t doing great, we pick them up and when we’re not doing great, our offense picks us up. I think that’s the difference between the good and the not-so-good teams.”

On how the team is always ready for the next game: “Yeah, I think it’s just the identity of the players. I think we want to go out there and compete every time. That’s just what we do.”

On having forced fumbles two games in a row: “Man, wish I had that second one. No – but it’s fun. It’s always good when you’re getting the ball out. That’s what you want in a defense.”

LIONS WR KALIF RAYMOND POST-GAME QUOTE SHEET

On the importance of defense and special teams clicking when the offense could not produce immediately: “Huge. I mean, this game’s about all phases complementing each other, so to be able to do that, get one when we need one and kind of just seal it and give a little bit of breathing room is huge.”

On how the team is able to dig deep and find ways to win games: “I mean, it’s huge. Take away a lot of the self-inflicting wounds, and the more power also to make sure we’re doing what we’re supposed to do outside of building – studying and all that stuff like that – and we’ll be alright.”

On getting through the stretch of four games with a 3-1 record: “It feels good. Obviously, just keep chopping at it. Just keep chopping at the tree, carrying water, and eventually the works shows up, and it’s starting to show up.”

On giving the ball to his wife in the end zone on his punt return for a touchdown: “No, it was cool, man. We’ve always kind of wanted to have a moment to ourselves and as soon as I was out I was like, ‘Where’s my wife? Where is she?’ But all I see is her, and she’s got a bun in the oven right now so to see them too, I was in one place at that time. I just texted her like, ‘Hey, all three of us were there for that moment.’”

On if he gets a bigger rush when catching a ball for a touchdown or taking a punt return to the end zone: “A touchdown is a touchdown, but getting a punt return is huge because there’s so much work that goes into it. So mentally, physically, and emotionally I was excited.”

BROWNS HEAD COACH KEVIN STEFANSKI POST-GAME QUOTE SHEET

Opening Statement: “OK, obviously didn’t do the things necessary to beat a good team on the road and that’s the frustrating part for me, for our players and everybody. It’s tough. Injuries wise – (Browns WR Cedric) Ced (Tillman) has a hamstring injury, (Browns WR) DeAndre Carter has a knee injury. I’ll have more information over the next couple of days. Can’t do those things and expect to be a good team on the road.”

On the overall outcome of the game: “Yeah it’s just – it’s frustrating because we know you can’t do those things and expect to win on the road. So we – me, I’ve got to get it fixed.”

On how responsible Browns QB Joe Flacco was for the turnovers today: “Yeah, we all share in those things. We all own it and we all have to be better.”

On the interception play that was intended for Browns WR Jerry Jeudy: “Yeah, hard. I didn’t have a good look at it.”

On if Browns QB Joe Flacco will continue as the starter moving forward: “Yeah, obviously when we struggle like we did on offense – obviously, I understand the question, but that’s not our focus.”

On why he is not considering changing the starting quarterback: “Again, respectfully, we didn’t do enough on offense.”

On if Browns QB Joe Flacco did not get the help he needed from the rest of the offense today: “Again, I think it goes back to the original part of this where we own this all together. To have success on any side of the ball, you have to play as one and you have to play together. We had too many things that caused us not to have success.”

On Browns T Cornelius Lucas going one-on-one with Lions EDGE Aidan Hutchinson today: “Yeah, he’s a very good player. Obviously we had a plan, but we need to do better.”

On if there are many dropped passes happening in practice: “No, it’s not happening in practice. It’s – listen it’s part of being good in the pass game is having precision. That includes everything and everything you do, and we obviously have to clean that up.”

On the inconsistency of special teams: “Yeah, we just – we have to be better. We have to be better in a lot of areas and certainly we can’t allow a punt return for a touchdown. That’s really frustrating, that’s not what we’re coaching, that’s certainly not how we’re trying to cover and the techniques we’re using. So, that should not happen. Again, give them credit, but we have to do a better job.”

On the overall performance of Browns QB Joe Flacco today: “Yeah, obviously we didn’t do a good enough job – anybody when you don’t score points. So that’s – no one did a good job, including myself.”

On how tough it is to have two backups out on the offensive line: “Yeah, that’s part of it. We expect our guys that are out there to perform. We’ve got to make sure we put them in a position to succeed.”

On if their quarterback decisions are impacted by traveling to play the Vikings in London next week:

“Yeah, I think for me, I’m just focused on this game right now. I can’t – got to look at the tape of this one first.”

On if he believes that Browns QB Joe Flacco is giving Cleveland the best chance to win: “Yeah, again, it’s never going to be about one person, it’s just not. We’re not doing a good enough job. I’ll put myself in there as well. We have to be better.”

On what he saw from the defense today: “Yeah, again, put them in some really tough spots there, after turnovers. Outside of those, I thought they competed – outside of those scores, which was putting them at a disadvantage where the ball is. I thought we competed like crazy. We made enough plays. We just have to come through as a football team.”

On the performance of Browns RB Quinshon Judkins today: “Yeah, I think he continues to get better weekly. I think every time he gets a new gameplan and a new understanding of what we’re doing and some different runs and those type of things, I just think he’s going to keep getting better.”

On if the intention was to get Browns RB Quinshon Judkins a lot of carries today: “Yeah, I think that’s – every team kind of goes into it trying to make sure that they’re having success on the ground and through the air. So, that’ll be really it, but each game for us.”

On what changed after the opening drive: “Yeah, just we didn’t do a good enough job, coach and players.”

On if the mistakes that happened today are correctable: “Yeah, I mean that’s where we are as a football team. We’re frustrated, but bottom line is we’ll put together a plan this week and find a way.”

BROWNS QB JOE FLACCO POST-GAME QUOTE SHEET

On how frustrating it was to not be able to maintain the productive start the offense had: “Well, I think any time you play like that, it’s frustrating. So yeah, pretty frustrating.”

On the offensive struggles today: “Well, we made mistakes. The first pick was on me, and anytime you give a chance to give this team a little bit of momentum and play from the lead, that makes them that much better. That’s part of the reason why they’re a good football team. So, when you turn the ball over like that and you give them good position and you don’t really allow our defense to pin their ears back and do their thing, then you’re going to struggle as a whole. I don’t know about that second one. I really didn’t - you know that set them up too. I really didn’t think that they came up with that, but in the box score, they did, and it hurt us.”

On why the first interception was on him: “Yeah, I thought he was going. I was in the wrong, not him.”

On being the second-most hit quarterback coming into today: “I feel good. That’s part of the game. It’s tough to come out of a football game and complain about things like that. Like everybody that we have on our team right now is battling, and the guys up front are battling. And it’s part of playing tough football games is having to deal with stuff like that.”

On the mental error that caused one of the interceptions today: “Mental error. We had some verts inside, and we had press outside, and I was just kind of licking my chops to take a shot right there on third-and-8 or nine, whatever it was. And yeah, made a mistake that hurt us.”

On the offensive line struggling today: “I mean, those guys are prideful guys. So, anytime you go out there and you get beat up like we did today, a lot of guys are in the locker room right now trying to make sure they can keep their head held high, but obviously it’s a fight. It’s no different with those guys. Like I said, they’re battling out there, and they’re prideful guys. They take what they do seriously, and that goes for all of us, but doesn’t help the fact that we’re just making mistakes.”

On the two missed passes back-to-back with Browns TE Harold Fannin Jr. and Browns WR Jerry Jeudy: “I didn’t see the one I threw to Harold. I couldn’t tell you what ended up happening on that one. And the one with Jeudy, it’s just one of those things that I would’ve liked to get it out a little bit earlier, but I think (Lions EDGE) Aidan (Hutchinson) was able to get a little bit of a hand on the ball, so it took a little bit longer. And then it’s just one of those things that when you’re playing in these tough games, sometimes you don’t make those plays. I think the bigger thing is just to put ourselves in more positions to make those kinds of plays, and right now I don’t think we’re getting a ton of shots like that. And when we do, maybe we’re not executing them quite as well as we should.”

On Browns Head Coach Kevin Stefanski indicating that the Browns are going to move forward with him as the starting QB for their Week 5 game: “Listen, this is one of those things - I mean, you can’t think about it when you’re a player. I know what I signed up for. I signed up for coming in and competing for a job and then leading this team to victories. And you know that everybody’s always being evaluated in this League, and that’s no different for any position. So, it’s disappointing to go out there and play the way we did today. Other than that, I’m not really worried about all that other stuff.”

On what he thinks changed after the first drive today and if the Lions did anything different: “No, listen, I think we were able to get after their man a little bit on the first drive and obviously win some

one-on-one matchups. And then, we have to look at the film and just kind of see, obviously, some of the things that we weren't necessarily able to do just like that later in the game. I think we still got some shots down the field at times, but we just weren't able to sustain anything."