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POSTGAME TRANSCRIPTS
Los Angeles Chargers vs. Las Vegas Raiders
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LOS ANGELES CHARGERS HEAD COACH JIM HARBAUGH

On the way the team played:
"I'm not deterred. No one in that locker room is deterred. I like the way we fought and that's what it's going to take. We are going to have to find our way out of this."

On the team's performance after describing last week's play as uncharacteristic:
"The fight was there. We're losing in the margins. That's what we have to get fixed."

On why the offense was sloppy for a second consecutive week:
"The 'why' is what we're talking about. That's what we're looking to take. We'll go back to work. That's all I know how to do. That's all we know how to do. Find our way, find the way, and we'll move forward. It's a one-week league. It's the only thing I know how to do."

On how he is processing the loss:
"It's not where we want to be, but I saw it in our team. I saw the fight, saw the compete, and that's what it's going to take. Back to work."

On what gives him encouragement that the team will bounce back:
"Just what I said — the competitors, the fight. When your back is against the wall, you have to fight your way out."

On whether he is worried about the offense:
"I'm not deterred. We have things in all phases. I don't point it in one direction. This is a team that has the competitiveness. We've got the fight, we've got the guys, we've got the coaches. We just got to find our way. Find a way."

On moments when he saw the team's fight:
"There were setbacks, and the way we came out in the second half — got the stop, got the drive — we're right there."

On whether the offense's struggles fall on the coaches, players or both:
"I'm not looking in any one direction. I'm looking at it all. We're already talking about it. We will talk about it, and it's back to work as soon as I walk off this podium."

On whether he is surprised by how much work the team has to do:
"There's always work to do. We didn't make the jump that we wanted from Week One to Week Two in some of those margins and in some of those areas, but that's all we can do. That's all we know how to do."

On how the team recalibrates:
"Back to work."

On the challenge of facing an undefeated team on the road:
"Back to work. Great days and challenges ahead. As I said, I'm not deterred and we'll move forward."

On what he means by 'back to work':
"Back to work in finding the way, finding our way. There's no doubt it's in the margins. That's where this game was not won, and that's where we have to be better."

On WR Ladd McConkey's performance while playing through a rib injury:
"Just a warrior. A warrior effort. That's who he is."

On correcting mistakes such as mishandled handoffs and fumbled snaps:
"We go back and look at it, talk about it. We look at the best way to fix that. We have that margin of error that has to be better. It has to be fixed. We do that as a team."

On an injury update for TE David Njoku:
"No. There are quite a few that were reported, and that's all the information that I have. It's been reported."

On whether G Cole Strange was injured:
"Yeah, he was in being evaluated."

LOS ANGELES CHARGERS QUARTERBACK JUSTIN HERBERT

On his level of frustration:
"We just have to be better; this is not good enough and you can't expect to win games like that while playing like that. So, we have to be better."

On how you fix some of the mistakes:
"It's just executing at a high level we know we can. We are just playing uncharacteristically, so for us to go execute and make those plays that we need to."

On why it's uncharacteristic the way the team has been playing:
"That's not up to our standard."

On if everyone on practice is on the same page as an offense:
"Yeah, for sure. That's our standard, and if we are not playing to our standard it's on us to fix that."

On what happened on the third down when the ball was snapped to WR Tre' Harris:
"Yeah, play clock was running low and I sent the motion, I tried to get the ball snapped and it hit [WR] Tre' [Harris]."

On if it's frustrating playing a game like this:
"Yeah, it's just on us to be better. To know what we are capable of, doing our job, and making sure we are putting our best product out there."

On how long it takes to get comfortable with new offensive coordinators:
"We go out there and play our best. It wasn't good enough today; there was no time for us to be patient with how we were playing. It's not good enough, so we have to be better."

On his frustration with the play involving WR Tre' Harris:
"I think it was because it was a big play for us and we didn't execute. That's something I can do a better job at."

On what Offensive Coordinator Mike McDaniel has to say to the team:
"I haven't been able to speak with him after."

On what he expects to hear tomorrow or Tuesday:
"Basically, what I told you guys, that it's not good enough and we got to fix it."

On if there is any anger among the team:
"No, I don't think so. I think it's not good enough, and there's a group full of grown men that can handle their job and will do everything they can to fix it. We are going to stick together, it's tough no one wants to lose two games, but there's nothing we can do about it now. We got to get better and fix it."

On characterizing the feeling after this start:
"I think it's just going out there and making sure we have a game next week, and we got to be at our best for that game because they are a very good team. Theres nothing we can do to change the past two weeks, so it's on us to fix our stuff and make sure we are ready to go for next week."

LAS VEGAS HEAD COACH KLINT KUBIAK

Opening Statement:
"I just want to give a shoutout to the silver and black, our fans were excellent tonight. They really gave us a push all game, especially in the fourth quarter. Injury wise, no.31 [S, Treydan Stukes] has a concussion. I'm just really proud of our team for finishing the game, we didn't start out great, but we had guys stepping up. Guys like [CB] Zeke [Hezekiah Masses] in his first start. Guys like [WR] Cody [White], catching two touchdowns. Really proud of the effort and we're ready to move on to next week."

On creating explosive plays:
"I just want to give credit to our players, they have a really good defense. Our quarterback [Kirk Cousins] did a really good job of pushing the ball down the field. Our playmakers, like [WR] Tre [Tucker] made some really big plays. Again, it's something you're always trying to do every weekend. Sometimes it's there and sometimes it's not, but overall I like the fight. Whether it was an explosive play or a two-yard run, it doesn't matter."

On the defense bouncing back after the 12-man on the field penalty:
"Short memory, that's what we preach all the time. It's unacceptable what happened before the fumble and we have to get that junk fixed."

On elevating WR Cody White to the 53-man roster:
"He's just the same guy that I knew last year. I'm really proud of him and that can be said about a lot of players. When his number's called, he's making the plays and obviously makes us have to make decisions."

On having a veteran quarterback lead the offense:
"He's been phenomenal with the operations and leadership. I can't say enough great things about no.8 [QB, Kirk Cousins]."

On how the passing game improved today:
"Our players made plays, that was it. If you don't push the ball down the field or make explosive plays, you won't win games, usually. Again, you call shots and if they're there, you hit them and if they're not, you check it down. We had plenty of plays tonight where the quarterback made great decisions to check the ball down and those can be explosive, so great decision making."

On how the staff did preparing the team:
"[Defensive Coordinator] Rob Leonard, [Special Teams Coordinator] Joe DeCamillis, and every assistant coach, those guys have been excellent. That's our job though. That's our job to have these guys ready to go. The players won the game. I'm proud of everybody, but the players won the game."

On what kind of culture coach is looking to build:
"This is the NFL. It's the most competitive business in the world. Our players, our coaches, we are all competitors, we all want to win and that's our job is to win. We have 15 more games. I'm really proud of today, but the way you win more is you forget about it quickly and you get back to work on the next one."

On how close TE Brock Bowers is to returning:
"Close, very close. He looks great."

On how it feels to start head coaching career 2-0:
"Last year doesn't matter. It's a new season and next year when I'm here we're going to be saying the same thing. It's 17 one game Super Bowls in a row and that's how our guys have to treat it, if we want to be a successful organization."

On making a statement to the guys by going for it on 4th down late in the game:
"We all complement each other. In order to win, you have to play great in all three phases. We know that if we don't get it done on offense, our defense has our back, our special teams are going to make a play. That's how it has to be."

On LB Nakobe Dean's impact in the first two games:
"Winning pedigree. He's a winner. He won in college, he won in Philadelphia. Him and [LB] Quay Walker, they bring winning to the organization. He's a guy who came out of the game for a minute, then came back in and gutted it out for the team. That's who he is."

On what the team has learned about the offense from the first two weeks:
"We've been learning about these guys since April. Always gathering information. I'm just proud of our guys stepping up; that's what teams do. It's not ever about one guy or one coach, it's us."

On what CB Hezekiah Masses was able to do today:
"Incredible start for him. I'm really proud of him and really proud of how his teammates supported him because the ball doesn't get into his hands without great pass rush and great coverage, but I'm really proud of [CB] Zeke [Hezekiah Masses]."

On the fans showing up today:
"I've never been to a road game like that. When we came out of the tunnel they were screaming and it sends chills down your spine knowing you have that support. We're extremely grateful and we know every day we go on the field, we have to earn their trust and earn their respect."

LAS VEGAS QUARTERBACK KIRK COUSINS

Opening Statement:
"I was really impressed with our fanbase [and their] travel this game and the environment they gave us from the moment we took the field, and warm ups, all the way through the game. Just felt their energy and we fed off a bit. I think it helped us finish the way we did. It's a privilege to play for a team like the Raiders to have a fan base like that. Proud of our resilience, the way we kept fighting in this far from perfect game and so you have to just keep playing through the smoke and it's probably the way we did that. It's good to hit a couple deep shots with [WR] Tre [Tucker]. He has that ability and it was great to show it. Disappointed we missed the one in the lead, I think that was an opportunity. I just tried to stop him with the ball and I felt like I should have let it go, let him go get it. It's a good team win on the road but it'll only get harder from here and we'll keep building the ship."

On Raiders coaching staff:
"I think all the way around, I don't pay as much attention to special teams or defense, but I think you have to give a lot of credit to [Special Teams Coordinator] Joe [DeCamillis], [Defensive Coordinator] Rob [Leonard] and what they're doing. Guys seem to understand their roles and play fast and make plays and it's been fun to watch. And then on offense, I do think our coaches are working their tails off to give us a plan that works and they have a great menu. You want to play hard for them, you want to work for them, you want to make plays, but they've done a great job."

On being aggressive before halftime and scoring a field goal:
"I think we always want to at least try to get the drive started. It was an incompletion first to [TE] Mike [Michael Mayer] that I felt we could have connected there. Went to the back and lost that one suppose the ball placement and whatnot. [Head Coach] Klint [Kubiak] stayed aggressively the second call. When you go back and watch it, at least off the surface to have the pictures, I felt like maybe it wasn't the right decision. [WR] Tre [Tucker] may be right, but there's no safety and I felt like he was leaning to the right and I felt like I could sneak it in there but it might have been too aggressive. I'll have to go back and watch it. Just because the outcome was positive this time, doesn't mean that you say 'oh I'll throw a poster out to the safeties'. You have to learn from each rep. In the moment, I felt the safety kind of settle his feet and put the ball up, but I was getting hit so I couldn't do as much on it as I wanted and [WR] Tre [Tucker] may be right. That was a big play in the game, a big kick by [K] Matt Gay to make it work."

On building a rapport with teammates:
"Yeah, I think that's a big part of pro football is the more time you can have on tasks with teammates, the better you understand what they naturally do well, where you can maybe go against the grain a little bit because you know the skill set. [WR] Cody [White] showed me a lot today. I remember watching him at Michigan State because you know I would watch the games from a distance and I always felt he attacked the football and made great plays with his hands, played big and it was very natural for him. So, I guess those are my banked reps if you will just watching him play for Michigan State and then being able to when he arrived trying to translate that to the here and now."

On going for 4th down conversions:
"Yeah [Head Coach] Klint [Kubiak] stays aggressive with analytics and we have a lot of different reasons that inform those decisions but we also spend a lot of time in our preparation, you know trying to give ourselves a menu. I don't make those decisions but I got to be ready for whatever the moment calls for to be able to execute and we did stay aggressive today."

On Chargers defense giving up explosive plays:
"We had a few, it was a mixed bag in the sense of, we had a trick play that got us some explosives. The one, I was getting hit as I threw it but [WR] Tre [Tucker] made a great play. Another one was going fast and we were able to get it, so it's a variety of things going on. I thought they did a good job much of the game putting a roof on things and we did have to check it down a lot so, it was a mixed bag but explosives are a big part of winning in this league."

On trick play execution:
"I love the design. I thought it was a great play design. I could feel some teal and yellow out of the corner of my left eye as the ball was coming to me and I was like 'oh so this is how receivers feel when I throw to them over the middle'. But I felt like I got to keep my eye on the ball and make the catch and then if he hits me, he hits me but when I caught the ball and looked, I could see [WR] Reke [Dareke Young] over the field and knew I had to chuck and duck and that's what I did. I was really pleased with that design and having the play ready to go in a big part of the game."

On own performance during the game:
"The play that I want back is the one to [WR] Malik [Benson] down the right sideline. I felt like I need to just launch that. I was nervous about the safety turning and making a play on it so I wanted to kind of stop him in the window like I did [WR] Jack [Bech] early in the game. Malik [Benson] didn't know I was going to do that and he shouldn't know I was going to do that and so I was hoping I would get his eyes but knowing that I probably left that one out there was tough, on a third down. We probably would've been able to come away with points. I felt like that was a critical play in the game to miss. Outside of that one it runs together right now, but I thought it was a lot of good, clean football and you're always going to have some plays that they got to be tighter.

On waiting on TE Brock Bowers to return:
"I'm proud of the way our coaches put together game plans in his absence. The way our team stepped up, I felt like these two weeks, we won as a team. Special teams is giving us great field position and made plays time and again. Defense has made plays and that's what it took, a lot of different skill guys stepping up. Getting him [TE, Brock Bowers] back, he's one of the best players on our football team. We're excited to have him back and pleased with the way our team competed in his absence."

On starting the season 2-0:
"Well I think it's the NFL. I just think that these games come down to the final drive so often and the difference between 2-0 and 0-2 could be two plays, one in each game and I've lived that and I've been on the wrong side of that a lot. I've been on the right side of that and so I've learned how hard that is. I was saying to [QB] Fernando [Mendoza] as the clock was running out, I looked at him and I said, 'hey man this is every game in the NFL'. When we played in the BIG10, it was like five games out of the year that were going to be like this. But this is every single Sunday. It takes everything you got and so you never know what direction it's going to go but we got to find those inches. We got to finish. That's what we'll be talking about tomorrow as we go watch the film because we know it was close to going the other way too."