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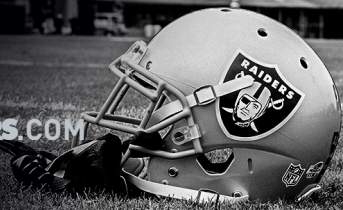
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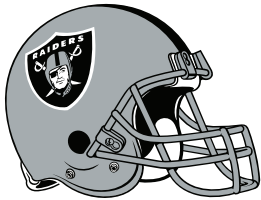
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GAME PREVIEW

The Oakland Raiders will kick off their 2015 season with a preseason contest at home against the St. Louis Rams on Friday, Aug. 14 at 7:00 p.m. PT at O.co Coliseum. **Head Coach Jack Del Rio** will coach his first game at the helm of the Silver and Black, having been named the 19th head coach in the franchise's 55-year history in January. Following the first two weeks of training camp at the team's summer home in Napa, the Raiders and Del Rio will open a slate of preseason games that includes contests against three NFC West opponents (Rams, Cardinals and Seahawks).

Friday's contest will mark the Raider debuts for a number of free agents who joined the team in the offseason, including **S Nate Allen** (from Phi.), **WR Michael Crabtree** (SF), **C Rodney Hudson** (KC), **LB Curtis Lofton** (NO), **RB Trent Richardson** (Ind.), **TE Lee Smith** (Buf.), **LB Malcolm Smith** (Sea.), **G/T J'Marcus Webb** (Min.) and **DT Dan Williams** (Ari.). The 2015 NFL Draft brought another crop of young talent to Oakland, with General Manager Reggie McKenzie tabbing **WR Amari Cooper** with the fourth-overall selection and adding talented players with the team's remaining nine selections.

Following Friday's game, the Silver and Black will head back Napa for the week before hitting the road for the first time in 2015. The team's second preseason will be in Minnesota to take on the Vikings at TCF Bank Stadium for the second consecutive year before a nationally-televised preseason Week 3 contest at home against the Arizona Cardinals. The Rams will travel to Oxnard, Calif., following the game to practice with the Dallas Cowboys before heading to Tennessee to take on the Titans next week.

2015 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

PRESEASON

Fri., Aug. 14	ST. LOUIS RAMS	7:00 p.m.	KTVU/KICU
Sat., Aug. 22	at Minnesota Vikings	5:00 p.m.	KTVU/KICU
Sun., Aug. 30	ARIZONA CARDINALS	5:00 p.m.	NBC
Thu., Sept. 3	at Seattle Seahawks	7:00 p.m.	KTVU/KICU

REGULAR SEASON

Sun., Sept. 13	CINCINNATI BENGALS	1:25 p.m.	CBS
Sun., Sept. 20	BALTIMORE RAVENS	1:05 p.m.	CBS
Sun., Sept. 27	at Cleveland Browns	10:00 a.m.	CBS
Sun., Oct. 4	at Chicago Bears	10:00 a.m.	CBS
Sun., Oct. 11	DENVER BRONCOS	1:25 p.m.	CBS
Sun., Oct. 18	Bye Week		
Sun., Oct. 25	at San Diego Chargers	1:05 p.m.	CBS
Sun., Nov. 1	NEW YORK JETS	1:05 p.m.	CBS
Sun., Nov. 8	at Pittsburgh Steelers	10:00 a.m.	CBS
Sun., Nov. 15	MINNESOTA VIKINGS	1:05 p.m.	FOX
Sun., Nov. 22	at Detroit Lions	10:00 a.m.	CBS
Sun., Nov. 29	at Tennessee Titans	10:00 a.m.	CBS
Sun., Dec. 6	KANSAS CITY CHIEFS	1:05 p.m.	CBS
Sun., Dec. 13	at Denver Broncos	1:05 p.m.	CBS
Sun., Dec. 20	GREEN BAY PACKERS	1:05 p.m.	FOX
Thu., Dec. 24	SAN DIEGO CHARGERS	5:25 p.m.	NFLN
Sun., Jan. 3, 2016	at Kansas City Chiefs	10:00 a.m.	CBS

THE SETTING

Date: Friday, August 14

Kickoff: 7:00 p.m. PT

Site: O.co Coliseum (1966)

Capacity/Surface: 56,063/Overseeded Bermuda

Preseason: Raiders lead, 11-7

Regular Season: Raiders lead, 8-5

Postseason: N/A



QUOTING DEL RIO

"We had a great first week or so of camp. A lot of energy and effort, and a lot of productivity. I think we grew as a football team this week. We went through a lot of different situations. Fundamentally, the teaching that went in, the work and the sacrifice and the coming together and understanding how we're going to apply ourselves within the system. I think all of that was really excellent. Good first week." - **Raiders Head Coach Jack Del Rio**

BROADCAST INFORMATION

TELEVISION

KTVU/KICU

Play-by-play: Beth Mowins

Color Analysts: Tim Brown, Matt Millen

Sideline: Nicole Zalomis,

John Tournour "JT The Brick"

Executive Producers: Vittorio DeBartolo, Brad Phinney

Producer: Mark Shah

Director: Sean LaRrett

RADIO

Raiders Radio Network (23 stations)

Flagship: 95.7 The Game/98.5 KFOX

(Friday's game will be on

KFOX 102.1/98.5)

Play-by-play: Greg Papa

Color Analyst: Tom Flores

Sideline: Lincoln Kennedy





RAIDERS VS. RAMS

NOTABLE CONNECTIONS

Pro Connections

• Raiders **defensive assistant Sam Anno** was a linebacker on the 1987 Los Angeles Rams squad.

• Raiders **quarterbacks coach Todd Downing** was the Rams' defensive assistant/assistant special teams coach in 2006-07, and served as assistant secondary/quality control – defense in 2008.

• Raiders **LB Ray-Ray Armstrong** began his career with St. Louis, playing for the Rams from 2013-14.

• Rams **special teams coordinator John Fassel** held the same position with the Raiders from 2009-11.

• Rams **defensive line coach Mike Waufle** served in the same capacity with the Raiders from 1998-2003 and again from 2010-11.

• Rams **P Michael Palardy** spent the 2014 offseason with the Raiders, later re-joining the team as a practice squad member.

• Rams **LB Marshall McFadden** played in four games with the Raiders in 2013.

• Raiders **offensive coordinator Bill Musgrave** coached Rams **QB Nick Foles** with the Philadelphia Eagles in 2014.

• Rams **Head Coach Jeff Fisher** was head coach of the Houston Oilers/Tennessee Titans from 1994-2010, where he coached Raiders defensive backs coach **Marcus Robertson** (1994-2000) and Rams senior defensive assistant **Chuck Cecil** (1995), both safeties. Fisher later gave both Robertson and Cecil their starts in coaching with Tennessee, Robertson as assistant secondary coach in 2007 and Cecil as defensive assistant/quality control in 2001.

• Raiders **DE Justin Tuck** was coached by Rams **defensive line coach Mike Waufle** with the New York Giants from 2005-09.

• Raiders **wide receivers coach Rob Moore** played for the New York Jets under Rams **wide receivers coach Ray Sherman** (offensive coordinator) in 1994. Raiders **special teams coordinator Brad Seely** held his same position with the Jets that season.

College Connections

• Raiders **K Sebastian Janikowski** and Rams **quarterbacks coach Chris Weinke** were teammates at Florida State from 1997-99, helping the Seminoles win the 1999 BCS National Championship.

• Raiders **defensive line coach Jethro Franklin** was coached by Rams **defensive line coach Mike Waufle** at Fresno State from 1986-87.

• Raiders **assistant defensive backs coach Rod Woodson** and Rams **wide receivers coach Ray Sherman** were together at Purdue from 1984-85 when Sherman coached running backs.

Family Connections

• Raiders **S Tevin McDonald**'s older brother, **T.J. McDonald**, plays strong safety for the Rams. The pair attended Edison High School in Fresno, Calif.

• Raiders **LB Chase Williams** is the son of Rams **defensive coordinator Gregg Williams**.

2014 RANKINGS

OFFENSE

Category	RAIDERS		RAMS	
	Stats	Rank	Stats	Rank
Total Offense	282.2	32	314.7	28
Rush Offense	77.5	32	102.2	20
Pass Offense	204.7	26	212.5	23
Points Per Game	15.8	31	20.3	21
Third-Down Off. %	33.9	28	35.4	27
Fourth-Down Off. %	60.0	3t	40.0	22t
Red Zone Off. (TD%)	72.4	1	50.0	22

DEFENSE

Category	RAIDERS		RAMS	
	Stats	Rank	Stats	Rank
Total Defense	357.6	21	351.6	17
Rush Defense	119.4	22	110.3	14
Pass Defense	238.1	16	241.3	19
Points Per Game	28.3	32	22.1	22t
Third-Down Def. %	38.5	14	38.5	15
Fourth-Down Def. %	44.4	14	0.0	1t
Red Zone Def. (TD%)	52.6	15	46.2	4

TEAM

Category	RAIDERS		RAMS	
	Stats	Rank	Stats	Rank
Turnover Ratio	-15	32	-2	19t
Penalties	116	22t	123	30
Penalty Yards	939	20t	1,139	32

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Tuesday, Aug. 11

4:25 - 6:40 p.m. (approx.) Practice, open to media;
Videography/photography limited
6:40 p.m. (approx.) Head Coach Jack Del Rio and
most players available upon
request

Wednesday, Aug. 12

10:20 a.m. - 1:20 p.m. (approx.) .. Practice, open to media;
Videography/photography limited
1:20 p.m. (approx.) Head Coach Jack Del Rio and
QB Derek Carr available
Most players available upon request

Thursday, Aug. 13..... No availability

Friday, Aug. 14

7:00 p.m. Raiders vs. St. Louis Rams

Saturday, Aug. 15 No availability

Sunday, Aug. 16

10:20 a.m. - 1:20 p.m. (approx.) .. Practice, open to media;
Videography/photography limited
1:20 p.m. (approx.) Head Coach Jack Del Rio and
most players available upon
request

Monday, Aug. 17 No availability

*All times are Pacific and subject to change.
All practices will take place at the Raiders' training camp headquarters in Napa, Calif.*



RAIDERS VS. RAMS

2014 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RAIDERS

Passing Yards

Derek Carr 3,270

Completion Percentage

Derek Carr 58.1

Passing Touchdowns

Derek Carr 21

Carries

Darren McFadden . 155

Latavius Murray 82

Rushing Yards

Darren McFadden . 534

Latavius Murray 424

Rushing Touchdowns

Darren McFadden 2

Latavius Murray 2

Receptions

James Jones 73

Mychal Rivera 58

Andre Holmes 47

Receiving Yards

Andre Holmes 693

James Jones 666

Mychal Rivera 534

Receiving Touchdowns

James Jones 6

Andre Holmes 4

Mychal Rivera 4

Two tied 2

Sacks

Justin Tuck 5.0

Khalil Mack 4.0

Sio Moore 3.0

Antonio Smith 3.0

Interceptions

Charles Woodson 4

Brandian Ross 2

RAMS

Austin Davis 2,001

Austin Davis 63.4

Austin Davis 12

Tre Mason 179

Zac Stacy 76

Tre Mason 765

Zac Stacy 293

Tre Mason 4

B. Cunningham 3

Jared Cook 52

Kenny Britt 48

B. Cunningham 45

Kenny Britt 748

Jared Cook 634

Stedman Bailey 435

Lance Kendricks 5

Kenny Britt 3

Jared Cook 3

Brian Quick 3

Robert Quinn 10.5

Aaron Donald 9.0

William Hayes 4.0

J. Laurinaitis 3.5

Trumaine Johnson 3

Four tied 2

RAMS SNAPSHOT

Overview: Head Coach Jeff Fisher, now in his fourth year leading the Rams after 17 seasons with the Houston Oilers/Tennessee Titans, will look to get the Rams back to the playoffs after posting a 6-10 mark last year, landing the team in fourth place in the NFC West. This will mark the 19th preseason meeting between the two teams, with the Raiders holding an 11-7 advantage in exhibition games. The Rams and Raiders met in Week 13 last season, with the Rams winning in St. Louis.

Offense: After ranking near the bottom third of the league in passing (23rd), rushing (20th) and total offense (28th) last season, the Rams decided to shake up the offense this offseason by trading for Pro Bowl **QB Nick Foles**, who will lead St. Louis in his fourth NFL season. In nine appearances, with eight starts, for the Eagles last season, Foles posted a 59.8 completion percentage on 186-of-311 passing with 13 TDs and 10 INTs. Among his top targets will be the veteran **WR Kenny Britt**, who led the team with 748 receiving yards last season, and third-year speedster **WR Tavon Austin**. Sophomore **RB Tre Mason**, who posted a team-leading 765 rushing yards, four TDs and 179 carries as a rookie, will help establish a balanced attack for Foles alongside first-round draft pick **RB Todd Gurley**.

Defense: The Rams defense will look to improve on last season's results with the help of 2014 NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year **DT Aaron Donald**, who posted nine sacks in his first NFL campaign. The Rams' powerful front line is anchored on the left side by **DE Chris Long**, son of Raiders legend Howie Long. Opposite Long is the Rams' sack leader, **DE Robert Quinn**, who has recorded at least 10.5 sacks in each of the last three seasons. **CB Trumaine Johnson** paced the team with three INTs last year and **CB Janoris Jenkins** had two INT-TDs.

LAST GAME VS. RAMS

November 30, 2014 - Rams 52, Raiders 0

Edward Jones Dome, St. Louis, Missouri

Team Statistics

RAIDERS

RAMS

Total Net Yards	244	348
Total Offensive Plays	75	49
Net Yards Rushing	61	172
Total Rushing Plays	21	26
Net Yards Passing	183	176
Attempts-Completions-INTs	48-29-3	22-13-0
Total First Downs	17	17
Touchdowns	0	7
Field Goals Made-Attempted	0-0	1-1
Third Down Efficiency	4-18-22%	1-8-13%
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-1-0%	0-0-0%
Red Zone Efficiency	0-0-0%	4-5-80%
Penalties-Yards	8-73	8-60
Time of Possession	36:56	23:04

	1	2	3	4	Total
Oakland Raiders	0	0	0	0	0
St. Louis Rams	21	17	0	14	52

Individual Leaders

RAIDERS

Passing Yards

Derek Carr 173

RAMS

Shaun Hill 183

Rushing Yards

Darren McFadden ... 27

Tre Mason 117

Receiving Yards

Marcel Reece 48

Stedman Bailey 100

2014 AFC WEST STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Home	Road	Div.	Con.	PF	PA	Streak	Last 5
Denver	12	4	8-0	4-4	6-0	10-2	482	354	W1	4-1
Kansas City	9	7	6-2	3-5	3-3	7-5	353	281	W1	2-3
San Diego	9	7	5-3	4-4	2-4	6-6	348	348	L1	2-3
Oakland	3	13	3-5	0-8	1-5	2-10	253	452	L1	2-3

2014 NFC WEST STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Home	Road	Div.	Con.	PF	PA	Streak	Last 5
Seattle	12	4	7-1	5-3	5-1	10-2	394	254	W6	5-0
Arizona	11	5	7-1	4-4	3-3	8-4	310	299	L2	2-3
San Francisco	8	8	4-4	4-4	2-4	7-5	306	340	W1	1-4
St. Louis	6	10	3-5	3-5	2-4	4-8	324	354	L3	2-3



RAIDERS VS. RAMS

RAIDERS SUPERLATIVES

VS. ST. LOUIS RAMS

Team Single-Game Highs/Lows

Total Yards: 431; Dec. 18, 1982
Rushing Yards: 213; Oct. 29, 1972
Passing Yards: 305; Sept. 18, 1988
Fewest Total Yards Allowed: 210; Sept. 10, 2010
Fewest Rushing Yards Allowed: 22; Nov. 13, 1994
Fewest Passing Yards Allowed: 103; Dec. 17, 2006
Points Scored: 45; Oct. 29, 1972
Fewest Points Allowed: 6; Dec. 23, 1985
Touchdowns: 6; Oct. 29, 1972

Individual Single-Game Highs

Pass Attempts: 45, Rich Gannon; Oct. 13, 2002
Pass Completions: 30, Rich Gannon; Oct. 13, 2002
Passing Yards: 375, Steve Beuerlein; Sept. 18, 1988
Passing Touchdowns: 4, Jeff George; Sept. 28, 1997
Carries: 30, Darren McFadden; Sept. 19, 2010
Rushing Yards: 162, Napoleon Kaufman; Sept. 28, 1997
Rushing Touchdowns: 3, Marcus Allen; Dec. 18, 1982
Receptions: 9, two times; last: Ronald Curry; Dec. 17, 2006
Receiving Yards: 133, Jerry Rice; Oct. 13, 2002
Receiving Touchdowns: 2, three times; last: Rickey Dudley; Sept. 28, 1997
Longest Field Goal: 51, Chris Bahr; Dec. 23, 1985

RAIDERS STANDOUTS

INDIVIDUAL STATS VS. RAMS

Michael Crabtree

Career Totals: 47 receptions for 751 yards (16.0 avg.) with seven TDs; one rushing attempt for six yards in 10 career games.

- Eclipsed the 100-yard mark twice, going for 122 yards on six receptions with one score on Dec. 26, 2010 and for 101 yards on seven catches on Dec. 2, 2012.
- Scored in five straight meetings with the Rams from 2010-12, including an eight-reception, 86-yard and two-TD performance on Jan. 1, 2012.

Malcolm Smith

Career Totals: 26 tackles (19 solo), one INT returned 37 yards for a TD, two passes defensed and one forced fumble in eight career games.

- While with the Seattle Seahawks, recorded the only INT-TD of his career on a 37-yard return against the Rams on Dec. 29, 2013.
- Notched 10 solo tackles and added a forced fumble against the Rams on Oct. 19, 2014.

Justin Tuck

Career Totals: 4.5 sacks and one INT with a 41-yard return for a TD in four career games.

- Posted one sack and two tackles in the Raiders' loss to the Rams on Nov. 30, 2014.
- While with the New York Giants, recorded multiple sacks in two of three career games against the Rams – 2.0 sacks on Sept. 14, 2008 and 1.5 sacks on Sept. 19, 2011.
- Posted the first INT and the only pick-six of his career when he intercepted Marc Bulger and returned it 41 yards for the TD on Sept. 14, 2008.

Dan Williams

Career Totals: 22 tackles (15 solo), one forced fumble and one INT returned two yards for a TD.

- Notched the only INT and TD of his career with a 2-yard return at St. Louis on Sept. 8, 2013.

ALL-TIME SERIES

Oakland Raiders vs. St. Louis Rams

Regular Season: Raiders lead, 8-5

Postseason: N/A

Raiders At Home: 5-2

Raiders on Road: 3-3

Current Streak: Rams have won one straight game.

ALL-TIME REGULAR SEASON GAMES

Date	Location	Winner	Score
10/29/72	Oakland	Raiders	45-17
12/4/77	Los Angeles	Rams	20-14
9/2/79	Los Angeles	Raiders	24-17
12/18/82	LA Raiders	Raiders	37-31
12/23/85	LA Rams	Raiders	16-6
9/18/88	LA Raiders	Rams	22-17
10/20/91	LA Raiders	Raiders	20-17
11/13/94	LA Rams	Raiders	20-17
9/28/97	Oakland	Raiders	35-17
10/13/02	St. Louis	Rams	28-13
12/17/06	Oakland	Rams	20-0
9/19/10	Oakland	Raiders	16-14
11/30/14	St. Louis	Rams	52-0



RAIDERS VS. NFC WEST

Oakland will face off against three NFC West this preseason, following up a 2014 campaign in which they played all four NFC West teams in the regular season. Here is a look at Oakland's results against the NFC West last year, when the team posted a 1-3 record:

Date	Opponent	Result
9/19/14	Arizona	L, 13-24
11/2/14	at Seattle	L, 24-30
11/30/14	at St. Louis	L, 0-52
12/7/14	San Francisco	W, 24-13





RAIDERS VS. RAMS

WHAT TO WATCH FOR IN 2015

- The Raiders opening the season with two straight home games for the first time since 1969, John Madden's first year as head coach. Madden's Raiders began the 1969 season 3-0 and went on to finish 12-1-1.
- The Raiders earning a victory in Week 1 victory for the first time since 2011, when Hue Jackson, currently the Cincinnati Bengals offensive coordinator, was head coach.
- The Raiders extending their three-game home winning streak, the team's longest since a three-game streak in 2010. The last time the Raiders had a home winning streak longer than three games came in 2002 when the team won six straight – the final four games of the regular season and both AFC Playoff games.
- The team to snap an 11-game road losing streak, which dates back to the team's 28-23 win at Houston on Nov. 17, 2013.
- Any Raider rookie to start all 16 games, marking the second time in Raiders history the team has had a rookie start every game in back-to-back years. Matt Millen (1980) and Johnny Robinson (1981) comprise the only other pair to do so. Only 12 Raiders rookies have accomplished the feat, and last season, **QB Derek Carr** and **LB Khalil Mack** became the first pair of Raiders teammates to do so in the same year.
- **QB Derek Carr** throwing for 645 yards and seven touchdowns to eclipse Tom Flores (1960-61) for the most passing yards and passing touchdowns by a Raider in his first two NFL seasons.
- **Carr** to finish four games with at least 30 passing attempts and no interceptions, tying Jeff Garcia (10, 1999-2000) for the most such outings in his first two seasons.
- If **Carr** throws fewer than five interceptions in his first 151 attempts, he will jump to the top of the list in fewest interceptions thrown over a player's first two NFL seasons (min. 750 att.), supplanting Robert Griffin III (17, 2012-13) and Bernie Kosar (17, 1985-86).
- **WR Amari Cooper** catching at least 45 passes on the season to set the Raiders rookie record, passing TE Zach Miller (44 in 2007). Tim Brown holds the record for Raiders rookie wide receivers with 43 receptions (1988).
- **Cooper** hauling in at least eight receiving touchdowns to set the franchise rookie mark, passing Raymond Chester's seven touchdowns in 1970. With 772 receiving yards, Cooper would pass James Jett for the franchise rookie record.
- **Cooper** catching eight passes in a single game to tie the team rookie mark currently shared by Marcus Allen (1982), Tim Brown (1988), Raymond Chester (1970) and Zach Miller (2007).
- **WR Michael Crabtree** posting at least 673 receiving yards to reach the 5,000-yard mark for his career.
- **K Sebastian Janikowski** passing Tim Brown (240) for the most games played as a Raider. Currently at 236 games, Janikowski is on pace to eclipse Brown in Week 5 vs. Denver.
- **Janikowski** making four field goals of 50 yards or longer to tie Jason Hanson (52) for the all-time record.
- **Janikowski** booting seven touchbacks on kickoffs to set the NFL record for most touchbacks, passing Jason Hanson (323).
- **P Marquette King** punting seven times to reach 200 for his career, and punting for 963 yards to eclipse 10,000 career punting yards.
- **LB Curtis Lofton** starting his 100th consecutive game at line-backer. His 99 straight starts are currently second among active streaks behind the New York Jets' David Harris (100).
- **T Donald Penn** extending his streak of 124 consecutive starts at offensive tackle, good for third among active streaks behind the New York Jets' D'Brickashaw Ferguson and the Cleveland Browns' Joe Thomas.





HEAD COACHING MATCH-UP

JACK DEL RIO



Jack Del Rio was named the 19th head coach in the 55-year history of the Oakland Raiders franchise on Jan. 15, 2015. The appointment marked a homecoming for Del Rio, who was raised in nearby Hayward, Calif.

Now in his 30th year in the NFL and his 19th season in coaching, He recently concluded his second stint as a defensive coordinator under

Head Coach John Fox, as the two also spent the 2002 season together in Carolina. In all, he has coached 18 players to a total of 27 Pro Bowl selections.

In his second season with the Broncos in 2013, Del Rio's defense helped Denver to a 12-4 record and an appearance in Super Bowl XLVIII. Del Rio also accepted the additional role of interim head coach (Weeks 10-13) while Fox underwent a heart procedure, and led the Broncos to a 3-1 record against teams with a combined record of 29-9 (.763).

Prior to joining the Broncos in 2012, Del Rio spent nine seasons at the helm in Jacksonville. During his head coaching tenure (2003 to 2011) with the Jaguars, the club ranked sixth in the NFL in yards per game allowed (317.3) and eighth in points per game allowed (20.3).

Under Del Rio, the Jaguars made two playoff appearances in 2005 and 2007, highlighted by the club's first postseason win in eight seasons with a 31-29 road victory against the Pittsburgh Steelers in a 2007 AFC Wild Card Game.

The Jaguars posted an 11-5 record in 2007 to earn a second playoff berth in three years, in addition to claiming the franchise's first playoff win since the 1999 season, while becoming the first team in NFL history to win in Pittsburgh twice in one season.

In 2005, the Jaguars won eight of the last nine regular season games, including four straight on the road, en route to a 12-4 finish and a Wild Card playoff berth.

During his lone season as a defensive coordinator with Carolina in 2002, he inherited the NFL's worst defense statistically (371.4 yards per game allowed) and turned it into the league's second-ranked unit (290.4 yards per game allowed). Additionally, the 2002 Panthers squad led the NFL in rushing average against (3.7 avg.).

As linebackers coach for the Baltimore Ravens from 1999-2001, Del Rio tutored a talented group that included Ray Lewis. Baltimore's 2000 team set the NFL 16-game record by allowing only 165 points while recording four shutouts and forcing a league-best 49 turnovers. Lewis was named the NFL's Defensive Player of the Year and the MVP of Super Bowl XXXV that season.

Del Rio began his coaching career with the New Orleans Saints under Head Coach Mike Ditka, serving as an assistant strength coach in 1997 before moving on to coach the linebackers in 1998.

A veteran of 11 seasons as an NFL linebacker, he was selected in the third round (68th overall) of the 1985 NFL Draft by New Orleans and went on to make the NFL's All-Rookie Team and earn the Saints' Rookie of the Year award. For his career, he played 160 games in the regular season and totaled 1,078 tackles, 12 sacks and 13 interceptions.

Born on April 4, 1963, in Castro Valley, Calif., Del Rio and his wife, Linda, have three daughters, Lauren, Hope and Aubrey, and a son, Luke, who is a collegiate quarterback.

COACHING BACKGROUND

<u>Years</u>	<u>College/Pro Team</u>	<u>Position</u>
1997	New Orleans Saints	Assistant Strength Coach
1998	New Orleans Saints	Linebackers
1999-2001	Baltimore Ravens	Linebackers
2002	Carolina Panthers	Defensive Coordinator
2003-11	Jacksonville Jaguars	Head Coach
2012-14	Denver Broncos	Defensive Coordinator
2013 (Wks. 10-13)	Denver Broncos	Interim Head Coach
2015	Oakland Raiders	Head Coach

JEFF FISHER



In January of 2012, Owner/Chairman E. Stanley Kroenke hired Jeff Fisher to be the 22nd full-time head coach in franchise history.

Fisher boasts 20 full seasons as an NFL head coach. Among active NFL head coaches, only New England's Bill Belichick, who is also entering his 20th season, has as much experience as Fisher.

With 162 career victories, Fisher ranks 14th on the NFL's career wins. Entering 2015, he's third among active coaches, trailing only Belichick (211) and Tom Coughlin (164).

Fisher joined the Rams after spending 16 full seasons as head coach of the Tennessee Titans, 11 as executive vice president. In his tenure with Tennessee, he guided the Titans to six playoff appearances (1999, 2000, 2002, 2003, 2007, 2008), three division titles (2000, 2002, 2008), two AFC Championship games (1999, 2002) and one Super Bowl appearance (XXXIV). From 1999-2010, only three teams had more playoff berths (Indianapolis, Philadelphia and New England). In the 2000s, Fisher totaled 97 victories, the most successful decade in franchise history.

During his tenure with Tennessee, Fisher also had success with rebuilding young teams and transforming them into contenders, which is the same task he undertook when he arrived in St. Louis. In 2005, Fisher headed the youngest team in the NFL and the youngest NFL team in more than a decade. That season, with a win over the Houston Texans (10/9/05), he became just the 17th coach to reach the 100-win mark with one team. He led the Titans through a retooling period that saw the team grow from 4-12 that year, to 8-8 in 2006, and a playoff berth in 2007, the first playoff appearance since 2003.

One of the Titans' most memorable seasons under Fisher was the 1999 campaign, where he led the team to its first AFC Championship and an appearance in Super Bowl XXXIV. The Titans became only the sixth Wild Card team to earn a trip to the Super Bowl since the NFL added the playoff round in 1978. Fisher guided the Titans to a streak of 13 consecutive wins against AFC Central Division opponents dating back to 1998. It marked the longest streak in the history of the Central Division and the third longest in the NFL since the 1970 merger.

Fisher originally joined the Oilers'/Titans' coaching staff in 1994, after spending two seasons as the defensive backs coach for the San Francisco 49ers. He was elevated to head coach in November 1994, replacing Jack Pardee, for the final six games of the season. Fisher was instrumental in guiding the transition following the Oilers' move to Tennessee in 1996.

Prior to San Francisco, Fisher reunited with his college coach John Robinson, serving as the Los Angeles Rams' defensive coordinator. Fisher began his coaching career as an assistant for Buddy Ryan and the Philadelphia Eagles in 1986, coaching the defensive backs for three seasons before becoming the NFL's youngest defensive coordinator in 1988. In 1989, the Eagles' defense led the NFL in interceptions (30) and quarterback sacks (62). In 1990, Philadelphia's defense paced the league in rushing defense and ranked second in quarterback sacks.

Fisher (born 2/25/58) has three children: sons Brandon and Trent and daughter Tara. Brandon is the Rams' assistant secondary coach, and Trent recently concluded his collegiate playing career as a defensive back at Auburn University.

COACHING BACKGROUND

<u>Years</u>	<u>College/Pro Team</u>	<u>Position</u>
1986-87	Philadelphia Eagles	Defensive Backs
1988-90	Philadelphia Eagles	Defensive Coordinator
1991	Los Angeles Rams	Defensive Coordinator
1992-93	San Francisco 49ers	Defensive Backs
1994	Houston Oilers	Defensive Coordinator
1994-2010	Oilers/Tennessee Titans	Head Coach
2012-15	St. Louis Rams	Head Coach



COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE

The Raiders — who began play in the American Football League in 1960 — enter their 56th year of professional football competition, including the last 45 as a member of the National Football League.

In five memorable decades — the 1960s, '70s, '80s, '90s and the 2000s — the Raiders have been dominant in professional football since Al Davis first pledged in 1963 to build the finest organization in pro sports.

During these decades of dominance, the Raiders have won an AFL championship, four American Football Conference championships, and three world championships of professional football, participated in five Super Bowls, played in 14 championship games, won or tied for 17 division championships, had 21 playoff seasons, finished 34 seasons at .500 or better and played in 40 postseason games.

Pro football's dynamic organization placed first in the AFC West in 2000, 2001 and 2002 despite playing among the toughest schedules in the NFL in each of those seasons. With their appearance in Super Bowl XXXVII, the Raiders became the first NFL team to have had a season end in the Super Bowl in four different decades.

The Raiders are the only team to have been in Super Bowls in the '60s, the '70s, the '80s and the 2000s.

The Silver and Black are the only AFC team — and one of just two NFL teams (Minnesota) — to have a season that advanced to the conference championship game in the '60s, the '70s, the '80s, the '90s and the 2000s.

The Raiders are one of only two original AFL teams to have captured three world championships of professional football with Super Bowl victories. The Raiders are one of only four AFC teams to have won more than one Super Bowl since 1980.

In their five Super Bowl appearances, the Raiders have been led by four head coaches and started four quarterbacks.

With four postseason victories, the Raiders were the first of the AFC West teams to win multiple postseason contests in the new millennium by six years.

Since 1963, when Al Davis first took over the failing Oakland franchise that had struggled to win only nine of 42 league games in the initial three seasons of the new AFL and pledged to build the finest organization in sports, the Raiders have dominated professional football in terms of consistent victory. During those memorable 55 years in Oakland and Los Angeles, the Raiders have won 437 league games, tied 11 and lost 388.

"Commitment to Excellence" has never been an idle phrase to those who have proudly represented the Raiders organization during the '60s, '70s, '80s, '90s and the new millennium as shown by their domination of pro football.

More than 20 of the great players who proudly wore the Silver and Black, as well as Owner-Leader Al Davis and legendary Head Coach John Madden, have been enshrined in the Pro Football Hall of Fame. The Raiders have also produced five Coaches of the Year.

In addition, 62 Pro Bowl players have made 182 Pro Bowl appearances representing the Silver and Black. In 1970, as the Raiders began their second decade of play, the merger between the AFL and NFL became a reality on the field. In the 1970 through 2012 period of interconference play, the Raiders have compiled a remarkable 92-73-1 record against present National Football Conference rivals.

Another innovation came to professional football in 1970 — "Monday Night Football." The Raiders' domination of this prime-time television series has seen the Silver and Black build an incredible 37-27-1 record in Monday night play. In the 43 years of this series, the Raiders are 15-8-0 in "Monday Night Football" games at home.

Through the decades — the '60s, '70s, '80s, '90s and now the 2000s — the Raiders have had the greatest players, the greatest coaches, the greatest plays and participated in the greatest games in the annals of professional sports.

Challengers to Raider domination of professional football will arise as they have in the '60s, '70s, '80s, '90s and the new millennium. The Raider organization will continue to meet these challenges.



SUPER BOWL XI

SUPER BOWL XV

SUPER BOWL XVIII



REGGIE McKENZIE

THE GENERAL MANAGER



Reggie McKenzie, a former draft pick by Raiders Owner Al Davis as a player, enters his 29th season in the National Football League and his fourth as General Manager of the Silver and Black. McKenzie was named to the position by Owner Mark Davis on Jan. 10, 2012, becoming the first General Manager of the franchise since Al Davis was hired as Head Coach and General Manager in 1963.

In his first three years as General Manager, McKenzie has overseen significant changes in the organization's scouting, player personnel and football operations departments, while bringing refined football acumen to the Silver and Black. Adhering to a strategy of building a competitive roster through the draft while making strategic acquisitions via free agency and trades, McKenzie enters his fourth season at the helm having already earned plaudits from some of the most respected voices in football.

UNDRAFTED GEMS

Every preseason, hundreds of undrafted free agents vie for a spot on their team's 53-man roster. **Reggie McKenzie** has brought in numerous players that were not drafted, developing them into significant contributors for the Silver and Black.

- **WR Andre Holmes**, originally an undrafted free agent with the Minnesota Vikings in 2011, has two of the Raiders' top four single-game receiving totals over the last two seasons. He set career highs in 2014 with 47 catches for 693 yards and four touchdowns.

- In 2013, **P Marquette King** posted numbers among the NFL's best in both gross average and punting yards. With 4,107 punting yards on the year, King finished sixth in the NFL, and led the league in gross punting with an average of 48.9. In 2014, King set Raider franchise records in punts (109) and punting yards (4,930).

- **QB Matt McGloin** made his mark on the NFL in his rookie season, making his first career start on Nov. 17, 2013 at Houston. In that game, McGloin became the first undrafted rookie to throw for three-or-more touchdown passes in his first NFL start since 1987. He also became just the second quarterback to throw for three touchdowns without an interception in his first NFL start since the NFL-AFL merger in 1970.

- **WR Rod Streater** led the team in receptions (60) and receiving yards (888) in 2013 and totaled 39 receptions as a rookie in 2012, good for fourth most by a rookie in franchise history.

Below are some of the notable current Raiders who entered the NFL as undrafted free agents:

Player	School	Year	Team
LB R. Armstrong	Miami (Fla.)	2013	St. Louis
LS Jon Condo	Maryland	2005	Dallas
WR Andre Holmes	Hillsdale	2011	Minnesota
G/T Austin Howard	Northern Iowa	2010	Philadelphia
P Marquette King	Fort Valley State	2012	Oakland
DE Benson Mayowa	Idaho	2013	Seattle
QB Matt McGloin	Penn State	2013	Oakland
FB/RB Jamize Olawale	North Texas	2012	Dallas
T Donald Penn	Utah State	2006	Minnesota
FB Marcel Reece	Washington	2008	Miami
S Brandan Ross	Youngstown State	2011	Green Bay
WR Rod Streater	Temple	2012	Oakland
WR K. Thompkins	Cincinnati	2013	New England

2014 DRAFT CLASS

First Round – LB Khalil Mack (No. 5 overall)

- Mack started all 16 games this season and has posted 84 tackles (59 solo), four sacks, four passes defended and one forced fumble, according to official coaches' statistics.

- According to Pro Football Focus, Mack was the highest rated 4-3 outside linebacker in the NFL with a 56.4 overall rating and a 47.4 rating against the run, more than 25 points higher than the next highest rated player (Von Miller, 22.0).

- Mack finished second in the NFL behind J.J. Watt (12) with 11 tackles for loss against the run. He also ranks second behind Watt in stuffs with 11.5 tackles at or behind the line of scrimmage.

Honors: Finished third in Associated Press Defensive Rookie of the Year voting...Selected to the Pro Football Writers of America, Sports Illustrated and NFL.com All-Rookie Team...Was the only rookie named to the USA Football All-Fundamentals Team, which honors 26 NFL players who exhibit exemplary football techniques for young players to emulate.

Second Round – QB Derek Carr (No. 36 overall)

- Carr, the 14th NFL rookie quarterback to start all 16 games, is the owner of every franchise-rookie passing record and ranks first among 2014 rookies with 348 completions (second among all-time rookies), 3,270 passing yards (10th among rookies) and 21 touchdowns (T-5th among rookies).

- Carr boasted a 2.0 interception percentage despite attempting 599 passes, marking the best percentage among 2014 rookies and the seventh best among all NFL quarterbacks. He is one of just four rookies in NFL history with at least 20 touchdowns and 12-or-fewer picks.

Honors: Named to Sports Illustrated's All-Rookie Team.

Third Round – G Gabe Jackson (No. 81 overall)

- Jackson earned the starting left guard job during training camp and went on to play in 13 games with 12 starts. He is the first Raider offensive lineman to start at least 10 games since Stefen Wisniewski started 15 in 2011.

- In 528 passing plays, Jackson allowed just one sack and two pressures, ranking tied for seventh and tied for fifth among NFL guards, respectively, according to Pro Football Focus.

Fourth Round – DT Justin Ellis (No. 107 overall)

- Ellis was a surprise force on the defensive line, appearing in all 16 games with 14 starts after stepping into the starting position in Week 3.

- He finished the season with 39 tackles (21 solo) and one pass broken up.

Honors: Named to Sports Illustrated and Pro Football Writers of America's All-Rookie Team.

Fourth Round – CB Keith McGill (No. 116 overall)

- Despite being plagued by injury through much of the year, McGill contributed on special teams all season long, posting three special teams tackles. He finished the year with 12 tackles (six solo) and four passes defended.

- McGill finally got his opportunity as the starting cornerback in Week 17 at Den., where he made a heads-up play by picking up a fumble on a lateral pass and returning it 18 yards for a touchdown.

Seventh Round – CB TJ Carrie (No. 219 overall)

- Carrie made immediate contributions on both defense and special teams, appearing in 13 games and starting four at cornerback. He finished the year with 48 stops (40 solo), an interception, 12 passes defended, a forced fumble and two fumble recoveries (one special teams).

- As the Raiders' leading punt returner, Carrie brought back 26 punts for 195 yards (7.5 avg.). He also returned kickoffs, totaling 15 kick returns for 362 yards (24.1 avg.) with a long of 42 yards.



JACK DEL RIO

DEL RIO QUICK FACTS

- Jack Del Rio left the Jaguars tied with Tom Coughlin as the franchise's winningest head coach with 68 wins. Del Rio compiled a 68-71 regular season record (1-2 in the postseason) with Jacksonville from 2003 to '11. As the Broncos' interim head coach from Weeks 10-13 in 2013, he posted a 3-1 record, helping the Broncos secure the top seed in the AFC Playoffs.

- As a defensive coordinator and head coach, Del Rio's defenses have finished in the top 10 in total defense in seven times, and four times in the top five. Of the top seven defensive seasons in Jaguars team history, Del Rio was the head coach for five of them.

Year	Team	Position	Rank	Yds./Game
2002	Carolina	Def. Coord.	2	290.4
2003	Jacksonville	Head Coach	6	291.1
2005	Jacksonville	Head Coach	6	290.9
2006	Jacksonville	Head Coach	2	283.6
2011	Jacksonville	Head Coach	6	313.0
2012	Denver	Def. Coord.	2	290.8
2014	Denver	Def. Coord.	3	305.2

- Del Rio has coached 18 different players to a total of 27 total Pro Bowls during his 18 seasons as a position coach, coordinator or head coach.
- As Jacksonville's head coach from 2003 to '11, Del Rio helped the Jaguars rank seventh in total defense over that time period, allowing opponents to just 318.7 yards per game. They also ranked sixth in the NFL over that same time period, allowing opponents to just 105.1 yards per game on the ground.
- During his tenure as Denver's defensive coordinator (2012-14), the Broncos compiled 134 sacks in three seasons, the fourth most over that time span.
- With the Carolina Panthers in 2002, Del Rio inherited the NFL's worst defense from the season before (371.4 yards per game) and turned it into the league's No. 2-ranked unit (290.4). His Panthers also led the NFL in rushing average (3.7), and ranked second in sacks (52).
- In 2000, Del Rio coached the linebackers on a Baltimore Ravens unit that is considered by many as the best defensive unit in NFL history. Baltimore's defense set the NFL record for 16-game season with only 165 points allowed, including four shutouts and 49 turnovers.



DEL RIO BY THE NUMBERS

11 seasons as an NFL linebacker with the New Orleans Saints (1985-86), Kansas City Chiefs (1987-88), Dallas Cowboys (1989-91) and Minnesota Vikings (1992-95).

160 games played throughout his NFL playing career with **128** starts.

1,078 tackles, **12** sacks and **13** interceptions totaled by Del Rio during his NFL career.

.489 regular-season winning percentage as a head coach.

.594 winning percentage at home as a head coach with a 41-28 mark.

52-46 record (.531) in games entering the fourth quarter with a scoring margin within seven points.

2 times (2005 and 2007) Del Rio took Jacksonville to the playoffs as head coach.

5 times a team Del Rio has served on the coaching staff has at least made the Divisional Round.

4 times a Del Rio team where he was either the defensive coordinator or head coach has had a top five defense.

3.94 yards per rushing attempt allowed by the Jaguars during Del Rio's tenure as head coach (2003 to 2011).

141 interceptions recorded by Del Rio's Jaguars in his 139 games as head coach, intercepting 3.2 percent of all passes attempted against them.

18 second-half shutouts in his head-coaching career. His teams allowed just three second-half points an additional 12 times.

5.75 points per game allowed in the postseason for the Super Bowl XXXV Champion Baltimore Ravens, where Del Rio coached the linebackers, including Defensive Player of the Year Ray Lewis.

1 touchdown allowed by his Ravens during the 2000 postseason Super Bowl run.





COORDINATORS

BILL MUSGRAVE



Bill Musgrave is in his 17th season in the NFL coaching ranks and second stint with the Raiders, having served as the team's quarterbacks coach in 1997.

In his fifth assignment as an NFL offensive coordinator, Musgrave has served in that role with the Philadelphia Eagles, Carolina Panthers, Jacksonville Jaguars and Minnesota Vikings. He also spent

two seasons as the offensive coordinator at the University of Virginia.

While at the helm of the Vikings from 2011-13, Musgrave oversaw the best rushing attack in the league over that span. During his three seasons at the helm, Minnesota led the league in rushing, posting 146.5 yards per game, and RB Adrian Peterson paced the NFL with 4,333 rushing yards. He has also mentored numerous of quarterbacks during his time in the league, including Matt Ryan, who won the 2008 Associated Press and Sporting News Offensive Rookie of the Year.

A former NFL quarterback himself, Musgrave played six seasons in the league for the San Francisco 49ers and Denver Broncos.

<u>Years</u>	<u>College/Pro Team</u>	<u>Position</u>
1997	Oakland Raiders	Quarterbacks
1998*	Philadelphia Eagles	Offensive Assistant/ Offensive Coordinator
1999	Carolina Panthers	Quarterbacks
2000	Carolina Panthers	Offensive Coordinator/ Quarterbacks
2001-02	Virginia	Offensive Coordinator/ Quarterbacks/Tight Ends
2003	Jacksonville Jaguars	Offensive Coordinator
2004	Jacksonville Jaguars	Offensive Coordinator/ Quarterbacks
2005	Washington Redskins	Quarterbacks
2006-10	Atlanta Falcons	Quarterbacks
2011-13	Minnesota Vikings	Offensive Coordinator
2014	Philadelphia Eagles	Quarterbacks
2015	Oakland Raiders	Offensive Coordinator

**served as the team's offensive coordinator for the final 10 games*

KEN NORTON, JR.



Ken Norton, Jr. joins the Raiders in 2015 for his sixth NFL coaching season, and his first as Oakland's defensive coordinator.

As an 18-year NFL veteran as a player and coach, Norton, Jr. has been a part of four Super Bowl-winning teams (three as a player and one as a coach). He is entering his 19th season overall in the NFL, with 13 coming as an All-Pro linebacker for the Dal-

las Cowboys and San Francisco 49ers. He and Raiders Head Coach Jack Del Rio played alongside one another in the linebacking corps of the Cowboys from 1989-91.

From 2010-14, Norton, Jr. served as Seattle's linebackers coach, helping the team to three NFC West Division titles, two NFC Championships and a Super Bowl XLVIII title. Over that period, he helped the Seahawks' defense rank second in total defense (309.5 yards per game) and the unit finished in the top 10 four times (2011-14), including leading the league in total defense the past two seasons. Additionally, he was part of a defensive staff that sent 11 players to the Pro Bowl from 2011-14.

<u>Years</u>	<u>College/Pro Team</u>	<u>Position</u>
2004	USC	Defensive Assistant/ Linebackers
2005-08	USC	Linebackers
2009	USC	Assistant Head Coach Defense/Linebackers
2010-14	Seattle Seahawks	Linebackers
2015	Oakland Raiders	Defensive Coordinator

BRAD SEELY



Brady Seely, in his 27th season as an NFL assistant coach, is in his first year as the Raiders special teams coordinator.

Seely begins his seventh assignment in charge of a team's special teams unit, as he previously directed those of the Carolina Panthers, New England Patriots, Cleveland Browns and San Francisco 49ers.

In 37 years of coaching, Seely has also served NFL stints with the New York Jets and Indianapolis Colts. Additionally, he spent 11 seasons at the collegiate level.

Seely spent 10 seasons as the New England Patriots special teams coach (1999-2008), where he was part of three Super Bowl championships. Over the span of his tenure in New England, the Patriots led the NFL in kickoff return average (23.5), were fourth in field goal percentage (83.4) and ranked eighth in punt return average (9.9). In addition, his units registered 11 returns for touchdowns, including eight on kickoffs, a figure that tied for second in the NFL over that 10-year stretch.

<u>Years</u>	<u>College/Pro Team</u>	<u>Position</u>
1978	South Dakota State	Assistant Coach
1979	Colorado State	Graduate Assistant
1980	Colorado State	Offensive Line
1981	SMU	Offensive Line
1982	North Carolina State	Offensive Line
1983	Pacific	Offensive Line
1984-88	Oklahoma State	Offensive Line
1989-93	Indianapolis Colts	Special Teams/Tight Ends
1994	New York Jets	Special Teams Coach
1995-98	Carolina Panthers	Special Teams Coach
1999-2008	New England Patriots	Special Teams Coach
2009-10	Cleveland Browns	Assistant Head Coach/ Special Teams Coordinator
2011-14	San Francisco 49ers	Assistant Head Coach/ Special Teams Coordinator
2015	Oakland Raiders	Special Teams Coordinator



DEFENSIVE ASSISTANTS

SAM ANNO



Sam Anno joined the NFL coaching ranks in 2015 as a defensive assistant for the Silver and Black after spending the last six seasons at the University of San Diego as an assistant head coach/linebackers and special teams.

<u>Years</u>	<u>College/Pro Team</u>	<u>Position</u>
2005-06	USC	Defensive/Special Teams Graduate Assistant
2007	USC	Video Assistant
2008	Central Conn. State	Linebackers/Special Teams Assistant Head Coach/LBs and Special Teams
2009-14	San Diego	Assistant Head Coach/LBs and Special Teams
2015	Oakland Raiders	Defensive Assistant

JETHRO FRANKLIN



Jethro Franklin is in his first season with the Oakland Raiders as defensive line coach following four seasons at Miami (Fla.). Franklin brings 25 years of experience coaching defensive line at both the NFL and collegiate levels.

<u>Years</u>	<u>College/Pro Team</u>	<u>Position</u>
1991-98	Fresno State	Defensive Line
1999	UCLA	Defensive Line
2000-04	Green Bay Packers	Defensive Line
2005	USC	Defensive Line
2006	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	Defensive Line
2007-08	Houston Texans	Defensive Line
2009	USC	Defensive Line
2010	Temple	Defensive Line
2011-14	Miami (Fla.)	Defensive Line
2015	Oakland Raiders	Defensive Line

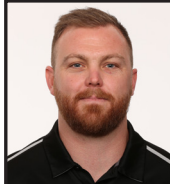
MARCUS ROBERTSON



Marcus Robertson is in his second season with the Raiders and first as defensive backs coach, after being promoted from assistant defensive backs coach in 2014. A 12-year NFL veteran as a player and former All-Pro safety, Robertson has served as an NFL assistant for eight years.

<u>Years</u>	<u>College/Pro Team</u>	<u>Position</u>
2007-08	Tennessee Titans	Assistant Secondary
2009-11	Tennessee Titans	Secondary
2012	Detroit Lions	Defensive Assistant/Secondary
2013	Detroit Lions	Secondary
2014	Oakland Raiders	Assistant Defensive Backs
2015	Oakland Raiders	Defensive Backs

TRAVIS SMITH



Travis Smith is in his fourth year with the Raiders and first as quality control - defense. He previously served as a defensive assistant from 2012-14.

<u>Years</u>	<u>College/Pro Team</u>	<u>Position</u>
2010	Santa Monica JC	Assistant Tight Ends/Defensive Line
2011	Colorado	Offensive Technical Intern
2012-14	Oakland Raiders	Defensive Assistant
2015	Oakland Raiders	Quality Control - Defense





DEFENSIVE ASSISTANTS

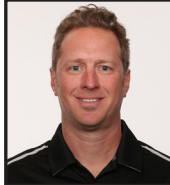
SAL SUNSERI



Sal Sunseri is in his first season with the Silver and Black as linebackers coach, bringing 31 years of coaching experience. He begins his eighth season in the NFL after spending the past two years coaching the defensive line and serving as the head coach of defense at Florida State.

<u>Years</u>	<u>College/Pro Team</u>	<u>Position</u>
1985-91	Pittsburgh	Defensive Line/LBs
1992	Pittsburgh	Assistant Head Coach
1993	Iowa Wesleyan	Assistant Head Coach/Defensive Coordinator
1994	Illinois State	Defensive Coordinator
1995-97	Louisville	Linebackers
1998-99	Alabama A&M	Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers
2000	LSU	Special Teams Coordinator/Linebackers
2001	Michigan State	Special Teams Coordinator/Linebackers
2002	Carolina Panthers	Defensive Assistant
2003-08	Carolina Panthers	Defensive Line
2009-11	Alabama	Assistant Head Coach/Linebackers
2012	Tennessee	Defensive Coordinator
2013	Florida State	Defensive Ends
2014	Florida State	Head Coach of Defense
2015	Oakland Raiders	Linebackers

BRENT VIESELMEYER



Brent Vieselmeier is in his first season with the Silver and Black. He brings 15 years of coaching experience at the college and high school levels into his first NFL season, serving as assistant linebackers coach

<u>Years</u>	<u>College/Pro Team</u>	<u>Position</u>
2013-14	Houston Baptist	Co-Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers
2015	Oakland Raiders	Assistant Linebackers

ROD WOODSON



Rod Woodson returned to Oakland this season for his second coaching stint with the Raiders, having coached cornerbacks in 2011. Woodson also Played in 26 games, all starts, with the Raiders from 2002-03, totaling 10 interceptions. A Pro Football Hall of Famer, Woodson recorded 71 interceptions, placing third all-time.

<u>Years</u>	<u>College/Pro Team</u>	<u>Position</u>
2011	Oakland Raiders	Cornerbacks
2015	Oakland Raiders	Assistant Defensive Backs



RAIDERS COACHES IN THE PRESS BOX



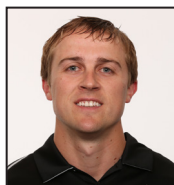
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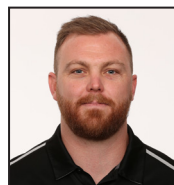
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Jake Peetz
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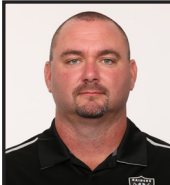
TODD DOWNING



Todd Downing is in his 15th season in the NFL, his first with the Silver and Black, as quarterbacks coach. Downing joined the Raiders after spending the 2014 season in the same role with the Buffalo Bills.

<u>Years</u>	<u>College/Pro Team</u>	<u>Position</u>
2001-02	Minnesota Vikings	Coaching Intern/Assistant
2003-04	Minnesota Vikings	Football Systems Analyst
2005	Minnesota Vikings	Quality Control - Offense
2006-07	St. Louis Rams	Defensive Assistant/ Assistant Special Teams
2008	St. Louis Rams	Assistant Secondary/ Quality Control - Defense
2009	Detroit Lions	Offensive Quality Control
2010	Detroit Lions	Assistant Quarterbacks
2011-13	Detroit Lions	Quarterbacks
2014	Buffalo Bills	Quarterbacks
2015	Oakland Raiders	Quarterbacks

TIM HOLT



Tim Holt returns to the NFL this season as the Raiders assistant offensive line coach after spending 2014 at Stetson University. Holt brings four years of NFL coaching experience to the Silver and Black along with 15 years in the college ranks. Holt has coached two Pro Bowlers, 22 All-Conference selections and three All-Americans.

<u>Years</u>	<u>College/Pro Team</u>	<u>Position</u>
1995-96	Southern Conn. State	Graduate Asst. - TEs/ Assistant Offensive Line
1997-98	Lehigh	Assistant Tight Ends/ Offensive Line
1999	Cornell	Tight Ends/ Assistant Offensive Line
2000	Cornell	Running Backs
2001-03	American International	Offensive Coordinator/ Offensive Line
2004	Southern Conn. State	Offensive Line
2005-07	Southern Conn. State	Running Backs
2008	Stonehill College	Offensive Line/ Run Game Coordinator
2009	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	Offensive Assistant
2010-11	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	Assistant Offensive Line
2012	Chicago Bears	Offensive Line
2014	Stetson	Offensive Line/ Run Game Coordinator
2015	Oakland Raiders	Assistant Offensive Line

BOBBY JOHNSON



Bobby Johnson is in his first year with Oakland as tight ends coach. In his 20-year coaching career, 15 of them at the collegiate level, Johnson has spent seven seasons coaching tight ends and the last five seasons working in the NFL.

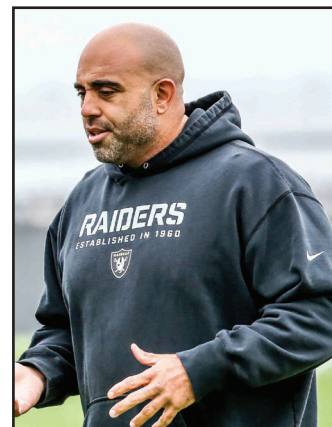
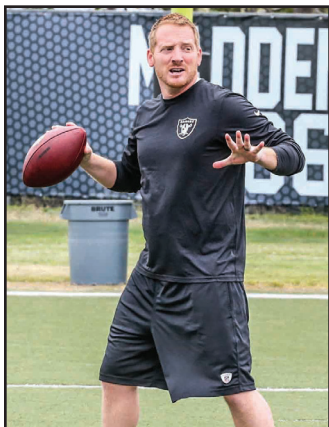
<u>Years</u>	<u>College/Pro Team</u>	<u>Position</u>
1995-96	Akron	Graduate Assistant
1997-98	Akron	Defensive Line
1999-2003	Miami (Ohio)	Tight Ends
2004	Miami (Ohio)	Offensive Line
2005-09	Indiana	Offensive Line
2010-11	Buffalo Bills	Assistant Offensive Line
2012	Jacksonville Jaguars	Tight Ends
2013	Detroit Lions	Tight Ends
2014	Detroit Lions	Assistant Offensive Line
2015	Oakland Raiders	Tight Ends

NICK HOLZ



Nick Holz is in his first season as quality control - offense with the Raiders, having spent the previous three seasons as the team's offensive assistant.

<u>Years</u>	<u>College/Pro Team</u>	<u>Position</u>
2007	Nebraska	Offensive Quality Control
2008-11	Stanford	Offensive Assistant/ Quarterbacks
2012-14	Oakland Raiders	Offensive Assistant
2015	Oakland Raiders	Quality Control - Offense





OFFENSIVE ASSISTANTS

ROB MOORE



Rob Moore joined the Silver and Black for his first season as wide receivers coach. Moore broke into the NFL ranks as a coach with the Buffalo Bills in 2014 after a 12-year NFL career as a wide receiver.

<u>Years</u>	<u>College/Pro Team</u>	<u>Position</u>
2009	Phoenix (Ariz.) JC	Wide Receivers
2010-13	Syracuse	Wide Receivers
2014	Buffalo Bills	Wide Receivers
2015	Oakland Raiders	Wide Receivers

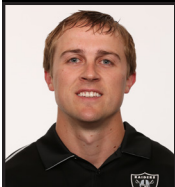
BERNIE PARMALEE



Bernie Parmalee enters his first season with the Oakland Raiders as running backs coach. He returns to the NFL coaching ranks after spending a season with Kansas as quality control-offense/assistant running backs and playing nine seasons in the league.

<u>Years</u>	<u>College/Pro Team</u>	<u>Position</u>
2002	Miami Dolphins	Assistant Special Teams
2003	Miami Dolphins	Assistant Special Teams/ Offensive Assistant (RBs)
2004	Miami Dolphins	Tight Ends
2005-06	Notre Dame	Tight Ends/Special Teams Co-Coordinator
2007-09	Notre Dame	Tight Ends
2010-12	Kansas City Chiefs	Tight Ends
2014	Kansas	Quality Control - Offense/ Assistant Running Backs
2015	Oakland Raiders	Running Backs

JAKE PEETZ



Jake Peetz is in his seventh NFL season and his first with the Silver and Black as senior offensive assistant. He joins the Raiders after spending 2014 as the offensive quality control/assistant wide receivers coach with the Washington Redskins.

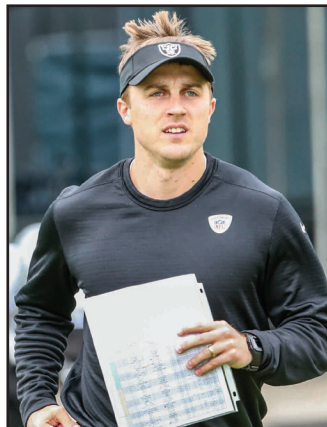
<u>Years</u>	<u>College/Pro Team</u>	<u>Position</u>
2006	Santa Barbara (Calif.) City College	Safeties/Special Teams and Strength and Conditioning Coordinator
2007	UCLA	Defensive Quality Control
2008-09	Jacksonville Jaguars	Scouting Assistant
2010-11	Jacksonville Jaguars	BLESTO Scout - Southeast
2012	Jacksonville Jaguars	Offensive Assistant/ Assistant Quarterbacks
2013	Alabama	Offensive Analyst/ Assistant Quarterbacks
2014	Washington Redskins	Offensive Quality Control/ Assistant Wide Receivers
2015	Oakland Raiders	Senior Offensive Asst.

MIKE TICE



Mike Tice joins the Silver and Black as offensive line coach, bringing 18 years of NFL coaching experience, including eight seasons as an offensive line coach and four as a head coach.

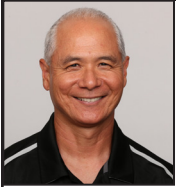
<u>Years</u>	<u>College/Pro Team</u>	<u>Position</u>
1996	Minnesota Vikings	Tight Ends
1997-2001	Minnesota Vikings	Offensive Line/Assistant Head Coach
2001	Minnesota Vikings	Interim Head Coach
2002-05	Minnesota Vikings	Head Coach
2006	Jacksonville Jaguars	Assistant Head Coach/ Offense
2007-09	Jacksonville Jaguars	Assistant Head Coach/ Tight Ends
2010-11	Chicago Bears	Offensive Line
2012	Chicago Bears	Offensive Coordinator
2014	Atlanta Falcons	Offensive Line
2015	Oakland Raiders	Offensive Line





ASSISTANT COACHES

DARRYL ETO



Darryl Eto joined the Raiders as an assistant strength and conditioning coach following five seasons as the director of strength and conditioning with the NBA's Houston Rockets. Recognized as an expert in the field of plyometrics, conditioning and speed training, Eto brings nearly 30 years of experience to the Silver and Black.

<u>Years</u>	<u>College/Pro Team</u>	<u>Position</u>
1991-97	University of Arizona	Head Assistant Strength and Conditioning
2009-14	Houston Rockets	Director of Strength and Conditioning
2015	Oakland Raiders	Assistant Strength and Conditioning

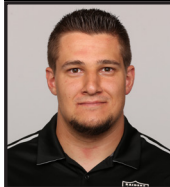
JOE GOMES



Joe Gomes, who brings over a decade of athlete training experience, is in his first season in his current role. He joins the Raiders after spending the previous nine years at EXOS (formerly Athlete's Performance).

<u>Years</u>	<u>College/Pro Team</u>	<u>Position</u>
2015	Oakland Raiders	Head Strength and Conditioning

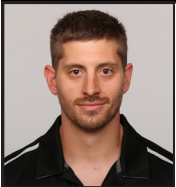
WES MILLER



Wes Miller joins the Raiders for his first NFL season as strength and conditioning assistant after working as a performance coach at EXOS, formerly Athletes' Performance. Miller brings four years of experience in training elite athletes to the Silver and Black.

<u>Years</u>	<u>College/Pro Team</u>	<u>Position</u>
2015	Oakland Raiders	Strength and Conditioning Assistant

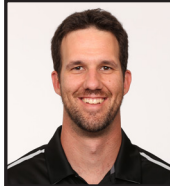
KEVIN KIJOWSKI



Kevin Kijowski is in his first NFL season as strength and conditioning assistant with the Raiders. Kijowski brings four years of experience at the collegiate level to the Silver and Black.

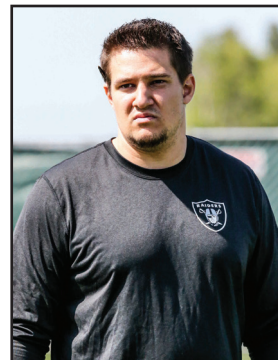
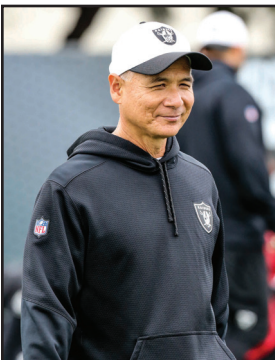
<u>Years</u>	<u>College/Pro Team</u>	<u>Position</u>
2013	Appalachian State	Strength and Conditioning Graduate Assistant
2014	UNC-Wilmington	Assistant Strength and Conditioning
2015	Oakland Raiders	Strength and Conditioning Assistant

TRACY SMITH



Tracy Smith is in his first season with the Raiders, serving as the team's assistant special teams coach. He is in his seventh NFL season in 2015, spending the previous three years with the San Francisco 49ers.

<u>Years</u>	<u>College/Pro Team</u>	<u>Position</u>
2004	Stephen F. Austin St.	Tight Ends/Video Coord.
2005	LSU	Offensive Graduate Asst.
2006-08	Utah State	Tight Ends
2009-10	Cleveland Browns	Special Teams Assistant
2011	Seattle Seahawks	Coaching Assistant
2012-14	San Francisco 49ers	Special Teams Assistant
2015	Oakland Raiders	Assistant Special Teams





COACHING STAFF NOTES

FROM PLAYERS TO COACHES

The 2015 Oakland Raiders coaching staff certainly has pedigree. Ten of team's coaches played at the NFL level before getting into coaching. The staff has 102 years of combined playing experience, with 15 Pro Bowl appearances, five All-Pro selections and one induction into the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Raiders S Charles Woodson on having former players on the 2015 coaching staff: "Yeah, I think for any player, when you have a guy that played the game, he knows the scrutiny put on you as a player. He knows the bumps and bruises that you take on a day-in and day-out basis. He knows about being in training camp. He knows about what it takes to win. It's validation for that guy when he played the game. When you're a player, there's almost automatically a respect that you have for a person that's been in it, been in that fight, knows what it's all about. These guys really they do have a wealth of knowledge. I think our teaching level this year has been at an all-time high, as far as guys understanding where they're supposed to be each and every play. I think that'll go well for us."

Head Coach Jack Del Rio: 11 years as an NFL player

A veteran of 11 seasons as an NFL linebacker, was selected in the third round (68th overall) of the 1985 NFL Draft by New Orleans and went on to make the NFL's All-Rookie Team and earn the Saints' Rookie of the Year award...Following two seasons in New Orleans (1985-86), he played for Kansas City (1987-88), Dallas (1989-91) and Minnesota (1992-95)...Led the Vikings in tackles for three consecutive years and was selected to participate in the Pro Bowl in 1994...For his career, he played 160 games in the regular season and totaled 1,078 tackles, 12 sacks and 13 INTs.

Offensive Coordinator Bill Musgrave: 6 years as an NFL player

Was drafted in the fourth round (106th overall) of the 1991 NFL Draft by the Dallas Cowboys...Played six seasons as a quarterback for the San Francisco 49ers (1991-94) and Denver Broncos (1995-96)...Served as a back up to Joe Montana and Steve Young with the 49ers...Played under offensive coordinators Mike Holmgren and Mike Shanahan...Was a member of the 49ers' Super Bowl XXIX winning team in 1994...Followed Shanahan to Denver to play under offensive coordinator Gary Kubiak and backup John Elway from 1995-96.

Defensive Coordinator Ken Norton, Jr.: 11 years as an NFL player

Played in the NFL for 13 seasons...Was originally drafted by the Dallas Cowboys in the second round (41st overall) of the 1988 NFL Draft...Spent his first six seasons with the Cowboys from 1988-93 and his final seven with the San Francisco 49ers from 1994-2000...Appeared in 191 games with 188 starts, recording 1,274 tackles (897 solo), 12.5 sacks, six forced fumbles, 13 fumble recoveries, five interceptions and 49 passes defended...Named an Associated Press All-Pro in 1995...Is the only player in NFL history to play on three consecutive Super Bowl-winning teams (Dallas in 1992 and 1993 and San Francisco in 1994)...Earned All-American honors at UCLA in 1987.

Defensive Assistant Sam Anno: 7 seasons as an NFL player

Played seven years in the NFL as a linebacker and long snapper with the Los Angeles Rams (1987), Minnesota Vikings (1987-88), Tampa Bay Buccaneers (1989-91) and San Diego Chargers (1992-93)...Received NFL Special Teams Player of the Year honors in 1989.

Defensive Line Coach Jethro Franklin: 1 season as an NFL player

Drafted by the Houston Oilers in the 11th round (298th overall) of the 1988 NFL Draft...Spent the 1989 season playing defensive line for the Seattle Seahawks...No. 1 overall draft choice of the San Antonio Riders of the World League of American Football in 1991 before opting to begin his coaching career instead.

Wide Receivers Coach Rob Moore: 12 seasons as an NFL player

Played 12 years as a wide receiver in the NFL...Was selected by the New York Jets in the first round of the 1990 Supplemental Draft...Spent five seasons with New York (1990-94) and seven years with the Arizona Cardinals (1995-2001)...Played in 153 games with 146 starts, and totaled 628 receptions for 9,368 yards and 49 touchdowns, earning Pro Bowl berths in 1994 and 1997...Led the NFL in receiving yards in 1997 (1,584), earning All-Pro honors, and an All-Conference selection from Pro Football Weekly.

Running Backs Coach Bernie Parmalee: 9 seasons as an NFL player

Played nine seasons as a running back with the Miami Dolphins (1992-98) and the New York Jets (1999-2000)...Entered the NFL as a rookie free agent with Miami...Played in 134 games (26 starts), recording 567 rushes for 2,179 yards with 17 TDs and 168 receptions for 1,485 yards with three scores...Also registered 16 kickoff returns for 289 yards, as well as 123 special teams tackles.

Defensive Backs Coach Marcus Robertson: 12 seasons as an NFL player

Played 12 seasons as a safety with the Houston Oilers/Tennessee Oilers/Tennessee Titans (1991-2000) and the Seattle Seahawks (2001-02)...Selected by Houston in the fourth round (102nd overall) of the 1991 NFL Draft...Played in 162 career games with 144 starts, totaling 24 interceptions, 1.5 sacks, nine forced fumbles and 11 fumble recoveries...Earned All-Pro honors in 1993 after recording a career-high seven interceptions and three fumble recoveries with one touchdown...Also totaled five interceptions with three fumble recoveries and two touchdowns in 1997.

Offensive Line Coach Mike Tice: 14 seasons as an NFL player

Played 14 NFL seasons with the Seattle Seahawks (1981-88, 1990-91), Washington Redskins (1989) and Vikings (1992-93, '95) as a tight end...Played in 177 games (111 starts) with 107 receptions for 894 yards and 11 TDs.

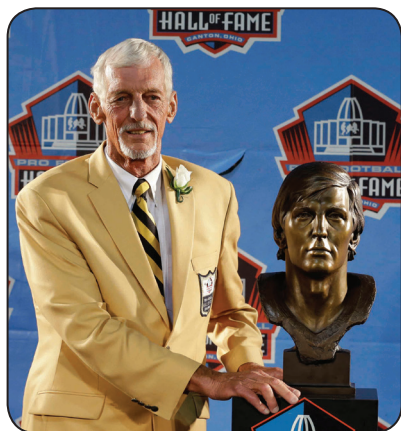
Assistant Defensive Backs Coach Rod Woodson: 17 seasons as an NFL player

Played 17 NFL seasons after being drafted 10th overall by the Pittsburgh Steelers in 1987...In 1993, had eight interceptions, 28 passes defended, two forced fumbles, two sacks, blocked a field goal attempt, recorded a team high 79 solo tackles and was named NFL Defensive Player of the Year...Played 10 years with the Steelers from 1987-96, primarily at cornerback and returning kicks and punts...Spent 1997 with the San Francisco 49ers before switching to safety and joining the Baltimore Ravens from 1999-2001...Played in 26 games, all starts, with the Raiders from 2002-03, totaling 10 interceptions...In his 17 NFL seasons, he recorded 71 interceptions, good for third all-time; a then-NFL-record 1,483 interception return yards; 2,362 punt return yards and 17 touchdowns...Holds NFL record with 12 interception-return touchdowns...Named to the 1990s All-Decade Team...Voted to 11 Pro Bowls, a record for defensive backs...Was inducted to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2009.



HALL OF FAMERS

The amount of people to have worn the Silver and Black and be enshrined in the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio, continues to grow. In 2014, former P Ray Guy became the first punter in NFL history to be enshrined into the Hall of Fame. A year later, WR Tim Brown and personnel executive Ron Wolf joined Guy in Canton. The Raiders now have 23 members in the Hall of Fame.



2014 - RAY GUY

Raiders punter, 1973-86; NFL veteran, 1973-86

Inducted into Pro Football Hall of Fame on Aug. 2, 2014...First pure punter ever elected to the Hall of Fame...Largely revolutionized the position with his booming kicks, introducing the term "hang time" into the modern-day football lexicon and helping pioneer directional punting...Became the first punter selected in the first round of the NFL Draft when the Silver and Black chose him 23rd overall in 1973...Punted 14 seasons for the Raiders...Played in 207 consecutive games, finishing career ranked third on the team's all-time participation list...Punted 1,049 times for 44,493 yards, averaging 42.4 yards per effort...Also placed 209 punts inside the 20-yard line and had only three punts blocked...Averaged more than 40 yards per punt in 13 of 14 seasons...Named as the punter for the NFL's 75th Anniversary Team in 1994 and selected to the NFL's All-Decade Team for the 1970s...Played in seven Pro Bowls (1973-78, 80) and was named first-team All-Pro six times (1973-78)...Also named second-team All-Pro twice (1979-80)...Led the NFL in punting average three times; 1974 (42.2 avg.), 1975 (43.8 avg.) and 1977 (43.3 avg.)...Also finished second in the NFL in punting three times (1973, 78, 81)...Played on three Super Bowl champion Raider teams, helping the Silver and Black win NFL titles in Super Bowls XI, XV and XVIII...Played in 22 postseason games, averaging 42.2 yards on 111 punts...Finished his pro career with 619 straight punts without a block...Namesake for the Ray Guy Award, presented annually by the Greater

Augusta Sports Council to the nation's top collegiate punter.



2015 - TIM BROWN

Raiders wide receiver, 1988-2003; NFL veteran, 1988-2004

Inducted into Pro Football Hall of Fame on Aug. 8, 2015...Played 17 NFL seasons, including first 16 campaigns with the Raiders...Joined Raiders as the sixth player selected in the 1988 NFL Draft after winning the Heisman Trophy at Notre Dame...Finished career as the most decorated receiver in Raiders history, setting franchise records with 1,070 receptions for 14,734 yards and 99 touchdowns...Finished career with most seasons (16) and games played (240) in franchise annals...Also Raiders all-time leader with 3,272 yards and three touchdowns on punt returns and 14,924 total yards from scrimmage...Racked up 19,443 combined net yards as a Raider...Topped 1,000 yards receiving in a season nine straight times from 1993-2001, and posted four of the top five seasons for receiving yardage in franchise history...Career totals include 1,094 catches for 14,934 yards and 100 touchdowns...Reception total ranked third in NFL history and yardage mark was second in league record book at time of his retirement...Punt return yardage total of 3,320 is sixth in league history...Only player in NFL history to record at least 75 receptions in 10 straight seasons (1993-2002)...Posted 11 seasons with 50-or-more receptions and recorded a reception in 179 straight games from 1993-2004...Averaged 87 catches and 1,191 yards per season from 1993-2002...Also posted more yards after the catch than any other NFL receiver from 1992-2004 with 4,475...Set an NFL record for wide receivers with 176 straight starts...Selected to play in

nine Pro Bowls, including five straight from 1994-98...Named All-Pro twice (1988 and 1997)...Garnered first-team All-Pro recognition in 1997 after setting franchise single-season records with 104 catches for 1,408 yards...Six-time recipient of the Raiders' Commitment to Excellence Award...Led Raiders to three-straight AFC West titles from 2000-02.



2015 - RON WOLF

Raiders Personnel Executive/Contributor, 1963-74, 1979-89; AFL/NFL veteran, 1963-2001

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FREE AGENT ADDITIONS

S Nate Allen



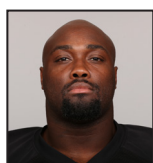
Started 69-of-74 games in five seasons with the Philadelphia Eagles...Posted a career-high four INTs, two forced fumbles and three fumble recoveries in 2014...Tallied a career-high 94 tackles in 2013 as he started all 16 games for the first time in his career...As a rookie, earned NFL Defensive Rookie of the Month honors for September 2010 after recording 19 tackles (13 solo), two INTs and one sack in three games...Became the only rookie in Eagles franchise history to record at least three INTs and two sacks in his rookie campaign...Career totals include 74 games played with 69 starts, 380 tackles (257 solo), 10 INTs, 28 passes defended, four sacks, three forced fumbles and four fumble recoveries.

WR Michael Crabtree



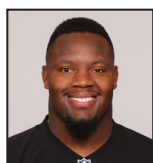
Career totals include 79 games played with 77 starts, 347 receptions for 4,327 yards (12.5 avg.) and 26 TDs...Also has three rushing attempts for 18 yards in his career...Postseason totals include eight games played with 40 receptions for 516 yards (12.9 avg.) and four TDs...Helped the 49ers to an appearance in Super Bowl XLVII following the 2012 campaign...Has caught at least one pass in all 79 career games, with at least three receptions in 66 contests...Owns eight regular season 100-yard performances, including a career-high 172 yards (Dec. 30, 2012 vs. Ari.)...Set career highs in 2012 with 85 receptions for 1,105 yards and nine TDs.

C Rodney Hudson



Accomplished center enters his first season with the Raiders after signing with the team as an unrestricted free agent this offseason...Has played in 51 games with 35 starts at center and guard over four seasons...Has started 31 of the last 32 games...Started at center in all 16 games for the first time in his career in 2014...Originally entered the NFL as a second-round draft pick of the Chiefs in 2011.

LB Curtis Lofton



Has appeared in all 112 games in his career, the longest active streak among inside linebackers...Also has started 99 straight games at inside linebacker, the second most consecutive starts among active linebackers...Has posted at least 100 tackles in all seven NFL seasons...Named to the Pro Football Weekly and The Sporting News' All-Rookie Team in 2008...Named the NFC Defensive Player of the Week in 2011 for his Week 17 performance against TB...Recorded a career-high and New Orleans Saints franchise-record 185 tackles in 2014...Career totals include 112 games played with 111 starts, 1,058 tackles (689 solo), seven sacks, 11 forced fumbles, four fumble recoveries, three INTs and one INT-TD.

RB Trent Richardson



Veteran running back enters his first season with the Silver and Black following stints with the Cleveland Browns and Indianapolis Colts...Has totaled 614 carries for 2,032 yards (3.3 avg.) and 17 TDs, and 113 receptions for 912 yards (8.1 avg.) and two TDs...Led the Colts in rushing attempts and yards in 2014...Named to USA Today's All-Joe Team in 2012...Set Browns rookie records in rushing yards (950), rushing TDs (11), scrimmage yards (1,317) and total TDs (12).

LB Malcolm Smith



Spent his first four seasons with the Seattle Seahawks, helping the team to two NFC Championships (2013 and 2014) and a Super Bowl XLVIII title...Named Super Bowl XLVIII MVP after totaling nine tackles (five solo), one fumble recovery and a 69-yard INT-TD...Set career highs in 2013 for tackles (50), forced fumbles (one), INTs (two) and passes defended (four)...Career totals include 57 games played with 16 starts, 105 tackles (68), two sacks, three forced fumbles, two INTs and seven passes defended...Postseason totals include eight games played with two starts, 27 tackles (16), one fumble recovery, two INTs and two passes defended.

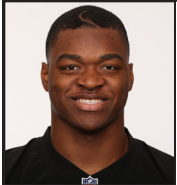
DT Dan Williams



Run-stuffing defensive tackle enters his sixth NFL season, his first with Oakland...Signed with the team as an unrestricted free agent in March...Career totals include 70 games played with 40 starts, totaling 179 tackles (116 solo), two sacks, one forced fumble, one fumble recovery, two INTs and seven passes defended...Played in all 16 games for the first time in his career in 2014, recording a career-high 45 tackles...Made a career-high 11 starts in 2012...Has also appeared in one postseason game, totaling six tackles.



2015 DRAFT PICKS



WR Amari Cooper, First Round, Fourth Overall

- Alabama's all-time leader in every major passing category, including receptions (228), receiving yards (3,463) and receiving TDs (31).

- Finished third in Heisman Trophy voting, won the Fred Biletnikoff Award and was a unanimous first-team All-American in 2014 after catching

124 passes for 1,727 yards and 16 TDs.

- One of just two Alabama players to record two 1,000-yard receiving seasons (2012 and 2014).

- Ranks near the top of the SEC record books in every major category, finishing third all-time in receptions, second all-time in receiving yards and tied for first in receiving TDs.



DE Mario Edwards Jr., Second Round, 35th Overall

- Three-year starter for the BCS Champion (2013) Florida State Seminoles, starting 26-of-36 games from 2012-14.

- Media and coaches named him to the All-ACC First Team as a junior, and coaches to the All-ACC Third Team in 2013.

- Near consensus top-rated high school prospect in the nation in 2012, being named the USA Today Defensive Player of the Year and a Parade All-American.

- Father, Mario, was also a star player at FSU and played five seasons as a cornerback in the NFL.



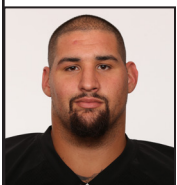
TE Clive Walford, Third Round, 68th Overall

- Started 35-of-49 games on way to becoming the seventh tight end in school history to total 1,000 yards.

- Set all major school tight end receiving records, totaling 121 receptions for 1,753 yards (14.5 avg.) and 14 TDs.

- Named a finalist for the John Mackey Award in his senior year, along with earning third-team All-American and second-team All-ACC honors.

- Did not start playing football until his senior year of high school.



G/C Jon Feliciano, Fourth Round, 128th Overall

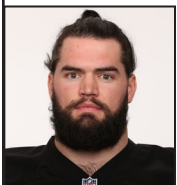
- Extremely durable lineman, playing in 48 games with 46 starts over his four-year career.

- Three-time All-ACC honorable mention from 2012-14.

- Showed great versatility, making starts at left tackle, left guard, right tackle and right guard

over his four seasons.

- Helped the Hurricanes' offense produce over 430 total yards per game as a senior in 2014.



LB Ben Heeney, Fifth Round, 140th Overall

- Tallied 335 tackles (214 solo) in his career at Kansas, eighth best in school history.

- Owns two 100-tackle seasons and recorded at least 50 solo tackles in each of his last three seasons, leading the Big 12 in solo tackles as a senior.

- Earned All-Big 12 Second-Team honors in 2012 and 2013, before earning first-team recognition as a senior.

- First-team all-state running back at Hutchinson (Kan.) High School, totaling 2,083 yards and 39 TDs as a senior.



LB Neiron Ball, Fifth Round, 161st Overall

- Played four years at Florida, appearing in 45 games with 16 starts at linebacker.

- Forced to sit out the entire 2011 season after suffering an arteriovenous malformation (AVM) condition in the spring.

- After returning in 2012, named finalist for the Uplifting Athletes Rare Disease Champion Award and earned the Florida's Chris Patrick Courage Award.

- Named first-team all-state defensive line in Georgia Class AAA by the Atlanta Journal-Constitution coming out of high school in Jackson, Ga.



DE Max Valles, Sixth Round, 179th Overall

- Played two years at Virginia, appearing in 22 games with 16 starts, after spending the 2012 season at Fork Union (Va.) Military Academy.

- Totaled 78 tackles (32 solo), 13 sacks, four forced fumbles, two fumble recoveries, one INT and 12 passes defended in his brief collegiate career.

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- Ranked second in the ACC with nine sacks as a sophomore in 2014.



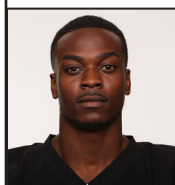
T Anthony Morris, Seventh Round, 218th Overall

- Played four seasons at Tennessee State, appearing in 35 games with 11 starts.

- Blocked for two 1,000-yard rushers during his tenure.

- Led the offensive line to a No. 18 ranking in FCS, giving up only 1.17 sacks per game in 2014.

- Played on both the offensive and defensive lines in high school, recording 60 tackles (2.6 per game) and two sacks over his last two seasons.



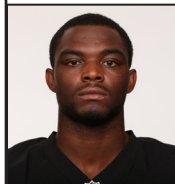
WR Andre Debose, Seventh Round, 221st Overall

- Injured his Achilles' during the offseason program and will look to make his NFL debut in 2016.

- Played four years at Florida, appearing 42 games with eight start and totaling 79 kickoff returns for 2,111 yards (26.7 avg.) with four TDs.

- Owns school record with four career kick return TDs at Florida, also tying him for the SEC record with Willie Gault (Tennessee), Felix Jones (Arkansas) and Brandon Boykin (Georgia).

- Former teammate of Raiders LB Ray-Ray Armstrong at Seminole High School in Sanford, Fla., where the pair won the 2008 Class 6A state title with a 40-yard TD pass from Armstrong to Debose.



CB Dexter McDonald, Seventh Round, 242nd Overall

- Played three seasons (2011, 2013-14) at Kansas, spending one year at Butler (Kan.) Community College in 2012.

- A two-year starter at Kansas, totaled 81 tackles (58 solo) with a forced fumble, four INTs and 25 passes defended in 31 career games.

- Recorded two INTs and two passes defended in a 2014 win over Southeast Missouri State, earning him multiple defensive player of the week honors (Big 12, CFPA and Kansas).

- An All-Big 12 honorable mention (coaches) in 2013 and a pre-season second-team All-Big 12 selection (Phil Steele) in 2014.



TEAM NOTES

WINNING WAYS

The Raiders are among the elite teams in the NFL, ranking among the top five from 1963-2014 in winning percentage of teams playing at least 500 games. The Raiders rank eighth with a .546 percentage since Al Davis was named head coach and general manager in 1963, trailing only the Dallas Cowboys, Miami Dolphins, Pittsburgh Steelers, Minnesota Vikings, San Francisco 49ers and Green Bay Packers.

NFL WINNING PERCENTAGE 1963-2014

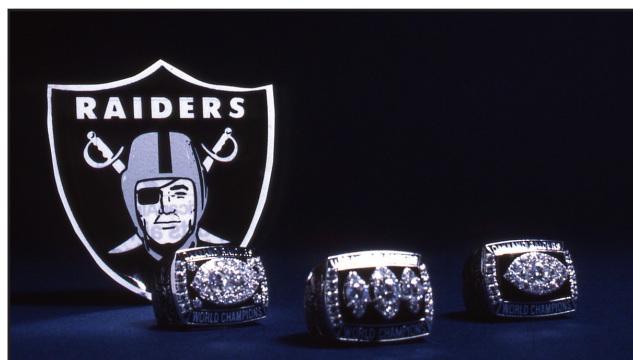
Rank	Team	W	L	T	Pct.
1.	Dallas Cowboys	467	324	3	.590
2.	Pittsburgh Steelers	449	337	8	.571
3.	Miami Dolphins	423	325	4	.565
4t.	Green Bay Packers	430	350	14	.551
4t.	Minnesota Vikings	433	352	9	.551
4t.	San Francisco 49ers	432	352	11	.551
7.	Denver Broncos	430	355	9	.548
8.	Oakland Raiders	428	355	11	.546

ROAD WARRIORS

The Raiders are among the top-performing road teams in NFL history. The Silver and Black rank ninth since the 1970 AFL-NFL merger with a .462 winning percentage in games away from home.

TOP ROAD RECORDS 1970-2014

Rank	Team	W	L	T	Pct.
1.	San Francisco 49ers	179	168	1	.516
2.	Dallas Cowboys	179	169	0	.514
3.	Miami Dolphins	177	171	1	.509
4.	Pittsburgh Steelers	173	174	1	.499
5t.	New England Patriots	165	183	0	.474
5t.	Philadelphia Eagles	162	180	5	.474
7.	Denver Broncos	161	183	2	.470
8.	Indianapolis Colts	163	185	0	.468
9.	Oakland Raiders	159	185	4	.462



STANDING GROUND

The Raiders' revamped offensive line excelled in pass protection in 2014, ranking among the best units in the league in that regard. Oakland only allowed 28 sacks on the season, good for tied for sixth in the NFL. Here is how the Raiders stack up against other offensive fronts in 2014:

SACKS ALLOWED IN 2014

Rank	Team	Sacks Allowed	Sack Yards
1.	Denver	17	118
2.	Baltimore	19	167
3.	Cincinnati	23	130
4t.	New England	26	170
4t.	Houston	26	108
6t.	Oakland	28	181
6t.	Arizona	28	182
8.	Indianapolis	29	168

CLEAN QB JERSEYS

In Week 2 (9/14 vs. Hou.) and Week 3 (9/21 at NE) of the 2014 season, the Raiders offensive line recorded clean sheets by not allowing a single sack in either game. That marks the second straight season, and the 10th time since team sacks became an official statistic in 1982, that the Raiders' line kept the quarterback upright in back-to-back games. The Raiders also allowed zero sacks in a contest four times in 2014. Here is a look at those streaks since 1990:

CONSECUTIVE GAMES NOT ALLOWING A SACK (SINCE 1990)

Consec. Games	Beginning	End	W/L
3	12/2/07 vs. Den.	12/16/07 vs. Ind.	1-2
2	9/14/14 vs. Hou.	9/21/14 at NE	0-2
2	11/24/13 vs. Ten.	11/28/13 at Dal.	0-2
2	12/24/11 at KC	1/1/12 vs. SD	1-1
2	11/23/08 at Den.	11/30/08 vs. KC	1-1
2	12/16/90 vs. Cin.	12/22/90 at Min.	2-0

FOURTH DOWN SUCCESS

Fourth down in the NFL is a "do or die" situation for offenses, and Oakland's offense was effective in those situations this season. The Raiders finished third in the NFL when facing fourth down, extending drives at a 60.0 percent clip. Here is a look at how the Raiders stack up against the rest of the NFL last season:

FOURTH DOWN PERCENTAGE IN 2014

Rank	Team	Attempts	Conversions	Pct.
1.	Arizona	4	3	75.0
2.	Philadelphia	11	7	63.6
3t.	Oakland	15	9	60.0
3t.	Carolina	10	6	60.0
5.	Houston	17	10	58.8
6.	NY Jets	16	9	56.3



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PUNCHING IT IN

When the Raiders get down inside the opponent's 20-yard line, which they did 29 times in 2014, the offense has shown the ability to gain those crucial final yards and cross the goal line. The Raiders scored touchdowns on 21-of-29 red zone possessions, good for first in the league with a 72.4 percent success rate. Here is a look at the top red zone teams from 2014:

RED ZONE TD PERCENTAGE IN 2014

Rank	Team	Possessions	Touchdowns	TD%
1.	Oakland	29	21	72.4
2.	Dallas	51	33	64.7
3.	Chicago	47	30	63.8
4.	Denver	62	39	62.9
5.	Atlanta	44	27	61.4
6.	New Orleans	65	39	60.0
7.	NY Giants	61	36	59.0



SACKS & TURNOVERS

In their Week 1 contest at the New York Jets, the Raiders were able to force two turnovers (one **S Charles Woodson** interception and one **CB TJ Carrie** forced fumble/recovery). Oakland also racked up two sacks in the game, one coming when **S Tyvon Branch** registered a 19-yard sack of Geno Smith on third down, knocking the Jets out of field goal range. When **LB Sio Moore** caused a sack-fumble, it marked the first time since 2011 that Oakland had forced at least two fumbles and recorded at least two sacks in their season-opener. The Raiders forced three turnovers and posted five sacks in their win over the Broncos on Sept. 12, 2011. In Week 14 vs. San Francisco, the Raiders added five sacks and two more interceptions. Here is a look at the two games:

Date/Opp.	Sacks	Forced Turnovers	Result
9/12/11 at Den.	5	3	W, 23-20
9/7/14 at NYJ	2	2	L, 14-19
12/7/14 vs. SF	5	2	W, 24-13



STUFFING THE RUN

Since the Raiders returned to Oakland in 1995, the team limited the opposition to less than two yards per carry in a game only 13 times, including three in 2013 and twice in 2014. The 1.0 yards per carry allowed vs. Buffalo was the seventh time since 2012 that the Silver and Black have allowed an average of less than two yards per carry. Here is a look at the games:

Date	Opponent	Rushing Yards	Attempts	Avg.
12/16/12	Kansas City	10	10	1.0
12/21/14	Buffalo	13	13	1.0
10/26/14	at Cleveland	39	25	1.6
9/10/12	San Diego	32	20	1.6
9/15/13	Jacksonville	34	19	1.8
10/27/13	Pittsburgh	35	19	1.8
10/6/13	San Diego	36	19	1.9



MILES AND MILES

Factoring in three trips to the Eastern time zone and two more to the Central time zone, the Raiders will travel the third most miles in the NFL this season. According to Pro Football Reference, Oakland travels 26,336 miles in 2015, with three trips over 2,000 miles. The Raiders trail only the Miami Dolphins (26,452 miles, including a trip to London) and San Francisco 49ers (27,998) Here is a look at the teams that travel the most in 2015:

2015 TRAVELING BREAKDOWN

Team	2015 Traveling Miles	2,000+ Mile Trips
San Francisco 49ers	27,998	4
Miami Dolphins*	26,452	2
Oakland Raiders^	26,336	3
Seattle Seahawks	25,086	1
San Diego Chargers^	24,274	2
Arizona Cardinals	23,652	1
Kansas City Chiefs**	21,640	1
Baltimore Ravens	20,550	3
Detroit Lions*	20,272	1
New York Jets*	19,866	2
Jacksonville Jaguars*	19,101	1
Dallas Cowboys	17,148	0
Cincinnati Bengals	16,062	2
Denver Broncos^	15,912	0

* - includes a trip to London

^ - AFC West team



TEAM NOTES

FRED BILETNIKOFF

Pro Football Hall of Famer **Fred Biletnikoff** is one of the most beloved Raiders of all-time. He is the second leading receiver in Raiders history, catching 589 passes for 8,974 and 76 touchdowns during his 14-year career as a Raider and the collegiate award given annually to the nation's top wide receiver is named after him. After not having a winner of Biletnikoff Award in more than a decade, the Raiders now have two on the team - **WR Amari Cooper** (2014 winner) and **WR Michael Crabtree** (2007 and 2008 winner). Oakland is one of three teams in the league (Detroit Lions and Jacksonville Jaguars) who have two winners of the award on their roster.

Cooper on Biletnikoff and meeting him at training camp this year: "He was a really great receiver and that award was something that I really wanted, that I really sought after my whole career in college. It was nice to finally meet him. It means a lot to just be in the NFL. To play for the team that Fred Biletnikoff played for is just a great feeling to try to continue that legacy."

Biletnikoff on having two winners of the Biletnikoff Award on the Raiders this season: "It's great. I'm excited about it. It means a helluva lot to me to have both of these guys on the team, with both of them winning the award. I have big expectations of those two guys and I'm so happy they're playing together and they're going to be a part of this team. They're going to make a big difference with this team, they really are."



In April 2015, Raiders **Owner Mark Davis** donated \$50,000 to Fred and Angela Biletnikoff and the Biletnikoff Foundation to help increase education in an effort to eradicate this horrible dilemma. In addition to monetary support, the Raiders will execute an extensive platform, including ongoing programs and public service campaigns to assist in preventing domestic violence and sexual assault.

"The Raiders are proud of our continuing commitment to raising awareness of this important issue that is close to the heart of the Raider family," said Davis. "We are excited to have the opportunity to work with this tremendous organization and assist them in reaching the ultimate goal, ending domestic violence and sexual assault."

The Biletnikoff Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting youth, primarily from low to moderate income neighborhoods or backgrounds, who are "at risk," particularly to the realities of drug and alcohol addiction as well as domestic and gender violence. The mission of the Biletnikoff Foundation is to commemorate Tracey Biletnikoff's life and her untimely death and to enable young people to realize their full potential through the support of community and education programs that effectively address the related problems of substance abuse and gender violence.

RAIDERS OFF THE FIELD

- **General Manager Reggie McKenzie** has an identical twin brother, **Raleigh**, who is a college scout for the team. He also has a son, **Kahlil**, who is a freshman defensive lineman at Tennessee, his father's alma mater.
- **Head Coach Jack Del Rio**, who grew up in nearby Hayward, Calif., was a standout catcher on USC's baseball team and was drafted by the Toronto Blue Jays in 1981.
- **Assistant linebackers coach Brent Vieselmeyer** coached Jack Del Rio's son, Luke, when he was the head coach at Valor Christian High School in Highlands Ranch, Colo., when Luke was the team's starting quarterback.
- **LB Ray-Ray Armstrong** and **WR Andre Debose** were high school teammates at Seminole High School in Sanford, Fla., and helped the team to a Class 6A title. Armstrong, playing quarterback, connected with Debose in the final seconds of the championship game to secure the victory.
- **RB George Atkinson III** is the son of former Raiders S George Atkinson, Jr., who played 10 seasons with Oakland from 1968-77.
- **G Tony Bergstrom's** wife, Jessica, is an amateur MMA fighter.
- **WR Brice Butler** is a DJ in his spare time and goes by the name "DJ Duffle Bag."
- **QB Derek Carr** is the brother of former No. 1 overall pick of the Houston Texans, David. The two brothers started a training facility for all athletes in Southern California called Carr Elite.
- **WR Andre Holmes'** brother, Jason, is a member of St. Kilda Football Club of the Australian Football League.
- **T Austin Howard** played basketball in college at Northern Iowa.
- **K Sebastian Janikowski** is a former member of the Polish national under-17 soccer team and turned down various pro soccer offers to enroll at Florida State.
- **LB Sio Moore** was born in Monrovia, Liberia.
- **T Donald Penn** was a Raider fan growing up in Inglewood, Calif., going to Raiders games as kid in Los Angeles.
- **QB Christian Ponder** is married to ESPN reporter Samantha Ponder.
- **S Brandian Ross** founded and owns the clothing line "Unity Over Self."
- **K Giorgio Tavecchio** was born in Milan, Italy.
- **T Menelik Watson** was born in Manchester, England and was raised there before attending Marist College to play basketball.
- **S Charles Woodson** is a wine entrepreneur, owning the wine label TwentyFour by Charles Woodson, leasing acres of vineyards in Napa Valley, Calif., a short distance from the Raiders' training-camp home.



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RAIDERS QUICK FACTS

First Season: 1960 (American Football League)

Founding Co-owners and Directors: Y. Charles Soda, F. Wayne Valley, Robert L. Osborne, Don Blessing, Charles L. Harney, Roger D. Lapham, Jr., Wallace A. Marsh, William J. Hayes, Edward W. McGah

All-Time Record: Regular season: 437-388-11 (.530)
Postseason: 25-18 (.581)

AFL Championships: 1 - 1967

Super Bowl Championships: 3 - 1976, 1980, 1983

Division Titles: 17 - 1967-70, 1972-76, 1980, 1982-83, 1985, 1990, 2000-02

Conference: American Football Conference

Division: AFC West

Stadium: O.co Coliseum

Capacity: 56,057

Surface: Overseeded Bermuda

Year opened: 1966

League games: 291 (including 17 postseason)

Team Colors: Silver and Black

Radio: Flagship KGMZ (95.7 The Game) and nation-wide Raiders Radio Network (23 stations)

Preseason TV: KTVU-TV (Ch. 2) and KICU-TV (Ch. 36) in Bay Area

RAIDERS MEDIA WEBSITE

Last season, the Oakland Raiders have introduced a media website, open to all members of the media, updated with content and publications from the Raiders media relations staff, including media guides, weekly releases, transcripts, post-game notes, flip cards and other information. In an effort to help media members with their coverage of the Raiders, the content will be updated on a daily basis. For any further questions, please contact a member of the Raiders media relations staff.

<http://media.raiders.com/>



Welcome to the Oakland Raiders Media Website

RAIDERS.COM

The Raiders were one of the first professional teams to go online in 1995, and since then, Raiders.com has grown into one of the top on-line destinations in sports. The site continues to provide exclusive video interviews, comprehensive photography, official press releases, transactions, player stats and biographies, profiles on current and former players and team personnel, press conference video and much more. The Raiders also use social media - Twitter, Facebook and Instagram - to communicate with and interact with the worldwide Raider Nation.

In 2015, the official website of the Oakland Raiders, RAIDERS.COM, will continue to use cutting edge technology to provide the Raider Nation with news, information, team history and entertainment, offering visitors an in-depth, state-of-the-art look at the Silver and Black.

RAIDERS EXCELLENCE

Each season, Raiders players vote on which teammate should receive the prestigious Commitment to Excellence Award, given to the Raider who best exemplifies hard work, leadership, and excellence on and off the field throughout the season. In 2014, **S Charles Woodson** was presented with the award following another standout season on the field, as well as impressive list of off-the-field work. It started as the Gorman Award in 1967 and was later renamed the Commitment to Excellence Award in 1983. Here is a look at the winners of the award since 1967:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Winner</u>
1967	QB Daryle Lamonica
1968	C Jim Otto
1969	CB Willie Brown
1970	QB/K George Blanda
1971	C Jim Otto
1972	RB Marv Hubbard
1973	QB Ken Stabler
1974	QB Ken Stabler
1975	RB Pete Banaszak
1976	QB Ken Stabler
1977	RB Mark Van Eeghen
1978	TE Dave Casper
1979	TE Raymond Chester
1980	LB Ted Hendricks
1981	LB Rod Martin
1983	LB Rod Martin
1984	RB Marcus Allen
1985	RB Marcus Allen
1986	DT Bill Pickel
1987	RB Marcus Allen
1988	RB Marcus Allen
1989	DE Greg Townsend
1990	DE Greg Townsend
1991	S Ronnie Lott
1992	RB Marcus Allen
	CB Terry McDaniel
1993	WR Tim Brown
1994	CB Terry McDaniel
1995	WR Tim Brown
1996	QB Jeff Hostetler
1997	WR Tim Brown
	QB Jeff George
	DT Russell Maryland
1998	LB Greg Biekert
1999	WR Tim Brown
2000	QB Rich Gannon
2001	WR Tim Brown
	G Steve Wisniewski
2002	WR Tim Brown
2003	WR Jerry Rice
2004	WR Ronald Curry
	OL Barry Sims
2005	DE Derrick Burgess
2006	CB Nnamdi Asomugha
2007	RB Justin Fargas
2008	CB Nnamdi Asomugha
2009	RB Justin Fargas
	TE Zach Miller
2010	RB Rock Cartwright
2011	RB Rock Cartwright
2012	LS Jon Condo
2013	FB Marcel Reece
2014	S Charles Woodson



CHARLES WOODSON

A LEADER IN PICKS



S Charles Woodson, who posted nine interceptions when he won the NFL's Defensive Player of the Year award in 2009, is the NFL's active leader in interceptions. Woodson, who just completed his 17th NFL campaign, has 60 interceptions, 17 more than DeAngelo Hall's 43. Woodson has five seasons with at least five picks in his Hall of Fame career.

Fame career.

ACTIVE INTERCEPTION LEADERS

Rank	Player	INTs
1.	S Charles Woodson (Oak.)	60
2.	CB DeAngelo Hall (Was.)	43
3.	CB Terence Newman (Cin.)	37
4.	CB Charles Tillman (Chi.)	36

LONG-TERM HAWK

Remarkably, **S Charles Woodson** has intercepted at least one pass in each of his first 17 NFL seasons. Woodson has joined an elite company of just one other player to intercept a pass in at least 17 consecutive seasons. He is now in sole possession of second place on this list, trailing only Hall of Famer Darrell Green. Woodson has four seasons of at least seven interceptions in his career.

Player	Consec. Seasons w/INT	Years
Darrell Green#	19	1983-2000
Charles Woodson*	17	1998-2014
Eugene Robinson	16	1985-2000
Willie Brown#	16	1963-78

* - Still Active
- Hall of Famer

FIRST TO 50 AND 60/20

In Week 12 against Kansas City, **S Charles Woodson** achieved some history. With a third quarter sack of Chiefs QB Alex Smith, Woodson became the first player since sacks became an official statistic in 1982 to record 50 interceptions and 20 sacks for his career. Woodson is the only active player with at least 60 career picks and one of just 11 players in NFL history. His 20 sacks are tops among current defensive backs and make him just one of eight defensive backs to record at least 20 sacks for their career.



WOODSON QUICK HITS

- Only two players in football history have ever won a Heisman Trophy, Associated Press Rookie of the Year, Associated Press Player of the Year and a Super Bowl in their career. Charles Woodson is one of them. The other? Former Raiders RB Marcus Allen.
- Since 1995, only four players have won both the Associated Press Defensive Rookie of the Year and Associated Press Defensive Player of the Year awards in their career - Raiders **S Charles Woodson** (1998 & 2009), Ravens OLB Terrell Suggs (2003 & 2011), former Bears LB Brian Urlacher (2000 & 2005) and Panthers LB Luke Kuechly (2012 & 2013).
- Woodson posted an interception touchdown in six straight seasons (2006-11), becoming the first player in NFL history to do so. No other NFL player has accomplished the feat in more than four consecutive seasons.
- In 2009, Woodson became the fourth player in NFL history (since sacks became an official statistic in 1982) to record at least nine interceptions and two sacks in a single season.
- Is the only player in NFL history to post at least seven interceptions and two sacks in back-to-back seasons.
- Became the first NFL player (since sacks became an official statistic in 1982) to record two interceptions, an interception touchdown, a sack and a fumble recovery in the same game when he posted all of those statistics on 11/26/09 at Det.
- Became the first player in NFL history to record 60 interceptions and 20 sacks for his career on Dec. 21, 2014.

TAKING IT TO THE HOUSE

The only thing better than forcing a turnover is turning it into a touchdown, and **S Charles Woodson** has done that just as well as anybody in the history of the NFL. Woodson is one interception-touchdown away from tying **assistant defensive backs coach Rod Woodson's** all-time mark, and just one defensive touchdown away from setting the all-time mark. With every touchdown going forward, Woodson will be adding a new note to the NFL record books.

NFL ALL-TIME INT-TDs

Rank	Player	INT-TDs
1.	Rod Woodson	12
2t.	Charles Woodson	11
2t.	Darren Sharper	11

NFL ALL-TIME DEFENSIVE TDs

Rank	Player	Defensive TDs
1t.	Charles Woodson	13
1t.	Rod Woodson	13
1t.	Darren Sharper	13
4.	Aeneas Williams	12



KHALIL MACK

SILVER AND MACK



As the Raiders' first-round pick in the 2014 NFL Draft, **LB Khalil Mack** had lofty expectations in his rookie season and he met them all and more. Mack finished the third third in Associated Press Defensive Rookie of the Year voting, falling to St. Louis' DT Aaron Donald. Proving to be of the NFL's best run defenders and generating pressure on quarterbacks that didn't always show up on the stat sheet, Mack was selected to the Pro Football Writers of America, Sports Illustrated and NFL.com All-Rookie Teams.

Mack was the **only rookie named to the 2014 USA Football All-Fundamentals Team**, on December 10, 2014, an honor awarded to 26 NFL players who exhibit exemplary football techniques for young players to emulate. The USA Football All-Fundamentals Team was assembled with guidance from a five-person selection committee: Charles Davis, Herm Edwards, Merrill Hoge, Carl Peterson, Bill Polian.

Last season, became the third Raider linebacker to start all 16 games in his rookie season, and the first to do so since General Manager Reggie McKenzie in 1985. Matt Millen also started all 16 games as a rookie in 1980.

While most of Mack's success last year didn't always show up on the stat sheet, he'll look to improve on the below numbers from last year, seeing a lot of time as a defensive end.

KHALIL MACK 2014 STATS

GP	GS	Total	Solo	Asst.	Sacks	Yds.	INTs	PD	FF
16	16	84	59	25	4.0	29.0	0	4	1

NO GUARANTEED GAINS

According to unofficial press box statistics, Mack totaled 75 tackles (59 solo) in 2014. Of those 75 tackles, 52 (69.3 percent) of them were made for a loss or within three yards of the line of scrimmage. Of his 59 solo tackles, 37 (62.7 percent) of those have been for a loss or within three yards of the line of scrimmage.

He finished second among defensive players in "stuffs" with 11.5 tackles at or behind the line of scrimmage, according to STATS, INC.

Player	Total Tackles	Stuffs
J.J. Watt (Hou.)	78	13.5
Khalil Mack (Oak.)	75	11.5
Lavonte David (TB)	146	11
Michael Bennett (Sea.)	38	10.5
Corey Liuget (SD)	57	10

Mack was tied for 10th in tackles for loss in the NFL with 16, according to unofficial press box statistics.

ROOKIES WITH MULTI-SACK GAMES

Player	Date/Opponent
Devon Kennard (NYG)	11/30/14 vs. Jac., 12/07/14 at Ten.
Jonathan Newsome (Ind.)	11/03/14 at NYG, 11/30/14 vs. Was.
Khalil Mack (Oak.)	12/07/14 vs. SF
Kasim Edebali (NO)	10/26/14 vs. GB
Avery Williamson (Ten.)	11/17/14 vs. Pit.
Timmy Jernigan (Bal.)	12/14/14 vs. Jac.

S'MACK" TALK

LB Khalil Mack's NFL career is still in its initial stages, but opposing coaches and players are already taking notice. Mack has made an impact on games as a run defender and pass rusher. Here are a few things players and coaches around the NFL have had to say about Mack:

"Khalil was definitely a guy that we thought was an instinctive player, an explosive player, a guy that we felt like his best football was ahead of him, because we felt like this is a guy that can really rush the passer and also probably drop into pass coverage, be a second-level defender. That's what we see on tape, he's a really good football player." - **Texans Head Coach Bill O'Brien, Sept. 10, 2014**

"No. 52 [Khalil Mack] is a phenomenal player. He's a great pass rusher, but he's really good in the run game. We knew it was going to be a challenge." - **Cardinals QB Carson Palmer, Oct. 19, 2014**

"He was a guy that was definitely highly rated on our board. We thought a lot of him coming out. And sometimes you don't necessarily get the sack production and people can be fooled by that. We look at the effectiveness of a rusher - how much they're affecting the quarterback. They might not be getting the finish, they might be causing production for somebody else." - **Browns Head Coach Mike Pettine, Oct. 22, 2014**

"Talking to the guys in the locker room, he gained the respect of everybody on our team. That guy 52, Khalil Mack, is one of the best players we've gone against this year and that's a unanimous decision in that locker room. He gained all of our respect, and we knew coming in he was going to be a tough player." - **Browns QB Brian Hoyer, Oct. 26, 2014**

"He's a rookie, but you wouldn't think that by the way he's been playing. When you look at him on film, he attacks the line and he's aggressive. He makes plays." - **Browns RB Terrance West, Oct. 26, 2014**

"I think he's really good. He jumps off the film. Every one of our coaches, when they break up and start looking at the Raiders and taking seriously what they're doing well, everybody comes back talking about him. He's almost unblockable and he's got a great motor. He's fast, he's tough, he's instinctive. We think he's an obvious factor." - **Seahawks Head Coach Pete Carroll, Oct. 29, 2014**

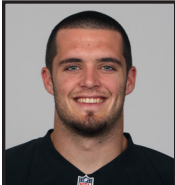
"Every week, one of the teams I watch early on is the Raider defense, and the reason I want to watch is Khalil Mack. He's not just one of the best rookies to come out, he's the best linebacker in the National Football League, and he is the best against the run." - **Former NFL RB and current ESPN analyst Merrill Hoge**





DEREK CARR

CARR AT THE HELM



QB Derek Carr was named the Raiders' starting quarterback heading into Week 1 last year, becoming the first rookie quarterback in franchise history to start in Week 1. Oakland's second-round pick of the 2014 NFL Draft was solid in his NFL debut, finishing the game 20-for-32 passing for 151 yards, two TDs and a passer rating of 94.7. Carr became the ninth Raider QB and second rookie to throw at least two TD passes in his debut. His 94.7 passer rating is the third highest for a Raider rookie in his first start. Carr began his career nearly perfect, going 7-for-7 for 53 yards and one TD before throwing his first incomplection in the second quarter.

Carr began his career with a completion percentage of at least 60.0 in his first four games. In NFL history, only two other quarterbacks have accomplished the feat: Robert Griffin III (Was.) in 2012 and Rick Mirer (Sea.) in 1993.

Carr's 300-yard passing performance (328) on Oct. 26 at Cleveland was the first 300-yard passing game of his career and first ever by a Raider rookie.

Carr engineered his first game-winning drive in Week 12 against Kansas City, producing a 17-play, 80-yard touchdown drive that took 7:21, ending with a touchdown pass with 1:42 remaining.

Carr set a career high with a passer rating of 140.2 on Dec. 7 vs. San Francisco, and it is the seventh highest single-game passer rating in franchise history (min. 20 attempts). It is also the sixth-best passer rating by a rookie quarterback since 1960 (min. 20 attempts).

HISTORICAL FEAT

QB Derek Carr vaulted himself into rare company following his 4 TD performance in Week 6 vs. San Diego last year. Carr posted eight TD passes in his first five games, which is the most ever by a rookie quarterback in the first five games of his career. Here is a look at where Carr's historical start to his career stacks up:

TD PASSES BY ROOKIE QBs (FIRST FIVE GAMES)

Rank	Player	Season	TD Passes
1.	Derek Carr	2014	8
2t.	Andrew Luck	2012	7
2t.	Cam Newton	2011	7
2t.	Geno Smith	2013	7

QB Derek Carr completed passes with the kind of pinpoint accuracy only seen a handful of times previously in league history. In his first four games, Carr completed 84-of-133 passes for a completion rate of 63.2 percent. Since 1960, that places Carr second among rookie quarterbacks with at least 100 passing attempts through their first four games. Here is a look:

HIGHEST COMP. % BY ROOKIE QB IN FIRST 4 GAMES (MIN. 100 ATT.)

Rank	Player	Year	Cmp. %
1	Robert Griffin III (Was.)	2012	69.35
2	Derek Carr (Oak.)	2014	63.16
3	Chris Weinke (Car.)	2001	62.14
4	Jim Kelly (Buf.)	1986	61.17
5	Russell Wilson (Sea.)	2012	60.00

ELITE EFFICIENCY

Carr attempted 599 passes last season, second all-time among rookies. Despite the heavy workload, Carr completed his passes at a 58.1 percent clip, fourth best all-time among rookies (min. 500 attempts).

Of the eight rookie QBs ever to attempt 500 passes in a season, Carr owns the fourth highest completion percentage (Sam Bradford - 60.0 percent in 2010; Cam Newton - 60.0 percent in 2011; Andy Dalton - 58.1 percent in 2011).

Carr also ranks first among rookies since 1960 with four games of at least 40 attempts and 25 completions.

Carr owns the fewest interceptions of any rookie in NFL history with at least 500 attempts. Carr's 2.0 interception percentage also ranked first among 2014 rookies and seventh among NFL QBs.

On six occasions, Carr threw at least 30 times without an interception, tied with Andy Dalton for the most such games by any rookie since 1960. Lastly, Carr was one of four rookies with at least 20 TDs and fewer than 12 INTs (R. Griffin III, D. Marino and R. Wilson).

Carr was just the 14th quarterback since the 16-game season was adopted in 1978 to start every game in his rookie campaign. He and his brother, David Carr (fourth quarterback, 2002), comprise the only pair of siblings to have accomplished the feat.

LEADING THE CLASS

With his rookie campaign behind him, Derek Carr was in elite company, as he ranks in or near the top 10 in multiple rookie passing categories. Here is a look at how Carr stacked up against 2014 rookie quarterbacks and all-time rookie passers.

Category	Carr	2014 Rookie Rank	All-Time Rookies
Completions	348	1	2
Passing Yards	3,270	1	10
Passing TDs	21	1	5t
QB Rating	76.6	2	14

PUTTING UP POINTS

The owner of 21 career TD passes, Carr quickly jumped into the history books as one of the most prolific rookie scorers in NFL history.

Carr's 21 touchdowns tied with Cam Newton for fifth all-time among NFL rookies.

Carr tied for sixth among rookies since 1960 with six multi-TD performances, including two three-TD outings (Week 6 vs. SD and Week 14 vs. SF).

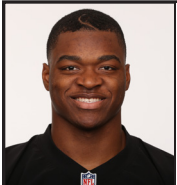
In Week 6, Carr lit up the Chargers defense for 282 yards and four TDs, a career high and tied for the second-most TDs ever thrown by a rookie in a single game. It was also the most touchdowns ever thrown by a rookie against San Diego.

Carr's four-TD day also marked the first time an NFL rookie threw four in a game since Russell Wilson and Andrew Luck each did it in 2012, and just the eighth four-TD game by a rookie since 2000.



AMARI COOPER

FIRST-ROUNDER



WR Amari Cooper was tabbed as the Raiders' first-round draft pick in the 2015 NFL Draft and the fourth-overall selection. He was the highest wide receiver taken in the draft and the first receiver taken by Oakland in the first round since 2009. Despite the hype, the even-keeled Cooper has garnered rave reviews from his college playing days and so far in his young NFL career. While enjoying one of the most dominant careers a wide receiver has ever had at the college level, Cooper looks for that success to translate to the NFL.



COLLEGIATE CAREER

In three years at Alabama, Cooper emerged as one of the nation's most explosive and polished receivers. Below is a look at his offensive totals at Alabama.

		RECEIVING				
Year	School	Games	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD
2012	Alabama	14	59	1,000	16.9	11
2013	Alabama	12	45	736	16.4	4
2014	Alabama	14	124	1,727	13.9	16
RECEIVING TOTALS		40	228	3,463	15.2	31

		RUSHING				
Year	School	Games	Att.	Yds	Avg	TD
2012	Alabama	14	0	0	-	0
2013	Alabama	12	1	28	28.0	0
2014	Alabama	14	5	23	4.6	0
RUSHING TOTALS		40	6	51	8.5	0

THE TROPHY CASE

AWARDS

- 2014 Fred Biletnikoff Award winner - Nation's top wide receiver
- 2014 Unanimous All-American and Preseason All-American
- 2014 SEC Offensive Player of the Year and First Team All-SEC
- Third in 2014 Heisman Voting (1,023 points)
- 2012 Consensus All-American (FWAA, Sporting News, CBSSports.com, CollegeFootballNews.com and Scout.com)
- 2012 SEC All-Freshman (selected by coaches)

TITLES

- Two-time SEC Champion (2012, 2014)
- BCS National Champion (2013)

COOPER QUICK HITS

Here is a brief look at where Cooper's offensive exploits ranked among his peers in the SEC and NCAA, along with some other notables from his Alabama career:

Receiving Touchdowns

- Ranks first in SEC annals (since 1956) with 31 career TDs
- Finished first in the SEC, and second in the NCAA, with 16 TDs in 2014
- Second in the SEC with 11 TDs as a freshman in 2012, an Alabama-freshman record

Receptions

- Ranks third in SEC history (since '56) with 228 career receptions
- Topped the SEC and NCAA in 2014 with 124 receptions, setting the SEC record
- In 2012, finished with 59 catches, second all-time among Alabama freshmen

Receiving Yards

- Second all-time in SEC history (since '56) with 3,463 yards
- Led the SEC, finishing second in the NCAA, with 1,727 yards in 2014
- His 1,000-yard season in 2012 was good for fifth in the SEC that season, and the third-best yardage total among Alabama freshman



QUOTES ON COOPER

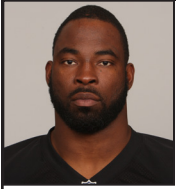
"He is a pro. He is a legit pro and he's been a pro even when he wasn't a pro. He is gym rat who just only wants to play football. On the field, he's just polished. ... He is smart enough and savvy enough to do a lot of things, and that's great. If he's the kind of player that the Raiders think and a lot of other people around the NFL think, then you're going to have to find ways to get him out of double coverage, and moving him around will help." - **NFL Network reporter Ian Rapoport**

"They have their new Tim Brown. He's very much like Tim Brown, very explosive, got speed to burn, really going to strike fear into the opposing team." - **Pro Football Hall of Fame and former Raiders WR Jerry Rice**



INDIVIDUAL NOTES

SACK ARTIST



In an effort to bolster the pass rush, Oakland signed proven pass rusher **DE Justin Tuck** before the 2014 campaign. Tuck, who owns 65.5 career sacks, joined the Raiders after nine seasons with the New York Giants. He helped the Giants win two Super Bowls during his tenure, while earning two trips to the Pro Bowl and two Associated Press All-Pro selections (one first team and one second team).

NFL SACK LEADERS (SINCE 2007)

Rank	Player	Sacks
9.	OLB Tamba Hali (KC)	71.5
10.	OLB James Harrison (Pit.)	67.5
11.	OLB Terrell Suggs (Bal.)	66.5
12.	DE Justin Tuck (Oak.)	64.5
13.	DE Cameron Wake (Mia.)	63.0
14.	DE Charles Johnson (Car.)	62.5

DOUBLE DIGIT SACKS

With 11.0 sacks in 2013, **DE Justin Tuck** recorded the fourth double-digit sack season of his career. The 11.0 sacks (9.5 of which came over the final six games) were the third highest total of his career. Here is a look at Tuck's season-by-season sack numbers, with the double-digit campaigns bolded:

JUSTIN TUCK SEASON-BY-SEASON SACKS

Season	Sacks
2005	1.0
2006	0.0
2007	10.0
2008	12.0
2009	6.0
2010	11.5
2011	5.0
2012	4.0
2013	11.0
2014	5.0
Totals	65.5

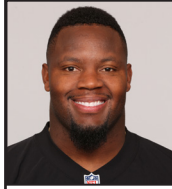
SUPER BOWL PERFORMERS

In the biggest game there is in football, **DE Justin Tuck** has performed. He has played in two Super Bowls, and has two Super Bowl rings. He ranks in the top five of career sacks in the Super Bowl (since 1982) with four. Here is a look at their career stat lines in the big game:

JUSTIN TUCK SUPER BOWL STATS

GP	GS	Total	Solo	Asst.	Sacks	Yds.	FF
2	1	9	8	1	4.0	24.0	1

MAN IN THE MIDDLE



LB Curtis Lofton was signed as a free agent this offseason, bolstering the Raiders defense up the middle. Lofton, who has made stops with the Atlanta Falcons and New Orleans Saints, is a tackling machine, recording at least 100 tackles in each of his first seven NFL seasons. He also set a career high and Saints franchise record with 185 tackles last season. Below is a look at his career numbers:

CURTIS LOFTON YEAR-BY-YEAR TACKLES

Year	Total	Solo	Assist
2008	108	67	41
2009	160	118	42
2010	142	101	41
2011	167	101	66
2012	157	94	63
2013	139	83	56
2014	185	125	60
Totals	1,058	689	369

In just three seasons with the Saints (2012-14), Lofton had a big impact. Two of his tackle totals from those seasons ranked in the franchise's top three tackle seasons.

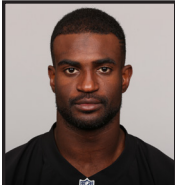
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS SINGLE-SEASON TACKLE TOTALS

Player	Year	Tackles
Curtis Lofton	2014	185
Winfred Tubbs	1997	160
Curtis Lofton	2012	157
Sam Mills	1994	155
Jonathan Vilma	2008	151



INDIVIDUAL NOTES

DJ AT CORNER



The Raiders' first-round selection (No. 12 overall) in the 2013 NFL Draft, **CB DJ Hayden** has come a long way. After suffering a life-threatening injury to his heart in November 2012, Hayden played a major role in Oakland's defensive makeover. In his rookie year, Hayden recorded 29 tackles and two PD. In the Week 5 win vs. San Diego, Hayden hauled in his first NFL interception, picking off Philip Rivers in the end zone to stop a potential Chargers scoring drive. His season was cut short due to a groin injury on Nov. 20, 2013.

After spending the first seven weeks on the PUP list to start the 2014 season after rehabbing from an offseason foot injury, Hayden returned to game action on Oct. 26, 2014 at Cleveland. In his first significant action of 2014, Hayden had four passes defended in the Raiders' match-up with the defending champion Seattle Seahawks. He also added his first interception of the season in Week 10 against the Broncos. Here is a look at his numbers last season:

DJ HAYDEN 2014 STATS

GP	GS	Total	Solo	Asst.	INTs	PD	FF	FR
10	8	45	37	8	1	16	0	0



MURRAY MAKES HISTORY



RB Latavius Murray emerged onto the scene late in 2014, totaling 424 rushing yards on 82 carries (5.2 avg.) in six games since Week 11. Murray, who spent the 2013 season on the reserve/injured list, made a name for himself in his sophomore campaign, getting the majority of the carries down the stretch last season.

In Week 12 against Kansas City, Murray burst onto the scene on national television, producing 112 rushing yards on just four carries (28.0 avg.) and two touchdowns before leaving the game due to injury. Here are a few notes from Murray's breakthrough performance:

Murray scored his first career touchdown on an 11-yard run around the left end in the first quarter and added a 90-yard rushing touchdown in the second quarter. Murray finished with four carries for 112 yards (28.0 avg.) and two touchdowns, making him the Raiders' first 100-yard rusher since Marcel Reece ran for 123 yards at NYJ on 12/8/13.

Murray is the first player in NFL history to gain at least 110 rushing yards on five or fewer carries, posting four rushes for 112 yards (28.0 avg.) and two touchdowns, all in the first half.

Murray's 11-yard touchdown run in the first quarter was the first rushing touchdown allowed by the Kansas City Chiefs in their last 12 games (12/22/13 vs. Ind.). It was also the Raiders' third rushing touchdown of the season and the first since 10/19 vs. Arizona.

Murray's 90-yard touchdown run was the Raiders' second rushing touchdown of 90-plus yards since 1998 and the longest by a Raider since Terrelle Pryor's 93-yard score against the Steelers on Oct. 27, 2013.

Murray's 90-yard touchdown was the longest offensive scoring play in the NFL in 2014 and the fourth rushing touchdown of 90-plus yards in Raiders history (last: Terrelle Pryor's 93-yard score vs. Pit., 10/27/13).



ENERGETIC MOORE



LB Sio Moore, the Raiders' high-energy third-round selection in the 2013 NFL Draft, emerged onto the scene in his rookie season. Moore, who played in 15 games and started 11, and was named the NFL Pepsi Next Rookie of the Week for his eight-tackle, 1.5-sack performance on 10/27 vs. Pit. He was also named to the Pro Football

Writer's Association's All-Rookie Team. Moore dealt with some injuries last season, but managed to post his first 100-tackle season. Here is a look at Moore's 2014 campaign:

SIO MOORE 2014 STATS

GP	GS	Total	Solo	Asst.	Sacks	Yds.	INTs	PD	FF
11	11	112	79	33	3.0	21.0	0	2	1



INDIVIDUAL NOTES

THE LEAD BACK



Since 2009, **FB Marcel Reece** has been lethal out of the backfield when it comes to picking up big yards through the air. Reece, who is second in the NFL during this time in average yards per reception among active RBs and FBs, averages 10.0 yards per catch.

RECEIVING AVERAGE LEADERS AMONG RBs/FBs (SINCE 2009)

Rank	Player	Avg.	Rec.	Yds.
1.	DeAngelo Williams	10.1	100	1,012
2.	Marcel Reece	10.0	175	1,746
3.	Le'Veon Bell	9.8	128	1,253
4.	Joique Bell	9.7	139	1,354
5.	Shane Vereen	9.7	107	1,023



RIVERA STEPS UP



TE Mychal Rivera proved to be one of **QB Derek Carr's** favorite targets last season, as he finished second on the team with 58 receptions and third with 534 receiving yards. Since being drafted in the sixth round of the 2013 NFL Draft, Rivera has emerged as the Raiders' primary tight end, providing a security blanket for quarterbacks. In

Week 14 vs. San Francisco in 2014, Rivera posted a career high with 109 receiving yards on seven catches and one touchdown, becoming the first Raiders tight end since 2012 to eclipse 100 yards. Here is a look at his 2014 season:

MYCHAL RIVERA 2014 STATS

GP	GS	Rec.	Yards	Avg.	TDs
16	10	58	534	9.2	4

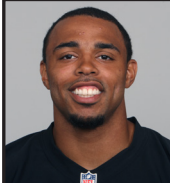


DUAL THREAT

FB Marcel Reece is moving up the franchise's all-time list for receptions by a running back or fullback. Currently in sixth, Reece will look to move into the top five this season.

Rank	Player	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs
1.	Marcus Allen	446	4,258	9.5	18
2t.	Darren McFadden	211	1,769	8.4	5
2t.	Charlie Garner	211	1,905	9.0	7
4.	Clem Daniels	201	3,291	16.4	24
5.	Hewritt Dixon	190	1,750	9.2	10
6.	Marcel Reece	175	1,746	10.0	9
7.	Harvey Williams	165	1,229	7.4	5
8.	Mark van Eeghen	162	1,467	9.1	3
9.	Charlie Smith	141	1,596	11.3	10
10.	Jon Ritchie	129	1,026	8.0	4

HOLMES BREAKS THROUGH



Following his Week 6 performance in 2014 against the San Diego Chargers, **WR Andre Holmes** now has two of the top receiving performances over the last three seasons. Holmes' 136 receiving yards in 2013 against the Dallas Cowboys are the most of any Raiders receiver over the last three years and the fourth-best total since 2010. Here

is where his two days rank on the franchise list over the last three years.

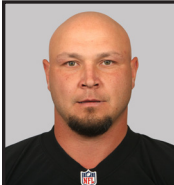
SINGLE-GAME RECEIVING LEADERS 2012-14

Date	Opp.	Player	Rec.	Yards	Receptions	Avg.
11/28/13	at Dal.	Andre Holmes	136		7	19.4
12/2/12	vs. Cle.	Brandon Myers	130		14	9.3
1/7/13	at NYJ	Rod Streater	130		7	18.6
9/23/13	at Den.	Denarius Moore	124		6	20.7
10/12/14	vs. SD	Andre Holmes	121		4	30.3



INDIVIDUAL NOTES

BASS' GAME-WINNERS



K Sebastian Janikowski kicked two game-winning field goals in 2012. His 43-yard field goal as time expired against the Steelers on Sept. 23, 2012 marked his 12th career game-winning field goal, and his overtime game-winner against Jacksonville came from 40 yards out and marked the 13th of his career. Below are Janikowski's career game-winning field goals:

Date	Opp.	Dist.	Time Left	Made Score	Final
10/15/00	at KC	43	0:25	20-17	20-17
10/29/00	at SD	24	0:13	15-13	15-13
9/9/01	at KC	31	0:15	27-24	27-24
9/14/03	Cin.	39	0:09	23-20	23-20
9/28/03	SD	46	*5:01	34-31	*34-31
11/7/04	at Car.	19	0:06	27-24	27-24
11/20/05	at Was.	19	1:08	16-13	16-13
10/19/08	NYJ	57	*2:30	16-13	*16-13
11/22/09	Cin.	33	0:15	20-17	20-17
11/7/10	KC	33	*12:07	20-20	*23-20
12/24/11	at KC	36	*12:47	16-13	*16-13
9/23/12	Pit.	43	0:00	34-31	34-31
10/21/12	Jac.	40	*12:54	26-23	26-23

**Denotes overtime*

HITTING FROM A DISTANCE

Known for his booming leg, **K Sebastian Janikowski** is in historic company when it comes to long-distance field goals. With five more field goals over 50 yards, Janikowski will pass Jason Hanson's mark of 52.

Rank	Player	NFL Seasons	50+ FGs
1.	Jason Hanson	21	52
2.	Sebastian Janikowski	15	48
3.	John Kasay	20	42
4.	Morten Andersen	25	40
5.	Jason Elam	17	39

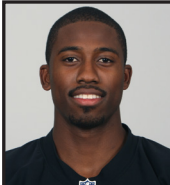


ALL-TIME RAIDER

Moving up the all-time games played list for a franchise as historic as the Raiders takes longevity, and **K Sebastian Janikowski** has it. In 2013, Janikowski moved into second place on the all-time list, and will eventually pass Tim Brown for sole possession of first place this year. Here is where Janikowski ranks on the Raiders' all-time games played list:

Rank	Player	Years	Games
1.	Tim Brown	1988-2003	240
2.	Sebastian Janikowski	2000-14	236
3.	Gene Upshaw	1967-81	217
4.	Jim Otto	1960-74	210

PUNTING KING



In his first season as the Raiders' punter in 2013, **P Marquette King** put up numbers among the NFL's best in both gross and punting yards. With 4,107 punting yards, King finished sixth in the league and led the NFL in gross punting with an average of 48.9. Here's how the second-year player from Fort Valley State finished the year:

NFL GROSS PUNTING AVERAGE (2013)

Rank	Player	Avg.	Lg.	TB
1.	Marquette King (Oak.)	48.9	66	11
2.	Brandon Fields (Mia.)	48.8	66	7
3.	Andy Lee (SF)	48.2	62	9
4.	Brad Nortman (Car.)	47.8	72	5

King continued his punting success into his second season in 2014, ranking at the top of the league in punts, punting yards and punts inside the opponents' 20-yard line. In 2014, he set Raider franchise records for punts (109) and punting yards (4,930). He led the league in both categories.

Rank	Player	Punts
1.	Marquette King (Oak.)	109
2.	Bryan Anger (Jac.)	94
3.	Spencer Lanning (Cle.)	93

Rank	Player	Punting Yards
1.	Marquette King (Oak.)	4,930
2.	Bryan Anger (Jac.)	4,464
3.	Spencer Lanning (Cle.)	4,119

Rank	Player	Punts Inside 20
4t.	Marquette King (Oak.)	31
4t.	Dustin Colquitt (KC)	31
4t.	Colton Schmidt (Buf.)	31
7.	Pat McAfee (Ind.)	30
8.	Sam Martin (Det.)	29

HISTORICAL PUNTER

In 2013, **P Marquette King** became the third punter in franchise history to lead the league in gross punting with an average of 48.9. It was the eighth time since 1974 that a Raiders punter has led the league in the category. Shance Lechler accomplished the feat four times, and newly-inducted Hall of Famer Ray Guy did it three times. Below is a look at the seasons a Raiders punter has led the league in gross average:

Season	Player	Avg.
2013	Marquette King	48.9
2009	Shane Lechler	51.1
2007	Shane Lechler	49.1
2004	Shane Lechler	46.7
2003	Shane Lechler	46.9
1977	Ray Guy	43.3
1975	Ray Guy	43.8
1974	Ray Guy	42.2



DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

WR	15 Michael Crabtree	85 Kenbrell Thompsons	10 Seth Roberts	83 Kris Durham
			[80 Rod Streater]	19 Josh Harper
LT	72 Donald Penn	69 Khalif Barnes	79 Anthony Morris	
LG	66 Gabe Jackson	68 Jon Feliciano	74 Mitch Bell	
C	61 Rodney Hudson	70 Tony Bergstrom	63 Lamar Mady	
RG	76 J'Marcus Webb	73 Matt McCants	67 Quinterrius Eatmon	
RT	71 Menelik Watson	77 Austin Howard	65 Dan Kistler	
TE	86 Lee Smith	81 Mychal Rivera	88 Clive Walford	87 Brian Leonhardt
				82 Gabe Holmes
WR	89 Amari Cooper	18 Andre Holmes	12 Brice Butler	17 Milton Williams III
			13 Austin Willis	16 Trindon Holliday
QB	4 Derek Carr	9 Christian Ponder	14 Matt McGloin	8 Cody Fajardo
RB	28 Latavius Murray	33 Trent Richardson	26 Roy Helu, Jr.	22 Taiwan Jones
			40 Michael Dyer	34 George Atkinson
FB	45 Marcel Reece	49 Jamize Olawale		

DEFENSE

DE	91 Justin Tuck	97 Mario Edwards Jr.	96 Denico Autry	
DT	90 Dan Williams	98 C.J. Wilson	93 Ricky Lumpkin	
NT	78 Justin Ellis	92 Stacy McGee	99 Leon Orr	
DE	52 Khalil Mack	95 Benson Mayowa	75 Shelby Harris	94 Max Valles
SAM	57 Ray-Ray Armstrong	58 Neiron Ball	54 Gary Wilkins	47 Josh Shirley
MIKE	50 Curtis Lofton	51 Ben Heeney	48 Spencer Hadley	56 Chase Williams
WILL	53 Malcolm Smith	55 Sio Moore	46 Horace Miller	
LCB	25 DJ Hayden	39 Keith McGill	41 James Dockery	30 SaQwan Edwards
				35 Chimdi Chekwa
RCB	38 TJ Carrie	31 Neiko Thorpe	36 Ras-I Dowling	21 Dexter McDonald
				32 Rob Daniel
FS	20 Nate Allen	29 Brandian Ross	23 Jonathan Dowling	37 Tevin McDonald
SS	24 Charles Woodson	42 Larry Asante	43 Jimmy Hall	

SPECIAL TEAMS

P	7 Marquette King	2 Steven Clark	
K	11 Sebastian Janikowski	6 Giorgio Tevecchio	
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LS	59 Jon Condo	86 Lee Smith	48 Spencer Hadley
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PR	16 Trindon Holliday	38 TJ Carrie	

Underline: Rookie

[Brackets]: Injured/Illness

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67 Quinterrius Eatmon . quinn-TAIR-ee-us	55 Sio Moore SEE-oh	71 Menelik Watson MEN-ah-lick
30 SaQwan Edwards SAY-kwon	28 Latavius Murray lah-TAY-vee-us	76 J'Marcus Webb juh-MAR-cuss
8 Cody Fajardo fuh-JAR-do	49 Jamize Olawale juh-MAZE	
68 Jon Feliciano fuh-LEE-see-ah-no oh-lah-WALL-ee	



NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	Age	Exp.	School	Hometown	Acq.
2	Steven Clark	P	6-6	230	07/20/91	24	1	Auburn	Kansas City, Mo.	FA-'15
4	Derek Carr	QB	6-3	215	03/28/91	24	2	Fresno State	Bakersfield, Calif.	D2-'14
6	Giorgio Tavecchio	K	5-10	180	07/16/90	25	1	California	Milan, Italy	FA-'15
7	Marquette King	P	6-0	185	10/26/88	26	4	Fort Valley State	Macon, Ga.	FA-'12
8	Cody Fajardo	QB	6-2	225	03/29/92	23	R	Nevada	Brea, Calif.	FA-'15
9	Christian Ponder	QB	6-2	230	02/25/88	27	5	Florida State	Colleyville, Texas	UFA-'15 (Min.)
10	Seth Roberts	WR	6-2	195	02/22/91	24	1	West Alabama	Moultrie, Ga.	FA-'14
11	Sebastian Janikowski	K	6-1	265	03/02/78	37	16	Florida State	Daytona Beach, Fla.	D1-'00
12	Brice Butler	WR	6-3	215	01/29/90	25	3	San Diego State	Norcross, Ga.	D7a-'13
13	Austin Willis	WR	5-9	175	04/13/92	23	R	Emporia State	Topeka, Kan.	FA-'15
14	Matt McGloin	QB	6-1	210	12/02/89	25	3	Penn State	Scranton, Pa.	FA-'13
15	Michael Crabtree	WR	6-1	215	09/14/87	27	7	Texas Tech	Dallas, Texas	UFA-'15 (SF)
16	Trindon Holliday	WR/RS	5-5	165	04/27/86	29	6	LSU	Baton Rouge, La.	FA-'15
17	Milton Williams III	WR	6-2	220	03/07/94	21	R	Delaware State	Washington, D.C.	FA-'15
18	Andre Holmes	WR	6-4	210	06/16/88	27	4	Hillsdale	Elk Grove, Ill.	W-'13 (NE)
19	Josh Harper	WR	6-1	185	12/01/91	23	R	Fresno State	Stockton, Calif.	FA-'15
20	Nate Allen	S	6-0	210	11/30/87	27	6	South Florida	Cape Coral, Fla.	UFA-'15 (Phi.)
21	Dexter McDonald	CB	6-1	200	11/30/91	23	R	Kansas	Kansas City, Mo.	D7c-'15
22	Taiwan Jones	RB	6-0	195	07/26/88	27	5	Eastern Washington	Antioch, Calif.	D4b-'11
23	Jonathan Dowling	S	6-3	190	12/08/91	23	2	Western Kentucky	Bradenton, Fla.	D7c-'14
24	Charles Woodson	S	6-1	210	10/07/76	38	18	Michigan	Fremont, Ohio	FA-'13
25	DJ Hayden	CB	5-11	190	06/27/90	25	3	Houston	Houston, Texas	D1-'13
26	Roy Helu, Jr.	RB	5-11	220	12/07/88	26	5	Nebraska	Danville, Calif.	UFA-'15 (Was.)
28	Latavius Murray	RB	6-3	230	01/18/90	25	3	UCF	Nedrow, N.Y.	D6b-'13
29	Brandian Ross	S	6-0	190	09/28/89	25	4	Youngstown State	Meadowbrook, Va.	W-'14 (Mia.)
30	SaQwan Edwards	CB	6-0	200	05/13/92	23	R	New Mexico	Houston, Texas	FA-'15
31	Neiko Thorpe	CB	6-1	200	02/01/90	25	3	Auburn	Tucker, Ga.	FA-'14
32	Rob Daniel	CB	6-1	210	10/01/91	23	R	BYU	San Jose, Calif.	FA-'15
33	Trent Richardson	RB	5-9	230	07/10/90	25	4	Alabama	Pensacola, Fla.	FA-'15
34	George Atkinson III	RB	6-1	220	11/29/92	22	1	Notre Dame	Stockton, Calif.	FA-'14
35	Chimdi Chekwa	CB	6-0	190	01/07/88	27	4	Ohio State	Clermont, Fla.	D4a-'11
36	Ras-I Dowling	DB	6-1	200	05/09/88	27	3	Virginia	Chesapeake, Va.	FA-'14
37	Tevin McDonald	S	5-11	195	07/17/92	23	R	Eastern Washington	Fresno, Calif.	FA-'15
38	TJ Carrie	CB	6-0	205	07/28/90	25	2	Ohio	Antioch, Calif.	D7a-'14
39	Keith McGill	CB	6-3	210	03/09/89	26	2	Utah	La Mirada, Calif.	D4b-'14
40	Michael Dyer	RB	5-9	220	10/13/90	24	R	Louisville	Little Rock, Ark.	FA-'15
41	James Dockery	CB	6-1	185	11/09/88	26	5	Oregon State	Palm Desert, Calif.	UFA-'15 (Car.)
42	Larry Asante	S	6-0	210	03/07/88	27	4	Nebraska	Alexandria, Va.	FA-'14
43	Jimmy Hall	S	6-1	230	11/18/91	23	R	Northwestern	Toledo, Ohio	FA-'15
45	Marcel Reece	FB	6-1	250	06/23/85	30	6	Washington	Inglewood, Calif.	FA-'08
46	Horace Miller	LB	6-1	240	08/28/90	24	1	UTEP	Baltimore, Md.	FA-'15
47	Josh Shirley	LB	6-1	235	01/04/92	23	R	UNLV	Fontana, Calif.	FA-'15
48	Spencer Hadley	LB	6-1	230	10/30/89	25	1	BYU	Connell, Wash.	FA-'14
49	Jamize Olawale	FB/RB	6-1	240	04/17/89	26	3	North Texas	Long Beach, Calif.	FA-'12
50	Curtis Lofton	LB	6-0	245	06/02/86	29	8	Oklahoma	Kingfisher, Okla.	FA-'15
51	Ben Heeney	LB	6-0	230	05/13/92	23	R	Kansas	Hutchinson, Kan.	D5a-'15
52	Khalil Mack	LB	6-3	250	02/22/91	24	2	Buffalo	Fort Pierce, Fla.	D1-'14
53	Malcolm Smith	LB	6-0	225	07/05/89	26	5	USC	Northridge, Calif.	UFA-'15 (Sea.)
54	Gary Wilkins	DE	6-2	240	02/09/92	23	R	Furman	Covington, Ga.	FA-'15
55	Sio Moore	LB	6-1	245	05/02/90	25	3	Connecticut	Cary, N.C.	D3-'13
56	Chase Williams	LB	6-1	230	10/16/91	23	R	Virginia Tech	Leesburg, Va.	FA-'15
57	Ray-Ray Armstrong	LB	6-3	220	03/05/91	24	3	Miami (Fla.)	Sanford, Fla.	W-'14 (StL.)
58	Neiron Ball	LB	6-3	235	08/20/92	22	R	Florida	Jackson, Ga.	D5b-'15
59	Jon Condo	LS	6-3	240	08/26/81	33	9	Maryland	Philipsburg, Pa.	FA-'06
61	Rodney Hudson	C	6-2	300	07/12/89	26	5	Florida State	Mobile, Ala.	UFA-'15 (KC)
63	Lamar Mady	G	6-2	315	12/13/90	24	2	Youngstown State	Topeka, Kan.	FA-'13
65	Dan Kistler	T	6-7	315	03/30/91	24	1	Montana	Seattle, Wash.	FA-'14
66	Gabe Jackson	G	6-3	335	07/12/91	24	2	Mississippi State	Liberty, Miss.	D3-'14
67	Quinterrius Eatmon	T/G	6-6	310	12/04/91	23	R	South Florida	Prichard, Ala.	FA-'15
68	Jon Feliciano	G/C	6-4	325	02/10/92	23	R	Miami (Fla.)	Davie, Fla.	D4-'15
69	Khalif Barnes	T/G	6-6	320	04/21/82	33	11	Washington	Spring Valley, Calif.	UFA-'09 (Jac.)
70	Tony Bergstrom	G	6-5	315	08/06/86	29	4	Utah	Salt Lake City, Utah	D3-'12
71	Menelik Watson	T	6-5	315	12/22/88	26	3	Florida State	Manchester, England	D2-'13
72	Donald Penn	T	6-4	315	04/27/83	32	10	Utah State	Inglewood, Calif.	FA-'14
73	Matt McCants	T/G	6-6	310	08/18/89	25	3	UAB	Mobile, Ala.	FA-'13
74	Mitch Bell	G	6-3	345	09/12/92	22	R	Louisiana Tech	Houston, Texas	FA-'15
75	Shelby Harris	DE	6-2	290	08/11/91	23	1	Illinois State	Milwaukee, Wis.	D7b-'14
76	J'Marcus Webb	G/T	6-7	330	08/08/88	27	5	West Texas A&M	Mesquite, Texas	FA-'15
77	Austin Howard	T	6-7	330	03/22/87	28	6	Northern Iowa	Davenport, Iowa	UFA-'14 (NYJ)
78	Justin Ellis	DT	6-2	335	12/27/90	24	2	Louisiana Tech	Monroe, La.	D4a-'14
79	Anthony Morris	T	6-7	300	03/25/92	23	R	Tennessee State	Memphis, Tenn.	D7a-'15
81	Mychal Rivera	TE	6-3	245	09/08/90	24	3	Tennessee	Valencia, Calif.	D6c-'13
82	Gabe Holmes	TE	6-5	255	03/29/91	24	R	Purdue	Miramar, Fla.	FA-'15
83	Kris Durham	WR	6-5	215	03/17/88	27	4	Georgia	Calhoun, Ga.	FA-'15
85	Kenbrell Thompson	WR	6-1	195	07/29/88	27	3	Cincinnati	Miami, Fla.	W-'14 (NE)
86	Lee Smith	TE	6-6	265	11/21/87	27	5	Marshall	Powell, Tenn.	UFA-'15 (Buf.)
87	Brian Leonhardt	TE	6-5	255	04/02/90	25	2	Bemidji State	Blaine, Minn.	FA-'13
88	Clive Walford	TE	6-4	250	10/01/91	23	R	Miami (Fla.)	Belle Glade, Fla.	D3-'15
89	Amari Cooper	WR	6-1	210	06/17/94	21	R	Alabama	Miami, Fla.	D1-'15
90	Dan Williams	DT	6-2	330	06/01/87	28	6	Tennessee	Memphis, Tenn.	UFA-'15 (Ari.)
91	Justin Tuck	DE	6-5	265	03/29/83	32	11	Notre Dame	Kellyton, Ala.	UFA-'14 (NYG)
92	Stacy McGee	DT	6-3	310	01/17/90	25	3	Oklahoma	Muskogee, Okla.	D6d-'13
93	Ricky Lumpkin	DT	6-3	300	09/07/88	26	1	Kentucky	Mount Holly, N.J.	FA-'13
94	Max Valles	DE	6-4	250	08/05/94	21	R	Virginia	Sicklerville, N.J.	D6-'15
95	Benson Mayowa	DE	6-3	240	08/03/91	24	3	Idaho	Inglewood, Calif.	W-'14 (Sea.)
96	Denico Autry	DE	6-5	270	07/15/90	25	2	Mississippi State	Albemarle, N.C.	FA-'14
97	Mario Edwards Jr.	DE	6-3	280	01/25/94	21	R	Florida State	Gautier, Miss.	D2-'15
98	C.J. Wilson	DL	6-3	290	03/30/87	28	6	East Carolina	Pinetown, N.C.	UFA-'14 (GB)
99	Leon Orr	DT	6-5	320	02/11/92	23	R	Florida	New Port Richey, Fla.	FA-'15

Active/Non-Football Illness

80	Rod Streater	WR	6-2	195	02/09/88	27	4	Temple	Burlington, N.J.	FA-'12
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Reserve/Injured

84	Andre Debose	WR	6-0	190	09/12/90	24	R	Florida	Sanford, Fla.	D7b-'15
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ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	Age	Exp.	School	Hometown	Acq.
20	Allen, Nate	S	6-0	210	11/30/87	27	6	South Florida	Cape Coral, Fla.	UFA-'15 (Phi.)
57	Armstrong, Ray-Ray	LB	6-3	220	03/05/91	24	3	Miami (Fla.)	Sanford, Fla.	W-'14 (StL.)
42	Asante, Larry	S	6-0	210	03/07/88	27	4	Nebraska	Alexandria, Va.	FA-'14
34	Atkinson III, George	RB	6-1	220	11/29/92	22	1	Notre Dame	Stockton, Calif.	FA-'14
96	Autry, Denico	DE	6-5	270	07/15/90	25	2	Mississippi State	Albemarle, N.C.	FA-'14
58	Ball, Neiron	LB	6-3	235	08/20/92	22	R	Florida	Jackson, Ga.	D5b-'15
69	Barnes, Khalif	T/G	6-6	320	04/21/82	33	11	Washington	Spring Valley, Calif.	UFA-'09 (Jac.)
74	Bell, Mitch	G	6-3	345	09/12/92	22	R	Louisiana Tech	Houston, Texas	FA-'15
70	Bergstrom, Tony	G	6-5	315	08/06/86	29	4	Utah	Salt Lake City, Utah	D3-'12
12	Butler, Brice	WR	6-3	215	01/29/90	25	3	San Diego State	Norcross, Ga.	D7a-'13
4	Carr, Derek	QB	6-3	215	03/28/91	24	2	Fresno State	Bakersfield, Calif.	D2-'14
38	Carrie, TJ	CB	6-0	205	07/28/90	25	2	Ohio	Antioch, Calif.	D7a-'14
35	Chekwa, Chimdi	CB	6-0	190	01/07/88	27	4	Ohio State	Clermont, Fla.	D4a-'11
2	Clark, Steven	P	6-6	230	07/20/91	24	1	Auburn	Kansas City, Mo.	FA-'15
59	Condo, Jon	LS	6-3	240	08/26/81	33	9	Maryland	Philipsburg, Pa.	FA-'06
89	Cooper, Amari	WR	6-1	210	06/17/94	21	R	Alabama	Miami, Fla.	D1-'15
15	Crabtree, Michael	WR	6-1	215	09/14/87	27	7	Texas Tech	Dallas, Texas	UFA-'15 (SF)
32	Daniel, Rob	CB	6-1	210	10/01/91	23	R	BYU	San Jose, Calif.	FA-'15
41	Dockery, James	CB	6-1	185	11/09/88	26	5	Oregon State	Palm Desert, Calif.	UFA-'15 (Car.)
23	Dowling, Jonathan	S	6-3	190	12/08/91	23	2	Western Kentucky	Bradenton, Fla.	D7c-'14
36	Dowling, Ras-I	DB	6-1	200	05/09/88	27	3	Virginia	Chesapeake, Va.	FA-'14
83	Durham, Kris	WR	6-5	215	03/17/88	27	4	Georgia	Calhoun, Ga.	FA-'15
40	Dyer, Michael	RB	5-9	220	10/13/90	24	R	Louisville	Little Rock, Ark.	FA-'15
67	Eatmon, Quinterrius	T/G	6-6	310	12/04/91	23	R	South Florida	Prichard, Ala.	FA-'15
30	Edwards, SaQwan	CB	6-0	200	05/13/92	23	R	New Mexico	Houston, Texas	FA-'15
97	Edwards Jr., Mario	DE	6-3	280	01/25/94	21	R	Florida State	Gautier, Miss.	D2-'15
78	Ellis, Justin	DT	6-2	335	12/27/90	24	2	Louisiana Tech	Monroe, La.	D4a-'14
8	Fajardo, Cody	QB	6-2	225	03/29/92	23	R	Nevada	Brea, Calif.	FA-'15
68	Feliciano, Jon	G/C	6-4	325	02/10/92	23	R	Miami (Fla.)	Davie, Fla.	D4-'15
48	Hadley, Spencer	LB	6-1	230	10/30/89	25	1	BYU	Connell, Wash.	FA-'14
43	Hall, Jimmy	S	6-1	230	11/18/91	23	R	Northwestern	Toledo, Ohio	FA-'15
19	Harper, Josh	WR	6-1	185	12/01/91	23	R	Fresno State	Stockton, Calif.	FA-'15
75	Harris, Shelby	DE	6-2	290	08/11/91	23	1	Illinois State	Milwaukee, Wis.	D7b-'14
25	Hayden, DJ	CB	5-11	190	06/27/90	25	3	Houston	Houston, Texas	D1-'13
51	Heeney, Ben	LB	6-0	230	05/13/92	23	R	Kansas	Hutchinson, Kan.	D5a-'15
26	Helu, Jr., Roy	RB	5-11	220	12/07/88	26	5	Nebraska	Danville, Calif.	UFA-'15 (Was.)
16	Holliday, Trindon	WR/RS	5-5	165	04/27/86	29	6	LSU	Baton Rouge, La.	FA-'15
18	Holmes, Andre	WR	6-4	210	06/16/88	27	4	Hillsdale	Elk Grove, Ill.	W-'13 (NE)
82	Holmes, Gabe	TE	6-5	255	03/29/91	24	R	Purdue	Miramar, Fla.	FA-'15
77	Howard, Austin	T	6-7	330	03/22/87	28	6	Northern Iowa	Davenport, Iowa	UFA-'14 (NYJ)
61	Hudson, Rodney	C	6-2	300	07/12/89	26	5	Florida State	Mobile, Ala.	UFA-'15 (KC)
66	Jackson, Gabe	G	6-3	335	07/12/91	24	2	Mississippi State	Liberty, Miss.	D3-'14
11	Janikowski, Sebastian	K	6-1	265	03/02/78	37	16	Florida State	Daytona Beach, Fla.	D1-'00
22	Jones, Taiwan	RB	6-0	195	07/26/88	27	5	Eastern Washington	Antioch, Calif.	D4b-'11
7	King, Marquette	P	6-0	185	10/26/88	26	4	Fort Valley State	Macon, Ga.	FA-'12
65	Kistler, Dan	T	6-7	315	03/30/91	24	1	Montana	Seattle, Wash.	FA-'14
87	Leonhardt, Brian	TE	6-5	255	04/02/90	25	2	Bemidji State	Blaine, Minn.	FA-'13
50	Lofton, Curtis	LB	6-0	245	06/02/86	29	8	Oklahoma	Kingfisher, Okla.	FA-'15
93	Lumpkin, Ricky	DT	6-3	300	09/07/88	26	1	Kentucky	Mount Holly, N.J.	FA-'13
52	Mack, Khalil	LB	6-3	250	02/22/91	24	2	Buffalo	Fort Pierce, Fla.	D1-'14
63	Mady, Lamar	G	6-2	315	12/13/90	24	2	Youngstown State	Topeka, Kan.	FA-'13
95	Mayowa, Benson	DE	6-3	240	08/03/91	24	3	Idaho	Inglewood, Calif.	W-'14 (Sea.)
73	McCants, Matt	T/G	6-6	310	08/18/89	25	3	UAB	Mobile, Ala.	FA-'13
21	McDonald, Dexter	CB	6-1	200	11/30/91	23	R	Kansas	Kansas City, Mo.	D7c-'15
37	McDonald, Tevin	S	5-11	195	07/17/92	23	R	Eastern Washington	Fresno, Calif.	FA-'15
92	McGee, Stacy	DT	6-3	310	01/17/90	25	3	Oklahoma	Muskogee, Okla.	D6d-'13
39	McGill, Keith	CB	6-3	210	03/09/89	26	2	Utah	La Mirada, Calif.	D4b-'14
14	McGloin, Matt	QB	6-1	210	12/02/89	25	3	Penn State	Scranton, Pa.	FA-'13
46	Miller, Horace	LB	6-1	240	08/28/90	24	1	UTEP	Baltimore, Md.	FA-'15
55	Moore, Sio	LB	6-1	245	05/02/90	25	3	Connecticut	Cary, N.C.	D3-'13
79	Morris, Anthony	T	6-7	300	03/25/92	23	R	Tennessee State	Memphis, Tenn.	D7a-'15
28	Murray, Latavius	RB	6-3	230	01/18/90	25	3	UCF	Nedrow, N.Y.	D6b-'13
49	Olawale, Jamize	FB/RB	6-1	240	04/17/89	26	3	North Texas	Long Beach, Calif.	FA-'12
99	Orr, Leon	DT	6-5	320	02/11/92	23	R	Florida	New Port Richey, Fla.	FA-'15
72	Penn, Donald	T	6-4	315	04/27/83	32	10	Utah State	Inglewood, Calif.	FA-'14
9	Ponder, Christian	QB	6-2	230	02/25/88	27	5	Florida State	Colleyville, Texas	UFA-'15 (Min.)
45	Reece, Marcel	FB	6-1	250	06/23/85	30	6	Washington	Inglewood, Calif.	FA-'08
33	Richardson, Trent	RB	5-9	230	07/10/90	25	4	Alabama	Pensacola, Fla.	FA-'15
81	Rivera, Mychal	TE	6-3	245	09/08/90	24	3	Tennessee	Valencia, Calif.	D6c-'13
10	Roberts, Seth	WR	6-2	195	02/22/91	24	1	West Alabama	Moultrie, Ga.	FA-'14
29	Ross, Brandian	S	6-0	190	09/28/89	25	4	Youngstown State	Meadowbrook, Va.	W-'14 (Mia.)
47	Shirley, Josh	LB	6-1	235	01/04/92	23	R	UNLV	Fontana, Calif.	FA-'15
86	Smith, Lee	TE	6-6	265	11/21/87	27	5	Marshall	Powell, Tenn.	UFA-'15 (Buf.)
53	Smith, Malcolm	LB	6-0	225	07/05/89	26	5	USC	Northridge, Calif.	UFA-'15 (Sea.)
6	Tavecchio, Giorgio	K	5-10	180	07/16/90	25	1	California	Milan, Italy	FA-'15
85	Thompkins, Kenbrell	WR	6-1	195	07/29/88	27	3	Cincinnati	Miami, Fla.	W-'14 (NE)
31	Thorpe, Neiko	CB	6-1	200	02/01/90	25	3	Auburn	Tucker, Ga.	FA-'14
91	Tuck, Justin	DE	6-5	265	03/29/83	32	11	Notre Dame	Kelleyton, Ala.	UFA-'14 (NYG)
94	Valles, Max	DE	6-4	250	08/05/94	21	R	Virginia	Sicklerville, N.J.	D6-'15
88	Walford, Clive	TE	6-4	250	10/01/91	23	R	Miami (Fla.)	Belle Glade, Fla.	D3-'15
71	Watson, Menelik	T	6-5	315	12/22/88	26	3	Florida State	Manchester, England	D2-'13
76	Webb, J'Marcus	G/T	6-7	330	08/08/88	27	5	West Texas A&M	Mesquite, Texas	FA-'15
54	Wilkins, Gary	DE	6-2	240	02/09/92	23	R	Furman	Covington, Ga.	FA-'15
56	Williams, Chase	LB	6-1	230	10/16/91	23	R	Virginia Tech	Leesburg, Va.	FA-'15
90	Williams, Dan	DT	6-2	330	06/01/87	28	6	Tennessee	Memphis, Tenn.	UFA-'15 (Ari.)
17	Williams III, Milton	WR	6-2	220	03/07/94	21	R	Delaware State	Washington, D.C.	FA-'15
13	Willis, Austin	WR	5-9	175	04/13/92	23	R	Emporia State	Topeka, Kan.	FA-'15
98	Wilson, C.J.	DL	6-3	290	03/30/87	28	6	East Carolina	Pinetown, N.C.	UFA-'14 (GB)
24	Woodson, Charles	S	6-1	210	10/07/76	38	18	Michigan	Fremont, Ohio	FA-'13

Active/Non-Football Illness

80	Streater, Rod	WR	6-2	195	02/09/88	27	4	Temple	Burlington, N.J.	FA-'12
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Reserve/Injured

84	Debose, Andre	WR	6-0	190	09/12/90	24	R	Florida	Sanford, Fla.	D7b-'15
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POSITIONAL ROSTER

OFFENSE

OFFENSIVE LINE

61	Rodney Hudson.....	C
63	Lamar Mady.....	G
65	Dan Kistler.....	T
66	Gabe Jackson.....	G
67	Quinterrius Eatmon.....	T/G
68	Jon Feliciano.....	G/C
69	Khalif Barnes.....	T/G
70	Tony Bergstrom.....	G
71	Menelik Watson.....	T
72	Donald Penn.....	T
73	Matt McCants.....	T/G
74	Mitch Bell.....	G
76	J'Marcus Webb.....	G/T
77	Austin Howard.....	T
79	Anthony Morris.....	T

QUARTERBACKS

4	Derek Carr.....	QB
8	Cody Fajardo.....	QB
9	Christian Ponder.....	QB
14	Matt McGloin.....	QB

RUNNING BACKS

22	Taiwan Jones.....	RB
26	Roy Helu, Jr.....	RB
28	Latavius Murray.....	RB
33	Trent Richardson.....	RB
34	George Atkinson III.....	RB
40	Michael Dyer.....	RB
45	Marcel Reece.....	FB
49	Jamize Olawale.....	FB/RB

TIGHT ENDS

81	Mychal Rivera.....	TE
82	Gabe Holmes.....	TE
86	Lee Smith.....	TE
87	Brian Leonhardt.....	TE
88	Clive Walford.....	TE

WIDE RECEIVERS

10	Seth Roberts.....	WR
12	Brice Butler.....	WR
13	Austin Willis.....	WR
15	Michael Crabtree.....	WR
16	Trindon Holliday.....	WR/RS
17	Milton Williams III.....	WR
18	Andre Holmes.....	WR
19	Josh Harper.....	WR
80	Rod Streater.....	WR
83	Kris Durham.....	WR
85	Kenbrell Thompkins.....	WR
89	Amari Cooper.....	WR

ACTIVE/NON-FOOTBALL ILLNESS

80	Rod Streater.....	WR
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DEFENSE

DEFENSIVE LINE

54	Gary Wilkins.....	DE
75	Shelby Harris.....	DE
78	Justin Ellis.....	DT
90	Dan Williams.....	DT
91	Justin Tuck.....	DE
92	Stacy McGee.....	DT
93	Ricky Lumpkin.....	DT
94	Max Valles.....	DE
95	Benson Mayowa.....	DE
96	Denico Autry.....	DE
97	Mario Edwards Jr.....	DE
98	C.J. Wilson.....	DL
99	Leon Orr.....	DT

LINEBACKERS

46	Horace Miller.....	LB
47	Josh Shirley.....	LB
48	Spencer Hadley.....	LB
50	Curtis Lofton.....	LB
51	Ben Heeney.....	LB
52	Khalil Mack.....	LB
53	Malcolm Smith.....	LB
55	Sio Moore.....	LB
56	Chase Williams.....	LB
57	Ray-Ray Armstrong.....	LB
58	Neiron Ball.....	LB

SECONDARY

20	Nate Allen.....	S
21	Dexter McDonald.....	CB
23	Jonathan Dowling.....	S
24	Charles Woodson.....	S
25	DJ Hayden.....	CB
29	Brandian Ross.....	S
30	SaQwan Edwards.....	CB
31	Neiko Thorpe.....	CB
32	Rob Daniel.....	CB
35	Chimdi Chekwa.....	CB
36	Ras-I Dowling.....	DB
37	Tevin McDonald.....	S
38	TJ Carrie.....	CB
39	Keith McGill.....	CB
41	James Dockery.....	CB
42	Larry Asante.....	S
43	Jimmy Hall.....	S

SPECIALISTS

2	Steven Clark.....	P
6	Giorgio Tavecchio.....	K
7	Marquette King.....	P
11	Sebastian Janikowski.....	K
59	Jon Condo.....	LS

RESERVE/INJURED

84	Andre Debose.....	WR
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2014 PARTICIPATION CHART

Player	9/7 at NYJ	9/14 Hou.	9/21 at NE	9/28 Mia.	10/12 SD	10/19 Ari.	10/26 at Cle.	11/2 at Sea.	11/9 Den.	11/16 at SD	11/20 KC	11/30 at StL.	12/7 SF	12/14 at KC	12/21 Buf.	12/28 at Den.	GP	GS	DNP	INA
Armstrong, Ray-Ray	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	INA	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	WLB	WLB	WLB	11	3	0	1
Asante, Larry	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	X	SS	X	SS	X	X	IR	IR	IR	6	2	0	0
Atkinson III, George	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	X	X	X	X	X	5	0	0	0
Ausberry, David	X	X	X	X	X	X	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	6	0	0	5
Autry, Denico	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	10	0	0	0
Barnes, Khalif	RT	RT	RT	RT	INA	INA	X	T	LG	LG	LG	LG	RT	RT	RT	RT	14	13	0	2
Bergstrom, Tony	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	0	0	0	16
Boothe, Kevin	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	9	0	7	0
Branch, Tyvon	SS	SS	SS	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	3	3	0	0
Brown, Tarell	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB	IR	IR	14	14	0	0
Brown, Vincent	NOR	NOR	X	X	INA	INA	INA	INA	X	INA	X	X	X	X	INA	INA	7	0	0	7
Burnett, Kaelin	IR	IR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	0	0	0	0
Burris, Miles	MLB	MLB	MLB	MLB	MLB	MLB	MLB	MLB	MLB	MLB	MLB	MLB	MLB	MLB	MLB	MLB	16	16	0	0
Butler, Brice	INA	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	15	0	0	1
Carr, Derek	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	16	16	0	0
Carrie, TJ	X	X	X	X	CB	X	X	LCB	INA	CB	INA	X	X	X	RCB	INA	13	4	0	3
Casey, Chance	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	X	CB	2	1	0	0
Chaney, Jamar	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	NOR	NOR	NOR	9	0	0	0
Chekwa, Chimdi	INA	CB	INA	CB	X	X	X	INA	INA	X	X	X	X	X	INA	INA	10	2	0	6
Condo, Jon	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	16	0	0	0
Dowling, Jonathan	X	INA	X	X	INA	X	X	X	X	INA	INA	INA	IR	IR	IR	IR	7	0	0	5
Dowling, Ras-I	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	X	X	X	3	0	0	0
Ellis, Justin	X	X	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	16	14	0	0
Filimoeatu, Bojay	PS	X	X	X	X	X	INA	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	X	X	X	8	0	0	1
Hadley, Spencer	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	X	X	2	0	0	0
Harris, Shelby	INA	INA	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	X	1	0	0	2
Hayden, DJ	PUP	PUP	PUP	PUP	PUP	PUP	X	X	LCB	LCB	LCB	LCB	LCB	LCB	LCB	LCB	10	8	0	0
Holmes, Andre	X	X	X	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	16	13	0	0
Howard, Austin	RG	RG	RG	RG	RG	RG	RG	RG	RG	RG	RG	RG	RG	RG	RG	RG	16	16	0	0
Jackson, Gabe	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	INA	INA	INA	X	LG	LG	LG	LG	13	12	0	3
Jackson, Justin	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	PS	0	0	0	0
Janikowski, S.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	16	0	0	0
Jenkins, Greg	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	PS	PS	0	0	0	0
Jones, James	X	X	X	WR	WR	WR	WR	X	X	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	X	16	10	0	0
Jones, Taiwan	X	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	1	0	0	0
Jones-Drew, M.	RB	INA	INA	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	DNP	DNP	12	1	2	2
Kasa, Nick	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	0	0	0	0
Kearney, Vernon	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	PS	PS	0	0	0	0
King, Marquette	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	16	0	0	0
Kistler, Dan	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	0	0	0	0
Leonhardt, Brian	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	TE	TE	X	TE	X	INA	INA	INA	IR	12	3	0	3
Lumpkin, Ricky	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	X	X	X	X	X	5	0	0	0
Mack, Khalil	SLB	SLB	SLB	SLB	SLB	SLB	SLB	SLB	SLB	SLB	SLB	SLB	SLB	SLB	SLB	SLB	16	16	0	0
Mady, Lamar	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	0	0	0	0
Maiava, Kaluka	X	X	WLB	WLB	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	4	2	0	0
Mayowa, Benson	X	X	X	X	X	X	LE	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	16	1	0	0
McCants, Matt	INA	INA	INA	INA	X	X	INA	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	11	0	0	5
McFadden, Darren	X	RB	RB	RB	RB	RB	RB	RB	RB	RB	RB	RB	RB	X	X	X	16	12	0	0
McGee, Stacy	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	11	0	0	5
McGill, Keith	X	X	X	X	INA	INA	INA	INA	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	RCB	12	1	0	4
McGloin, Matt	INA	INA	DNP	X	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	DNP	DNP	1	0	3	12
Moore, Denarius	WR	X	WR	INA	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	10	2	0	6
Moore, Sio	WLB	WLB	INA	INA	WLB	WLB	WLB	WLB	WLB	WLB	WLB	WLB	WLB	INA	IR	IR	11	11	0	3
Murray, Latavius	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	INA	X	RB	RB	RB	RB	15	3	0	1
Olawale, Jamize	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	16	0	0	0
Palardy, Michael	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	PS	0	0	0	0
Penn, Donald	LT	LT	LT	LT	LT	LT	LT	LT	LT	LT	LT	LT	LT	LT	LT	LT	16	16	0	0
Reece, Marcel	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	INA	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	15	15	0	1
Rivera, Mychal	TE	TE	TE	TE	TE	TE	X	X	X	X	TE	TE	TE	X	TE	TE	16	10	0	0
Roach, Nick	INA	INA	INA	INA	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	0	0	0	4
Roberts, Seth	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	0	0	0	0
Rogers, Carlos	LCB	LCB	LCB	LCB	LCB	LCB	LCB	INA	INA	INA	INA	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	7	7	0	4
Ross, Brandian	NOR	NOR	NOR	X	X	SS	SS	CB	SS	CB	SS	SS	SS	SS	SS	SS	13	10	0	0
Schaub, Matt	DNP	DNP	INA	INA	DNP	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	11	0	3	2
Shaw, Kenny	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	PS	PS	PS	0	0	0	0
Sheets, Kory	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	0	0	0	0
Simonson, Scott	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	X	X	X	X	4	0	0	0
Sims, Pat	NT	NT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	16	2	0	0
Smith, Antonio	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	16	16	0	0
Streater, Rod	WR	WR	WR	INA	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	3	3	0	1
Thompkins, K.	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	X	WR	WR	X	WR	X	X	X	X	X	WR	WR	12	6	0	0
Thorpe, Neiko	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	INA	INA	X	X	X	14	0	0	2
Tuck, Justin	LE	LE	LE	X	X	INA	X	LE	LE	LE	LE	LE	LE	LE	LE	LE	15	12	0	1
Watson, Jansen	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	0	0	0	0
Watson, Menelik	X	OL	X	X	RT	RT	RT	RT	RT	RT	RT	RT	INA	INA	INA	INA	12	9	0	4
Wilson, C.J.	X	X	X	X	X	LE	RE	RE	X	X	X	RE	RE	RE	RE	X	16	7	0	0
Wilson, Evan	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	NOR	PS	PS	PS	0	0	0	0
Wisniewski, Stefan	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	16	16	0	0
Woodley, LaMarr	RE	X	RE	RE	RE	RE	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	6	5	0	0
Woodson, Charles	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	16	16	0	0
Young, Usama	X	X	X	SS	SS	SS	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	6	3	0	0

X = substituted; IR = reserve/injured list; IR/DFR = reserve/injured list - designated for return; PUP = physically unable to perform; NOR = not on roster; PS = practice squad; SUS = reserve/suspended list



HOW THE RAIDERS WERE BUILT

Year	Record	Draftees [28]	Free Agents [57]	Trades/Waivers [5]
2015	0-0	WR Amari Cooper (1) DE Mario Edwards Jr. (2) TE Clive Walford (3) G/C Jon Feliciano (4) LB Ben Heeney (5a) LB Neiron Ball (5b) DE Max Valles (6) T Anthony Morris (7a) CB Dexter McDonald (7c)	S Nate Allen (UFA - Phi.) G Mitch Bell P Steven Clark WR Michael Crabtree (UFA - SF) CB Rob Daniel CB James Dockery (UFA - Car.) WR Kris Durham RB Michael Dyer T/G Quinterrius Eatmon CB SaQwan Edwards QB Cody Fajardo S Jimmy Hall WR Josh Harper RB Roy Helu, Jr. (UFA - Was.) WR/RS Trindon Holliday TE Gabe Holmes C Rodney Hudson (UFA - KC) LB Curtis Lofton S Tevin McDonald LB Horace Miller DT Leon Orr QB Christian Ponder (UFA - Min.) RB Trent Richardson LB Josh Shirley TE Lee Smith (UFA - Buf.) LB Malcolm Smith (UFA - Sea.) K Giorgio Tavecchio G/T J'Marcus Webb DE Gary Wilkins LB Chase Williams DT Dan Williams (UFA - Ari.) WR Milton Williams III WR Austin Willis	
2014	3-13	LB Khalil Mack (1) QB Derek Carr (2) G Gabe Jackson (3) DT Justin Ellis (4a) CB Keith McGill (4b) CB TJ Carrie (7a) DE Shelby Harris (7b) S Jonathan Dowling (7c)	S Larry Asante RB George Atkinson III DE Denico Autry CB Ras-I Dowling LB Spencer Hadley T Austin Howard (UFA - NYJ) T Dan Kistler T Donald Penn WR Seth Roberts CB Neiko Thorpe DE Justin Tuck (UFA - NYG) DL C.J. Wilson (UFA - GB)	LB Ray-Ray Armstrong (W - StL.) DE Benson Mayowa (W - Sea.) S Brandian Ross (W - Mia.) WR Kenbrell Thompsons (W - NE)
2013	4-12	CB DJ Hayden (1) T Menelik Watson (2) LB Sio Moore (3) RB Latavius Murray (6b) TE Mychal Rivera (6c) DT Stacy McGee (6d) WR Brice Butler (7a)	TE Brian Leonhardt DT Ricky Lumpkin G Lamar Mady T/G Matt McCants QB Matt McGloin S Charles Woodson	WR Andre Holmes (W - NE)
2012	4-12	G Tony Bergstrom (3)	P Marquette King FB/RB Jamize Olawale WR Rod Streater	
2011	8-8	CB Chimdi Chekwa (4a) RB Taiwan Jones (4b)		
2009	5-11		T/G Khalif Barnes (UFA - Jac.)	
2008	5-11		FB Marcel Reece	
2006	2-14		LS Jon Condo	
2000	12-4	K Sebastian Janikowski (1)		



2015 TRANSACTIONS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Transaction</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Transaction</u>
Dec. 30, 2014	RB Terrance Cobb	Signed as Reserve/Future FA	May 11	CB Chance Casey	Waived
Dec. 30, 2014	WR Jeremy Gallon	Signed as Reserve/Future FA	May 11	RB Terrance Cobb	Waived
Dec. 30, 2014	LB Justin Jackson	Signed as Reserve/Future FA	May 11	RB Gus Johnson	Waived
Dec. 30, 2014	DB Vernon Kearney	Signed as Reserve/Future FA	May 11	DB Vernon Kearney	Waived
Dec. 30, 2014	T Dan Kistler	Signed as Reserve/Future FA	May 11	LB Braylon Mitchell	Waived
Dec. 30, 2014	G Lamar Mady	Signed as Reserve/Future FA	May 12	G Mitch Bell	Signed as FA
Dec. 30, 2014	WR Seth Roberts	Signed as Reserve/Future FA	May 12	CB Travell Dixon	Signed as FA
Dec. 30, 2014	DT Kona Schwenke	Signed as Reserve/Future FA	May 12	RB Michael Dyer	Signed as FA
Dec. 30, 2014	CB Jansen Watson	Signed as Reserve/Future FA	May 12	CB SaQwan Edwards	Signed as FA
Feb. 24	K Giorgio Tavecchio	Signed as FA	May 12	DE Gary Wilkins	Signed as FA
March 3	S Tyvon Branch	Released	May 12	WR Austin Willis	Signed as FA
March 5	DE LaMarr Woodley	Released	May 12	WR Jeremy Gallon	Placed on Reserve/Injured List
March 6	RB M. Jones-Drew	Released/Retired	May 12	WR Austin Hill	Signed as FA
March 6	LB Nick Roach	Released/Failed Physical	May 12	WR M. Williams III	Waived
March 6	S Usama Young	Released/Failed Physical	May 12	WR Andre Debose	Signed Rookie Contract
March 11	RB Roy Helu, Jr.	Signed as Unrestricted FA (Was.)	May 12	T Anthony Morris	Signed Rookie Contract
March 11	C Rodney Hudson	Signed as Unrestricted FA (KC)	May 15	DE Max Valles	Signed Rookie Contract
March 11	LB Curtis Lofton	Signed as FA	May 15	G/C Jon Feliciano	Signed Rookie Contract
March 11	TE Lee Smith	Signed as Unrestricted FA (Buf.)	May 20	CB Chimdi Chekwa	Signed as FA
March 11	LB Malcolm Smith	Signed as Unrestricted FA (Sea.)	May 20	S Terrell Pinson	Waived
March 11	DT Dan Williams	Signed as Unrestricted FA (Ari.)	May 21	LB Neiron Ball	Signed Rookie Contract
March 12	S Nate Allen	Signed as Unrestricted FA (Phi.)	May 26	CB Dexter McDonald	Signed Rookie Contract
March 13	P Steven Clark	Signed as FA	May 27	LB Horace Miller	Signed as FA
March 13	CB James Dockery	Signed as Unrestricted FA (Car.)	May 27	WR M. Williams III	Re-signed as FA
March 13	QB Christian Ponder	Signed as Unrestricted FA (Min.)	May 27	CB Travell Dixon	Waived
March 16	QB Matt Schaub	Released	May 27	WR Austin Hill	Waived
March 17	RB Trent Richardson	Signed as FA	June 3	WR/RS T. Holliday	Signed as FA
March 30	DL C.J. Wilson	Re-signed as FA	June 3	WR Andre Debose	Waived/Injured
March 31	DL Antonio Smith	Released	June 4	WR Andre Debose	Placed on Reserve/Injured List
April 2	T J'Marcus Webb	Signed as FA	June 4	LB Miles Burris	Waived
April 8	S Larry Asante	Re-signed as Restricted FA	June 4	LB Jacoby Hale	Waived/Injured
April 8	WR Andre Holmes	Re-signed as Restricted FA	June 4	TE Scott Simonson	Waived
April 8	P Marquette King	Re-signed as Restricted FA	June 4	WR Kris Durham	Signed as FA
April 8	S Brandian Ross	Re-signed as Restricted FA	June 4	LB Chase Williams	Signed as FA
April 8	WR Rod Streater	Re-signed as Restricted FA	June 5	LB Jacoby Hale	Placed on Reserve/Injured List
April 8	DE Denico Autry	Re-signed as Exclusive Rights FA	June 16	TE Clive Walford	Signed Rookie Contract
April 8	TE Brian Leonhardt	Re-signed as Exclusive Rights FA	June 17	WR Jeremy Gallon	Waived
April 8	T Matt McCants	Re-signed as Exclusive Rights FA	June 19	LB Jacoby Hale	Waived
April 8	FB/RB J. Olawale	Re-signed as Exclusive Rights FA	June 19	DE Mario Edwards Jr.	Signed Rookie Contract
April 8	CB Neiko Thorpe	Re-signed as Exclusive Rights FA	July 27	LB Sio Moore	Placed on Active/PUP
April 13	WR Michael Crabtree	Signed as Unrestricted FA (SF)	July 31	WR Rod Streater	Placed on Active/NFI
May 5	LB Bojay Filimoeatu	Waived	July 31	RB Trent Richardson	Placed on Active/NFI
May 5	LB Justin Jackson	Waived	July 31	WR/RS T. Holliday	Placed on Active/PUP
May 5	DT Kona Schwenke	Waived	July 31	DT Stacy McGee	Placed on Active/PUP
May 5	CB Jansen Watson	Waived	Aug. 1	LB Sio Moore	Passed Physical
May 5	TE Nick Kasa	Waived/Failed Physical	Aug. 3	WR/RS T. Holliday	Passed Physical
May 5	LB Miles Burris	Waived/Injured	Aug. 6	RB Trent Richardson	Passed Physical
May 5	G Kevin Boothe	Released			
May 5	WR James Jones	Released			
May 6	LB Miles Burris	Placed on Reserve/Injured List			
May 7	WR Amari Cooper	Signed Rookie Contract			
May 8	CB Rob Daniel	Signed as FA			
May 8	T/G Q. Eatmon	Signed as FA			
May 8	QB Cody Fajardo	Signed as FA			
May 8	LB Jacoby Hale	Signed as FA			
May 8	S Jimmy Hall	Signed as FA			
May 8	WR Josh Harper	Signed as FA			
May 8	TE Gabe Holmes	Signed as FA			
May 8	RB Gus Johnson	Signed as FA			
May 8	S Tevin McDonald	Signed as FA			
May 8	LB Braylon Mitchell	Signed as FA			
May 8	DT Leon Orr	Signed as FA			
May 8	S Terrell Pinson	Signed as FA			
May 8	LB Josh Shirley	Signed as FA			
May 8	WR M. Williams III	Signed as FA			
May 11	WR Jeremy Gallon	Waived/Injured			

By Player

- Allen, Nate - S
 - Signed as Unrestricted FA (Phi.) (3/12)
- Asante, Larry - S
 - Re-signed as Restricted FA (4/8)
- Autry, Denico - DE
 - Re-signed as Exclusive Rights FA (4/8)
- Ball, Neiron - LB
 - Signed Rookie Contract (5/21)
- Bell, Mitch - G
 - Signed as FA (5/12)
- Boothe, Kevin - G
 - Released (5/5)
- Branch, Tyvon - S
 - Released (3/3)



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Burris, Miles - LB

- Waived/Injured (5/5)
- Placed on Reserve/Injured List (5/6)
- Waived (6/4)

Casey, Chance - CB

- Waived (5/11)

Chekwa, Chimdi - CB

- Signed as FA (5/20)

Clark, Steven - P

- Signed as FA (3/13)

Cobb, Terrance - RB

- Signed as Reserve/Future FA (12/30/14)
- Waived (5/11)

Cooper, Amari - WR

- Signed Rookie Contract (5/7)

Crabtree, Michael - WR

- Signed as Unrestricted FA (SF) (4/13)

Daniel, Rob - CB

- Signed as FA (5/8)

Debose, Andre - WR

- Signed Rookie Contract (5/12)
- Waived/Injured (6/3)
- Placed on Reserve/Injured List (6/4)

Dixon, Travell - CB

- Signed as FA (5/12)
- Waived (5/27)

Dockery, James - CB

- Signed as Unrestricted FA (Car.) (3/13)

Durham, Kris - WR

- Signed as FA (6/4)

Dyer, Michael - RB

- Signed as FA (5/12)

Eatmon, Quinterrius - T/G

- Signed as FA (5/8)

Edwards, SaQwan - CB

- Signed as FA (5/12)

Edwards Jr., Mario - DE

- Signed Rookie Contract (6/19)

Fajardo, Cody - QB

- Signed as FA (5/8)

Feliciano, Jon - G/C

- Signed Rookie Contract (5/15)

Filimoeatu, Bojay - LB

- Waived (5/5)

Gallon, Jeremy - WR

- Signed as Reserve/Future FA (12/30/14)
- Waived/Injured (5/11)
- Placed on Reserve/Injured List (5/12)
- Waived (6/17)

Hale, Jacoby - LB

- Signed as FA (5/8)
- Waived/Injured (6/4)
- Placed on Reserve/Injured List (6/5)
- Waived (6/19)

Hall, Jimmy - S

- Signed as FA (5/8)

Harper, Josh - WR

- Signed as FA (5/8)

Helu, Jr., Roy - RB

- Signed as Unrestricted FA (Was.) (3/11)

Hill, Austin - WR

- Signed as FA (5/12)
- Waived (5/27)

Holliday, Trindon - WR/RS

- Signed as FA (6/3)
- Placed on Active/Physically Unable to Perform list (7/31)
- Passed Physical (8/3)

Holmes, Andre - WR

- Re-signed as Restricted FA (4/8)

Holmes, Gabe - TE

- Signed as FA (5/8)

Hudson, Rodney - C

- Signed as Unrestricted FA (KC) (3/11)

Jackson, Justin - LB

- Signed as Reserve/Future FA (12/30/14)
- Waived (5/5)

Johnson, Gus - RB

- Signed as FA (5/8)
- Waived (5/11)

Jones, James - WR

- Released (5/5)

Jones-Drew, Maurice - RB

- Released/Retired (3/6)

Kasa, Nick - TE

- Waived/Failed Physical (5/5)

Kearney, Vernon - DB

- Signed as Reserve/Future FA (12/30/14)
- Waived (5/11)

King, Marquette - P

- Re-signed as Restricted FA (4/8)

Kistler, Dan - T

- Signed as Reserve/Future FA (12/30/14)

Leonhardt, Brian - TE

- Re-signed as Exclusive Rights FA (4/8)

Lofton, Curtis - LB

- Signed as FA (3/11)

Mady, Lamar - G

- Signed as Reserve/Future FA (12/30/14)

McCants, Matt - T

- Re-signed as Exclusive Rights FA (4/8)

McDonald, Dexter - CB

- Signed Rookie Contract (5/26)

McDonald, Tevin - S

- Signed as FA (5/8)

McGee, Stacy - DT

- Placed on Active/Physically Unable to Perform list (7/31)

Miller, Horace - LB

- Signed as FA (5/27)

Mitchell, Braylon - LB

- Signed as FA (5/8)
- Waived (5/11)

Moore, Sio - LB

- Placed on Active/Physically Unable to Perform list (7/27)
- Passed Physical (8/1)

Morris, Anthony - T

- Signed Rookie Contract (5/12)

Olawale, Jamize - FB/RB

- Re-signed as Exclusive Rights FA (4/8)

Orr, Leon - DT

- Signed as FA (5/8)

Pinson, Terrell - S

- Signed as FA (5/8)
- Waived (5/20)

Ponder, Christian - QB

- Signed as Unrestricted FA (Min.) (3/13)

Richardson, Trent - RB

- Signed as FA (3/17)
- Placed on Active/Non-Football Illness list (7/31)
- Passed Physical (8/6)

Roach, Nick - LB

- Released/Failed Physical (3/6)

Roberts, Seth - WR

- Signed as Reserve/Future FA (12/30/14)



2015 TRANSACTIONS

Ross, Brandian - S

- Re-signed as Restricted FA (4/8)

Schaub, Matt - QB

- Released (3/16)

Schwenke, Kona - DT

- Signed as Reserve/Future FA (12/30/14)
- Waived (5/5)

Shirley, Josh - LB

- Signed as FA (5/8)

Simonson, Scott - TE

- Waived (6/4)

Smith, Antonio - DL

- Released (3/31)

Smith, Lee - TE

- Signed as Unrestricted FA (Buf.) (3/11)

Smith, Malcolm - LB

- Signed as Unrestricted FA (Sea.) (3/11)

Streater, Rod - WR

- Re-signed as Restricted FA (4/8)
- Placed on Active/Non-Football Illness list (7/31)

Tavecchio, Giorgio - K

- Signed as FA (2/24)

Thorpe, Neiko - CB

- Re-signed as Exclusive Rights FA (4/8)

Valles, Max - DE

- Signed Rookie Contract (5/15)

Walford, Clive - TE

- Signed Rookie Contract (6/16)

Watson, Jansen - CB

- Signed as Reserve/Future FA (12/30/14)
- Waived (5/5)

Webb, J'Marcus - T

- Signed as FA (4/2)

Woodley, LaMarr - DE

- Released (3/5)

Williams, Chase - LB

- Signed as FA (6/4)

Williams, Dan - DT

- Signed as Unrestricted FA (Ari.) (3/11)

Williams III, Milton - WR

- Signed as FA (5/8)
- Waived (5/12)
- Re-signed as FA (5/27)

Willis, Austin - WR

- Signed as FA (5/12)

Wilson, C.J. - DL

- Re-signed as FA (3/30)

Young, Usama - S

- Released/Failed Physical (3/6)



COACHES/MISC. INFO

2015 COACHES

Jack Del Rio, Head Coach
Bill Musgrave, Offensive Coordinator
Ken Norton, Jr., Defensive Coordinator
Brad Seely, Special Teams Coordinator
Sam Anno, Defensive Assistant
Todd Downing, Quarterbacks
Darryl Eto, Assistant Strength and Conditioning
Jethro Franklin, Defensive Line
Joe Gomes, Head Strength and Conditioning
Tim Holt, Assistant Offensive Line
Nick Holz, Quality Control - Offense
Bobby Johnson, Tight Ends
Kevin Kijowski, Strength and Conditioning Assistant
Wesley Miller, Strength and Conditioning Assistant
Rob Moore, Wide Receivers
Bernie Parmalee, Running Backs
Jake Peetz, Senior Offensive Assistant
Marcus Robertson, Defensive Backs
Tracy Smith, Assistant Special Teams
Travis Smith, Quality Control - Defense
Sal Sunseri, Linebackers
Mike Tice, Offensive Line
Brent Vieselmeyer, Assistant Linebackers
Rod Woodson, Assistant Defensive Backs

COACHING BREAKDOWN

Coach	NFL seasons	Raiders seasons
Jack Del Rio	19	First
Bill Musgrave	17	2
Ken Norton, Jr.	6	First
Brad Seely	27	First
Sam Anno	First	First
Todd Downing	15	First
Darryl Eto	First	First
Jethro Franklin	10	First
Joe Gomes	First	First
Tim Holt	5	First
Nick Holz	4	4
Bobby Johnson	6	First
Kevin Kijowski	First	First
Wesley Miller	First	First
Rob Moore	2	First
Bernie Parmalee	7	First
Jake Peetz	7	First
Marcus Robertson	9	2
Tracy Smith	7	First
Travis Smith	4	4
Sal Sunseri	8	First
Mike Tice	19	First
Brent Vieselmeyer	First	First
Rod Woodson	2	2
Totals	180	33

PLAYING BREAKDOWN

Coach	NFL playing seasons
Jack Del Rio	11
Bill Musgrave	6
Ken Norton, Jr.	13
Sam Anno	7
Jethro Franklin	1
Rob Moore	12
Bernie Parmalee	9
Marcus Robertson	12
Mike Tice	14
Rod Woodson	17
Totals	102

ROSTER BREAKDOWN

Oldest Raider: Charles Woodson, 38 (born 10/7/76)

Youngest Raider: Max Valles, 21 (born 8/5/94)

Most Seasons as a Raider: Sebastian Janikowski, 16

Most NFL Seasons: Charles Woodson, 18

College with the most Raiders: Florida State (Mario Edwards Jr., Rodney Hudson, Sebastian Janikowski, Christian Ponder and Menelik Watson)

Conference with the most Raiders: SEC (10)

Tallest Raider: Austin Howard, Dan Kistler, Anthony Morris and J'Marcus Webb at 6-foot-7

Shortest Raider: Trindon Holliday at 5-foot-5

Former First-Round Draft Picks: 9

- Amari Cooper (Oak., 2015)
- Michael Crabtree (SF, 2009)
- DJ Hayden (Oak., 2013)
- Sebastian Janikowski (Oak., 2000)
- Khalil Mack (Oak., 2014)
- Christian Ponder (Min., 2011)
- Trent Richardson (Cle., 2012)
- Dan Williams (Ari., 2010)
- Charles Woodson (Oak., 1998)

Pro Bowlers: 6

- Jon Condo (2009)
- Sebastian Janikowski (2011)
- Donald Penn (2010)
- Marcel Reece (2012-14)
- Justin Tuck (2008, 2010)
- Charles Woodson (1998-2001, 2008-11)

100 and Up: K Sebastian Janikowski is the senior member on the Raiders roster, having played in 236 regular season contests, just four short of Tim Brown's franchise record of 240 games played in the Silver and Black. Here is a look at the Raiders with at least 100 regular season games played in the NFL:

- Charles Woodson - 238
- Sebastian Janikowski - 236
- Justin Tuck - 142
- Khalif Barnes - 137
- Jon Condo - 131
- Donald Penn - 128
- Curtis Lofton - 112



2014 STATISTICS

WON 3, LOST 13

09/07 L 14-19	at New York Jets	78,160
09/14 L 14-30	Houston	54,063
09/21 L 9-16	at New England	68,756
09/28 L 14-38	Miami	83,436
10/12 L 28-31	San Diego	53,329
10/19 L 13-24	Arizona	52,101
10/26 L 13-23	at Cleveland	67,431
11/02 L 24-30	at Seattle	68,337
11/09 L 17-41	Denver	54,803
11/16 L 6-13	at San Diego	66,720
11/20 W 24-20	Kansas City	52,865
11/30 L 0-52	at St. Louis	55,650
12/07 W 24-13	San Francisco	55,300
12/14 L 13-31	at Kansas City	72,153
12/21 W 26-24	Buffalo	53,436
12/28 L 14-47	at Denver	76,929

TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	248	320
Rushing	56	95
Passing	173	190
Penalty	19	35
3rd Down: Made/Att	80/236	85/221
3rd Down Pct.	33.9	38.5
4th Down: Made/Att	9/15	4/9
4th Down Pct.	60.0	44.4
POSSESSION AVG.	28:20	31:40
TOTAL NET YARDS	4515	5721
Avg. Per Game	282.2	357.6
Total Plays	994	1041
Avg. Per Play	4.5	5.5
NET YARDS RUSHING	1240	1911
Avg. Per Game	77.5	119.4
Total Rushes	337	481
NET YARDS PASSING	3275	3810
Avg. Per Game	204.7	238.1
Sacked/Yards Lost	28/181	22/157
Gross Yards	3456	3967
Att./Completions	629/365	538/343
Completion Pct.	58.0	63.8
Had Intercepted	16	9
PUNTS/AVERAGE	109/45.2	83/43.8
NET PUNTING AVG.	109/40.0	83/38.7
PENALTIES/YARDS	116/939	116/941
FUMBLES/BALL LOST	28/13	19/5
TOUCHDOWNS	28	51
Rushing	4	17
Passing	22	29
Returns	2	5

* SCORE BY PERIODS	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	OT	PTS
TEAM	50	60	56	87	0	253
OPPONENTS	116	127	106	103	0	452

* SCORING	TD	Ru	Pa	Rt	K	PAT	FG	S	PTS
Janikowski	0	0	0	0	28/28	19/22	0	85	
J. Jones	6	0	6	0			0	36	
Holmes	4	0	4	0			0	24	
Rivera	4	0	4	0			0	24	
Butler	3	0	2	1			0	18	
McFadden	2	2	0	0			0	12	
Murray	2	2	0	0			0	12	
Olawale	2	0	2	0			0	12	
Leonhardt	1	0	1	0			0	6	
McGill	1	0	0	1			0	6	
Penn	1	0	1	0			0	6	
Reece	1	0	1	0			0	6	
Streater	1	0	1	0			0	6	
TEAM	28	4	22	2	28/28	19/22	0	253	
OPPONENTS	51	17	29	5	50/50	32/38	0	452	

2-Pt Conv: TM 0-0, OPP 0-1

SACKS: Tuck 5, Mack 4, S. Moore 3, Smith 3, C. Wilson 2, Branch 1, Lumpkin 1, Mayowa 1, Woodson 1, Young 1, TM 22, OPP 28

FUM/LOST: Carr 10/4, J. Jones 3/1,

Rivera 3/1, Schaub 3/1, Carrie 2/1,

Barnes 1/1, Jones-Drew 1/0, McFadden 1/1, D. Moore 1/1, Murray 1/0, Reece 1/1, Wisniewski 1/1

* RUSHING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
McFadden	155	534	3.4	25	2
Murray	82	424	5.2	90t	2
Jones-Drew	43	96	2.2	13	0
Carr	29	92	3.2	41	0
Reece	21	85	4.0	11	0
Thompkins LG	2	5	2.5	7	0
Thompkins TM	2	5	2.5	7	0
McGloin	2	3	1.5	3	0
D. Moore	1	1	1.0	1	0
Olawale	2	0	0.0	0	0
TEAM	337	1240	3.7	90t	4
OPPONENTS	481	1911	4.0	89t	17

* RECEIVING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
J. Jones	73	666	9.1	42	6
Rivera	58	534	9.2	33	4
Holmes	47	693	14.7	77t	4
Reece	37	265	7.2	19	1
McFadden	36	212	5.9	23	0
Butler	21	280	13.3	55	2
Thompkins LG	21	262	12.5	50	0
Thompkins TM	15	209	13.9	50	0
Murray	17	143	8.4	46	0
V. Brown	12	118	9.8	20	0
D. Moore	12	115	9.6	28	0
Jones-Drew	11	71	6.5	12	0
Streater	9	84	9.3	17	1
Leonhardt	6	35	5.8	12	1
Olawale	5	18	3.6	7	2
Ausberry	2	14	7.0	7	0
G. Jackson	2	-5	-2.5	1	0
Penn	1	3	3.0	3t	1
Barnes	1	1	1.0	1	0
TEAM	365	3456	9.5	77t	22
OPPONENTS	343	3967	11.6	70t	29

* INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Woodson	4	35	8.8	30	0
Ross LG	2	7	3.5	7	0
Ross TM	2	7	3.5	7	0
Carrie	1	28	28.0	28	0
Tuck	1	7	7.0	7	0
Hayden	1	-1	-1.0	-1	0
TEAM	9	76	8.4	30	0
OPPONENTS	16	357	22.3	65	2

* PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Net	TB	In	Lg	B
King	109	4930	45.2	40.0	3	31	62	0
TEAM	109	4930	45.2	40.0	3	31	62	0
OPPONENTS	83	3634	43.8	38.7	8	34	69	1

* PUNT RETURNS	Ret	FC	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Carrie	26	11	195	7.5	27	0
D. Moore	8	6	38	4.8	23	0
Woodson	3	0	28	9.3	23	0
TEAM	37	17	261	7.1	27	0
OPPONENTS	47	33	513	10.9	81t	1

* KICKOFF RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Murray	19	429	22.6	38	0
Carrie	15	362	24.1	42	0
Atkinson	7	134	19.1	28	0
McFadden	3	59	19.7	23	0
Thompkins LG	3	43	14.3	21	0
Thompkins TM	3	43	14.3	21	0
TEAM	47	1027	21.9	42	0
OPPONENTS	21	683	32.5	76	0

* FIELD GOALS	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+
Janikowski	0/0	2/2	5/5	9/10	3/5
TEAM	0/0	2/2	5/5	9/10	3/5
OPPONENTS	0/0	10/11	10/10	8/13	4/4
Janikowski:	() ()	(49G,37G,47G) ()	(53N) (29G,53G)	(46G,38G) (48G,51N) (41G) (42G,25G) (40G) ()	(57G) (53G,33G) (45G,36G,38G,49G,48N) ()
OPP:	(45G,42G) (33G,39G,46G,27B) (21G,20G,36G)	(41G) (30G) (41G) (52G,33G,26G) (34G,46N,30G,40G)	(20G,28G) (23G,48N,52G) (24G,25G) (38G) (52G,20G,47N) (44N,41G,47N) (54G) (49G,36G,35G,21G)		

* PASSING	Att	Cmp	Yds	Cmp%	Yds/Att	TD	TD%	Int	Int%	Long	Sack/Lost	Rating
Carr	599	348	3270	58.1	5.46	21	3.5	12	2.0	77t	24/ 149	76.6
McGloin	19	12	129	63.2	6.79	1	5.3	2	10.5	29	1/ 8	61.0
Schaub	10	5	57	50.0	5.70	0	0.0	2	20.0	16	3/ 24	27.9
McFadden	1	0	0	0.0	0.00	0	0.0	0	0.0	---	0/ 0	39.6
TEAM	629	365	3456	58.0	5.49	22	3.5	16	2.5	77t	28/ 181	74.4
OPPONENTS	538	343	3967	63.8	7.37	29	5.4	9	1.7	70t	22/ 157	96.9



DEFENSE/SPECIAL TEAMS STATS

DEFENSE

Player	TACKLES				INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES			
	Total	Solo	Asst.	Sk.	Yds.	No.	Yds.	Lg.	TD	PD	FF	FR	Yds.
Charles Woodson	160	105	55	1.0	10.0	4	35	30	0	9	0	1	0
Miles Burris	159	87	72	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
Sio Moore	112	79	33	3.0	21.0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0
Khalil Mack	84	59	25	4.0	29.0	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	0
Brandian Ross	68	47	21	0.0	0.0	2	7	0	0	8	1	0	0
Tarell Brown	66	48	18	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	16	0	0	0
Justin Tuck	51	34	17	5.0	34.0	1	7	7	0	6	2	0	0
TJ Carrie	48	40	8	0.0	0.0	1	28	0	0	12	1	1	0
DJ Hayden	45	37	8	0.0	0.0	1	-1	0	0	16	0	0	0
Carlos Rogers	45	32	13	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0
Justin Ellis	39	21	18	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Antonio Smith	36	19	17	3.0	15.0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Pat Sims	36	16	20	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
C.J. Wilson	34	22	12	2.0	14.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	21
Tyvon Branch	34	21	13	1.0	19.0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Usama Young	29	19	10	1.0	11.0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Ray-Ray Armstrong	25	15	10	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
Larry Asante	23	18	5	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Kaluka Maiava	16	5	11	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Benson Mayowa	15	10	5	1.0	2.0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Denico Autry	13	8	5	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Keith McGill	12	6	6	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	4	0	1	18
LaMarr Woodley	11	6	5	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Bojay Filimoeatu	11	3	8	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ricky Lumpkin	9	6	3	1.0	2.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chance Casey	7	5	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Chimdi Chekwa	5	4	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Stacy McGee	5	3	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jonathan Dowling	3	2	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ras-I Dowling	3	2	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Neiko Thorpe	2	1	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
Jamar Chaney	2	1	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shelby Harris	2	1	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Taiwan Jones	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nick Roach	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spencer Hadley	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	1,210	782	428	22.0	157.0	9	76	30	0	98	10	4	39

DEFENSIVE SCORING

Player	Int TD	Fum Ret	Safeties
Keith McGill	0	1	0

DEFENSIVE TOUCHDOWNS

Keith McGill 18-yard fumble return

SPECIAL TEAMS

Player	Total	Solo	Asst.	FF	FR	Blk
Chimdi Chekwa	9	9	0	0	0	0
Jamize Olawale	7	7	0	1	0	0
Neiko Thorpe	6	6	0	0	0	0
Larry Asante	5	5	0	0	0	0
Marcel Reece	5	4	1	0	0	0
Brian Leonhardt	4	4	0	1	0	0
Jonathan Dowling	3	3	0	0	0	0
Ray-Ray Armstrong	3	3	0	0	0	0
Latavius Murray	3	3	0	0	0	0
Jamar Chaney	3	3	0	0	0	0
Keith McGill	3	3	0	0	0	0
Kaluka Maiava	3	2	1	0	0	0
Bojay Filimoeatu	3	2	1	0	0	0
Denico Autry	2	2	0	0	0	1
Chance Casey	2	2	0	0	0	0
Benson Mayowa	2	2	0	0	0	0
Andre Holmes	2	1	1	0	0	0
Jon Condo	2	0	2	0	1	0
Usama Young	1	1	0	0	0	0
Tyvon Branch	1	1	0	0	0	0
TEAM	1	1	0	0	0	0
Mychal Rivera	1	1	0	0	0	0
Terrell Brown	1	1	0	0	0	0
Marquette King	1	1	0	0	0	0
George Atkinson III	1	1	0	0	0	0
Brandian Ross	1	1	0	0	0	0
Sebastian Janikowski	1	1	0	0	0	0
Miles Burris	1	0	1	0	0	0
TJ Carrie	0	0	0	0	1	0
Justin Tuck	0	0	0	0	0	1
Totals	77	70	7	2	2	2

MISCELLANEOUS TACKLES

Player	Tkl	FF	FR
Stefen Wisniewski	2	0	2
Donald Penn	2	0	1
Maurice Jones-Drew	2	0	0
Darren McFadden	2	0	0
Khalif Barnes	2	0	0
Derek Carr	1	0	3
Menelik Watson	1	0	1
Rod Streater	1	0	0
Latavius Murray	1	0	0
Matt McGloin	1	0	0
Brice Butler	1	0	0
Jamize Olawale	1	0	0
Brian Leonhart	1	0	0
Mychal Rivera	1	0	0
Austin Howard	1	0	0
Andre Holmes	1	0	0
Scott Simonson	1	0	0
James Jones	0	0	1
Matt Schaub	0	0	1
Kevin Boothe	0	0	1
Totals	22	0	10



GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

OFFENSE

	<u>WR</u>	<u>LT</u>	<u>LG</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>RG</u>	<u>RT</u>	<u>TE</u>	<u>WR</u>	<u>QB</u>	<u>RB</u>	<u>FB</u>	<u>3WR/2TE</u>	<u>OTHER</u>
9/7 at NYJ	D. Moore	D. Penn G. Jackson	S. Wisniewski	A. Howard	K. Barnes	M. Rivera	R. Streater	D. Carr	M. Jones-Drew	M. Reece	-	-	-
9/14 vs. Hou.	-	D. Penn G. Jackson	S. Wisniewski	A. Howard	K. Barnes	M. Rivera	R. Streater	D. Carr	D. McFadden	M. Reece	-	-	M. Watson
9/21 at NE	D. Moore	D. Penn G. Jackson	S. Wisniewski	A. Howard	K. Barnes	M. Rivera	R. Streater	D. Carr	D. McFadden	M. Reece	-	-	-
9/28 vs. Mia.	J. Jones	D. Penn G. Jackson	S. Wisniewski	A. Howard	K. Barnes	M. Rivera	A. Holmes	D. Carr	D. McFadden	M. Reece	-	-	-
10/12 vs. SDJ.	J. Jones	D. Penn G. Jackson	S. Wisniewski	A. Howard	M. Watson	M. Rivera	A. Holmes	D. Carr	D. McFadden	M. Reece	-	-	-
10/19 vs. Ari.	J. Jones	D. Penn G. Jackson	S. Wisniewski	A. Howard	M. Watson	M. Rivera	A. Holmes	D. Carr	D. McFadden	-	K. Thompkins	-	-
10/26 at Cle.	J. Jones	D. Penn G. Jackson	S. Wisniewski	A. Howard	M. Watson	-	A. Holmes	D. Carr	D. McFadden	M. Reece	K. Thompkins	-	-
11/2 at Sea.	-	D. Penn G. Jackson	S. Wisniewski	A. Howard	M. Watson B. Leonhardt	A. Holmes	D. Carr	D. McFadden	M. Reece	-	K. Barnes	-	-
11/9 vs. Den.	K. Thompkins	D. Penn K. Barnes	S. Wisniewski	A. Howard	M. Watson B. Leonhardt	A. Holmes	D. Carr	D. McFadden	M. Reece	-	-	-	-
11/16 at SD	J. Jones	D. Penn K. Barnes	S. Wisniewski	A. Howard	M. Watson	-	A. Holmes	D. Carr	D. McFadden	M. Reece	K. Thompkins	-	-
11/20 vs. KC	J. Jones	D. Penn K. Barnes	S. Wisniewski	A. Howard	M. Watson	M. Watson B. Leonhardt	A. Holmes	D. Carr	D. McFadden	M. Reece	-	-	-
11/30 at StL.	J. Jones	D. Penn K. Barnes	S. Wisniewski	A. Howard	M. Watson	M. Rivera	A. Holmes	D. Carr	D. McFadden	M. Reece	-	-	-
12/7 vs. SF	J. Jones	D. Penn G. Jackson	S. Wisniewski	A. Howard	K. Barnes	M. Rivera	A. Holmes	D. Carr	D. McFadden	M. Reece	-	-	-
12/14 at KC	J. Jones	D. Penn G. Jackson	S. Wisniewski	A. Howard	K. Barnes	M. Rivera	A. Holmes	D. Carr	L. Murray	M. Reece	-	-	-
12/21 vs. Buf.	J. Jones	D. Penn G. Jackson	S. Wisniewski	A. Howard	K. Barnes	-	A. Holmes	D. Carr	L. Murray	M. Reece	K. Thompkins	-	-
12/28 at Den.	K. Thompkins	D. Penn G. Jackson	S. Wisniewski	A. Howard	K. Barnes	M. Rivera	A. Holmes	D. Carr	L. Murray	M. Reece	-	-	-

DEFENSE

	<u>RE</u>	<u>DT</u>	<u>NT</u>	<u>LE</u>	<u>WLB</u>	<u>MLB</u>	<u>SLB</u>	<u>RCB</u>	<u>LCB</u>	<u>FS</u>	<u>SS</u>	<u>CB</u>
9/7 at NYJ	L. Woodley	A. Smith	P. Sims	J. Tuck	S. Moore	M. Burris	K. Mack	T. Brown	C. Rogers	C. Woodson	T. Branch	-
9/14 vs. Hou.	-	A. Smith	P. Sims	J. Tuck	S. Moore	M. Burris	K. Mack	T. Brown	C. Rogers	C. Woodson	T. Branch	C. Chekwa
9/21 at NE	L. Woodley	A. Smith	J. Ellis	J. Tuck	K. Maiava	M. Burris	K. Mack	T. Brown	C. Rogers	C. Woodson	T. Branch	-
9/28 vs. Mia.	L. Woodley	A. Smith	J. Ellis	-	K. Maiava	M. Burris	K. Mack	T. Brown	C. Rogers	C. Woodson	U. Young	C. Chekwa
10/12 vs. SD	L. Woodley	A. Smith	J. Ellis	-	S. Moore	M. Burris	K. Mack	T. Brown	C. Rogers	C. Woodson	U. Young	T. Carrie
10/19 vs. Ari.	L. Woodley	A. Smith	J. Ellis	C. Wilson	S. Moore	M. Burris	K. Mack	T. Brown	C. Rogers	C. Woodson	U. Young	-
10/26 at Cle.	C. Wilson	A. Smith	J. Ellis	B. Mayowa	S. Moore	M. Burris	K. Mack	T. Brown	C. Rogers	C. Woodson	B. Ross	-
11/2 at Sea.	C. Wilson	A. Smith	J. Ellis	J. Tuck	S. Moore	M. Burris	K. Mack	T. Brown	T. Carrie	C. Woodson	B. Ross	-
11/9 vs. Den.	-	A. Smith	J. Ellis	J. Tuck	S. Moore	M. Burris	K. Mack	T. Brown	D. Hayden	C. Woodson	L. Asante	B. Ross
11/16 at SD	-	A. Smith	J. Ellis	J. Tuck	S. Moore	M. Burris	K. Mack	T. Brown	D. Hayden	C. Woodson	B. Ross	T. Carrie
11/20 vs. KC	-	A. Smith	J. Ellis	J. Tuck	S. Moore	M. Burris	K. Mack	T. Brown	D. Hayden	C. Woodson	L. Asante	B. Ross
11/30 at StL.	C. Wilson	A. Smith	J. Ellis	J. Tuck	S. Moore	M. Burris	K. Mack	T. Brown	D. Hayden	C. Woodson	B. Ross	-
12/7 vs. SF	C. Wilson	A. Smith	J. Ellis	J. Tuck	S. Moore	M. Burris	K. Mack	T. Brown	D. Hayden	C. Woodson	B. Ross	-
12/14 at KC	C. Wilson	A. Smith	J. Ellis	J. Tuck	R. Armstrong	M. Burris	K. Mack	T. Brown	D. Hayden	C. Woodson	B. Ross	-
12/21 vs. Buf.	C. Wilson	A. Smith	J. Ellis	J. Tuck	R. Armstrong	M. Burris	K. Mack	T. Carrie	D. Hayden	C. Woodson	B. Ross	-
12/28 at Den.	-	A. Smith	J. Ellis	J. Tuck	R. Armstrong	M. Burris	K. Mack	K. McGill	D. Hayden	C. Woodson	B. Ross	C. Casey



TEAM STATS - RAIDERS

	9/7 at NYJ	9/14 vs. Hou.	9/21 at NE	9/28 vs. Mia.	10/12 vs. SD	10/19 vs. Ari.	10/26 at Cle.	11/2 at Sea.	11/9 vs. Den.	11/16 at SD	11/20 vs. KC	11/30 at StL	12/7 vs. SF	12/14 at KC	12/21 vs. Buf.	12/28 at Den.	Totals
<i>Score by Qtr.</i>																	
1st Qtr.	7	0	3	7	7	0	0	3	3	3	7	0	3	0	0	7	50
2nd Qtr.	0	0	0	0	7	10	6	0	7	0	7	0	7	3	13	0	60
3rd Qtr.	0	0	6	0	7	3	0	14	0	0	3	0	7	3	6	7	56
4th Qtr.	7	14	0	7	7	0	7	7	7	3	7	0	7	7	7	0	87
OT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>First Downs</i>																	
Total	11	22	14	17	17	13	19	17	10	9	18	17	19	17	18	10	248
Rush	2	5	3	2	5	3	3	2	0	2	8	2	5	4	7	3	56
Pass	7	16	9	15	11	8	16	13	9	7	9	12	13	10	11	7	173
Penalties	2	1	2	0	1	2	0	2	1	0	1	3	1	3	0	0	19
<i>Third Downs</i>																	
Conversions	3	2	5	6	8	4	6	5	5	3	8	4	6	5	5	5	80
Attempts	12	9	13	14	13	12	19	15	18	15	16	18	13	18	16	15	236
<i>Fourth Downs</i>																	
Conversions	0	2	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	9
Attempts	0	2	0	1	0	0	4	2	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	15
<i>Total Offense</i>																	
Plays	49	59	56	64	54	48	81	60	62	55	66	75	60	77	71	57	994
Yards	158	364	241	317	396	220	387	226	222	233	351	244	330	280	347	199	4,515
Average	3.2	6.2	4.3	5.0	7.3	4.6	4.8	3.8	3.6	4.2	5.3	3.3	5.5	3.6	4.9	3.5	4.5
<i>Net Rushing</i>																	
Attempts	15	17	22	18	20	19	71	18	15	19	30	21	31	17	36	18	337
Yards	25	101	67	53	114	56	22	37	30	71	179	61	85	78	140	67	1,240
Touchdowns	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	4
<i>Net Passing</i>																	
Attempts	32	42	34	44	34	28	56	41	47	34	35	48	28	56	34	36	629
Completions	20	27	21	28	18	16	34	24	30	16	18	29	22	27	17	18	365
Yards	133	263	174	264	282	164	328	189	192	162	172	230	245	202	214	132	3,275
Touchdowns	2	1	0	2	4	0	1	2	2	0	1	0	3	1	2	1	22
Interceptions	0	2	1	3	1	0	1	2	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	16
Sacked	2	0	0	2	0	1	4	1	0	2	1	6	1	4	1	3	28
<i>Punts</i>																	
Number	9	3	5	6	4	6	7	6	9	9	6	8	5	11	6	9	109
Gross Average	44.6	40.0	43.2	48.7	41.3	39.3	44.0	52.3	43.2	49.6	49.3	44.1	46.8	43.4	44.2	46.4	45.2
Net Average	40.7	37.0	41.8	47.2	34.0	38.2	43.0	46.2	37.4	44.7	40.8	39.3	42.2	29.2	39.0	42.3	40.0
<i>Penalties</i>																	
Number	4	5	6	9	11	8	8	5	4	8	7	8	10	10	4	9	116
Yards	20	24	49	80	79	74	54	69	37	41	60	73	84	75	35	86	939
<i>Fumbles</i>																	
Number	1	4	0	1	1	0	4	4	2	2	2	3	0	1	1	2	28
Lost	0	2	0	1	0	0	2	1	1	1	1	2	0	1	0	1	13
<i>Two-Point Conv.</i>																	
Conversions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Attempts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Time of Possession	25:10	21:24	28:25	29:06	22:58	23:03	34:52	24:54	27:38	25:14	30:05	36:56	32:55	30:00	33:47	26:59	28:20



TEAM STATS - OPPONENTS

	9/7 at NYJ	9/14 vs. Hou.	9/21 at NE	9/28 vs. Mia.	10/12 vs. SD	10/19 vs. Ari.	10/26 at Cle.	11/2 at Sea.	11/9 vs. Den.	11/16 at SD	11/20 vs. KC	11/30 at StL	12/7 vs. SF	12/14 at KC	12/21 vs. Buf.	12/28 at Den.	Totals
<i>Score by Qtr.</i>																	
1st Qtr.	3	14	0	3	7	7	6	14	3	7	7	0	21	7	7	10	116
2nd Qtr.	7	3	10	21	7	7	3	10	17	3	3	3	17	3	3	10	127
3rd Qtr.	3	10	0	14	7	7	0	0	21	3	7	0	0	21	0	10	106
4th Qtr.	6	3	6	0	10	3	14	6	0	0	10	14	0	0	14	17	103
OT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>First Downs</i>																	
Total	20	20	21	24	24	25	15	21	25	18	16	17	18	16	15	25	320
Rush	10	9	5	8	7	7	1	8	7	6	3	6	5	3	1	9	95
Pass	9	9	14	15	15	14	12	9	17	11	11	9	10	10	12	13	190
Penalties	1	2	2	1	2	4	2	4	1	1	2	2	3	3	2	3	35
<i>Third Downs</i>																	
Conversions	5	9	9	5	8	9	2	7	7	4	2	1	3	3	4	7	85
Attempts	12	15	18	11	14	15	12	18	15	15	14	8	11	13	15	15	221
<i>Fourth Downs</i>																	
Conversions	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	4
Attempts	0	0	1	2	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	9
<i>Total Offense</i>																	
Plays	65	65	71	66	69	69	54	74	76	68	62	49	56	59	64	74	1,041
Yards	402	327	297	435	423	365	306	326	471	300	313	348	248	388	321	451	5,721
Average	6.2	5.0	4.2	6.6	6.1	5.3	5.7	4.4	6.2	4.4	5.0	7.1	4.4	6.6	5.0	6.1	5.5
<i>Net Rushing</i>																	
Attempts	34	46	32	35	33	37	25	38	27	32	24	26	18	27	13	34	481
Yards	212	188	76	157	116	123	39	149	118	120	96	172	97	93	13	142	1,911
Touchdowns	1	1	0	2	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	4	0	1	0	3	17
<i>Net Passing</i>																	
Attempts	29	19	37	31	35	31	28	35	49	34	36	22	33	31	49	39	538
Completions	23	14	24	23	22	22	19	17	33	22	20	13	18	18	32	23	343
Yards	190	139	234	278	313	253	267	177	353	180	217	183	174	295	329	312	3,810
Touchdowns	1	2	1	2	3	2	1	0	5	1	2	2	1	2	3	1	29
Interceptions	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	9
Sacked	2	0	2	0	1	1	1	1	0	2	2	1	5	1	2	1	22
<i>Punts</i>																	
Number	5	2	5	2	3	4	7	6	5	9	7	6	4	7	8	3	83
Gross Average	44.2	50.0	48.0	40.5	47.7	42.0	46.3	35.2	45.2	42.2	42.4	45.8	52.5	39.9	42.5	46.3	43.8
Net Average	38.8	48.5	40.8	32.0	37.7	38.8	40.0	26.5	40.4	41.4	41.7	41.8	42.8	36.9	38.0	32.0	38.7
<i>Penalties</i>																	
Number	11	7	6	5	7	6	6	9	12	6	7	8	7	11	7	1	116
Yards	105	85	59	35	60	43	30	65	95	40	59	60	50	84	55	16	941
<i>Fumbles</i>																	
Number	2	1	1	3	1	1	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1	1	2	19
Lost	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	5
<i>Two-Point Conv.</i>																	
Conversions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Attempts	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Time of Possession	34:50	38:36	31:35	30:54	37:02	36:57	25:08	35:06	32:22	34:46	29:55	23:04	27:05	30:00	26:13	33:01	31:40



TEAM/INDIVIDUAL HIGHS

RAIDERS

<u>Statistic</u>	<u>TEAM</u> <u>High</u>	<u>Date/Opp.</u>
Points	28	10/12 vs. SD
Points in a quarter	14; twice (fourth and third)	last; 11/2 at Sea.
Points in a half	21 (second)	11/2 at Sea.
Offensive plays	81	10/26 at Cle.
Yards per play	7.3	10/12 vs. SD
First downs	22	9/14 vs. Hou.
Third down %	62	10/12 vs. SD
Total net yards	396	10/12 vs. SD
Net rushing yards	179	11/20 vs. KC
Rushing attempts	36	12/21 vs. Buf.
Rushing average	6.0	11/20 vs. KC
Net passing yards	316	10/26 at Cle.
Completions	34	10/26 at Cle.
Passing attempts	56; twice	last; 12/14 at KC
Completion %	78.6	12/7 vs. SF
Time of possession	36:56	11/30 at StL.
Gross punting	52.3	11/2 at Sea.
Net punting	47.2	9/28 vs. Mia.

INDIVIDUAL

<u>Statistic</u>	<u>High</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Date/Opp.</u>
Points	12; three times	last; Latavius Murray	11/20 vs. KC
Touchdowns	2; three times	last; Latavius Murray	11/20 vs. KC
Field goals	4	Sebastian Janikowski	12/21 vs. Buf.
Field goal attempts	5	Sebastian Janikowski	12/21 vs. Buf.
Longest field goal	57	Sebastian Janikowski	12/7 vs. SF
Longest FG attempt	57	Sebastian Janikowski	12/7 vs. SF
Rushing attempts	23; twice	last; Latavius Murray	12/21 vs. Buf.
Rushing yards	112	Latavius Murray	11/20 vs. KC
Rushing average	28.0	Latavius Murray	11/20 vs. KC
Rushing long	90t	Latavius Murray	11/20 vs. KC
Rushing touchdowns	2	Latavius Murray	11/20 vs. KC
Completions	34	Derek Carr	10/26 at Cle.
Attempts	56	Derek Carr	12/14 at KC
Completion %	78.6	Derek Carr	12/7 vs. SF
Passing yards	328	Derek Carr	10/26 at Cle.
Passing touchdowns	4	Derek Carr	10/12 vs. SD
Passing long	77t	Derek Carr	10/12 vs. SD
Yards per attempt	9.1	Derek Carr	12/7 vs. SF
Receptions	9	James Jones	9/14 vs. Hou.
Receiving yards	121	Andre Holmes	10/12 vs. SD
Receiving long	77	Andre Holmes	10/12 vs. SD
Rec. touchdowns	2; twice	last; Mychal Rivera	11/2 at Sea.
Tackles	14	Charles Woodson	11/16 at SD
Sacks	2; twice	last; K. Mack, A. Smith	12/7 vs. SF
Interceptions	1; nine times	last; C. Woodson, B. Ross	12/21 vs. Buf.
Int. return yards	30	Charles Woodson	10/19 vs. Ari.
Kickoff returns	5	Latavius Murray	9/28 vs. Mia.
Kickoff return yards	112	Latavius Murray	9/28 vs. Mia.
Punt returns	4	TJ Carrie	9/21 at NE
Punt return yards	36	TJ Carrie	9/21 at NE
Longest punt	62	Marquette King	11/16 at SD
Punts inside 20	4; twice	last; Marquette King	12/28 at Den.

OPPONENTS

<u>Statistic</u>	<u>TEAM</u> <u>High</u>	<u>Date/Opp.</u>
Points	52	11/30 at StL.
Points in a quarter	21; four times (last; third)	last; 12/14 at KC
Points in a half	38 (first)	11/30 at StL.
Offensive plays	76	11/9 vs. Den.
Yards per play	7.1	11/30 at StL.
First downs	25; three times	last; 12/28 at Den.
Third down %	60	twice, last 10/19 vs. Ari.
Total net yards	471	11/9 vs. Den.
Net rushing yards	212	9/7 at NYJ
Rushing attempts	46	9/14 vs. Hou.
Rushing average	6.6	11/30 at StL.
Net passing yards	353	11/9 vs. Den.
Completions	33	11/9 vs. Den.
Passing attempts	49; twice	last; 12/21 vs. Buf.
Completion %	79.3	9/7 at NYJ
Time of possession	38:36	9/14 vs. Hou.
Gross punting	52.5	12/7 vs. SF
Net punting	48.5	9/14 vs. Hou.

INDIVIDUAL

<u>Statistic</u>	<u>High</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Date/Opp.</u>
Points	18; twice	last; C.J. Anderson	12/28 at Den.
Touchdowns	3; twice	last; C.J. Anderson	12/28 at Den.
Field goals	4	Connor Barth	12/28 at Den.
Field goal attempts	4; three times	last; Connor Barth	12/28 at Den.
Longest field goal	54	Dan Carpenter	12/21 vs. Buf.
Longest FG attempt	54	Dan Carpenter	12/21 vs. Buf.
Rushing attempts	28	Arian Foster	9/14 vs. Hou.
Rushing yards	138	Arian Foster	9/14 vs. Hou.
Rushing average	15.0	Eddie Royal	11/16 at SD
Rushing long	89t	Tre Mason	11/30 at StL.
Rushing touchdowns	3	C.J. Anderson	12/28 at Den.
Completions	32	Kyle Orton	12/21 vs. Buf.
Attempts	49	Kyle Orton	12/21 vs. Buf.
Completion %	79.3	Geno Smith	9/7 at NYJ
Passing yards	340	Peyton Manning	11/9 vs. Den.
Passing touchdowns	5	Peyton Manning	11/9 vs. Den.
Passing long	70t	Alex Smith	12/14 at KC
Yards per attempt	9.9	Alex Smith	12/14 at KC
Receptions	11	Demaryius Thomas	11/9 vs. Den.
Receiving yards	115	Demaryius Thomas	12/28 at Den.
Receiving long	70t	Knile Davis	12/14 at KC
Rec. touchdowns	2; twice	J. Thomas, E. Sanders	11/9 vs. Den.
Tackles	13; three times	last; Chris Borland	12/7 vs. SF
Sacks	3; twice	last; Robert Quinn	11/30 at StL.
Interceptions	2	Trumaine Johnson	11/30 at StL.
Int. return yards	65; twice	last; Trumaine Johnson	11/30 at StL.
Kickoff returns	3; twice	last; Marcus Thigpen	12/21 vs. Buf.
Kickoff return yards	92	Bruce Ellington	12/7 vs. SF
Punt returns	8	De'Anthony Thomas	12/14 at KC
Punt return yards	156	De'Anthony Thomas	12/14 at KC
Longest punt	69	Dustin Colquitt	11/20 vs. KC
Punts inside 20	5; twice	Dustin Colquitt	12/14 at KC



BIG PLAYS - RAIDERS

<u>Yards</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date/Opp.</u>	<u>Outcome</u>
90t	Latavius Murray rush up the middle for a touchdown	11/20 vs. KC	W, 24-20
77t	Andre Holmes touchdown reception from Derek Carr	10/12 vs. SD	L, 28-31
55	Brice Butler reception from Derek Carr	10/19 vs. Ari.	L, 13-24
51	Andre Holmes reception from Derek Carr	12/21 vs. Buf.	W, 26-24
50	Kenbrell Thompkins reception from Derek Carr	12/21 vs. Buf.	W, 26-24
47t	Brice Butler touchdown reception from Derek Carr	10/12 vs. SD	L, 28-31
46	Latavius Murray reception from Derek Carr	12/28 at Den.	L, 14-47
41	Derek Carr rush	9/14 vs. Hou.	L, 14-30
37	Andre Holmes reception from Derek Carr	11/20 vs. KC	W, 24-20
35	Kenbrell Thompkins reception from Derek Carr	11/16 at SD	L, 6-13
33	Mychal Rivera reception from Derek Carr	11/16 at SD	L, 6-13
33	Andre Holmes reception from Derek Carr	12/14 at KC	L, 13-31
31	Andre Holmes reception from Derek Carr	10/26 at Cle.	L, 13-23
30t	James Jones touchdown reception from Derek Carr	9/7 at NYJ	L, 14-19
30	James Jones reception from Derek Carr	9/28 vs. Mia.	L, 14-38
30	Andre Holmes reception from Derek Carr	10/12 vs. SD	L, 28-31
29	Andre Holmes reception from Derek Carr	9/21 at NE	L, 9-16
29	James Jones reception from Matt McGloin	9/28 vs. Mia.	L, 14-38
28	Denarius Moore reception from Derek Carr	11/9 vs. Den.	L, 17-41
28	James Jones reception from Derek Carr	11/16 at SD	L, 6-13
27	Mychal Rivera reception from Derek Carr	12/7 vs. SF	W, 24-13
27	Mychal Rivera reception from Derek Carr	12/7 vs. SF	W, 24-13
25	Mychal Rivera reception from Derek Carr	11/9 vs. Den.	L, 17-41
25	Latavius Murray rush	12/14 at KC	L, 13-31
25	Latavius Murray rush	12/21 vs. Buf.	W, 26-24
25	Darren McFadden rush	12/21 vs. Buf.	W, 26-24
23	Darren McFadden reception from Derek Carr	9/14 vs. Hou.	L, 14-30
23	Darren McFadden reception from Derek Carr	11/2 at Sea.	L, 24-30
23	Latavius Murray rush	11/16 at SD	L, 6-13
22	Andre Holmes reception from Matt McGloin	9/28 vs. Mia.	L, 14-38
22	Mychal Rivera reception from Derek Carr	10/26 at Cle.	L, 13-23
22	Mychal Rivera reception from Derek Carr	10/26 at Cle.	L, 13-23
22	Andre Holmes reception from Derek Carr	12/7 vs. SF	W, 24-13
22	James Jones reception from Derek Carr	12/14 at KC	L, 13-31
20	Vincent Brown reception from Derek Carr	12/7 vs. SF	W, 24-13



BIG PLAYS - OPPONENTS

<u>Yards</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date/Opp.</u>	<u>Outcome</u>
89t	Tre Mason rushing touchdown	11/30 at StL.	L, 0-52
70t	Knile Davis touchdown reception from Alex Smith	12/14 at KC	L, 13-31
71t	Chris Ivory rushing touchdown	9/7 at NYJ	L, 14-19
51t	C.J. Anderson touchdown reception from Peyton Manning	11/9 vs. Den.	L, 17-41
48	Taylor Gabriel reception from Brian Hoyer	10/26 at Cle.	L, 13-23
48	Albert Wilson reception from Alex Smith	12/14 at KC	L, 13-31
44	Malcom Floyd reception from Philip Rivers	10/12 vs. SD	L, 28-31
42t	Sammy Watkins touchdown reception from Kyle Orton	12/21 vs. Buf.	W, 26-24
40	Arian Foster rush	9/14 vs. Hou.	L, 14-30
39	Marshawn Lynch reception from Russell Wilson	11/2 at Sea.	L, 24-30
38	Virgil Green reception from Brock Osweiler	12/28 at Den.	L, 14-47
37	Andre Ellington reception from Carson Palmer	10/19 vs. Ari.	L, 13-24
37	Dwayne Bowe reception from Alex Smith	12/14 at KC	L, 13-31
35	Brian Hartline reception from Ryan Tannehill	9/28 vs. Mia.	L, 14-38
35t	Tre Mason touchdown reception from Shaun Hill	11/30 at StL.	L, 0-52
35	Wes Welker reception from Peyton Manning	12/28 at Den.	L, 14-47
34	Stedman Bailey reception from Shaun Hill	11/30 at StL.	L, 0-52
34	Fred Jackson reception from Kyle Orton	12/21 vs. Buf.	W, 26-24
33	Michael Floyd reception from Carson Palmer	10/19 vs. Ari.	L, 13-24
32	Andrew Hawkins reception from Brian Hoyer	10/26 at Cle.	L, 13-23
32t	Emmanuel Sanders touchdown reception from Peyton Manning	11/9 vs. Den.	L, 17-41
32t	Julius Thomas touchdown reception from Peyton Manning	11/9 vs. Den.	L, 17-41
31	Emmanuel Sanders reception from Peyton Manning	12/28 at Den.	L, 14-47
31	Chris Hogan reception from Kyle Orton	12/21 vs. Buf.	W, 26-24
30	Jordan Cameron reception from Brian Hoyer	10/26 at Cle.	L, 13-23
30	Jamaal Charles reception from Alex Smith	11/20 vs. KC	W, 24-20
30	Robert Woods reception from Kyle Orton	12/21 vs. Buf.	W, 26-24
29t	Eddie Royal touchdown reception from Philip Rivers	10/12 vs. SD	L, 28-31
29t	Scott Chandler touchdown reception from Kyle Orton	12/21 vs. Buf.	W, 26-24
27	Ladarius Green reception from Philip Rivers	10/12 vs. SD	L, 28-31
27	Travis Kelce reception from Alex Smith	11/20 vs. KC	W, 24-20
27	Demaryius Thomas reception from Peyton Manning	12/28 at Den.	L, 14-47
26	Jeff Cumberland reception from Geno Smith	9/7 at NYJ	L, 14-19
26	Garrett Graham reception from Ryan Fitzpatrick	9/14 vs. Hou.	L, 14-30
26	Stedman Bailey reception from Shaun Hill	11/30 at StL.	L, 0-52
25	Daniel Thomas reception from Ryan Tannehill	9/28 vs. Mia.	L, 14-38
25	C.J. Anderson rushing touchdown	12/28 at Den.	L, 14-47
24	Eric Decker reception from Geno Smith	9/7 at NYJ	L, 14-19
24	Ronnie Brown reception from Philip Rivers	10/12 vs. SD	L, 28-31
24	Dwayne Bowe reception from Alex Smith	11/20 vs. KC	W, 24-20
23	Rishard Matthews reception from Ryan Tannehill	9/28 vs. Mia.	L, 14-38
23	Albert Wilson reception from Alex Smith	11/20 vs. KC	W, 24-20
23	Vernon Davis reception from Colin Kaepernick	12/7 vs. SF	W, 24-13
23	Demaryius Thomas reception from Peyton Manning	12/28 at Den.	L, 14-47
22	Eric Decker reception from Geno Smith	9/7 at NYJ	L, 14-19
22	Rob Gronkowski reception from Tom Brady	9/21 at NE	L, 9-16
22	John Brown reception from Carson Palmer	10/19 vs. Ari.	L, 13-24
22	Miles Austin reception from Brian Hoyer	10/26 at Cle.	L, 13-23
22	Malcolm Floyd reception from Philip Rivers	11/16 at SD	L, 6-13
22	Garrett Celek reception from Colin Kaepernick	12/7 vs. SF	W, 24-13
22	C.J. Anderson rush	12/28 at Den.	L, 14-47
21	Eric Decker reception from Geno Smith	9/7 at NYJ	L, 14-19
21	Lamar Miller rush	9/28 vs. Mia.	L, 14-38
21	Demaryius Thomas reception from Peyton Manning	11/9 vs. Den.	L, 17-41
21	Travis Kelce reception from Alex Smith	11/20 vs. KC	W, 24-20
21	Dwayne Bowe reception from Alex Smith	12/14 at KC	L, 13-31



TAKEAWAYS

RAIDERS TAKEAWAYS

<u>Date/Opp.</u>	<u>Quarter</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Turnover</u>	<u>Result of ensuing possession</u>
9/7 at NYJ	1	3-0, NYJ	Charles Woodson interception (Geno Smith pass)	Touchdown
9/7 at NYJ	2	7-3, Oak.	TJ Carrie forced fumble, TJ Carrie recovery (Geno Smith fumble)	Punt
9/28 vs. Mia.	2	17-7, Mia.	Brian Leonhardt forced fumble, Jon Condo recovery (J. Landry fumble)	Punt
9/28 vs. Mia.	3	24-7, Mia.	Pat Sims forced fumble, Charles Woodson recovery (L. Miller fumble)	Interception
9/28 vs. Mia.	3	38-7, Mia.	TJ Carrie interception (Ryan Tannehill pass)	Punt
10/19 vs. Ari.	2	14-7, Ari.	Charles Woodson interception (Carson Palmer pass)	Field Goal
11/9 vs. Den.	1	0-0	DJ Hayden interception (Peyton Manning pass)	Field Goal
11/9 vs. Den.	2	6-3, Den.	Justin Tuck interception (Peyton Manning pass)	Touchdown
12/7 vs. SF	1	0-0	Brandian Ross interception (Colin Kaepernick pass)	Field Goal
12/7 vs. SF	4	24-13, Oak.	Charles Woodson interception (Colin Kaepernick pass)	No conversion on fourth down
12/14 at KC	3	10-3, KC	Brandian Ross forced fumble, C.J. Wilson recovery (Travis Kelce fumble)	Field Goal
12/21 vs. Buf.	1	7-0, Buf.	Charles Woodson interception (Kyle Orton pass)	Punt
12/21 vs. Buf.	4	26-17, Oak.	Brandian Ross interception (Kyle Orton pass)	Missed Field Goal
12/28 at Den.	1	10-0, Den.	J. Tuck forced fumble, K. McGill recovered for a touchdown (P. Manning fumble)	Touchdown

Notes: 14 takeaways resulting in 33 points.

OPPONENT TAKEAWAYS

<u>Date/Opp.</u>	<u>Quarter</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Turnover</u>	<u>Result of ensuing possession</u>
9/14 vs. Hou.	2	14-0, Hou.	Kareem Jackson interception (Derek Carr pass)	Field Goal
9/14 vs. Hou.	2	17-0, Hou.	J. Joseph forced fumble, J. Joseph recovery (James Jones fumble)	Punt
9/14 vs. Hou.	3	17-0, Hou.	D. Sweringer forced fumble, J. Joseph recovery (M. Rivera fumble)	Touchdown
9/14 vs. Hou.	4	30-0, Hou.	Brooks Reed interception (Derek Carr pass)	Blocked Field Goal
9/21 at NE	4	16-9, NE	Vince Wilfork interception (Derek Carr pass)	End of Game
9/28 vs. Mia.	3	24-7, Mia.	Brent Grimes interception (Derek Carr pass)	Touchdown
9/28 vs. Mia.	3	31-7, Mia.	Cortland Finnegan fumble recovery (S. Wisniewski fumble)	Touchdown
9/28 vs. Mia.	3	38-7, Mia.	Jimmy Wilson interception (Matt McGloin pass)	Interception
9/28 vs. Mia.	4	38-14, Mia.	Walt Aikens interception (Matt McGloin pass)	Did not convert on fourth down
10/12 vs. SD	4	31-28, SD	Jason Verrett interception (Derek Carr pass)	End of Game
10/26 at Cle.	1	0-0	Tashaun Gipson interception (Matt Schaub pass)	Field Goal
10/26 at Cle.	3	9-6, Cle.	D. Whitner forced fumble, J. Haden recovery (D. McFadden fumble)	Touchdown
10/26 at Cle.	4	16-6, Cle.	Barkevious Mingo fumble recovery (Derek Carr fumble)	Touchdown
11/2 at Sea.	1	7-3, Sea.	Bruce Irvin interception (Derek Carr pass)	Touchdown
11/2 at Sea.	2	14-3, Sea.	Richard Sherman interception (Derek Carr pass)	Field Goal
11/2 at Sea.	2	17-3, Sea.	Steven Hauschka fumble recovery (TJ Carrie fumble)	Missed Field Goal
11/9 vs. Den.	2	10-6, Oak.	Bradley Roby interception (Derek Carr pass)	Touchdown
11/9 vs. Den.	3	20-10, Den.	Chris Harris fumble recovery (Khalif Barnes fumble)	Touchdown
11/9 vs. Den.	3	34-10, Den.	T.J. Ward interception (Derek Carr pass)	Touchdown
11/16 at SD	1	0-0	Donald Butler fumble recovery (Derek Carr fumble)	Touchdown
11/20 vs. KC	2	14-0, Oak.	Frank Zombo fumble recovery (Denarius Moore fumble)	Field Goal
11/30 at StL.	2	28-0, StL.	E.J. Gaines interception (Derek Carr pass)	Touchdown
11/30 at StL.	2	35-0, St. L	Trumaine Johnson interception (Derek Carr pass)	Field Goal
11/30 at StL.	3	38-0, StL.	W. Hayes forced fumble, R. McLeod fumble recovery (Marcel Reece fumble)	Punt
11/30 at StL.	4	45-0, StL.	R. Quinn sack forced fumble, C. Long fumble recovery (Matt Schaub fumble)	Punt
11/30 at StL.	4	45-0, StL.	T. Johnson interception returned for touchdown (Matt Schaub pass)	Touchdown
12/14 at KC	3	17-6, KC	Frank Zombo fumble recovery (Derek Carr fumble)	Touchdown
12/28 at Den.	4	33-14, Den.	L. McCray forced fumble, T. Carter recovered for a touchdown (D. Carr fumble)	Touchdown
12/28 at Den.	4	47-14, Den.	Josh Bush interception (Derek Carr pass)	End of Game

Notes: 29 takeaways resulting in 113 points.



TURNOVER BREAKDOWN

RAIDERS GAME-BY-GAME TURNOVER BREAKDOWN

<u>Date/Opp.</u>	<u>Takeaways</u>	<u>Giveaways</u>	<u>Game Differential</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>Season Differential</u>
9/7 at NYJ	2	0	+2	L, 14-19	+2
9/14 vs. Hou.	0	4	-4	L, 14-30	-2
9/21 at NE	0	1	-1	L, 9-16	-3
9/28 vs. Mia.	3	4	-1	L, 14-38	-4
10/12 vs. SD	0	1	-1	L, 28-31	-5
10/19 vs. Ari.	1	0	+1	L, 13-24	-4
10/26 at Cle.	0	3	-3	L, 13-23	-7
11/2 at Sea.	0	3	-3	L, 24-30	-10
11/9 vs. Den.	2	3	-1	L, 17-41	-11
11/16 at SD	0	1	-1	L, 6-13	-12
11/20 vs. KC	0	1	-1	W, 24-20	-13
11/30 at StL.	0	5	-5	L, 0-52	-18
12/7 vs. SF	2	0	+2	W, 24-13	-16
12/14 at KC	1	1	0	L, 13-31	-16
12/21 vs. Buf.	2	0	+2	W, 26-24	-14
12/28 at Den.	1	2	-1	L, 14-47	-16
Totals	14	29		3-13	-16



RED ZONE EFFICIENCY

RAIDERS

<u>Date/Opp.</u>	<u>Possessions</u>	<u>Scores</u>	<u>Touchdowns</u>	<u>Field Goals</u>	<u>Touchdown %</u>	<u>Red Zone Points</u>
9/7 at NYJ	1	1	1	0	100.0	7
9/14 vs. Hou.	2	2	2	0	100.0	14
9/21 at NE	2	1	0	1	0.0	3
9/28 vs. Mia.	1	1	1	0	100.0	7
10/12 vs. SD	2	2	2	0	100.0	14
10/19 vs. Ari.	2	2	1	1	50.0	10
10/26 at Cle.	1	1	1	0	100.0	7
11/2 at Sea.	2	2	2	0	100.0	14
11/9 vs. Den.	2	2	2	0	100.0	14
11/16 at SD	1	1	0	1	0.0	3
11/20 vs. KC	2	2	2	0	100.0	14
11/30 at StL.	0	0	0	0	0.0	0
12/7 vs. SF	4	3	3	0	75.0	21
12/14 at KC	2	2	1	1	50.0	10
12/21 vs. Buf.	4	4	2	2	50.0	20
12/28 at Den.	1	1	1	0	100.0	7
Totals	29	27	21	6	93.1	165

OPPONENTS

<u>Date/Opp.</u>	<u>Possessions</u>	<u>Scores</u>	<u>Touchdowns</u>	<u>Field Goals</u>	<u>Touchdown %</u>	<u>Red Zone Points</u>
9/7 at NYJ	4	3	1	2	25.0	13
9/14 vs. Hou.	5	4	3	1	60.0	24
9/21 at NE	4	3	1	2	25.0	13
9/28 vs. Mia.	8	4	4	0	50.0	28
10/12 vs. SD	4	4	3	1	75.0	24
10/19 vs. Ari.	2	2	2	0	100.0	14
10/26 at Cle.	4	4	2	2	50.0	20
11/2 at Sea.	4	4	2	2	50.0	20
11/9 vs. Den.	4	4	2	2	50.0	20
11/16 at SD	1	1	0	1	0.0	3
11/20 vs. KC	3	3	1	2	33.0	13
11/30 at StL.	5	5	4	1	80.0	31
12/7 vs. SF	2	2	1	1	50.0	10
12/14 at KC	1	1	1	0	100.0	7
12/21 vs. Buf.	0	0	0	0	0.0	0
12/28 at Den.	6	6	3	3	50.0	30
Totals	57	50	30	20	87.7	270



ONSIDE KICKS

RAIDERS

<u>Date/Opp.</u>	<u>Quarter</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Kicker</u>	<u>Recovered by</u>	<u>Yard line recovered</u>
9/7 at NYJ	4	19-14, NYJ	Sebastian Janikowski	Greg Salas	Raiders 48
9/14 vs. Hou.	4	30-14, Hou.	Sebastian Janikowski	Keshawn Martin	Texans 44
9/21 at NE	----	----	----	----	----
9/28 vs. Mia.	----	----	----	----	----
10/12 vs. SD	----	----	----	----	----
10/19 vs. Ari.	----	----	----	----	----
10/26 at Cle.	4	23-13, Cle.	Sebastian Janikowski	Out of Bounds	Browns 47
11/2 at Sea.	4	30-24, Sea.	Sebastian Janikowski	Jermaine Kearse	Raiders 35
11/9 vs. Den.	4	41-17, Den.	Sebastian Janikowski	Andre Caldwell	Raiders 46
11/16 at SD	----	----	----	----	----
11/20 vs. KC	----	----	----	----	----
11/30 at StL.	----	----	----	----	----
12/7 vs. SF	----	----	----	----	----
12/14 at KC	4	31-13, KC	Sebastian Janikowski	Dwayne Bowe	Chiefs 49
12/21 vs. Buf.	----	----	----	----	----
12/28 at Den.	----	----	----	----	----

Notes: Raiders are 0-6 this season.

OPPONENTS

<u>Date/Opp.</u>	<u>Quarter</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Kicker</u>	<u>Recovered by</u>	<u>Yard line recovered</u>
9/7 at NYJ	----	----	----	----	----
9/14 vs. Hou.	----	----	----	----	----
9/21 at NE	----	----	----	----	----
9/28 vs. Mia.	----	----	----	----	----
10/12 vs. SD	----	----	----	----	----
10/19 vs. Ari.	----	----	----	----	----
10/26 at Cle.	----	----	----	----	----
11/2 at Sea.	----	----	----	----	----
11/9 vs. Den.	----	----	----	----	----
11/16 at SD	----	----	----	----	----
11/20 vs. KC	----	----	----	----	----
11/30 at StL.	----	----	----	----	----
12/7 vs. SF	2	10-7, Oak.	Phil Dawson	Chimdi Chekwa	50
12/14 at KC	----	----	----	----	----
12/21 vs. Buf.	4	26-24, Oak.	Jordan Gay	Charles Woodson	Raiders 34
12/28 at Den.	----	----	----	----	----

Notes: Oppenents are 0-2 this season.



BLOCKED KICKS

RAIDERS

<u>Date/Opp.</u>	<u>Quarter</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Blocked by</u>	<u>Recovered by</u>
9/7 at NYJ	----	----	----	----	----
9/14 vs. Hou.	4	30-7, Hou.	Field Goal	Justin Tuck	Shane Lechler
9/21 at NE	----	----	----	----	----
9/28 vs. Mia.	----	----	----	----	----
10/12 vs. SD	----	----	----	----	----
10/19 vs. Ari.	----	----	----	----	----
10/26 at Cle.	----	----	----	----	----
11/2 at Sea.	3	24-3, Sea.	Punt	Denico Autry	Brice Butler
11/9 vs. Den.	----	----	----	----	----
11/16 at SD	----	----	----	----	----
11/20 vs. KC	----	----	----	----	----
11/30 at StL.	----	----	----	----	----
12/7 vs. SF	----	----	----	----	----
12/14 at KC	----	----	----	----	----
12/21 vs. Buf.	----	----	----	----	----
12/28 at Den.	----	----	----	----	----

Notes: Raiders have blocked one FG and one punt which was recovered for a touchdown, this season.

OPPONENTS

<u>Date/Opp.</u>	<u>Quarter</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Blocked by</u>	<u>Recovered by</u>
9/7 at NYJ	----	----	----	----	----
9/14 vs. Hou.	----	----	----	----	----
9/21 at NE	----	----	----	----	----
9/28 vs. Mia.	----	----	----	----	----
10/12 vs. SD	----	----	----	----	----
10/19 vs. Ari.	----	----	----	----	----
10/26 at Cle.	----	----	----	----	----
11/2 at Sea.	----	----	----	----	----
11/9 vs. Den.	----	----	----	----	----
11/16 at SD	----	----	----	----	----
11/20 vs. KC	----	----	----	----	----
11/30 at StL.	----	----	----	----	----
12/7 vs. SF	----	----	----	----	----
12/14 at KC	----	----	----	----	----
12/21 vs. Buf.	----	----	----	----	----
12/28 at Den.	----	----	----	----	----

Notes:



TWO-POINT CONVERSIONS

RAIDERS

<u>Date/Opp.</u>	<u>Quarter</u>	<u>Score before try</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>Play</u>
9/7 at NYJ	----	----	----	----
9/14 vs. Hou.	----	----	----	----
9/21 at NE	----	----	----	----
9/28 vs. Mia.	----	----	----	----
10/12 vs. SD	----	----	----	----
10/19 vs. Ari.	----	----	----	----
10/26 at Cle.	----	----	----	----
11/2 at Sea.	----	----	----	----
11/9 vs. Den.	----	----	----	----
11/16 at SD	----	----	----	----
11/20 vs. KC	----	----	----	----
11/30 at StL.	----	----	----	----
12/7 vs. SF	----	----	----	----
12/14 at KC	----	----	----	----
12/21 vs. Buf.	----	----	----	----
12/28 at Den.	----	----	----	----

Notes:

OPPONENTS

<u>Date/Opp.</u>	<u>Quarter</u>	<u>Score before try</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>Play</u>
9/7 at NYJ	4	19-7, NYJ	Failed	Geno Smith pass to David Nelson complete, attempt fails
9/14 vs. Hou.	----	----	----	----
9/21 at NE	----	----	----	----
9/28 vs. Mia.	----	----	----	----
10/12 vs. SD	----	----	----	----
10/19 vs. Ari.	----	----	----	----
10/26 at Cle.	----	----	----	----
11/2 at Sea.	----	----	----	----
11/9 vs. Den.	----	----	----	----
11/16 at SD	----	----	----	----
11/20 vs. KC	----	----	----	----
11/30 at StL.	----	----	----	----
12/7 vs. SF	----	----	----	----
12/14 at KC	----	----	----	----
12/21 vs. Buf.	----	----	----	----
12/28 at Den.	----	----	----	----

Notes: Opponents are 0-1 this season.



LONGEST RETURNS

RAIDERS

<u>Date, Opp.</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Yards</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Result of ensuing possession</u>
11/2 at Sea.	Kickoff	42	TJ Carrie	Missed Field Goal
9/7 at NYJ	Kickoff	38	Latavius Murray	Punt
10/12 vs. SD	Kickoff	38	TJ Carrie	Punt
9/28 vs. Mia.	Kickoff	32	Latavius Murray	Touchdown
11/9 vs. Denver	Punt	30	Denarius Moore	Punt
9/14 vs. Hou.	Kickoff	29	Latavius Murray	Touchdown
12/14 at KC	Kickoff	28	TJ Carrie	Fumble
12/28 at Den.	Kickoff	28	George Atkinson III	Punt
11/2 at Sea.	Punt	27	TJ Carrie	Touchdown
11/9 vs. Den.	Kickoff	27	Latavius Murray	Punt
10/19 vs. Ari.	Kickoff	26	TJ Carrie	Touchdown
9/7 at NYJ	Kickoff	25	Latavius Murray	Punt
9/14 vs. Hou.	Kickoff	25	Latavius Murray	Interception
9/14 vs. Hou.	Kickoff	25	Latavius Murray	Interception
10/12 vs. SD	Kickoff	25	TJ Carrie	Touchdown
9/14 vs. Hou.	Kickoff	24	Latavius Murray	Fumble
11/20 vs. KC	Kickoff	24	Latavius Murray	Punt
12/14 at KC	Kickoff	24	TJ Carrie	Punt
9/28 vs. Mia.	Kickoff	23	Latavius Murray	Punt
11/2 at Sea.	Punt	23	Denarius Moore	Touchdown
11/20 vs. KC	Kickoff	23	Darren McFadden	Punt
10/12 vs. SD	Kickoff	22	TJ Carrie	Punt
11/30 at StL.	Kickoff	22	George Atkinson III	Punt

Number of 20-plus-yard returns: 36

Number of 40-plus-yard returns: 1

OPPONENTS

<u>Date, Opp.</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Yards</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Result of ensuing possession</u>
12/28 at Den.	Kickoff	76	Omar Bolden	Touchdown
11/20 vs. KC	Kickoff	48	De'Anthony Thomas	Incomplete 4th down pass
11/20 vs. KC	Kickoff	46	Knile Davis	Touchdown
9/7 at NYJ	Kickoff	44	Saalim Hakim	Field Goal
12/14 at KC	Kickoff	37	Frankie Hammond	Touchdown
11/2 at Sea.	Kickoff	36	Paul Richardson	Blocked Punt
12/7 vs. SF	Kickoff	36	Bruce Ellington	Punt
9/28 vs. Mia.	Kickoff	35	Jarvis Landry	Fumble
11/9 vs. Den.	Kickoff	30	Andre Caldwell	Field Goal
10/12 vs. SD	Punt	29	Keenan Allen	Touchdown
12/7 vs. SF	Kickoff	29	Bruce Ellington	Missed Field Goal
12/14 at KC	Kickoff	29	Knile Davis	Punt
11/2 at Sea.	Kickoff	28	Paul Richardson	Touchdown
12/7 vs. SF	Kickoff	27	Bruce Ellington	Punt
12/21 vs. Buf.	Kickoff	27	Marcus Thigpen	Field Goal
9/21 at NE	Kickoff	26	Matthew Slater	Field Goal
9/28 vs. Mia.	Kickoff	26	Damien Williams	Field Goal
11/16 at SD	Kickoff	25	Chris Davis	Punt
12/7 vs. SF	Punt	23	Bruce Ellington	Field Goal

Number of 20-plus-yard returns: 22

Number of 40-plus-yard returns: 4



POINTS BREAKDOWN

RAIDERS

<u>Date/Opp.</u>	<u>First Quarter</u>	<u>Second Quarter</u>	<u>First Half</u>	<u>Third Quarter</u>	<u>Fourth Quarter</u>	<u>Second Half</u>	<u>Total</u>
9/7 at NYJ	7	0	7	0	7	7	14
9/14 vs. Hou.	0	0	0	0	14	14	14
9/21 at NE	3	0	3	6	0	6	9
9/28 vs. Mia.	7	0	7	0	7	7	14
10/12 vs. SD	7	7	14	7	7	14	28
10/19 vs. Ari.	0	10	10	3	0	3	13
10/26 at Cle.	0	6	6	0	7	7	13
11/2 at Sea.	3	0	3	14	7	21	24
11/9 vs. Den.	3	7	10	0	7	7	17
11/16 at SD	3	0	3	0	3	3	6
11/20 vs. KC	7	7	14	3	7	10	24
11/30 at StL.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12/7 vs. SF	3	7	10	7	7	14	24
12/14 at KC	0	3	3	3	7	10	13
12/21 vs. Buf.	0	13	13	6	7	13	26
12/28 at Den.	7	0	7	7	0	7	14
Totals	50	60	110	56	87	143	253

OPPONENTS

<u>Date/Opp.</u>	<u>First Quarter</u>	<u>Second Quarter</u>	<u>First Half</u>	<u>Third Quarter</u>	<u>Fourth Quarter</u>	<u>Second Half</u>	<u>Total</u>
9/7 at NYJ	3	7	10	3	6	9	19
9/14 vs. Hou.	14	3	17	10	3	13	30
9/21 at NE	0	10	10	0	6	6	16
9/28 vs. Mia.	3	21	24	14	0	14	38
10/12 vs. SD	7	7	14	7	10	17	31
10/19 vs. Ari.	7	7	14	7	3	10	24
10/26 at Cle.	6	3	9	0	14	14	23
11/2 at Sea.	14	10	24	0	6	6	30
11/9 vs. Den.	3	17	20	21	0	21	41
11/16 at SD	7	3	10	3	0	3	13
11/20 vs. KC	0	3	3	7	10	17	20
11/30 at StL.	21	17	38	0	14	14	52
12/7 vs. SF	7	3	10	3	0	3	13
12/14 at KC	7	3	10	21	0	21	31
12/21 vs. Buf.	7	3	10	0	14	14	24
12/28 at Den.	10	10	20	10	17	27	47
Totals	116	127	243	106	103	209	452



REPLAY CHALLENGES

RAIDERS

<u>Date/Opp.</u>	<u>Quarter</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Initial Ruling</u>	<u>Final Ruling</u>
9/14 vs. Hou.	3	27-0, Hou.	Mychal Rivera reception from Derek Carr on third-and-6; no first down	Upheld
9/21 at NE	4	13-9, NE	Julian Edelman pass complete from Tom Brady	Reversed
9/28 vs. Mia	3	31-7, Mia.	Derek Carr pass to Brice Butler incomplete	Reversed

Notes: Raiders are 2-for-3.

OPPONENTS

<u>Date/Opp.</u>	<u>Quarter</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Initial Ruling</u>	<u>Final Ruling</u>
10/19 vs. Ari.	2	14-10, Ari.	Punt downed by Ari., untouched by Oak.	Upheld
11/9 vs. Den.	4	41-10, Den.	Derek Carr pass complete to Denarius Moore for 28 yards	Upheld
11/16 at SD	2	10-3, SD	Derek Carr pass complete to Brice Butler for 15 yards	Upheld
12/14 at KC	2	7-0, KC	Alex Smith pass incomplete to Dwayne Bowe	Upheld
12/28 at Den.	4	30-14, Den.	Ronnie Hillman rush for no gain	Reversed

Notes: Opponents are 1-for-5.

REPLAY OFFICIAL

**** Last two minutes of the half and overtime, scoring plays and turnovers**

<u>Date/Opp.</u>	<u>Quarter</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Initial Ruling</u>	<u>Final Ruling</u>
9/7 at NYJ	2	7-3, Oak.	Sio Moore forced fumble of Geno Smith, TJ Carrie recovered	Upheld
9/7 at NYJ	4	19-14, NYJ	James Jones reception from Derek Carr; touchdown	Upheld
9/14 vs. Hou.	1	0-0	Arian Foster rushing touchdown	Reversed; ruled down at 1
10/12 vs. SD	4	31-28, SD	Jason Verrett intercepted Derek Carr pass	Upheld
11/2 at Sea.	1	7-3, Sea.	Bruce Irvin interception of Derek Carr broke the plane for a touchdown	Upheld
11/9 vs. Den.	2	13-10, Den.	Emmanuel Sanders reception from Peyton Manning; touchdown	Upheld
11/9 vs. Den.	3	34-10, Den.	After intercepting Derek Carr, TJ Ward remained in bounds for 38 yards	Reversed; out of bounds at OAK 34 for 18 yards
11/16 at SD	1	0-0	Malcolm Floyd reception from Philip Rivers; touchdown	Upheld
11/20 vs. KC	3	17-3, Oak.	Anthony Fasano reception from Alex Smith; touchdown	Upheld
11/20 vs. KC	4	24-20, Oak.	Dwayne Bowe reception from Alex Smith	Reversed; pass incomplete
11/20 vs. KC	4	24-20, Oak.	Alex Smith pass incomplete to Travis Kelce	Upheld
11/30 at StL.	2	28-0, StL.	Cory Harkey reception from Shaun Hill; touchdown	Upheld
11/30 at StL.	4	38-0, StL.	Tre Mason rushing touchdown	Upheld
12/7 vs. SF	1	3-0, Oak.	Bruce Miller reception from Colin Kaepernick; touchdown	Upheld
12/7 vs. SF	4	17-13, Oak.	Mychal Rivera reception from Derek Carr; touchdown	Upheld
12/7 vs. SF	4	24-13, Oak.	Charles Woodson intercepted Colin Kaepernick pass	Upheld
12/21 vs. Buf.	1	7-0, Buf.	TJ Carrie intercepted Kyle Orton pass	Reversed; pass incomplete
12/21 vs. Buf.	2	7-7	DJ Hayden forced fumble and recovery of Robert Woods reception	Reversed; pass incomplete
12/21 vs. Buf.	2	13-7, Oak.	Robert Woods reception from Kyle Orton	Upheld
12/28 at Den.	1	10-0, Den.	P. Manning backwards pass fumble recovered by K. McGill for a touchdown	Upheld

Notes: Replay official is 5-for-20.



THE LAST TIME

RUSHING

200 Yards Rushing, Individual

By Raiders Napoleon Kaufman, Oct. 19, 1997, vs. Den. (227 yards)
By Opponent Doug Martin, Nov. 4, 2012, vs. TB (251 yards)

100 Yards Rushing, Individual

By Raiders Latavius Murray, Nov. 20, 2014, vs. KC (112 yards)
By Opponent Tre Mason, Nov. 30, 2014, at St.L (117 yards)

100 Yards Rushing, Individual, One half

By Raiders Latavius Murray, Nov. 20, 2014, vs. KC (112 yards)
By Opponent Tre Mason, Nov. 30, 2014, at St.L (113 yards)

100 Yards Rushing and Receiving, Individual

By Raiders Marcus Allen, Sept. 7, 1986, at Den. (102 yards rushing, 102 receiving)
By Opponent Priest Holmes, Dec. 9, 2001, vs. KC (168 yards rushing, 109 receiving)

Two 100-yard Rushers

By Raiders Napoleon Kaufman (122 yards) and Tyrone Wheatley (111 yards), Dec. 19, 1999, vs. TB
By Opponent Willis McGahee (163 yards) and Tim Tebow (118 yards), Nov. 6, 2011, vs. Den.

Four Touchdowns Rushing, Individual

By Raiders Never
By Opponent Doug Martin, Nov. 4, 2012, vs. TB

Three Touchdowns Rushing, Individual

By Raiders Darren McFadden, Oct. 24, 2010, at Den.
By Opponent C.J. Anderson, Dec. 28, 2014, at Den.

Two Touchdowns Rushing, Individual

By Raiders Latavius Murray, Nov. 20, 2014, vs. KC
By Opponent Tre Mason, Nov. 30, 2014, at St.L

PASSING

500 Yards Passing, Individual

By Raiders Never
By Opponent Elvis Grbac, Dec. 5, 2000, vs. KC (504 yards)

400 Yards Passing, Individual

By Raiders Carson Palmer, Nov. 4, 2012, vs. TB (414 yards)
By Opponent Nick Foles, Nov. 3, 2013, vs. Phi. (406 yards)

300 Yards Passing, Individual

By Raiders Derek Carr, Oct. 26, 2014, at Cle. (328 yards)
By Opponent Kyle Orton, Dec. 21, 2014, vs. Buf. (329 yards)

Seven Touchdown Passes, Individual

By Raiders Never
By Opponent Nick Foles, Nov. 3, 2013, vs. Phi.

Six Touchdown Passes, Individual

By Raiders Daryle Lamonica, Oct. 19, 1969, vs. Buf.
By Opponent Dan Fouts, Nov. 22, 1981, vs. SD

Five Touchdown Passes, Individual

By Raiders Kerry Collins, Dec. 19, 2004, vs. Ten.
By Opponent Peyton Manning, Nov. 9, 2014, vs. Den.

Four Touchdown Passes, Individual

By Raiders Derek Carr, Oct. 12, 2014, vs. SD
By Opponent Peyton Manning, Dec. 29, 2013, vs. Den.



THE LAST TIME

Three Touchdown Passes, Individual

By Raiders Derek Carr, Dec. 7, 2014, vs. SF
By Opponent Kyle Orton, Dec. 21, 2014, vs. Buf.

Seven Interceptions Thrown, Individual

By Raiders Ken Stabler, Oct. 16, 1977, vs. Den.
By Opponent Never

Six Interceptions Thrown, Individual

By Raiders Donald Hollas, Dec. 6, 1999, vs. Mia.
By Opponent Never

Five Interceptions Thrown, Individual

By Raiders Jim Plunkett, Oct. 5, 1980, vs. KC
By Opponent Steve Pelluer, Nov. 9, 1986, at Dal.

Four Interceptions Thrown, Individual

By Raiders Matt McGloin, Dec. 15, 2013, vs. KC
By Opponent Jake Delhomme, Nov. 9, 2008, vs. Car.

RECEIVING

10-or-more Receptions, Individual

By Raiders Brandon Myers, Dec. 2, 2012, vs. Cle. (14 receptions)
By Opponent Demaryius Thomas, Nov. 9, 2014, vs. Den. (11 receptions)

200 Yards Receiving, Individual

By Raiders Art Powell, Oct. 8, 1965, at BosP. (205 yards)
By Opponent Calvin Johnson, Dec. 18, 2011, vs. Det. (214 yards)

100 Yards Receiving, Individual

By Raiders Mychal Rivera, Dec. 7, 2014, vs. SF (109 yards)
By Opponent Demaryius Thomas, Dec. 28, 2014, at Den. (115 yards)

100 Yards Receiving, One Half, Individual

By Raiders Denarius Moore, Nov. 10, 2011, at SD (123 yards)
By Opponent Demaryius Thomas, Dec. 28, 2014, at Den. (110 yards)

Two 100-yard Receivers

By Raiders Darrius Heyward-Bey (130 yards) and Denarius Moore (101 yards), Jan. 1, 2012, vs. SD
By Opponent Justin Hunter (109 yards) and Kendall Wright (103 yards), Nov. 24, 2013, vs. Ten.

Five Touchdown Receptions, Individual

By Raiders Never
By Opponent Kellen Winslow, Nov. 22, 1981, vs. SD

Four Touchdown Receptions, Individual

By Raiders Art Powell, Dec. 22, 1963, vs. HouO.
By Opponent Jamaal Charles, Dec. 15, 2013, vs. KC

Three Touchdown Receptions, Individual

By Raiders Jerry Porter, Dec. 19, 2004, vs. Ten.
By Opponent Riley Cooper, Nov. 3, 2013, vs. Phi.

Two Touchdown Receptions, Individual

By Raiders Mychal Rivera, Nov. 2, 2014, at Sea.
By Opponent Julius Thomas and Emmanuel Sanders, Nov. 9, 2014, vs. Den.

Two 100-yard Rushers and Two 100-yard Receivers

By Raiders/Opp. Never



THE LAST TIME

INTERCEPTIONS

Four Interceptions, Individual

By Raiders/Opp. Never

Three Interceptions, Individual

By Raiders Rod Woodson, Sept. 29, 2002, vs. Ten.

By Opponent Dwayne Harper, Nov. 27, 1995, at SD

Two Interceptions, Individual

By Raiders Michael Huff, Sept. 20, 2009, at KC

By Opponent Trumaine Johnson, Nov. 30, 2014, at St.L

Interception Returned for Touchdown

By Raiders Tracy Porter, Nov. 10, 2013, at NYG (43 yards)

By Opponent Trumaine Johnson, Nov. 30, 2014, at St.L (43 yards)

TOUCHDOWNS

Five Touchdowns, Individual

By Raiders Never

By Opponent Jamaal Charles, Dec. 15, 2013, vs. KC (49-, 39-, 16-, 71-yard receptions; 1-yard run)

Four Touchdowns, Individual

By Raiders Darren McFadden, Oct. 24, 2010, at Den. (4-, 4-, 57-yard runs; 19-yard reception)

By Opponent Doug Martin, Nov. 4, 2012, vs. TB (45-, 67-, 70-, 1-yard runs)

Three Touchdowns, Individual

By Raiders Darren McFadden, Dec. 12, 2010, at Jac. (51-, 36-yard runs; 67-yard reception)

By Opponent C.J. Anderson, Dec. 28, 2014, at Den. (11-, 1-, 25-yard runs)

FIELD GOALS/PATs

Six Field Goals Made, Individual

By Raiders Sebastian Janikowski, Nov. 27, 2011, vs. Chi. (40, 47, 42, 19, 37, 44 yards)

By Opponent Greg Davis, Oct. 5, 1997, vs. SD (30, 22, 38, 43, 33, 33 yards)

Five Field Goals Made, Individual

By Raiders Sebastian Janikowski, Dec. 16, 2012, vs. KC (20, 50, 57, 30, 41 yards)

By Opponent Nate Kaeding, Sept. 10, 2012, vs. SD (23, 28, 19, 41, 45 yards)

Four Field Goals Made, Individual

By Raiders Sebastian Janikowski, Dec. 21, 2014, vs. Buf. (45, 36, 38, 49)

By Opponent Connor Barth, Dec. 28, 2014, at Den. (49, 36, 35, 21)

60-yard Field Goal

By Raiders Sebastian Janikowski, Sept. 12, 2011, at Den. (63 yards)

By Opponent Never

Blocked Field-goal Attempt

By Raiders Justin Tuck, Sept. 14, 2014, vs. Hou. (27-yard Shane Lechler attempt)

By Opponent Ndamukong Suh, Dec. 18, 2011, vs. Det. (65-yard Sebastian Janikowski attempt)

Two-point Conversion

By Raiders Juron Criner, Nov. 4, 2012, vs. TB (pass from Carson Palmer)

By Opponent Emmanuel Sanders, Oct. 27, 2013, vs. Pit. (run)

PAT Missed

By Raiders Sebastian Janikowski, Oct. 5, 2007, at Chi. (wide right)

By Opponent Shayne Graham, Dec. 10, 2006, at Cin. (hit left upright)

Blocked PAT

By Raiders Desmond Bryant, Dec. 11, 2011, at GB (Mason Crosby, fifth attempt)

By Opponent Vince Wilfork, Dec. 14, 2008, vs. New England (Sebastian Janikowski, third attempt)



THE LAST TIME

PUNTING

80-yard Punt

By Raiders Shane Lechler, Nov. 27, 2011, vs. Chi. (80 yards)
By Opponent Never

70-yard Punt

By Raiders Shane Lechler, Dec. 24, 2011, at KC (76 yards)
By Opponent Dustin Colquitt, Dec. 16, 2012, vs. KC (71 yards)

60-yard Punt

By Raiders Marquette King, Nov. 16, 2014, at SD (62 yards)
By Opponent Colton Schmidt, Dec. 21, 2014, vs. Buf. (67 yards)

Blocked Punt

By Raiders Denico Autry, Nov. 2, 2014, at Sea. (Jon Ryan, punter)
By Opponent Antonio Allen, Dec. 8, 2013, at NYJ (Marquette King, punter)

10 Punts, Individual

By Raiders Marquette King, Dec. 14, 2014, at KC (11 punts; 477 yards)
By Opponent Darren Bennett, Dec. 28, 2003, at SD (10 punts; 392 yards)

No Punts

By Raiders Dec. 5, 1999, vs. Seattle
By Opponent Sept. 30, 2012, at Denver

OTHER SPECIAL TEAMS

Kickoff Returned for Touchdown

By Raiders Jacoby Ford, Oct. 16, 2011, vs. Cle. (101 yards)
By Opponent Jacoby Jones, Nov. 11, 2012, at Bal. (105 yards)

Punt Returned for Touchdown

By Raiders Johnnie Lee Higgins, Dec. 21, 2008, vs. Hou. (80 yards)
By Opponent De'Anthony Thomas, Dec. 14, 2014, at KC (81 yards)

Blocked Field Goal Returned for Touchdown

By Raiders Never
By Opponent Ray Mickens, Sept. 21, 1997, at NYJ (72 yards; Cole Ford, kicker)

Blocked Punt Returned for Touchdown

By Raiders Brice Butler, Nov. 2, 2014, at Sea. (0 yards; Jon Ryan, punter)
By Opponent Antonio Allen, Dec. 8, 2013, at NYJ (0 yards; Marquette King, punter)

OTHER DEFENSE

Shutout Posted

By Raiders Dec. 16, 2012, vs. KC (15-0)
By Opponent Nov. 30, 2014, at St.L (52-0)

Fumble Returned for Touchdown

By Raiders Keith McGill, Dec. 28, 2014, at Den. (18 yards)
By Opponent Cortland Finnegan, Sept. 28, 2014, vs. Mia. (50 yards)

Safety Scored

By Raiders Rolando McClain, Dec. 11, 2011, at GB (Matt Flynn sacked)
By Opponent Brian Cushing, Oct. 4, 2009, at Hou. (Justin Fargas tackled)

Six Sacks, Individual

By Raiders Never
By Opponent Derrick Thomas, Sept. 6, 1988, at KC



THE LAST TIME

Five Sacks, Individual

By Raiders	Howie Long, Oct. 2, 1983, at Was.
By Opponent	Gary Jeter, Sept. 18, 1988, vs. LARm.

Four Sacks, Individual

By Raiders	Kameron Wimbley, Nov. 10, 2011, at SD
By Opponent	Brian Orakpo, Dec. 13, 2009, vs. Was.

Three Sacks, Individual

By Raiders	Kameron Wimbley, Jan. 2, 2011, at KC
By Opponent	Robert Quinn, Nov. 30, 2014, at St.L

MISCELLANEOUS

No Penalties

By Raiders	Dec. 4, 2005, at SD
By Opponent	Dec. 8, 1974, at KC

Game without Touchdown

By Raiders	Nov. 16, 2014, at SD
By Opponent	Dec. 16, 2012, vs. KC

50 Points, Game

By Raiders	Oct. 24, 2010, at Den. (59)
By Opponent	Nov. 30, 2014, at St.L (52)

40 Points, Game

By Raiders	Dec. 19, 2004, vs. Ten. (40)
By Opponent	Dec. 28, 2014, at Den. (47)

500 Yards Total Offense

By Raiders	Nov. 3, 2013, vs. Phi. (560)
By Opponent	Nov. 3, 2013, vs. Phi. (542)

Tie Game

By Raiders	Oakland 23, at Denver 23, Oct. 22, 1973
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HEAD COACH JACK DEL RIO

BAY AREA NEWS GROUP

Del Rio to Raiders: Pride of Hayward comes home

By Daniel Brown

January 14, 2015

Hayward High sits 10.1 miles from the Oakland Coliseum. If all is clear on I-880 North, the commute should take less than 15 minutes.

It took Jack Del Rio almost 34 years. But at long last, the East Bay native, whose father worshipped Raiders stars like Ken Stabler and John Matuszak, will be working for his home team.

The Raiders hired Del Rio, 51, on Wednesday to serve as their next head coach. Among the first to hear the news were Del Rio's old pals from Hayward High. Andy Miller, a friend since the fifth grade, said he got a text from Del Rio early Wednesday morning.

Miller declined to read the exact contents of the exchange but said the message was, essentially: I'm coming home and I'm proud to be leading the Silver & Black.

"It's almost impossible to believe. It's something I've been dreaming about since he got into coaching," Miller said. "To have him come home to the Raiders just boggles the mind."

Del Rio, who graduated in '81, was a three-sport star at Hayward High -- football, baseball and basketball -- and remains closely connected to the school. His former teammates include Don Wakamatsu, the Kansas City Royals bench coach and former Seattle Mariners manager, who said Wednesday that he was "thrilled for him. I think it's the perfect place."

Del Rio, previously a head coach with the Jacksonville Jaguars, is the second Hayward High graduate to coach in the NFL. Bill Walsh, a Hall of Famer with the 49ers, played running back at the school.

Wakamatsu, like others who knew Del Rio growing up, recall a player who was good at whatever sport he tried. But they stressed that Raiders fans should know their new coach has brains, too.

Miller, now an attorney in Pleasant Hill, remembered playing alongside the linebacker on the freshman football team. The coach had a "very simple defense," he said, so Del Rio sometimes shrugged off one of the three blitz packages being signaled from the sideline.

"Jack would look over at the coach and get the call and then he would ignore what the coach said and then call his own defense," Miller said. "That was as a freshman."

Around that same time, Miller said Del Rio would come over to his house sometimes and sit there drawing up X's and O's on binder paper. He's hoping he still has a few of those schemes in his boxes of childhood souvenirs.

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Wakamatsu, who also grew up to coach at the Coliseum -- as the A's bench coach in 2008 -- said Del Rio "had a great feel for whatever game he played. That leads to where he is now. I think he understood defenses. He understood the bigger picture in whatever he did. It's no shock to me that he's doing all this now."

'WE CAN BEAT ANYBODY'

Del Rio, who was born in Castro Valley, played 11 seasons as an NFL linebacker and made the Pro Bowl in 1994 while with the Minnesota Vikings. In his previous stint as a head coach, he went 68-71 (.489) for the Jacksonville Jaguars from 2003-11.

Along the way, friends say, he's demonstrated an attitude his father taught him in Little League. Jack Sr. -- even the other boys called him "Pops" -- was a Raiders fan who admired the way John Madden's teams embraced the underdog role.

"That's really where that mindset of, 'We can beat anybody' came from," said Jim Gurule, who was two years behind Del Rio at Hayward High and grew up to become a distinguished rugby coach. "That's very much from the Raiders days and the Super Bowls that they were winning at that time."

Del Rio remains so grateful to his Hayward High mentors that when he coached against the 49ers at Candlestick Park in 2009, he invited former coaches to the game. That included Jim Bisenius (baseball), Charley Kendall (basketball), Joe Fuccy (basketball) and Jeff Rankin (football).

"There's no question the man I am today, the type of coach I am, they all have shaped who I am," Del Rio said at the time. "I definitely appreciate that. I'm talking about Little League coaches, youth coaches, high school coaches, all the way through."

Del Rio had a lot of coaches because he played a lot of sports. He was a sensational shooter in basketball who once hit a turnaround jumper at the buzzer to beat powerhouse Berkeley High. Wakamatsu said he thinks his friend once topped 50 points in a game. ("He was the prototypical 6-foot-4, 240 guard," he joked.)

Del Rio was also a power-hitting catcher/pitcher/first baseman who went on to spend some time behind the plate at USC. His teammates included a wild-armed left-hander named Randy Johnson, who was recently elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame.

"Randy had wicked movement. He crossed me up once and got me right in the cup," Del Rio once told The Denver Post. "At UCLA's baseball stadium. And, of course, they all delighted in that."

The Toronto Blue Jays liked him enough to draft him in the 22nd round out of Hayward High in 1981, but his high school teammates knew all along that his future was in football. Del Rio proved that on the same field where he'll soon be coaching.

In the NCS 2A championship at the Oakland Coliseum in 1979, the Hayward High Farmers were being tormented by the brilliant short passing game of Miramonte High quarterback Bryan McKeen.

The Miramonte game plan was smart enough to keep rolling away from Del Rio's side of the field. But early in the third quarter, Del Rio solved the riddle, blasted through the line and delivered a clean but potent hit that left McKeen with a broken collarbone.

Hayward went on to beat the Matadors 12-10 for the title.

Miller, who also played in that game, can't believe Del Rio will now be calling NFL plays from the same sideline.

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"It's such a Hollywood story," said Miller, a Raiders season-ticket holder since 1995. "I've been imploring him to come save this franchise for a long time. Now, it's a remarkable day today. And my phone has just been blow

Raiders' choice of Del Rio ushers in new era

By Jerry McDonald

January 14, 2015

The Raiders decided on a head coach from their own backyard rather than one from their own building Wednesday.

Jack Del Rio, 51, grew up a Raiders fan with East Bay roots as a three-sport star athlete at Hayward High, which makes for an interesting story even if it has little to do with why he was hired over interim coach Tony Sparano.

An announcement isn't expected until Thursday. According to CSN-Bay Area, the press conference will be Friday.

Del Rio, the Denver Broncos defensive coordinator the past two seasons, was busy lining up possibilities for a coaching staff even before details of a reported four-year contract were being worked out. The Associated Press reported Sparano was told Wednesday morning he was out of the running.

The Raiders interviewed seven candidates for the job, five of them with NFL head coaching experience, before zeroing in on Del Rio and Sparano. Del Rio got the job the morning after a four-hour off-site interview that included owner Mark Davis, general manager Reggie McKenzie and Hall of Fame coach John Madden.

Sparano, who still has a year left on his contract, will be freed to explore other options after posting a 3-9 record and making an impassioned pitch for the job at his postseason press conference.

While Sparano cited a need for continuity, Davis ultimately decided he wanted change given the direction of a franchise which hasn't had a winning season since 2002 and is 11-37 over the past three seasons with 24 of those losses coming by 10 points or more.

The Broncos had the NFL's third-ranked defense in 2014 and were second in 2013. Pro Bowl defensive tackle Terrance Knighton, a pending free agent, said in a tweet, "The Raiders are getting a great damn coach. He will revive that locker room and that organization."

In 2013, Del Rio was interim head coach for four games when coach John Fox was out following heart surgery, going 3-1.

The head coach of the Jacksonville Jaguars from 2003 through 2011, Del Rio had playoff appearances in 2005 and 2007 with a regular-season record of 68-71. He was fired with a 3-8 record in 2011 and hired the next season as the defensive coordinator for the Broncos.

Former Raiders quarterback and CBS analyst Rich Gannon was a teammate of Del Rio's with the Minnesota Vikings in 1992 and believes the move was a good one.

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"I think he felt like he had some unfinished business after the way things ended in Jacksonville," Gannon said. "They made some personnel decisions that weren't the best, he was looking to land in a better place, and I think he thinks he found that in Oakland."

Del Rio is targeting Mike Smith, the former Falcons head coach, as defensive coordinator. Smith was the defensive coordinator under Del Rio in Jacksonville from 2003 through 2007. According to Fox Sports, Del Rio is interested in Marc Trestman as a possible offensive coordinator.

Trestman, who is under consideration for that post in Cleveland, was the Chicago Bears head coach the past two seasons and the Raiders offensive coordinator under Bill Callahan in 2002 and 2003. He also is rumored to be in the mix with the 49ers, where he was offensive coordinator in 1995-96.

In Jacksonville, Del Rio stressed defense and the running game. A defensive coordinator in Carolina for a season before taking over in Jacksonville, Del Rio's teams were considered fundamentally sound but were not known for blitzing heavily.

Gannon thinks Del Rio has the right mindset to deal with a team that has gone a long time without winning.

"He's not going to be a class clown or a comedian," Gannon said. "He's honest, and players won't feel they're having the wool pulled over their eyes. He'll dig in, find out what the issues are and go to work."

A third-round draft pick out of USC, Del Rio played 11 seasons in the NFL for the Rams, Chiefs, Cowboys and Vikings. He played in 160 games, starting 128, with 13 sacks, 13 interceptions and 12 forced fumbles.

Del Rio worked his way up through the coaching ranks, starting as a strength and conditioning coach under Mike Ditka in New Orleans in 1997. He became linebackers coach with the Baltimore Ravens in 1999 and was there when the Ravens beat the Raiders 16-3 in the AFC championship game en route to a Super Bowl victory.

The Carolina Panthers made Del Rio their defensive coordinator in 2002 and he was hired by Jacksonville to be head coach the following season.

Other Raiders coaches under contract include offensive coordinator Greg Olson and special teams coordinator Bobby April. Olson is not expected to return and reportedly will interview with Jacksonville to be offensive coordinator.

SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE

Raiders head coach Jack Del Rio still hero in Hayward

By Vic Tafur

January 21, 2015

It's been a week since Jack Del Rio was named head coach of the Raiders. He's been busy doing all the things required of an NFL coach, which hasn't given the East Bay native much of an opportunity to relive his glory days in Hayward or reach out to all the people who helped him along the way.

But he will.

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“Overwhelming,” Del Rio, 51, said of the reaction in his hometown. “It’s been great. They’ve all reached out. I haven’t had the time or chance to really sit and take it all in because it’s a whirlwind. ... Just a text response saying, ‘Thank you, appreciate that.’”

While Del Rio has been too busy to recount his story of becoming a Bay Area high school sports legend, his former coaches have been more than happy to do so.

Del Rio, who was born in Castro Valley, graduated from Hayward High School in 1981 after a trophy- and accolade-filled career that saw the Farmers take home seven consecutive Hayward Area Athletic League titles in three sports: football, basketball and baseball.

The greatest ever?

Charley Kendall, the basketball coach at Hayward High in Del Rio’s junior and senior seasons, thinks tales of Del Rio should be told throughout the region.

“There is a real argument that Jack was the greatest athlete in the history of NorCal high school sports,” Kendall said. “Nobody was as good in all three sports.”

Former Farmers defensive coordinator Jeff Rankin agrees.

“He is the guy,” Rankin said.

Rankin said it was borderline cruel for opposing players to go against the muscular 6-foot-3 Del Rio at linebacker.

“Right from the beginning, it was amazing how much better he was than the people he was going against,” Rankin said. “It really was a man going against boys. Jack was too strong, too fast, too smart.”

Just like his old man, Jack Sr., who was a star running back for the Farmers in 1954.

“People like to say John Elway was the greatest all-around Bay Area athlete, but he couldn’t play basketball like Jack did,” said Joe Fuccy, Del Rio’s basketball coach his sophomore season. “Jack had great body control and could knock down 17-foot jumpers all day.”

A born leader

Fuccy, who said Del Rio could have started as a freshman, made Del Rio a co-captain.

“Some of the seniors on the team didn’t like that, but it was clear he was a leader and I wanted him to be in that role,” Fuccy said. “It was a nonissue. He was great.”

Del Rio was also the defensive captain of the football team as a sophomore.

“He wasn’t afraid of it,” Rankin said.

Kendall said Del Rio made his job easier as coach.

“He was the first one to kick his teammates in the butt if they didn’t play hard,” Kendall said. “I never had to.”

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Del Rio primarily knocked down jumpers but also dunked during a game in which Hayward High reportedly became the first school to score 100 points against perennial power McClymonds-Oakland.

All the coaches interviewed said basketball was clearly Del Rio's favorite sport, but "there are no 6-foot-4 power forwards in the NBA," Rankin said.

Del Rio saw that his future was in football, even though he also might have cracked the major leagues as a power-hitting catcher. He was even called on to pitch to bail out an injured staff. He struck out 16 in a playoff game against Mission San Jose-Fremont.

"No question he would have made the major leagues if he stuck to baseball," former Farmers baseball coach Jim Bisenius said. "He was so smart that I could tell, whichever sport he chose, one day he was going to be a coach."

That's the same career path blazed by another Hayward graduate, onetime Farmers running back and 49ers Hall of Fame coach Bill Walsh.

Besides dominating in three sports, Del Rio also found time to work at the student newspaper and was sports editor his senior year.

"All the kids in school looked up to him," said Kendall, who supervised students on the newspaper. "But he was never arrogant and was good to everybody around him."

And there were plenty of chances to get a big head: buzzer-beating jump shots; tackles that led to a North Coast Section 2A Championship defeat of Miramonte at the Oakland Coliseum in 1979; two home runs in the HAAL playoffs at Chabot College (which has major-league dimensions); being drafted by the Toronto Blue Jays in the 22nd round of the 1981 draft.

Del Rio instead chose a football scholarship to the University of Southern California, where he also played baseball and caught for Hall of Fame pitcher Randy Johnson.

Del Rio went on to play 11 years at linebacker in the NFL for the Saints, Chiefs, Cowboys and Vikings. He had three stops as an assistant coach before being the head coach in Jacksonville from 2003 to 2011.

Staying true to his school

But Del Rio also kept a foothold in Hayward.

"I'm still close with all my high school coaches from Hayward High," Del Rio said. "They all had an impact on me."

Del Rio has had former coaches and teammates as his guests at Jaguars games, in Jacksonville and on the road.

"He appreciates loyalty," Fuccy said. "And he is extremely loyal himself."

Del Rio has hosted golf tournaments and luaus to raise money for the Hayward High football program in the past 10 years, and current Farmers coach Justin Redemer said Del Rio often makes donations "out of his own pocket."

"The name Del Rio means something in Hayward," Rankin said. "And hopefully it will for the Raiders as well."

LB NEIRON BALL

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Raiders rookie LB Neiron Ball has persevered through crisis after crisis

By Bill Williamson

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Tuesday marks the first day of what Neiron Ball hopes will be many minicamps in his NFL career.

Four years ago, the idea of practicing football suddenly became insignificant in Ball's world.

"Football wasn't on my mind much, I was just trying to live," Ball said in a telephone interview Monday after working out at the Oakland Raiders' facility. "I just wanted to live."

After dealing with unspeakable tragedy as a child, Ball, a high-energy outside linebacker, was preparing for his sophomore season at the University of Florida when he had to stop a workout.

"I developed a headache and was feeling off balance," Ball recalled. "I was sent home to rest and I never felt any better. I was taken to the emergency room and then everything was discovered and it all got kind of fuzzy after that."

Ball underwent emergency brain surgery after physicians discovered that he was bleeding on his brain. Ball was diagnosed with a rare condition called an arteriovenous malformation (AVM). It's a congenital condition in which the brain's blood vessels get tangled and rupture.

It was another in a series of shocking, life-altering events for Ball, then 18-years old.

When he was 6, Ball's mother, Johanna, who was fighting cancer, died on Mother's Day after suffering a heart attack.

Three years later, Ball's father, Ronnie, was diagnosed with lung cancer. Soon after, Ball watched his father have a sudden seizure. He died that night.

"When Neiron had his brain surgery, it was so tough to see," said Dary Myricks, Ball's brother-in-law. Myricks, who entered Ball's life when Ball was a toddler, was a high school football coach in the Atlanta area. Myricks also became a father figure to Ball after his dad died.

"This is a kid who has gone through a lot in life -- a lot," Myricks said. "He's seen so much death. ... For him to be dealing with an uncertain future, it was just so hard to watch."

However, the surgery was a success and physicians assured Ball and his family he eventually would be able to resume a normal life. Ball sat out the 2011 season. Physically, he focused on regaining his balance and dealing with some sensitivity to light. Myricks credits the Florida coaching staff for sticking with Ball and helping him focus on his academics while he recovered. A year later, he was cleared to resume playing football.

"I will never forget the day I was cleared," Ball said. "It was one of the greatest moments of my life. I will always cherish it."

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Doctors told Ball and his family that while there is a small chance of a recurrence of his AVM, it's highly unlikely. Myricks said physicians assured the family that football presents no specific danger because of Ball's condition, and if he were to have a complication, it would be just as likely to occur if he were mowing the lawn as if he were running on a football field.²

Once he resumed football, Ball continued to excel for the Gators. Even though his 2014 season was cut short with a knee injury that required microfracture surgery, Ball was closely scouted. He had an excellent showing at the Florida pro day and he visited about a dozen NFL teams prior to the Raiders taking Ball in the fifth round on May 2.

"NFL teams did their homework on him medically," Myricks said. "It was an emotional day when the Raiders took him. It was such a long road.

"But to me, what I think the Raiders are getting in Neiron as much as a good football player, is a great kid. He's a great kid. The Raider Nation should feel good that he is going to represent them and the people who drafted him well."

Myricks said Ball's ability to get through the hard times of his life has made him a stronger, more mature person. Perhaps that's one of the reasons Ball continues to make strides after having microfracture surgery, which can come with big complications.

Ball has his sights set on contributing on special teams early in his Oakland career. He is thankful for getting this far.

"I try to get stronger every day in life," Ball said. "I thank God every day for getting me this far and allowing me to function through all of this."

FOOTBALL INSIDERS

Neiron Ball Is Beating the Odds to Become an NFL Draft Prospect

By Bo Marchionte

March 18, 2015

Former Florida Gators linebacker Neiron Ball spent five years in Gainesville, Florida. The fifth-year senior is now doing NFL Draft Prep (training) at Bommarito Performance Systems as he readies himself for his Pro Day which is slated for April 7th. What Ball is doing is similar to basically every other top prospect across the country making their path towards the NFL Draft.

That is where the similarities stop.

"I didn't want to die," said Ball.

It first began with pain in his neck during practice. The throbbing discomfort continued to persist in the morning session and led Florida head trainer Anthony Pass to send Ball home for some rest.

Ball left practice on Valentines Day (2011). The unbearable aching did not cease for Ball. It only worsened as the day continued on.

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“Excruciating,” said Ball referring to the pain he felt. “I could not even look down. My initial thought was I just want this pain to go away. I was hoping it wasn’t life threatening.”

It was the last thing Ball expected to encounter after leaving Jackson High School (Georgia) as a four-star recruit who the Gators envisioned as their future defensive end.

“Football wasn’t even a thought when I was going through that,” said Ball. I wasn’t just trying to survive.”

Ball woke up the next day and doctors determined he had a rare medical condition known as arteriovenous malformation (AVM), where the brain’s blood vessels get knotted and rupture. The bleeding on Ball’s brain could have cost him his life.

Fortunately, Ball recovered and was given another chance at life. He is taking on the next challenge in his path and looking to earn his keep on a 53-man NFL roster.

“It is like a dream come true,” Ball said as he is readying himself for the NFL Draft.

He originally played quarterback growing up and spent some time as a defensive back before moving to linebacker. Former Gators head coach Urban Meyer wanted him to be up front playing defensive end, but that changed once they got him to Gainesville.

“They wanted me to play defensive end,” said Ball. “They saw my athletic ability and that I could drop in coverage and they moved me to linebacker.”

Ball appeared in all 13 games as a true freshman before missing the next year due to his illness. He returned to full strength one year later (2012) and started two games. He continued to work his way back to form and Ball made his first career sack in 2013 against Florida State quarterback Jameis Winston.

In his final season with the Gators, Ball played in nine games, making seven starts. He finished with a career high 49 tackles, three tackles-for-loss, two sacks, two fumble recoveries, and one forced fumble. He missed the last three games of the year after hurting his meniscus that required surgery. Ball was tied for second on the Gators defense in tackles at the time of the injury.

Only a couple short months ago Ball said he “was walking with a limp” and now he is pushing on all cylinders when attacking his 40-yard dash in practice. He arrived at Bommarito Performance System at 217 pounds and added nearly 20 pounds (19) of muscle to his lean frame.

“My rehab went well,” stated Ball. “I’m training for my drills. I feel good. Injuries come and go.”

With a clean bill of health, Ball can now focus on his Pro Day and the chance to impress the teams that attend.

“I’m able to play in the box,” says Ball referring to some of the qualities scouts will revel in when breaking down Ball as a player. “I can drop in coverage and plus I can rush the passer.”

Ball’s versatility is his ticket to the next level as a three-down linebacker. In a league that emphasizes the passing game the talent Ball brings to the table plays well in his favor. He can be stout against the run and use his size (6-foot-3, 236 pounds) to show his fluid smooth hips and quick feet to drop in coverage. Those intangibles few possess at his position, but Ball is not a one-trick pony. He can do it all.

“I really like Von Miller (Denver Broncos) and Jamie Collins (New England Patriots),” said Ball. “I really like to watch those guys. I kind of remind myself of them and Justin Brown (Kansas City Chiefs) too.”

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Each one of those linebackers he mentions are able to stay on the field and provide their respective teams with three-down play at an extremely high level.

In limited action throughout his career at Florida and rehabbing his injury, Ball was still an invitee to the NFL Scouting Combine. It validates the potential NFL teams see in Ball. Projected to be a fourth to sixth round pick, his Pro Day will be paramount in determining his value on draft day.

Ball anxiously awaits the opportunity to display his array of talents to NFL Scouts, and conquer another obstacle in his path.

GOLDEN GATE SPORTS (SI.COM)

Raiders' Neiron Ball has Already Overcome Insurmountable Odds

By Sean Bialaszek

May 5, 2015

With the 161st pick in the NFL Draft, the Oakland Raiders selected Neiron Ball, an outside linebacker from Florida. The pick wasn't the most highly regarded, but after everything he's gone through, finding a role on an NFL team seems like child's play.

Ball stands 6'2", and tips the scales around 235 pounds. In his college career, he totaled 5.5 tackles for loss, three sacks, an interception, and three pass deflections.

He has NFL size, and is versatile. He played outside linebacker in both 3-4 and 4-3 schemes, and has played inside linebacker as well. Ball possess good speed, and the non-stop motor that coaches love.

The numbers are not all that impressive, and they won't make your eyes pop. But his story is incredible. He underwent knee surgery last November. Microfracture surgery to be exact, the same procedure that Jadeveon Clowney underwent during the 2014 season. But after everything that Ball went through before that, that surgery seems almost trivial.

The term "lucky to be alive" is used quite a lot, and when it's used, it doesn't always mean exactly what it says. However, when you say Ball is lucky to be alive, you mean it.

Ball lost both parents when he was a child. His mother, Johanna, died when he was six, on Mother's Day in 1998, from a heart attack.

A few years later, his father, Ronnie, was diagnosed with lung cancer, and underwent surgery on his throat. The nine-year-old Ball had to help his father eat through a tube, and one night during this ritual, Ronnie suffered a seizure, and passed away later that night. He watched his father die.

Ball stuck with football, and eventually became a Florida Gator. He played all 13 games in 2010, his freshman year, in his familiar linebacker spot. But after his inaugural college campaign, he experienced something that nearly cost him his own life.

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In a February practice in 2011, Ball was forced to leave practice with a migraine that caused him horrible pain. When the aching persisted, he found himself in the hospital, and had to sit in a dark room, because the pain was just too much to handle.

It turned out that Ball had bleeding in his brain. The diagnosis came back as Arteriovenous Malformation (AVM), which is defined as “a tangle of abnormal blood vessels connecting arteries and veins in the brain.” In other words, the blood vessels in the brain get tangled up, and eventually rupture, causing bleeding.

AVM is a congenital condition, meaning if a person has it, they were born with it. Less than one percent of the population, one in approximately 200-500 people, have the condition. Once the brain starts to bleed for the first time, 10 to 15 percent of people don’t survive. If another hemorrhage were to occur, that percentage vastly increases. Another 30 percent suffer permanent brain damage.

If he hadn’t gone to the hospital, if he had continued on with practice like normal and the bleeding continued and eventually worsened, he might have ended up with irreparable brain damage, or worse.

Surgery occurred a little later for Ball, with surgeons basically untangling the vessels, stopping the bleeding, and putting them back where they’re supposed to be. Ball was essentially fixed, but his journey, another journey, was just starting.

He worked hard in recovery, the same way he worked hard on the field, putting his non-stop motor to use in a different area. Little by little, Ball regained strength, but he missed the 2011 season, and his football future remained in doubt. Even though Ball’s brain condition had been fixed, he had still gone through brain surgery, and there is always that nagging thought that maybe his head can’t take another blow.

He continued his trek back, and in June of 2012, 16 months after his brain operation, he was cleared to play again. Another two months passed before he strapped on the pads again. But one and a half years after a dangerous condition nearly took his life, he suited up and practiced with his team. In 2012, Ball ended up playing 11 games for the Gators, and totaled 10 tackles with his only career interception.

The knee surgery is likely to cost Ball his rookie year, as the recovery for a microfracture procedure can take anywhere from nine to 15 months. NBA players have returned in six months, but that’s a completely different game. It usually takes football players longer to get back. If Ball approaches this recovery with the same vigor and gusto he’s become known for, his return could fall on the lower end of the scale.

Ball may never become an impact player in the NFL. He may never change a game single-handedly. Quite honestly, he may never play a down in the league. But he will work harder than anyone else who steps on the practice field. He has no choice. You never know when it all is going to go away.

QB DEREK CARR

SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE

Carr family of quarterbacks passes on its knowledge to kids

By Vic Tafur

July 8, 2015

At some point Saturday, Derek Carr will jump in on defense and read the quarterback's eyes. He will make a beeline for the ball, intercept it and run it back for a touchdown. Then he will dance.

The 12-year-old quarterback who threw the interception will have a story to tell.

"I can't do that to the kids. I have a better heart than Derek," David Carr said. "I can't ruin a kid's dream and smile like he does."

The good-natured interception will be among the many lessons that kids take home as the Carr brothers, along with their dad, Rodger, brother Darren and staff take their Carr Elite training academy on the road north for the first time. The camps, one for 8- to 11-year-olds at 9 a.m. and one for boys 12 to 17 at noon, will be at Felton's San Lorenzo Valley High.

"We want to make this game fun," Derek Carr, the Raiders' second-year quarterback, said. "And help them become better quarterbacks and better people."

The coaching will be heavy on encouragement, fundamentals and footwork. It may even be 20 or 30 minutes before the kids are allowed to pick up a football and play catch.

Rodger Carr was driving by San Lorenzo Valley, his old high school, one day when he had the idea to hold a camp there. Usually, they're in Bakersfield, where the family is from, or Fresno, where the quarterbacks starred in college.

"This is our first time taking the camp on the road, and it's great because a lot of Raiders fans will get a chance to know Derek," David Carr, the former Texans, Giants and 49ers quarterback, said.

The two NFL quarterbacks will be giving up the family secrets, which aren't complicated.

"Hard work," David Carr said. "We are not the most talented guys. We have seen guys who had crazy talent, guys who could throw the ball through a brick wall. ... But a lot of those guys don't make it."

Hard work Saturday will come with positive reinforcement, as the Carrs eliminate the negative energy prevalent in team practices growing up.

"We'll tell everything you did right even when you make a mistake, and then how to do it better," Rodger Carr said. "It has to be fun. All the time. Even now, before Derek is getting ready for a game against the Jets in New York, I will text him, 'Have fun.'"

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Rodger Carr wanted to be a quarterback too, but he tore up his knee in the eighth grade. When he reinjured it in the ninth grade, his mom pulled the plug on football and Rodger went on to play basketball at San Lorenzo Valley and then at Cal State Bakersfield.

But his first present to David was a football, and he taught him to throw like Dan Marino, with a “quick release and no big windup.”

Derek was born 12 years after David and took it a step forward, watching film with his brother when he played at Fresno State and then was drafted No. 1 overall by the Texans.

“Derek had the blueprint early on,” Rodger Carr said. “He would tell me in the stands what the defense was going to do, when he was 15, and then what David was going to do. And then I’d watch it happen.”

David Carr said his brother throws the ball more effortlessly than he ever did, and his confidence and leadership ability are also ahead of David’s at a similar point in his career.

Derek showed flashes in a 3-13 rookie year, finishing with 3,270 yards, 21 touchdowns, 12 interceptions and a 58.1 percent completion rate in 16 starts. He’s put some extra beef on his 6-foot-3, 215-pound frame this offseason.

“People don’t realize that NFL rookies never have an offseason,” David Carr said. “They go right from their last college game to training for the NFL draft. This offseason, Derek has a chance to lift, train, recover and repeat.”

The recovery time is optional every now and then.

“I called him on one of his off days and he was throwing with Amari,” Rodger Carr said, referring to Raiders’ first-round pick Amari Cooper.

Derek had called Rodger immediately after his first workout with the receiver.

“‘This guy is legit, Dad,’ he told me,” Rodger Carr said. “ ‘He makes breaks out of breaks at full speed.’ And there was one play where Derek thought he overthrew him by 10 yards down the sideline and Amari hit the nitrous button. And the whole place went nuts.”

Cooper has a similar work ethic to the Carr clan’s and would fit in well Saturday.

“Put in hard work and you get results,” Rodger Carr said. “I am blessed to have two sons who played quarterback in the NFL, and Darren is now the head coach at Bakersfield High.

“And now we get to help kids learn about this game and have fun. Oh my gosh, how great is that?”

WR AMARI COOPER

BAY AREA NEWS GROUP

With Amari Cooper, Raiders are in good hands

By Daniel Brown

May 7, 2015

ALAMEDA -- Amari Cooper reports for duty Friday with the opening of Raiders rookie minicamp. Fred Biletnikoff, who is already a Cooper expert, expects the No. 4 overall draft pick to get off on a better foot than he himself did back in 1965.

"Oh, I was horrible," Biletnikoff said. "I had a hell of a time making the adjustments. Lots of dropped balls."

Cooper, in contrast, appears ready to make an immediate impact. On draft day, general manager Reggie McKenzie and coach Jack Del Rio described the Alabama star, who officially signed his deal Thursday, as "polished" so often you started to think the Raiders drafted a pair of Oxford wingtips.

Biletnikoff, who recovered from his shaky early Raiders days to earn a place in the Pro Football Hall of Fame, agreed. And he ought to know: Cooper won the honor that bears his name, the Biletnikoff Award, as the top receiver in college football.

"If you know nothing about football, you might not see that he's mature beyond his years," Biletnikoff, 72, said in a phone interview. "But he's a step ahead when it comes to the things required to be a receiver. The way he runs his routes, catches balls, gets open. He can do it against man-to-man coverage or press or zone. This guy is not one-dimensional."

"He can line up inside, outside, right or left and do a good job wherever he is. Jack and Reggie and the staff were dead on when they talked about him."

TOP IN HIS CLASS

The numbers support the case. Pro Football Focus, which analyzed every play and player on the college schedule last season, evaluated 1,800 receivers. They ranked Cooper No. 1, in part because of his complete game.

Playing against top competition while at Alabama, Cooper led the country in targets and receptions and finished second in receiving yards and touchdowns. PFF found a few hidden measures of success, noting Cooper tied for the most missed tackles forced (26) and finished third in total yards after the catch (878).

Del Rio praised Cooper on draft day for his ability to run the entire route tree. PFF determined that Cooper logged 30 catches on screens, 57 on stops, slants, crosses or outs and 16 on posts or go-routes. Half of his catches on post/gos resulted in touchdowns.

As it turns out, Cooper was running those patterns as early as 5 years old. He just didn't know what they were called. In a constant search of ways to juke his friends during backyard games in Miami, Cooper learned the science of planting, cutting, turning and blasting his way out of a break.

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"So when I had to run a slant route or a comeback route, which the coach called it, I was already familiar with running and getting open," he says now. "It came easy."

Teddy Bridgewater was among the first beneficiaries. Before he grew up to be the quarterback of the Minnesota Vikings, Bridgewater was a star at Miami Northwestern Senior High, a local football powerhouse.

Cooper was one of his top targets. "He was always in the right place at the right time," Bridgewater recalled.

Bridgewater, in a phone interview, said that the football team's tradition called for the best receiver on the team to wear jersey No. 2. This was hallowed territory. Miami Northwestern receivers over the years have included Antonio Bryant, Brett Perriman and Tony Martin -- all of whom went on to produce 1,000-yard seasons in the NFL.

Bridgewater said that Cooper, well aware of the lineage, set his sights on the jersey early.

"He wound up wearing No. 2 for two years," the quarterback said. "He took pride in running the best routes. And he didn't want to just be the best on the team. He wanted to be the best in the state of Florida."

Cooper's seriousness about his craft can make for stilted conversation. At his first news conference with the Raiders, the 6-foot-1, 211-pounder looked as happy as the last guy in line at the DMV. He barely smiled for photos and answered questions in a quiet monotone.

Reporter: "The team hasn't had a 1,000-yard receiver in 10 years. Do you think you can end the drought?"

Cooper: "Hopefully."

Reporter: "You mentioned running routes as a kid. Was the NFL the main dream you had growing up?"

Cooper: "Yes."

And so on.

It was a jarring introduction, but Bridgewater recognized the look. He said Cooper was intensely serious-minded even as a teenager. The two were so determined to follow in the footsteps of the college-bound players from their high school that they treated schoolwork and practice as a job.

The duo proved so influential on campus that they wound up changing the culture of the school. Principal Wallace Aristide credits Cooper and Bridgewater for setting a new academic tone at what had been a sports-focused campus.

Aristide said Miami Northwestern went from annually getting "F" and "D" grades in the state's annual evaluation to becoming the first inner-city school in Miami to receive a "B" grade in 2011.

"People like Amari and Teddy were instrumental in helping us really change the climate," Aristide said. "When you're on campus -- especially one like ours -- the people with the most influence are the football players. Everybody looks up to them."

"And when they carry themselves the right way, they help you sell the importance of academic success. And I think Amari helped us do that here. ... He carried himself around campus like he was all about business. He was a tremendous student when he was here at this institution."

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IN NEED OF A BOOST

Now, the Raiders hope Cooper can transform another moribund institution. Oakland hasn't had a 1,000-yard receiver since Randy Moss in 2005 and is coming off a season in which it finished last in overall offense.

The Raiders had only 30 connections of 20 yards or more. The Indianapolis Colts, in contrast, had 78.

Cooper offers some big-play potential. Over three years with the Crimson Tide, he averaged 15.2 yards on his 228 receptions.

He also shown a knack for the end zone: His 31 career touchdowns catches are the most by an SEC player since 1956.

At the scouting combine -- where he ran a 4.42 in the 40-yard dash -- Cooper credited Alabama offensive coordinator Lane Kiffin for making the most of his talents. Cooper said the former Raiders head coach "moves me around a lot, so a team can't really prepare for me. He'll line me up at the H, Z to X, he'll even put me in the backfield to create some mismatches."

Wherever he was, Cooper caught passes -- and attention. As soon as the Raiders called his name, some key voices cheered the selection on Twitter.

Rich Gannon, the former Raiders quarterback and NFL MVP, posted: "(Derek) Carr and Cooper ... Match made in heaven for the Oakland Raiders!"

Another former Raider, Hall of Fame receiver Tim Brown, wrote: "Young brother! Welcome to the dark side! If you need me I'm here for you!"

Chad Johnson, the six-time All-Pro receiver wrote: "Who's the offensive coordinator in Oakland? It's a blessing to have a receiver you don't have to move around to get open."

Biletnikoff isn't of the social media generation, but he, too, was enthusiastic in his review. With Cooper and fellow Biletnikoff Award winner Michael Crabtree added to the mix, the former Raider expects Carr to enjoy a breakthrough season.

"Derek's confidence has to be going sky high," Biletnikoff said. "You know how pitchers can get by as long as guys are making plays behind them? It's the same way with quarterbacks.

"You catch the ball for him, he's going to win some games. And Amari can catch the football as well as anybody."

AL.COM (ALABAMA)

The Amari Cooper you don't see on camera is the reason he's a Heisman Trophy finalist

By Michael Casagrande

December 12, 2014

Tuscaloosa, Alabama — The look on Amari Cooper's face rarely changes. Smiles are rare, but that's not an indication of happiness.

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Alabama's star receiver is just hyper-focused on the dream and everything else is just noise. So, this weekend he'll travel the awards circuit, but his mind is likely on the next prize.

From Orlando for Thursday night's College Football Awards Show, Cooper will fly north to New York. Few receivers get invitations to the Heisman Trophy ceremony as the Tide junior becomes the first since Larry Fitzgerald made it in 2003. The former Pitt star finished second — the best any receiver's finished since Desmond Howard became the last receiver to win the statue 23 years ago.

As a receiver who doesn't return kicks or punts, the odds of winning the Heisman at 7:50 p.m. Saturday wouldn't be great historically against Oregon's star quarterback Marcus Mariota and Wisconsin running back Melvin Gordon. Howard and Tim Brown, the other receiver to win the award, were also explosive returners. But that's also where Cooper's intense attention to detail becomes a factor as his presence alone changes games.

Alabama quarterback Blake Sims broke the school passing record with 1,656 yards belonging to his star receiver. He saw the hours Cooper logged in the pursuit of perfection and changed his routine.

"Sometimes when I felt tired, just knowing that he was coming up here working, I didn't want to leave him alone," Sims said Monday in a radio interview. "So I just said I would come up here with you any time of the day, no matter if it's 12 o'clock at night, it doesn't matter. Whenever you're up here, I'm up here with you. You call me and I'm going to come and that's exactly what we did."

Sims was just one of the shifting factors this fall. New offensive coordinator Lane Kiffin brought his style and reputation for feeding the playmakers after arriving in January. As the USC coach, his offense propelled Marqise Lee to a fourth-place finish in the 2012 Heisman by catching 118 passes for 1,721 yards.

Asked if he was aware of those numbers in March, Cooper's was brief.

"Yeah," he said as his stone-face broke with a knowing grin.

Under Kiffin's watch, Cooper's productivity exploded. Records fell almost weekly as the Sims to Cooper connection flourished. Through 13 games, Cooper's 1,656 yards come close to equaling the 1,736 he had his first two years combined. And he led the Tide in yardage those two seasons. His SEC-record 115 catches this year already surpassed the 104 from the past two seasons combined.

Kiffin was blown away by his pre-game preparation.

"Just always wanting to get better, always wanting to watch film," Kiffin said in a rare interview with an Arkansas radio station Tuesday. "He's one guy Friday night always after meetings, so it's 10:00 at night and he's there watching one last time, watching the DBs he's going to go against. It's just so great for our young kids to be around and learn from him."

For Nick Saban, the minor details make the difference with Cooper this year.

"He hasn't let little things bother him," Saban said, "whether it's a little nagging injury or whatever and has just been kind of a demon every time the game comes in terms of how he competes."

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Last fall, Cooper's game wasn't quite as complete as the small issues got to him. Minor injuries nagged as his receiving total stood at 437 yards through 11 games. His first 100-yard game of the year came in the Iron Bowl when Cooper caught six passes for 178 yards. It was the first of nine triple-figure games in the past 15 with three 200-yarders this fall.

Cooper's presence alone changes the way opponents defend Alabama. Sims said he saw Missouri keying on Cooper in Saturday's 42-13 SEC title game win, so creases opened for DeAndrew White and Christion Jones. Cooper still caught 12 passes — one short of his school record — for 83 yards.

West Virginia coach Dana Holgorsen said Cooper should be the No. 1 overall pick in the draft. Ohio State's Urban Meyer called him "one of the best receivers ever to play college football."

It all comes back to the intense preparations. Before the season, Kiffin noted a two-hour workout Cooper completed before doing the famously intense "Fourth Quarter" conditioning drills.

"I think the things that happened when the camera wasn't on, that's what made us so good this year," Sims said. "He worked so hard and he rubs off on a lot of our players."

Friends told Amari Cooper to avoid run-happy Alabama, but he “wanted to be a winner”

By Michael Casagrande

December 13, 2014

Atlanta wide receiver Julio Jones was on the radio to talk about the Falcons' 19-17 victory over the Carolina Panthers on Sunday afternoon, a win that put the given-up-for-dead team into a tie for the top spot in the NFC South standings with five games left in the NFL regular season. But when asked what he thought of Alabama wide receiver Amari Cooper, Jones didn't hold back his Roll-Tide pride for his alma mater.

"He's going to be great because just where he's coming from, first of all -- from the University of Alabama," Jones said of Cooper. "Just the character he's going to have when he gets to the league. You've never heard anything negative about him. He's going to be a professional. He's going to be a great player on the next level. He has the talent and everything else, but also it's off-the-field that matters the most."

Cooper and Jones have been linked in the past few weeks as the current Alabama receiving star surpassed records set by Jones, who played for the Crimson Tide from 2008 through 2010 after starring at Foley High School.

During Alabama's victory over Tennessee on Oct. 25, Cooper caught nine passes for 224 yards, breaking the Tide's single-game record for receiving yards held by Jones, who had 221 yards on 12 catches against the Volunteers on Oct. 23, 2010.

During Alabama's victory over LSU on Nov. 8, Cooper broke the Tide's single-season record for receiving yards held by Jones, who had 1,133 in 2010. Cooper's final reception against LSU broke Alabama's single-season record, set by Jones with 78 catches in 2010.

Cooper has 87 receptions for 1,303 yards in 2014 with at least three games left in the season. He's also broken Alabama's record for career receiving yardage with 3,039 so far, the fourth-most in SEC history. On his way to that total, Cooper didn't break a record held by Jones. DJ Hall set that record with 2,923 receiving yards piled up from 2004 through 2007. Jones had been second on the list with 2,653.

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Jones is 88 yards from his second 1,000-yard receiving season as a pro. He has 67 receptions for 912 yards through 11 games for the Falcons. That's the number of games Jones missed last season because of a fractured foot after earning a spot in the Pro Bowl with 1,198 receiving yards in the 2012 season.

Jones said his foot has been fine this season, but he's had to deal with a nagging ankle injury suffered against the Minnesota Vikings on Sept. 28.

"I feel real good," Jones said on ESPN Radio's "Fantasy Focus." "Just my ankle, other than that I'm great. My ankle's good. It's going to continue to bother you. It's a part of the game. Everybody's banged up. Something's hurt on someone. You've just got to push through it and keep helping your teammates."

Jones said he thinks he and the Falcons have their best football in 2014 still ahead of them. Atlanta won only two of its first eight games and went into its open date off blowing a 21-0 lead in a one-point loss to the Detroit Lions in London. Since coming back from their bye, the Falcons have beaten the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and Carolina Panthers and adopted coach Mike Smith's 1-0 mentality. Instead of looking at a 4-6 record - still good for a tie with the New Orleans Saints for first in the NFC South - the Falcons are playing a one-game season every Sunday.

"We definitely haven't played our best football yet," Jones said. "We've just got to continue to get better and better, and that's what we've been doing. Every game, we take it one game at a time and just try to win that game. We got off to a slow start -- 2-6. Everybody after the bye week, we took it upon ourselves to look at ourselves and see what our role was and to come back, and knowing that role, putting it out there and everybody putting their roles together and going out there and getting W's."

The Falcons' next "season" kicks off at noon CST Sunday, when they host the Cleveland Browns.

Amari Cooper's mother surprised by emotional story told live on Heisman Trophy broadcast

By Michael Casagrande

December 13, 2014

NEW YORK — It was a story Amari Cooper had never told his mother. Even when he told it live on ESPN, Michelle Green didn't remember it.

But the moment struck a chord across the nation in the moments before the Heisman Trophy was awarded to Oregon's Marcus Mariota. It was a memory about sacrifice and regret for a 10-year old boy who'd never make the same mistake.

Green worked a number of jobs — double shifts at times — to provide for Cooper growing up in the Coconut Grove neighborhood of Miami. She was a waitress and cashier before settling in a code compliance officer for the city of Miami.

They didn't have a car, so she had to walk about three miles to the Milam's Market on McDonald Street.

Cooper remembered telling his mom he was too tired to make the walk there and back one day. When she returned, marks lined Green's arms where she carried all the bags a few miles home.

Cooper called himself selfish.

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"I just kept it to myself. It was just an example of how hard she worked, her getting off work so late or working so hard all ready," a relaxed Cooper said Saturday night on a couch 45 floors above Times Square. "She sacrificed for us. You want to know how much somebody loves you, just look at how much they sacrifice."

Seated at his side after Cooper's third-place finish, Green said the whole story was news to her.

"I was really surprised," said Green, who flew on her first airplane to be with her son in New York this weekend. "I mean, I was just surprised to hear that story because I didn't know that. I just do what I have to do. I don't even really remember that, but I guess he does."

Said Cooper's sister Aspen Cooper as she heard the story: "I cried."

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Cooper is cool Alabama playmaker

By A.P. Steadham

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Currently he keeps in contact with his former pupil through social media. The lengthier discussions have probably occurred over the internet since the introverted Tide true freshman rarely spoke on the commute. "He doesn't say ten words in a sentence," said Rolle, a third cousin to Cooper. His exceptional performance on the field constitutes a chapter of memories for the Alabama faithful.

Redshirting is the normal path for a first-year player at an established program as Alabama. Not for the ambitious Amari Cooper. His mindset was to avoid "the long line" said Rolle.

"I wanted to be great and show everybody what I could do. I expected to have a 1200 yard season. Before I came here I felt like I belonged," said Cooper with conviction sitting in the stands of the Sun Life Stadium on media day for the 2013 Discover BCS National Championship Game.

Nick Saban, anxious to welcome a top notch receiver to The Capstone, blessed the early enrollment of January 2012. Rolle was confident of a rapid career ascent but had a few doubts. "He had all the tools. I was just worried about his strength level and size to get off the line of scrimmage from defensive backs and would he be playing inside at the slot or outside," said Rolle. Quickness, athleticism and take off skills were brought to Tuscaloosa.

Zone defense was the primary coverage which meant quick outs and comebacks were the favorite routes. "You actually saw more of his talents in practice than you did in the game when we used press coverage," stated Rolle. Cooper would beg his coach to play in the secondary. Naturally, if an outstanding individual warranted his defensive presence, the all-around athlete (football, basketball, track) would be inserted as a shutdown corner on a specific receiver or as a safety to force the quarterback to throw to the outside.

A nagging high hamstring injury suffered as a sophomore during summer workouts running quarter mile sprints on the track against three upperclassmen now playing for Louisville (Michael Harris, Corvin Lamb and Eli Rogers) could not keep Cooper away from the field. The ferocious competitor won the race a few times causing the trio to push the youngster to keep up resulting in the mishap.

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Cooper carved out a reputation as one of the best Pop Warner players in the city. A resident of the Coconut Grove area of Miami, he attended Coral Gables Senior High School as a freshman. According to Rolle, Cooper was demoted to the junior varsity after breaking a rule.

Instead of accepting reinstatement to the varsity upon completion of the junior varsity schedule, Cooper felt slighted and chose to move on to basketball and consider options. A transfer to Miami Northwestern Senior High School was shepherded by Lorenzo Woodley, Jr. He was a Pop Warner mentor to Cooper and former player under Rolle at ironically Coral Gables Senior High School and running back at Pittsburgh in the early 1990's. Even though Cooper's mother, Michelle Green, was a second cousin, the accomplished prep coach Rolle, was not aware of her son's exploits. Family connections and a recommendation by Woodley insured her a decision to change schools would prove beneficial.

Alabama's final 2011 summer camp experience was a crucial moment in the recruitment process. Tide Assistant Coach Bobby Williams had known Rolle through the years and was responsible for inviting Cooper. Former Miami assistant, Jeff Stoutland, now on the Alabama staff as the offensive line coach also contributed to landing the South Florida product.

Cooper had attended the Hurricanes camp since his sophomore year. Rolle's brother Zachary and offensive line coach Terrance Craig brought the contingent to Tuscaloosa. Camp instructor and All-Pro receiver Chris Carter was raving about three cornerback prospects.

"Amari just torched the three best defensive backs," Rolle claims. The former All-Pro reversed his opinion and began singing the praises of the fleet-footed, elusive receiver from south Florida to Nick Saban.

"I saw a look in his (Carter) eyes when I got out there. I was running routes and doing cone drills," recalled Cooper. "He started looking at me differently. I think he thought I was a real good receiver and I had a lot of potential." Cooper did not have gaudy numbers coming out of high school – 33 receptions for 772 yards with nine touchdowns, five by returns but the talent was undeniable. "I would say Alabama treated him a little more special than the Florida schools," said Rolle. "Alabama was able to eyeball him at camp."

How do you attract a gifted receiver to a program flush with superb running backs and traditionally known for their rushing attack? You mention the school's recent legendary pass catcher selected in the top-ten of the NFL Draft and the prospect in the same sentence. "Nick Saban kept saying Amari reminded him of Julio Jones and thought he could play early at Alabama," said Rolle, a four-time state of Florida high school championship coach. Woodley and Rolle promoted the notion of performing on a big stage at Alabama which appealed to Cooper.

Since Cooper has achieved spectacular results this season in Tuscaloosa, college assistant coaches who devalued him due to the lack of superlative prep statistics have caught the wrath of their head coach.

Hot temperatures and demonstrative gridiron touchdown celebrations may be prevalent in Miami but their native son is poker face cool.

"What sets Amari apart is he has no fear. He will play the same way if there are 100,000 people or 1,000 in the stands," declared Rolle. The composed freshman has deflected the external factors of packed stadiums, a national television audience and overwhelming attention. High school opponents would invariably talk smack thinking the derisive chatter would unnerve Cooper.

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Just the opposite would occur. His silent assassin retaliation would consist of unleashing the 4.4 speed on the secondary. Embarrassment would ensue after spectacular receptions causing silent retreats to the huddle for those chirping cornerbacks. The player nicknamed "Hollywood" by his Tide teammates for outstanding performances shuns flamboyance. "No end zone dances. He might do a chest bump. He would always give the ball to the referee, come back to the sideline and get himself a seat," said Rolle.

Every skill the three-sport athlete learned is incorporated into being a receiver but Rolle professes the most memorable play was not on offense. The Miami Northwestern Senior School coaching staff was frantically shouting and pointing from the sidelines for Cooper to locate a tall receiver, Herb Waters (Homestead HS, FL), currently at Miami, in the formation destined to run the slant or fade pattern down by the goal-line. A touchdown would have been scored if the quarterback just signaled for the ball. "At the last second when the ball was snapped he ran over and snatched the ball out of the air with one hand and ran one hundred and two yards for a touchdown," said Rolle. He ran the wildcat formation occasionally. No matter the position, he could affect the outcome. He closed out a few games with interceptions.

The reticent Cooper is a star on the Crimson Tide football team with unlimited potential but if cast in a movie role he would have to be an action-hero with minimal dialogue. He has provided many thrills throughout the season leading the team with 26 explosive plays defined by 15-plus yards including 8 of his 9 touchdown receptions.

"He has tremendous ball skills and it is very apparent how fast he is," said Tide receivers coach Mike Groh. "He is very instinctive and how he can affect a defensive back in the way he runs his routes. All those things combined make him a very dangerous player." Cooper possesses a very high football IQ. Continued development is required to become an elite performer at the FBS level. He is concentrating on improving his blocking technique, learning schemes, understanding complex defenses, becoming a better route runner and advancing his knowledge of the game with intensive film study.

Cooper was encouraged at a young age to "work hard, never to be satisfied and always stay hungry" by the person who introduced him to football, Lorenzo Woodley, Jr. They remain close and workout to this day.

Mental preparation is a personal window to a player's temperament. Generating hype is for others. "You put in all the work during the week. When it's game time, it's game time," replied the even-keeled freshman. "You should know what you have to do and go out there and do it."

Cooper prefers listening to the motivational music of rap artist J. Cole, visualizes making big plays and focuses on what he has to do to help his team to win. "He (Cole) motivates me to do the unimaginable," said Cooper. The best moment thus far for the sensational freshman is "seeing how happy my teammates were when I caught that pass in the Georgia game for a touchdown. Everyone just ran to me and they were happy." Cooper has continued the philosophy of silence is the best policy in response to verbally aggressive defensive backs. "I really don't say anything during the games. I just try to make plays. I don't talk."

The 2013 Discover BCS National Championship Game to be held at Sun Life Stadium in Miami Gardens on Monday evening will be the first time for Cooper to perform in the venue. "It's a great feeling to be playing the national championship at home," he said. The player embracing the spotlight on the largest college football stage of the season acts if the evening is just another game.

I guess there is a little bit of pressure but I'm not focused on that right now or the people watching me. I'm focused on what I have to do to help my team win the game and just play my role." Most freshmen would be

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exuberant with the statistical production and accolades Cooper has achieved but for him success is a natural progression.

"I'm not surprised by it at all. I think coming out of high school every player should at least be thinking they could contribute to the team their first year," said the confident receiver. "No one wants to waste a year. I came in with expectations of having a great year. It's another game and another opportunity to prove myself."

So far Amari Cooper has met his own expectations. For the Alabama faithful he has exceeded them.

Soft-Spoken Cooper Speaks Loudly with Play

By A.P. Steadham

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So is the Heisman Trophy candidate from South Florida until the ball is in his hands.

Amari Cooper's loud on-the-field deeds have reverberated in the school record book. He is the most prolific wide receiver in Crimson Tide history either tying* or setting every major single game (*13, 224, *3), season (90, 11, 1,349) and career (*194, 3,085, 26) reception, receiving yards and touchdown receptions record. Two of those milestones had stood for 62 and 47 years respectively (season and career touchdown receptions).

Additionally, he had a program record six consecutive 100-yard receiving games and is tied with 13 career 100-yard receiving games. He stands alone as the only Tide wide receiver to record a pair of two-hundred plus yards receiving games.

The achievements are no surprise to Billy Rolle, Cooper's distant cousin and his former head coach at Miami Northwestern Senior High School. "If he was healthy, there wasn't anything he wouldn't be able to accomplish," said Rolle.

Cooper has matured. Rolle said, "He seems to be a lot more serious in his approach to the game. He has grown a lot not only physically but mentally, too. He wants to make something happen."

After nearly three seasons at The Capstone, Cooper's collective game day happenings have resulted in establishing records that may last for decades. Double teams and bracket coverages can normally negate the effectiveness of a single player. The addition of Lane Kiffin to the staff as offensive coordinator is another reason the Miami native has flourished. A scheme featuring a wide receiver the caliber of Cooper exploits opposing defenses.

Superior athletes occasionally are nonchalant with the routine. Cooper, anxious to generate a spectacular highlight on a short throw, has uncharacteristically had a number of miscues. "The few passes he dropped are because he saw too much daylight," said Rolle. The Blake Sims to Cooper slant pass from the right side on third down and less than 10 has become an automatic call succeeding with regularity. The 2012 consensus Freshman All-America has embraced an essential friend of every player: toughness. He has shown the ability to weather injuries ever since his sophomore season in high school.

Quiet confidence lies beneath the veneer of shyness. "He's always been quiet and kind of shy," said Michelle Green, the proud mother of Alabama's next All-America wide receiver. Where did this reserved, calm and seemingly bashful superstar gain his self-assuredness? "Me, of course," she said with a hearty chuckle. "I'm confident."

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Moreover, Cooper, his quiet demeanor notwithstanding, has a reputation among his teammates for being humorous. “He’s very funny,” said his mom. “Once he gets used to being around people, he will open up. He’ll make us laugh.”

Track was Cooper’s first venture into sports but a curiosity developed about the game being played by boys in the nearby park – football. Thoughts of being tackled clearly were a concern but family friend, Harry Thurston, encouraged the reluctant Cooper to participate. The activity was a foreshadowing of events. His mother said, “He did real well from the very start and was making touchdowns in the park.” Cooper’s penchant for the end zone was immediately evident.

All of Ms. Green’s children have a name beginning with the letter ‘A’ – Airrika, Avery, Ashley and Aspen. Searching for another with the same first letter, her cousin, Wanda Foster, suggested the name Amari. Watching her son play football is exciting, yet can elicit some apprehensive moments.

“My heart is racing every game,” she said. “I am thinking, ‘Please no one hurt my son.’”

Cooper causes serious issues for opposing defenses but off-the-field, he is a mother’s dream. “He’s a good kid,” said his mother. “I never had any problems with him. I never had to chastise him.” Mother and son have a close relationship. They speak at least twice a week and after every game.

External factors are the demons Saban rails against as distractions. Cooper seems impervious to anything resembling pressure. “He is serious about football but does not stress over it,” said mom. “If he does, I don’t know it. It’s just a game. He enjoys playing it.”

The cool demeanor shields the fervent competitor. He has tremendous poise. Cooper is the reticent celebrity shunning the attention. “Some athletes showboat, brag and like to be seen,” she said. “That’s not Amari’s personality.” He prefers tending to business, enjoys video games, and reading history – American and African-American.

Cooper loves music, too. An entertaining spirit probably remains dormant. So far Cooper has busted moves to the sheer delight of the Alabama faithful but to the chagrin of defensive backs and opposing fans. Those favoring crimson will forever remember him sprinting down the sidelines, spinning away from would-be tacklers, a series of acrobatic catches at the zenith of the ball’s delivery, and double fakes on routes to break open.

Six wide receivers in the entire 122 years of Alabama football have distinguished themselves as first-team All-America. Don Hutson (1934) was a charter member of both the College and Pro Football Halls of Fame. Ozzie Newsome (1977) is also a dual inductee. Newsome known as “The Wizard” and Wayne Wheeler (1973) achieved stardom within the run-oriented wishbone offense. Ray Perkins (1966) and Dennis Homan (1967) were Crimson Tide perimeter teammates simultaneously terrorizing defenses. David Palmer (1993), the most recent honoree showcased a triple threat versatility vaulting him to third in the Heisman voting. Not even the fabled Quintorris Lopez “Julio” Jones (2008-10) was voted to be a member of this prestigious fraternity.

Every one of those sure-handed physically gifted pass catchers displayed an array of exceptional skills. Amari Cooper is a composite of the past embodying the extraordinary traits and physical attributes of the collective half-dozen Bama luminaries. Hutson (Pine Bluff, Ark.) was considered the prototype modern receiver. He was extremely fast with a game changing extra gear to chase down the deep ball.

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Precise route runners Perkins and Homan shared a reputation of routinely racing past defensive backs. Separating from the secondary was the specialty for those pair of converted running backs and track stars.

Wheeler, another sprinter, was a member of that blazing speed club as well. He was known for leaving cornerbacks eating cleat generated dust on the long pass commonly called “the bomb.”

Newsome was an imposing figure able to dominate possession of the ball in the air with the aplomb of a small forward in basketball. He would frequently sacrifice his body by lying out prone to make a sensational catch.

Exacting as Palmer was running routes he was equally adept at mastering the art of elusiveness amid a host of tacklers. Even defenders in close proximity assigned to chip him at the line of scrimmage rarely succeeded.

Shades of all those receivers are present in Cooper’s repertoire.

“I don’t know that he has a weakness, and it’s not because he’s at Alabama either,” said Ray Perkins. Cooper was impressive the first time he laid eyes on him. “He’s got excellent size, quickness and cutting ability. He’s got great speed, burst and hands. I’m not sure he’s the best receiver to ever come out of college. He certainly is the best receiver that’s ever come out of Alabama. I think Amari Cooper will go down as one of the greatest receivers to ever come around.” Perkins effusive praise for the wide receiver extends beyond the position. “He’s got to be among the top three or four players regardless of position to ever come out of Alabama. He is that impressive,” said the Petal, Miss., native.

Homan strongly concurred with the notion set forth by Perkins. “He is the best athlete I’ve ever seen in my life,” Homan said. “That is any position on the field. Usually with the Heisman Trophy they select backs and quarterbacks. He ought to win the Heisman Trophy. He is that good.” Homan added, “He’s the best athlete in any sport you want to name. In my opinion he is the best athlete to play the game. He is so far above me when I played at Alabama or in the NFL, he could make me look like Ned in the first reader. He will do great at the next level.”

Better than Jerry Rice you may ask? “He (Rice) was a great receiver no doubt and a great player,” Homan said. “But I’m telling you that Amari Cooper is the best athlete I’ve ever seen, bar none.”

Cooper broke a school record Homan held for 47 years – most career touchdown receptions of 18. He currently has 26 with at least one more regular season game, a possible league championship game, and possible multiple post-season games remaining.

Homan noted the moment with a special hand-written congratulatory note to Cooper. “I felt in my heart that was the right thing to do,” Homan said. “He deserves it. I appreciate what he has done for The University and the great season and career he has had.” Respect extends beyond the on-field performance.

“He is a class guy and he’s a humble guy,” said Homan. “When he scores a touchdown or makes a big play he hits a knee and points upward.” The two have yet to meet.

Homan, a native of Muscle Shoals, said, “They can double-cover him or do whatever they want to, but he will run past them. I am not taking away from the other great players at Alabama or anywhere else. I think he is the greatest player to have ever played the game and that’s at any school or program anywhere.”

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Man-to-man or zone coverage has not curtailed Cooper's offensive outbursts. Homan said, "He is very good at finding open spots. Great receivers know how to find them and can read defenses. He is not only talented physically with great hands but he is very smart."

Fellow (Orlando) Floridian Wayne Wheeler said, "He does a lot with the ball after he catches it with people all around him." A transformation occurs once the reception is secured. Explosive plays are a common event.

Cooper, measured against wide receivers and running backs, has a nation leading 25 plays (24 pass, 1 run) of 20 yards or more. "I just watch the way he moves," Wheeler said. "He is really fluid for a bigger guy. He moves very well with his feet. Many times someone that big does not move that well, but he runs like a running back. He is just a great complete all-around athlete. He excels at every phase of the game."

Former Alabama quarterback Richard Todd is a college teammate familiar with the exploits of Newsome, the former star at Colbert County in Leighton. Acting in proxy role due to the restrictions placed upon Baltimore Ravens General Manager and Executive Vice President Newsome from commenting on college underclassman Todd said, "Cooper's got everything. He's got good size and is stronger than people realize because of the way he pulls away from people. He reminds me of Lynn Swan with his body control but I think he is faster. He has that extra burst of speed similar to the fastest guy I ever played with on the New York Jets, Wesley Walker. He is extremely quick off the line and has great hands."

Defensive backs have difficulty slowing down Cooper at the line of scrimmage. "Half the time he jukes them so much, they can't even grab him," Todd said.

A Sympatico experience has led Palmer to view Cooper with a keen eye. Every time the ball was in the hands of "The Deuce", the crowd was on the edge of their seat with anticipation. Palmer believes the same scenario exists with Cooper. "He gets off the jam very well, runs excellent routes, and can get away from defenders," Birmingham native Palmer said. "He's a speedster and a triple threat."

"They are getting him involved in many ways now besides throwing the ball down the field. Last week they threw the ball to him as a running back. It is very tough for defenders to cover him. He's at the top of his game right and probably the best receiver to ever come through Alabama."

Phil Savage is the executive director of the Senior Bowl and radio color commentator for the Crimson Tide Sports Network which broadcasts Alabama football games. He has witnessed the exploits of Amari Cooper since day one.

Savage said, "The first thing that jumps out when you have a chance to see him in person is the natural athleticism. He is a supreme athlete – quickness, speed, agility, balance, body control, hand-eye coordination. He's got very good hands and is sensational after the catch. He is a natural in terms of his route running and knows how to set defensive backs up. He has that subtle ability to give a hint here, a hint there and all of a sudden he's gone."

Receivers with gear changing speeds are game changers. "All the great receivers save a little something in terms of being able to gear down in a zone to make a catch or accelerate if the quarterback's pass is off-line," Savage said. "Amari can spear that ball out of mid-air and never miss a stride."

Superlatives are among the standard descriptions for any one witnessing the feats of no. 9 donning the crimson and white. The man privileged to coach him at Alabama expressed many in a November press conference. "Amari Cooper has done a great job for us his entire career," said Alabama Coach Nick Saban. "I

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think he's improved and been a more productive player each year as he's matured as a person and a player and gained more knowledge and experience. He's had a phenomenal year this year. He's featured in a lot of things and has seldom disappointed us in the way he's preformed and the way he's played. We're just trying to get him in a position to hopefully finish strong and put a great cap on what has so far, been an outstanding year."

The 6-1, 210 pound Cooper is one of three finalists for the Biletnikoff Award given to the outstanding receiver regardless of position based on performance for the current season. NFL scouts have high praise for Cooper. He grades well on all the critical factors: an ability to defeat the press, separation, catches the ball in a contested situation, route running, yards created after catch, elusiveness, understands the passing game, hands, variable speeds and toughness.

Alabama fifth-year senior quarterback Blake Sims was asked if trusted receiver Cooper has surprised him, "'I think the game against Mississippi State when he made that catch, man that was a great catch. Things he's been doing, I've seen a million times and I'm just happy for the success he had this year."

Sims assessed the career of his revered teammate by saying, "He has done a great job from his first year to now. He is a hard-working person. The reason he has succeeded is because of what he does when the cameras are not on and the lights are off. He is working when people are asleep which helps you get results. He is helping the people around him get better too. He is the reason other people are open. When you've got somebody like that, you want to work hard for them too."

The exclusive club of six First Team All-Americans, Hutson, Perkins, Homan, Wheeler, Newsome, and Palmer should be welcoming a seventh member soon. He could be the new chairman of the esteemed group. Admiration from those of the immortal six able to voice their opinion is unanimous. Sims also said, "I think he's the most exciting guy on the team." Amari Cooper, playmaker extraordinaire, may be the most thrilling athlete in Alabama football history.

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Amari Cooper paved his own way to Alabama

By Alex Scarborough

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Amari Cooper was supposed to end up at Louisville. At least that was Billy Rolle's plan.

Rolle, who coached Cooper at Miami [Fla.] Northwestern High School, thought he'd send his budding receiver 1,000 miles north to learn under Charlie Strong, then the head coach of the Cardinals. There, he would rejoin former prep teammates Teddy Bridgewater, Michael Lee Harris and Eli Rogers.

"In my mind, I was going to package him up with the Louisville deal," Rolle explained. "Those guys were only a year ahead of him. Coach Strong was right back at the school trying to get Amari.

"But Amari didn't want to follow a bunch of guys he'd already been playing with. He kind of wanted to make a name for himself."

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Such is the way of Amari Cooper: quiet, confident and supremely determined. It's what led him to Alabama and later to the Heisman Trophy presentation in New York City. He didn't win the famous bronze statue earlier this month, but he did walk away with the Biletnikoff Award as the nation's most outstanding receiver.

"It's the typical story, five or six brothers in a two-bedroom home in a projects situation," said Rolle, who is distant cousins with Cooper's mother. "He grew up in Coconut Grove, and we have a few project homes in the Grove and he grew up in one of them."

But maybe more important than how he lived was where he was situated. Rolle estimated that Cooper's neighborhood park was roughly 100 yards from his front door -- a football field away.

You couldn't drag Cooper to the mall or to the pool, Rolle said, but you had no trouble getting him to practice.

"He's just determined," he said.

At the park and in his backyard, Cooper would hone his craft, developing the sneaky-fast speed and precise route-running he has become known for.

His teammates at Alabama would later marvel at his skills, saying how it was impossible to look at his feet and know where he was going. It was too "confusing," said safety Landon Collins, an All-American in his own right.

"That's an instinct now," Cooper said, recalling the beginnings of his nifty footwork on the playground. "That's where I picked up good footwork and that ability to read defenders' leverage to know which way to go."

Many thought he'd go to Louisville or nearby Miami, but Cooper went another direction, to the SEC and powerhouse Alabama. He ignored suggestions that the Tide's run-first mentality would bury his talents. Now he's a sure-fire bet to enter the NFL draft as a junior where he's projected to go in the first half of the first round.

Three years, 29 touchdowns and 3,392 yards later, he could cap off his career with another national championship, starting on Jan. 1 when he and the Crimson Tide face Ohio State in the Allstate Sugar Bowl, a College Football Playoff semifinal.

"I've always kept in mind, team first," Cooper said upon arrival in New Orleans this past weekend. "You have one goal, and you want to win a national championship."

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Raiders expect an elite wide receiver with Amari Cooper draft pick

By Phil Barber

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OAKLAND — Derek Carr made great strides during his rookie season, cementing his place as the Raiders' quarterback for years to come. Carr may have taken another leap Thursday, without even stepping on the field.

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With their young passer in mind, the Raiders used the No. 4 overall selection in the NFL Draft to acquire something they haven't had since the days of Rich Gannon flinging the football to Jerry Rice and Tim Brown: an elite wide receiver.

In Alabama's Amari Cooper, the Raiders got a guy whose epic college production is matched only by his NFL-quality route-running and reading of coverages, according to the scouts.

"He can run a route," Oakland general manager Reggie McKenzie said after making the pick. "Seems like he can do that with his eyes closed. He's exceptionally quick, he's fast and he understands the game. You can tell the guy's been playing football and playing that position all his life."

A fact quickly confirmed by Cooper, who explained on a conference call that he started to take his routes and cuts seriously when he was 5 or 6 years old, even before he had played organized football; by the time he joined a youth team in Miami in third grade, he had only to learn the names of the routes.

That team happened to have a couple of good running backs, including the coach's son, so Cooper tried his hands at wide receiver. He's never wandered from the position. The Raiders, in essence, are getting an athlete whose entire life has prepared him to catch passes in the NFL.

"It's unusual when words like polished are thrown out," Oakland head coach Jack Del Rio said. "But that's what you see. He's been lined up all across the board: outside, both sides, inside in the slot, moved around, even lined up in the backfield some. He's been exposed to a lot and utilized a lot of different ways. He's run the entire route tree."

Cooper is fast (4.42 seconds in the 40-yard dash at the scouting combine), but there are other receivers in this draft who can outrace him. He has good size (6-foot-1, 211 pounds), but won't tower over most NFL cornerbacks.

What set Cooper apart were his technique, his "football IQ" (if you can pardon the cliché) and his college production, the latter being light years ahead of the Raiders' previous top-10 pick at wide receiver, Darrius Heyward-Bey in 2009.

Alabama has been known as a run-first team for ages, but head coach Nick Saban and offensive coordinator Lane Kiffin – remember him, Raiders fans? – changed the philosophy with Cooper in the arsenal. The Crimson Tide targeted the junior an astounding 178 times in 2014. Cooper caught 124 of those passes (best in the nation) for 1,727 yards (tops among draft-eligible players) and 16 touchdowns (ditto).

Sometimes the college receivers with the biggest numbers are products of their offenses. That doesn't seem to be the case with Cooper, who is beloved by most NFL analysts.

College Football Focus, which breaks down film of every FBS game, had this to say about Cooper: "He can use his hands at the line to defeat the jam and contact from defensive backs like it's already instinct. This is something most college receivers struggle with and it takes them a while to learn it in the NFL. Cooper is already a master."

CFF added this appraisal of Cooper's mental game: "He also shows a fantastic understanding of defenses and zone coverage, knowing exactly what he's looking at and when to throttle down to sit in an open space."

"I'm a wide receiver," Cooper said. "There are only two ways you can get open at wide receiver, your releases and the top of your route. The whole route-running process is really important. I just focus on it and try to be the best that I can at it so I can create as much separation as I can for my quarterback."

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In other words, Cooper is NFL-ready, maybe the most NFL-ready player on the entire board.

That's great news to new Raiders offensive coordinator Bill Musgrave, who is charged with adding some zip to an offense that ranked 26th in the NFL with 204.7 passing yards per game last season, 31st in scoring with 253 points and dead last with 30 completions of 20-plus yards.

Carr already had a stable of decent young receivers like Rod Streater, Andre Holmes, Brice Butler and tight end Mychal Rivera, and a proven newcomer in Michael Crabtree. But none of them is a clear No. 1 receiver. The Raiders hope they have found their top dog in Cooper.

The void he seeks to fill goes back for more than a decade. Oakland hasn't had a 1,000-yard receiver since Rice totaled 1,211 in 2002. That also happens to be the last time the Raiders made the playoffs.

The first two picks of this draft offered no surprises, with a pair of quarterbacks, Florida State's Jameis Winston and Oregon's Marcus Mariota, going to Tampa Bay and Tennessee, respectively. When the Jaguars took outside linebacker Dante Fowler at No. 3, the Raiders had at least a couple of strong possibilities: Cooper and Leonard Williams, the USC defensive lineman that some touted as the top talent in the draft.

Surprisingly, trading down might not have been much of an option. McKenzie said he got plenty of calls leading up to the draft, but none when the Raiders were on the clock.

To hear the general manager tell it, Williams wasn't strongly debated either. The Raiders had targeted Amari Cooper, just as his quarterbacks did 178 times last year.

THE SAN FRANCISCO EXAMINER

"Serious" Cooper will let actions speak

By Jack Ross

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After selecting Alabama wide receiver Amari Cooper with the No. 4 overall selection in this year's NFL draft, Raiders coach Jack Del Rio made little secret about his stoically confident approach.

"You'll see when he's here, he's very serious about football," Del Rio said. "Very business-like in his approach, a fairly quiet, soft-spoken young man, mature. Football is very important to him."

At his introduction in Alameda on Friday, Cooper backed up his new coach's words. With the franchise's three Vince Lombardi trophies at his back, and general manager Reggie McKenzie and Del Rio at his sides, perhaps the loudest thing about the 6-foot-1, 210-pound first-rounder was his deep-black, crushed-velvet blazer.

When pushed about whether playing in the NFL was the main dream he had growing up, Cooper replied with a simple "Yes."

Cooper's selection was followed by a pair of important early-round selections on Friday. In the second round, the Raiders selected defensive end Mario Edwards Jr., a 6-foot-3, 279-pound defensive end. The Florida State product was an All-ACC First Team and All-American selection in 2014, when he posted 11 tackles for a loss and three sacks. He had 89 tackles and eight sacks in his career.

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Edwards, who started as a true freshman in 2012, also brings a strong genetic pedigree. His father Mario played in the NFL from 2000 to 2005. But the player who will be counted on to make the most immediate impact is Cooper, who was reportedly the top prospect on a number of team's draft boards.

The 2014 Fred Biletnikoff Award-winner took questions for about 10 minutes on an array of topics, including a handful about his demeanor. At one point, he was even asked to speak up by a television videographer.

When asked how playing in the SEC translates into the NFL: "I really can't answer that, because I've never played in the NFL."

In fact, in many ways, the 20-year-old Miami native's matter-of-fact approach was by and large refreshingly truthful. He will wear the No. 19 jersey, which was worn by one-time Raiders wide receiver Randy Moss, whom he emulated as a kid.

And when asked specifically where his direct, "no-maintenance" approach came, he responded, "I'm really not sure. It's just how I've always been. It's really hard for me to answer that question."

Indeed, Cooper seems to save his loudest statements for the field, as evidenced by his 31 career touchdowns (most in SEC history) and 1,727 yards receiving in his junior campaign. It will be just fine for Raider fans should quarterback Derek Carr's new target bring that same level of production to O.co Coliseum next season.

"It seems like he can [run routes] with his eyes closed," McKenzie said. "He's exceptionally quick, fast and understands the game. You can tell the guy's been playing football and playing that position all his life. He's an extremely hard worker and you don't hear any negatives about this guy, so it's no wonder he's as good as he is because the intangibles outside of his skill set are extremely high."

Cooper joins newly signed Michael Crabtree in a revamped Raiders' receiving corps, alongside James Jones (team-high 73 catches last season) and Andre Holmes (team-leading 693 yards).

Although the franchise has not posted an 1,000 yard receiver since Moss in 2005 — Tim Brown, drafted in 1988, was the last Raiders draft pick to accomplish the feat — Carr now has a full-compliment of wideouts to potentially end that drought.

Starting with Cooper, who'll get his chance to show off his intensely business-like approach at practice in just a few short months.

"I just treat practice as if it's a game," Cooper said. "I try to visualize me running those routes in practice like I'm running them in the game, so I just take practice really serious. That's it."

That quality and deep dedication was certainly not lost on team management.

"I think that mindset he brings is one that we are building here in terms of understanding the correlation between practice and the performance you give during practice," Del Rio said. "Having a healthy appreciation of that is a good thing, and that we're working very hard to develop to make sure guys understand that."

DE MARIO EDWARDS JR.

CBS SPORTS

Mario Edwards, a likely first-rounder you're not seeing in many mock drafts

By Jason La Canfora

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It is inevitable, come the start of the NFL Draft on April 30, there will be a player or two selected in the first round who virtually no one was chattering about leading up to the event. There will be first-round picks who showed up on nary a mock draft, generated precious little buzz, who teams were loathe to speak about lest they give away a secret or two, and who many in the media overlooked.

In 2015, one such player could be Florida State junior defensive lineman Mario Edwards Jr. You won't find him projected high and he might have mediocre grades from some draft sites, but plenty of evaluators I trust believe he's a legit first-round talent. In fact, I wouldn't be shocked if this kid ends up going somewhere in the teens, depending on the first 10 picks.

Execs I know who've studied Edwards are very impressed with his athleticism. They project a pass rush at the next level, making him potentially much more impactful as a pro than in college, where he was first-team All-ACC in 2014. And in 2012 he was the only true freshman to start on the Seminoles' vaunted defense.

"Why aren't any of you guys writing about Mario Edwards?" one evaluator asked. "I look around the Internet at these mock drafts and I don't think I've seen him in the first round in one of them. He's not showing up in any of them. I think you're missing on him. He's going to surprise some people. I think he goes in the first round. In this [not overly talented] draft, he's definitely a first-rounder for me."

For what it's worth, in my years of dealing with this particular scout, he has been overwhelmingly right. He's a big reason why I called for Deone Buchannon going in the first round before last year's draft. The hard-hitting safety largely was considered a mid-round guy who ended up going 27th overall. And this phenomenon occurs seemingly every year, be it Bruce Irvin or Tyson Alualu or Kyle Long. It's part of the process, and reactions I got from some evaluators regarding Edwards was pretty telling.

Some were loathe to talk about him because, well, they would prefer I not write this column. They would prefer no one shine a light on Edwards. When the same names of defensive linemen show up over and over in mock drafts, you get a lot of smiles in the scouting community. They're perfectly fine with it. They don't want a lot of hype about a kid who they think may be falling through the cracks.

"Everybody [doing a mock draft] pretty much ends up with the same names, but in a different order," said another evaluator who doesn't believe his team is a great fit for Edwards but expects he goes high. "That's usually how it works. So why should I give you a name [outside that group]? Why would a team want to let you in on that? But, since you're asking me, do I think Edwards could be that kind of guy? You could be on to something there."

Edwards is raw, and had he stayed in school we might have heard a lot about him before the 2016 draft. But there is no denying the talent, some still untapped (that is the very nature of the draft -- projecting, projecting, projecting). His father was a star at FSU and played corner in the NFL. Edwards was considered perhaps the nation's best defender coming out of high school. He is strong and powerful at 6-feet-3, 279 pounds, and can

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play with burst and explosiveness. He could be a fit in a 3-4 or a 4-3 scheme, though the scouts I talked to saw him more projected as a 4-3 tackle and believe he will be more of a pass-rushing factor as he develops.

One evaluator who did extensive work on him thought Edwards should be one of the first three defensive linemen off the board, and attributed some overall dropoff in FSU's defense in 2014 to the loss of defensive coordinator Jeremy Pruitt (who left after their national title in 2013 to go to Georgia).

"There was a dropoff across the board from that defense, and a lot of it I think was from losing their coordinator," he said. "He was the man. But if you look at some of those kids over the last two or three years, man, there are a lot of players there. I think Edwards and [Seminoles defensive tackle Eddie] Goldman are first-rounders."

Within the Florida State program, Edwards was viewed as a difference maker still coming into his own. He picked up valuable scheme diversity having to work with three coordinators in three years -- all three coordinators speak very highly of Edwards, I'm told -- and someone who performed often selfless tasks in that defense at a very high level.

"There were some very high expectations on him coming as the No. 1 recruit in the nation, so I guess maybe to some on the outside it might seem like his numbers aren't huge or something like that," said someone who worked closely with him while at Florida State. "But if you evaluate his entire Florida State career, he played a very major role on a team that went 39-3 with him here, and that was just 9-4 the season before he and Jameis [Winston] got here.

"He has great leadership qualities. He was one of the most coachable kids you could work with. You could always count on him on the field and off the field. He did everything that was asked of him and expected of him. He was incredibly well-liked within the program. He's very comfortable with the professional game because of his legacy with his father playing in the NFL. He's built for the league and he will keep getting better."

Certain teams definitely seem to like Edwards more than others, including the Vikings, who pick No. 11 overall. That might be high for Edwards -- plenty of mocks have nose tackle Danny Shelton going there -- though I wouldn't rule it out. And if perhaps you see the Vikings trade down out of that spot, definitely keep an eye on Edwards as a target. It wouldn't shock me at all if the Bengals, 49ers, Cowboys, Lions, Seahawks or Browns invested a top pick in him.

He would fill a need with plenty of 3-4 teams as well, though some have said they aren't sure he would fit at defensive end and doubt he could move to outside linebacker. Others believe he could play inside in a 3-4 in certain packages. Regardless, he has people talking, or perhaps whispering. His 4.74 time in the 40 and video of him doing a standing backflip -- at 300 pounds! -- and his athletic prowess are very difficult to ignore.

Personally, I won't consider it a surprise if he ends up going somewhere between 11th and 19th. After reading this, I suppose neither should you. I assure you in some draft meetings and war rooms, it won't be looked at as a stunner, either, if things play out that way.

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Can slimmer, motivated Mario Edwards Jr. convince NFL he's first-round material?

By Jared Shanker

April 27, 2015

The morning of the NFL draft, Mario Edwards Jr. will look at himself in the mirror, just as he's done every morning since declaring for the draft. He'll pose a question to his reflection, knowing he doesn't have a satisfying answer.

"Why did I take so long?"

The former Florida State defensive lineman, who entered the draft after his junior season, is 6-foot-3 and weighs 279 pounds and is in such good shape he spent pro day wearing the football equivalent of spandex. It's a stark contrast to where he was less than a year ago.

The last draft-eligible No. 1 high school prospect was Jadeveon Clowney, who was drafted first overall in 2014. Edwards, who succeeded Clowney as ESPN RecruitingNation's No. 1 recruit, isn't following the same trajectory. Instead, Edwards' name draws varying opinions. There's talk of him sneaking into the second half of the first round or falling all the way to the end of the second day.

NFL front offices have to ask why it took so long for Edwards, who ballooned to 310 pounds at FSU, to turn himself into the player people expected -- and whether the change is permanent.

"In order for me to be great, I've got to take care of my body," Edwards said. "The 310, it's a closed chapter."

Edwards' reputation preceded him when he arrived at Florida State in 2012. He was described as a pass-rusher with first-step quickness who also possessed the power to play defensive tackle. The Seminoles had aspirations of competing for a national championship, and the decorated recruit was expected to contribute. Unprepared and overweight, though, he would have redshirted if not for an injury to a starter.

Part of the problem was he always ate until he felt full. It might take a bucket of hot wings or a burrito bowl with quadruple meat and three tacos to do that. That would be lunch, and he'd reorder it in the evening for dinner.

Teammates cracked fat jokes, but it didn't faze Edwards. Even at 300 pounds, he could still do standing back flips. The problem, he said, was he couldn't sustain his performance all four quarters. His weight caused him to wilt.

"I couldn't blame anybody but myself," he said.

The other problem was the hype and publicity, said Edwards' father, Mario Sr., who has coached his son the last six years -- the last three as Florida State's director of development.

"I think he had the big head, because all his life he's been more talented than most guys he faced. Like a lot of kids, he felt like he already arrived," Mario Sr. said. "Being humbled and not realizing I'm not the big dog on the block anymore, it was the wake-up call he needed."

"The seed needed to be watered and nourished, and it blossomed into something beautiful."

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As a sophomore, Edwards showed flashes of brilliance and dominated in the 2013 national championship. This past season, Edwards was voted a team captain. His numbers aren't staggering when compared to those of other linemen, but his role as a 3-4 defensive end differed play to play, a team-oriented role he learned to relish.

"I was an all-about-me player and not about the team," Edwards said, "and I had to learn it wasn't about me and support my teammates. I'm the guy that does my job that you don't have to worry about."

Still, NFL teams will worry. In pre-draft workouts, Edwards outperformed most other linemen and was one of the biggest risers to come from the combine. But central to the pre-draft process is convincing teams the weight will stay off. Edwards weighed 276 pounds at the Rose Bowl and 272 at pro day. He's at 279 now. That question is put to bed, he said.

Training with EXOS, a health and performance consulting company, Edwards worked with dietician and performance nutritionist Bob Calvin. Calvin said Edwards was motivated to change his eating habits, which consisted of about 80 percent of his calories coming from poor food choices.

Calvin heard all the right things from Edwards, but he still had to see whether Edwards was applying it. One of the ways Calvin gauges a player's level of sincerity is if they're eating vegetables at breakfast and eschewing sugary drinks for water. That's exactly what Edwards was doing on a daily basis, and he was ending nights with Caesar salads and sweet potatoes.

"He made upgrades in his habits and saw the rewards and benefits," Calvin said.

Weekdays at EXOS before the draft have also consisted of four workouts. Edwards was in the top linemen group, joined by potential first-round picks Dante Fowler Jr., Cam Erving and D.J. Humphries. Edwards said he wasn't the quintessential teammate early in his Florida State career, but EXOS performance specialist Stefan Underwood said he has been a valuable asset in group settings during training.

"He elevated the people around him," Underwood said. "He was there to work and brought a business mentality."

Because of his size, Edwards is being looked at as a 4-3 defensive end -- he said he'll play end in either scheme or even stand up as a linebacker -- which means he'll have to improve his pass rush. For the past month, Edwards has worked with three-time Pro Bowl left tackle Tra Thomas.

Edwards and Thomas worked on the rookie's stance and spin moves. The two watched film and Thomas offered insight into the tricks that annoy offenses most. There was no lack of motivation, Thomas said.

"He'll give a lot of O-linemen fits," Thomas said. "He's going to be a huge success."

On draft morning, Edwards might not have an answer for himself when he looks in the mirror, but he knows the person staring back is here to stay.

How does he know?

"I love what I see in the morning now."

QB CODY FAJARDO

THE ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER

Former Servite/Nevada star Cody Fajardo plays underdog role in NFL draft

By Dan Albano

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Cody Fajardo kept the list ready in college.

While at Nevada, the four-year starting quarterback remembered the schools that snubbed him during recruiting when he was coming out of Servite High. He made it a personal challenge to play well against those teams to prove they made a mistake.

"I got a lot of teams to say, 'I don't know why we didn't we recruit you,'" he recalled.

Fajardo might start another list Saturday during the NFL draft, though he hopes it doesn't grow too long. His dream is to be drafted but he's entering the weekend with guarded optimism.

A draft party in Orange County, for example, is pending the outcome.

Fajardo's prospects generate mixed reviews. His closest football supporters believe he will get drafted in rounds 4-7 on Saturday while draft analyst Matt Miller of Bleacher Report said he won't be drafted and instead become a "priority free agent." The NFL.com mock draft also didn't list Fajardo.

But this much is certain: Fajardo's underdog story, which includes a strong sense of faith, will continue beyond this weekend. The lightly recruited high school senior, who in 2009 helped Servite beat Mater Dei for the first time since 1988, is now eager to prove himself one more time.

"When I watch the draft, all the teams that do pass me, I may just write them down and when we do play against them, (I'll) just kind of feel a little better afterward," he said. "The more people that doubt me, the more fire it just lights underneath me."

TRAINING TIME

Fajardo's desire to succeed in the NFL quickly surfaced after his senior season at Nevada.

He spent January and most of February training under the tutelage of quarterback guru Bill Cunerty and the EXOS training program run out of StubHub Center in Carson.

Cunerty, the former Saddleback College football coach, has prepped quarterbacks for the NFL Scouting Combine for the past 13 years. One of his ex-students is Stanford product Andrew Luck, now with the Colts.

Cunerty trained Fajardo and fellow quarterback prospect Brett Hundley of UCLA this year. The day-long sessions focused on technique and film sessions in a classroom setting.

Fajardo operated from the shotgun in the pistol offense at Nevada, so his footwork on drops under center has been a focus. Cunerty also emphasized the ability to verbalize defensive reads.

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Cunerty emerged from the sessions impressed with Fajardo.

“The work ethic is Cody’s ace in the hole,” he said. “No one is going to outwork him.”

Fajardo also trained with Orange County’s Steve Calhoun, another noted private quarterback coach who has worked with NFL passers such as EJ Manuel of the Bills and Nick Foles of the Rams.

Calhoun ran Fajardo’s pro day at Nevada that attracted about a dozen professional scouts, including one from Canada. Fajardo also interviewed with about 25 teams at the combine and performed a private workout for the Eagles before they signed Tim Tebow.

“I’m pretty anxious, pretty excited,” Fajardo said of the draft. “The hardest part about it is that I have no idea what’s going to go on. I put my best foot forward. I felt I performed well at the combine, helped myself at the pro day.”

Calhoun said Fajardo showed a strong and accurate arm at his pro day and good footwork under center.

“He answered all the questions they (scouts) had,” Calhoun said. “He reminds me a lot of Russell Wilson.”

Fajardo’s speed certainly helps in those comparisons. He clocked a 4.63 in the 40-yard dash at the combine in February, tying Hundley for fourth-fastest among quarterbacks.

Fajardo used his speed to rush for 3,482 career yards and 44 TDs at Nevada but also passed for another 9,659 yards and 57 TDs. Those numbers aren’t too far off Colin Kaepernick’s production at Nevada. The 49ers quarterback was a senior at Nevada when Fajardo redshirted.

Fajardo even hired the same agent as Kaepernick, Jason Bernstein.

“His success in the NFL has really helped me draw interest from other teams,” Fajardo said of Kaepernick. “(Teams) can see that guys can transition from Nevada, playing in the pistol offense.”

Miller said he believes Fajardo won’t be drafted partially because of his size (6-foot-1 1/2, 223 pounds) and passing abilities. But Cunerty praised Fajardo’s throwing technique and readiness for the sometimes-chaotic nature of playing quarterback in the NFL.

“Cody is not a kid who panics,” Cunerty said. “He’s a tough guy.”

KEEP THE FAITH

For all his preparation for the NFL draft, Fajardo can’t be defined by football. The first word on his Twitter bio provides a clue: Catholic.

Fajardo, 23, said his Catholic faith continued to grow while at Nevada. He helped organize pregame masses for the football team, began speaking with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and recently shared his faith with church groups in Reno and Sparks, Nev.

The path, he said, was laid for him at Servite.

“They shaped my faith,” he said. “The one thing I would love to do is come back and coach at Servite.”

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Fajardo said his talks to church groups focus on maintaining faith during adversity and avoiding negative opinions on social media.

“I learned to stay off social media and just go through my text messages because those are the people who will support you,” he said.

When it comes to the NFL draft this weekend, Fajardo will follow players from the small schools or lower-profile conferences.

“I always root for the underdog,” he said. “That’s kind of who I am.”

G/C JON FELICIANO

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Miami OL Feliciano has found his way home

By Andrea Adelson

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He had no home. Scratch that. Technically, he had a home, but it was condemned. So he bounced around here and there, staying with his best friend or his girlfriend. On days he felt too proud to ask for another favor, he went back to the condemned house, with no water or power. He just needed a place to fall asleep.

All those nights he had nothing, Jon Feliciano thought about football. He thought about the University of Miami, the only place he ever wanted to go to college. Somehow, he thought, I have to get there. Football will get me there.

Never mind that Miami had never shown any interest in him, even though he went to high school in Davie, Florida, 40 minutes north of the campus. If Feliciano wanted to change his fate, he would have to do it himself.

So he and his high school football coach, Rashad West, arrived at Lockhart Stadium in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, for the 2008 Miami spring game with a plan.

A junior offensive lineman at the time, the 6-foot-4, 280-pound Feliciano put together a highlight tape to hand-deliver to the coach recruiting his area, Tommie Robinson. Feliciano and West initially wanted to sneak down to the field when the game ended, but there were too many people to make it far. Feliciano was crushed.

West, familiar with the stadium layout, knew where the Miami buses would be parked. He drove Feliciano to the back of the stadium, where they waited for the team to emerge. When Robinson came out, Feliciano gave him the tape.

"You pass the eyeball test," Robinson told him. "I'll watch your highlight tape, and we'll see how it goes."

The fact that Feliciano could run, let alone play football, should be regarded as a minor miracle. He was born breech and with a foot deformity that required braces, or "magic shoes," as his mother called them. For two years, he wore the braces. Doctors told Alicia Feliciano that her son would never play sports. She told the doctors they would be wrong. She spent hours pulling on his legs, willing them to work, massaging his feet until her hands hurt.

Her youngest son, Christopher, had even more health problems. He was born deaf and requiring a feeding tube and heart monitors. Her marriage deteriorated, and she got divorced when her three sons were still young. She wanted to move far away, so she left her family and home in New York with \$300 in her pocket and a car worth \$200 and headed to Florida.

She never had a steady job but made ends meet, always making sure her children were clean and fed. When she worked nights, Jon would take care of his little brother, cooking him dinner or helping with homework. His older brother was not always around, so it was up to Jon to be the man of the house.

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When Jon was in eighth grade, Alicia developed breast cancer. She kept her diagnosis a secret because she did not want her sons to worry. She went to treatments alone and would come home with a smile, tuck her kids into bed and then scream in pain through the night. When Jon asked what was wrong, she claimed she was watching a scary movie.

When she lost her hair, Jon asked why she wore a wig. She told him her hairdresser was at fault. But after a few months, Alicia finally broke down.

"She told me, 'I've had breast cancer the last few months, but I'm OK,'" Jon said. "I was like, 'Thanks, Mom. I would have liked to know that a few months ago. I could have helped you.' She just didn't want me to worry about her."

Jon wanted to quit school to take care of her. His mother was outraged.

"Never say that again," she told him.

Jon always loved football, but he could not afford to play in the local Optimist league. Even if he had the money, he had no way to get there. Instead, he grew up idolizing Ray Lewis and Sean Taylor and dreamed about playing tight end for the Canes.

The summer before his freshman year of high school, a friend asked him to go check out football practice. They rode their bikes over to the field. The coaches took one look at Jon and told him, "You're going to play football."

He began to excel on the field and on the basketball court -- his first love -- but at home his mother was struggling to pay the bills. Sometimes the water and electricity would be turned off. She had a generator for food and one light. They would sometimes sleep at a cousin's house or in their car.

Jon was too proud to tell his coaches what was happening at home; his mother was too proud to ask anybody for help. She wanted to provide for her children, but she no longer could when Jon was a junior and their house was condemned.

She took Jon to lunch and delivered the news.

"I was really upset about it, but I didn't want to let my mother or younger brother know how much it was bothering me," Jon said. "My mom was very upset, crying. She would always say, 'I don't want to be a bad mother,' and I'd tell her, 'Mom, you're not a bad mother. It's not your fault.' I didn't want to put more pressure on my mother with me being upset or letting her know I was upset. I tried to stay strong for my family."

She wanted him to move back to New York with her and Christopher. Jon thought it would be best if he stayed in Florida and kept playing football, hoping to get a scholarship. Alicia reluctantly agreed.

"Promise me you'll go to school and become somebody," she told him.

He promised.

When she left, Jon spent as much time at school as possible, arriving first thing in the morning and staying until the last person left.

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"I would just focus on school and playing football and playing basketball. Those things kept me away from everything. But there were times I didn't know what house I'd be able to stay at," he said. "It was challenging looking back at it, but I really just try to think about the positives. If I can get through this, I don't think there will be anything in my life harder to get through."

Jon freely admits he gets his pride from his mother. Pride kept him from giving West or his basketball coach, Steve Todd, any indication that something was wrong at home. He wanted to try to manage on his own.

"He never let on how bad it may have been," West said. "There are some things I'm finding out now that you had a clue about but you didn't know to what extreme."

Shortly after Feliciano delivered his highlight tape to Robinson, Miami called and invited him on an unofficial visit.

Feliciano and his mother, in town from New York at the time, went down to Coral Gables. Everything was how he envisioned, from the coaching staff to the facilities to the campus and community. They left, not knowing what to expect as they drove to a friend's house.

Then the phone rang. It was Miami offensive line coach Jeff Stoutland.

"Jon, we want to offer you a scholarship to the University of Miami," he said.

"OK," Feliciano said. "I'm going to commit right now."

"Are you sure?" Stoutland asked. "Do you want to talk to your mom about it?"

Feliciano turned to his mother.

"Mom," he said. "I'm committing to Miami."

She cried.

"Since he was 6 years old, all he ever said was, 'I want to go to that team, Mom!'" she recalled. "He doesn't even remember being in braces, but I always said to him, 'You're going to do it, Jon!' And he did it."

Shortly after, Alicia moved back to Florida with her parents, who bought a house for them to live in. A year later, Jon arrived at Miami, but he started doubting whether he belonged. The plan was to redshirt, so he played on the scout team every day, facing stronger guys like Sean Spence, Colin McCarthy and Marcus Forston -- all in the NFL now.

Then Randy Shannon and his staff were fired. Al Golden came in with a new offensive line coach. Feliciano had no idea what to expect. After the first spring, he went in for his exit interview with Golden.

"Jon, you have four more years. Do you know how good a player you're going to be?" Golden said.

Feliciano looked at him and thought, "Do you see what I see?"

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Golden saw much more. "He's tough, he's durable, and he's versatile, and that's a great combination to have," Golden said. "You could see early on that he was a very humble kid from a humble background, lunch-pail ethic, and [he was] grateful for the opportunity to be here."

Feliciano worked harder than he ever had that summer and used Christopher as inspiration. He had no reason to be down, not when he was playing the game his brother never could.

When fall camp opened, Feliciano competed for a starting job. He made his first career start at left guard, as a redshirt freshman, against Ohio State in 2011.

Feliciano has started 38 games since then while facing even more difficulty at home. Alicia was diagnosed with cancer again several years ago and had her uterus removed. She asked the coaches not to tell Jon, but they thought he already knew.

Jon wanted to go back home to help her, but Alicia refused, adamant that he finish college.

"I've been through a lot," she told him. "What I deserve is for you to stay in school."

In May, Feliciano became the first person in his family to graduate from college. His father, who has maintained a presence in Jon's life, flew down from New York for the ceremony, attending with his brothers, grandparents and, of course, Alicia, grateful to be alive to see Jon walk across the stage.

"Of all the kids who had a reason to go the other way, he is one of them," said West, his high school football coach. "But he didn't. We always say it's a great story. It could be made into a movie."

Jon and Alicia struggle to reveal all the details of their past, but it has shaped them both.

"It just taught me to be strong," Jon says. "No matter what you're going through, you'll get through it if you keep a positive attitude and work hard. Everything will be all right."

Turns out everything is more than all right. Feliciano has a football career, a college degree and a future. He has his family.

He has a home.

WR JOSH HARPER

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Harpers keep it all in the family

By Bill Williamson

May 7, 2015

On Saturday afternoon, the large gathering at the Harper family draft party was getting a little uneasy.

Smooth, productive Fresno State receiver Josh Harper -- the youngest of former San Francisco 49ers Super Bowl-winning linebacker Willie Harper's nine children -- surprisingly went undrafted. There were plenty of questions, but no answers.

Then telephone began to ring and the after-draft game was on. Teams were calling to try to secure Harper as a priority free agent. His older sister, Qiava Harper, didn't say anything. She just sat and hoped.

Then it happened. Josh Harper, listed by ESPN draft analyst Todd McShay as the sixth best available undrafted free agent, agreed to terms with the Oakland Raiders, reuniting with his college quarterback, Derek Carr, who is entering his second season with the Raiders. Harper had 79 catches for 1,011 yards and 13 touchdowns at Fresno State in 2013 with Carr at the helm.

Qiava Harper gathered her thoughts, then went to her brother's room to congratulate him and welcome him to her NFL family.

"Then I went out and cried a little," said Harper, who is the vice president of premium seating and services for the Raiders.

Just like that, Harper will now be selling luxury boxes for people to see her brother try to score touchdowns. Harper played it straight during the entire process. She never talked to the team's decision-makers about her brother before the draft and she didn't try to sway her brother's decision when he was on his own clock.

"My baby brother is joining the (Raider) Nation. I couldn't be more proud," Qiava Harper said. "I never mentioned anything. I was just being supportive. But I'm glad he made the right decision."

Harper, who has another brother, Matthew, who is an assistant coach with the Philadelphia Eagles, was overwhelmed by all the well wishes and congratulations she received from co-workers when she showed up for work Monday.

One visitor stood out: Raiders Hall of Fame cornerback Willie Brown, who still works for the team. He visited Harper's office to remind her that it doesn't matter if a player is drafted or not, what matters is seizing the opportunity. Brown originally came into the league as an undrafted free agent with the Houston Oilers of the American Football League in 1963.

Qiava Harper enjoyed last year when the Raiders drafted Carr, her brother's former teammate. It just got better.

"It must be God's plan. We're all here -- Derek, myself and now my brother," Qiava Harper said. "It's amazing."

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There also potential for in-office family bantering during the season. One of the ticket-office employees, Warren Verrett, is the older brother of Jason Verrett. He is a standout second-year cornerback with the AFC West rival San Diego Chargers, who conceivably could be covering Qiava's baby brother twice a season for the next several years.

LB BEN HEENEY

USA TODAY

Accident teaches Kansas linebacker Ben Heeney a lesson

By Ben Heeney (via Tom Pelissero)

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USA TODAY Sports has assembled a talented team of prospects to chronicle their paths to the NFL draft. Today's entry is from Kansas linebacker Ben Heeney, who had 127 tackles and earned first-team all-Big 12 honors as a senior in 2014 and was a top performer at the combine.

My grandparents have a lake house at Table Rock Lake in Missouri. We always go up there during the summertime and get on the boat and have fun. It's also the place I almost died.

It was the summer between sophomore and junior year. My uncle was driving the boat. I was on the tube with my brother. We hit a big wave or something, and I got thrown off. The boat was circling around to come get me, and when they throttled down to pick me up, the propeller wasn't all the way off and it sucked me underneath the boat.

The propeller sliced my left leg open. It was probably like an inch away from my artery. If it would've hit that, I would've died within minutes. Then it flipped me over onto my side and it got me on my butt, too. The deepest laceration was on my thigh. It was really deep. When I pulled myself onto the boat, they said it looked like a raw steak hanging out. It was pretty gross.

They elevated my leg and tied it off with the towel to stop the bleeding. Surprisingly, it didn't really bleed that much, because all the blood's in that artery. We didn't have a cell phone on the boat, so we just pulled up to a random dock and everyone – my parents, my cousins, my brother, my Nana and my uncle and my aunts – was screaming, 'Call 911! Call 911!'

I think I was in shock, because it didn't really hurt that bad. But it took 30 minutes for the ambulance to get there and another 30 minutes to get to the hospital, and the only thing that was going through my head was football. I didn't think I was going to be able to play.

Hutchinson, which is where I'm from in Kansas, had a rivalry with this other school called Rockhurst. My sophomore year, we lost. I had to play my junior year. That was the only concern I had: playing against Rockhurst.

Nobody thought I was going to be back. It was like six weeks from the injury to the first game. But I recovered really fast, went through all my treatment and rehab and I was ready to play. I still don't have feeling in my left leg, in my thigh area. It has nerve damage. But it's not even an issue anymore when I'm on the field. Even the scar is going away.

I definitely would call it a near-death experience. If it would've hit an artery, I would've bled out for sure. It just makes you think. Anything can happen. One second, everything's good and the next second, you can get your leg split open. That definitely changed my perspective on living for the moment and never taking anything for granted.

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My pro day last week was good. I didn't really do much. I did my bench press again – still stuck on 19 reps, even though I got 21 like a week before in training – and then I just did position work on the field. One of the coaches from the Cowboys was running drills. All the coaches said they liked what they saw and my position drills were good.

I just had a private workout Friday morning with the New England Patriots. They sent Bill Belichick's son, Steve Belichick, who's on staff there. It was just a quick, 20-minute workout on the field and then we went inside and watched film. I have another workout coming up Tuesday with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Other than that, I'm just continuing to work out and chilling, playing some Minecraft on Xbox One. All the big stuff is out of the way now. Teams just tell me to keep doing what I'm doing. I'm not a guy they have to worry about having issues. I've just got to wait until the draft.

NFL draft diary: Kansas' Ben Heeney hoping game similar to Luke Kuechly's

By Ben Heeney (via Tom Pelissero)

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USA TODAY Sports has assembled a talented team of prospects to chronicle their paths to the NFL draft. Today's entry is from Kansas linebacker Ben Heeney, the bearded "diabolical defender" who had 127 tackles and earned first-team all-Big 12 honors as a senior in 2014.

The culture at Hutchinson High School in Kansas was we won football games. I won three state championships in my four years there. My dad and both of my uncles were on the baseball team at KU, and my mom was in a sorority there, so I basically came out of the womb a Jayhawk. When they offered me a scholarship, I accepted it on the spot.

I was still baby-faced back in high school. But I grew a beard in college, and I liked the way it looked. It never really caught on until my junior year. That's when everyone started recognizing me for my beard. There were people in the stands at games that would have Duck Dynasty beards, Halloween costume beards.

Everyone always thinks the beard's hot and itchy on the field but, honestly, it's not. I think it's comfortable. It's a little bit of extra padding. And it's not like (Colts quarterback) Andrew Luck's, which is a little gross. I keep mine shaped up. I have a guy in Lawrence that I go to every time. Actually, here at 8 o'clock, I have a guy coming over to my little condo in Pensacola, Fla., to trim it for me.

The "Captain Heeney" website started my senior year. That's run by the KU athletics department. Before the season started, the lady that deals with all the media had this idea, basically to give me some added exposure I guess. I'm not a big showboating kind of guy, so it's not really my style. But it was cool to have them recognize me by that.

As a player, I think I'm a fast learner. I'd never played linebacker until college. I thought I was going to play running back. Coach Turner Gill and his staff recruited me basically as an athlete. They didn't know where I was going to play. But when coach Charlie Weis and his staff got hired, they needed a middle linebacker. And I was the best guy, so they just stuck me in there, and I didn't lose the spot.

I don't know what these NFL teams think about me, so I don't want to speak for them. But I'll type my name in Twitter just to see what pops up, and it seems like a lot of people think I don't have very good athleticism, which is definitely not true. I think I'm very athletic. I'm hoping to show the scouts and coaches at the combine that all my times should be pretty good. I'm hoping to be in the top of the linebackers when I go there.

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I don't think my "lack of size" is going to have any hindrance on my ability to play in the NFL, either. I think the game's changed a lot in recent years. If you look back, the traditional linebacker was 6-4, 250 or 260 pounds and just a humongous guy. But it's more of a passing league now, and I think the smaller, quicker guys are being really productive — Luke Kuechly and guys like that. I think my game's similar to his, and I think I'll do fine.

I didn't come from a background of a single-parent household. I didn't grow up in poverty. I don't have a story where it's like, 'Wow, this guy overcame so much.' I'm just a guy that wakes up in the morning, and I want to be better than everybody else. I want to be the best that I can be. Ever since I was a little kid, I've always been the best player on my team no matter what sport it is. If I lose in video games or I lose in a game of checkers, I'm pissed off.

I want to be great. I'm a competitor. I'm a winner, I'd like to say. We didn't do much of it at KU, but I leave my heart and my soul out on the field after every single game, and I think anyone that has seen me play can tell you that's true.

BLEACHER REPORT

Kansas LB Ben Heeney Overcoming “Misconceptions,” Challenges Entering NFL Draft

By Dan Hope

March 7, 2015

Anyone who paid attention to the 2015 NFL Scouting Combine knows that Ben Heeney is a great athlete.

The Kansas linebacker's times topped the charts among all linebackers in Indianapolis in each of the combine's three measurable agility drills. Heeney completed the three-cone drill in 6.68 seconds, the 20-yard shuttle in four seconds flat and the 60-yard shuttle in 11.06 seconds.

Heeney utilized that athleticism to rack up 335 total tackles, including 35.5 tackles for loss, in his four-year Kansas career. He was a first-team all-Big 12 selection in 2014, and a second-team all-Big 12 player in 2013 and 2012.

Yet even with his production and accolades, Heeney was not widely recognized as a great athlete until he proved it by running fast times—also including a 4.59-second 40-yard dash—in Under Armour and shorts at Lucas Oil Stadium.

“He’s just a lot better pure athlete than people have ever given him credit for,” Kansas assistant head coach/defensive coordinator Clint Bowen said in an interview with Bleacher Report. “I sang that song all season. Everyone was trying to say that he was a old-school, throwback Mike linebacker and I was like ‘No, he’s not.’ He’s a modern-day, fast, athletic linebacker, and everyone wanted to compare him to something that he wasn’t.”

Heeney, like his coach, believes that “there’s been a big misconception” about his ability to move.

“I don’t know what the reason behind it is, but I think hopefully [my combine performance] just shows scouts I’m athletic, I’ve got good burst and change-of-direction,” Heeney told B/R. “My numbers speak for themselves: I’m very quick, I’m explosive, I’m a sideline-to-sideline guy.”

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Matt Miller, Bleacher Report's NFL Draft Lead Writer, agrees that Heeney is a "great athlete."

"Really fluid moving laterally and can chase down quarterbacks and running backs," Miller said of Heeney's game. "He's even agile enough to drop into a Cover 2 in my opinion."

Bleacher Report Featured Columnist and former NFL defensive end Ryan Riddle further quantified Heeney's athleticism by determining him to be the fastest/most agile prospect per pound at this year's combine, according to his Dynamic Speed Average with Weightformula.

"Heeney is the best version of a sideline-to-sideline player I've seen in this draft, perhaps aside from [UCLA linebacker] Eric Kendricks," Riddle said. "Incredible closing speed."

It might not have been recognized before, but it's certainly agreed upon now that Heeney has the speed and all-around movement skills that NFL teams covet at the linebacker position.

In spite of his athletic exploits, it's no guarantee that Heeney will be selected before the late rounds of this year's draft. Even after the combine, Heeney is continuing to fly under the radar—perhaps, in part, because he played on a team that didn't get much national attention during his collegiate career.

The Best Player on a Bad Team

It's a good thing for Heeney that linebackers (unlike quarterbacks) are not frequently linked with their teams' records as prospects. During Heeney's four years in Lawrence, the Jayhawks just won nine of the 48 games they played.

As a result, Heeney's play never got much recognition outside the Big 12. In fact, the most attention Kansas and its defense got in his senior season came when Oklahoma freshman running back Samaje Perine went for 427 rushing yards—the most ever in a Football Bowl Subdivision game—in an embarrassing afternoon for the Jayhawks.

Playing on a bad unit—one that ranked 109th in the FBS in total defense and 106th in scoring defense in 2014—has not helped Heeney in terms of his perception as he stacks up with the other linebackers vying for selections in the 2015 NFL draft.

The defense's struggles as a whole, however, are not necessarily a reflection on Heeney.

Bowen, who served as Kansas' interim head coach for the final eight games of this past season, said Heeney brought a different attitude to the field than many of his teammates.

"There's a lot of kids that, and a lot of people, that will accept losing," Bowen said. "And when you're losing, the guys that are on the edge, it pushes them over the edge to where losing is OK and excuse-making becomes OK, whereas you have a handful of guys like Ben Heeney that they're never going to accept that. They're never going to accept getting beat and they're a rare breed, but it's extremely difficult."

It has not helped the Jayhawks' cause that they have had regular turnover on their coaching staff since Mark Mangino resigned in 2009. Heeney, in his time at Kansas, had three different head coaches: Turner Gill in his freshman year, then Charlie Weis until he was fired four games into last season and replaced by Bowen.

"I had three head coaches in my four years here, I had three defensive coordinators, I had three different position coaches," Heeney said. "None of the circumstances that I was playing with were beneficial."

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When dealing with changes to the coaching staff and subsequently the team's defensive system, "you never really get comfortable," Heeney said.

"I love the school, I love my teammates and all that stuff, but I didn't really reap many benefits from my success personally while being here just because our team struggled so much," Heeney admitted. "I wouldn't trade my time here for anything, I love my teammates and everyone I've met down here, but I'm definitely ready to take the next step in my career."

Notwithstanding the tumult within the Kansas program, Heeney still had a great collegiate career, by any measure, at least from an individual standpoint. Heeney's ability to do so, overcoming adversity, "goes back to what's inside of him," according to Bowen.

"Ben truly is a guy that when things go bad, for him or his team, he legitimately gets pissed off," Bowen said.

Bowen compared Heeney's desire to win to that of an all-time sports great.

"You read the story [of] Michael Jordan not wanting to lose a card game, well that's what Ben does," Bowen said. "He doesn't want to lose. So regardless of what was going on around him, when he stepped on the field, it was time to go."

A two-year team captain, according to Kansas' official website, Heeney is a competitor who lets his play do the talking, according to Bowen.

"He brings it every single day," Bowen said of Heeney. "He's not a rah-rah, vocal leader type guy. He doesn't have a problem communicating with guys to voice what needs to get done, but his leadership style is based on the guy shows up and practices as hard as anybody in our program practices, every single day. He is a true live wire every day and I think the other guys on the team see that, when you're in a practice and the best player on the team is also the guy playing the hardest on the team."

Heeney's competitive desire, in conjunction with his athleticism, should give him a chance to make his mark in the NFL, where he will be surrounded by significantly more talent than he had around him at Kansas. That said, there are still some concerns that teams might have about projecting him to be a core player on an NFL defense.

Can Heeney Be an NFL Starting Linebacker?

A staple on special teams at Kansas, and also when he went to this year's East-West Shrine Game, Heeney's most immediate opportunity to make a name for himself in the NFL will likely be on kickoff and punt coverage units.

"I think that's where I'm probably most likely going to start is special teams, at least at the very beginning," Heeney said. "There's a lot of guys that don't want to be on special teams, but for me, I welcome it and I want to make plays on special teams."

But while some scouts might foresee Heeney as a special teams contributor only, and not as a player who will be a regular factor on defense, Heeney believes that is another misconception about his skill set.

"A lot of people think I will only be a special teams guy. And that's not my goal, that's not my aspiration, I want to be the guy, I want to be a starter, I want to contribute on defense, which I think I'm going to do," Heeney said.

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Riddle, who recently included Heeney on his list of mid-round prospects with Pro Bowl potential, thinks that Heeney “has the potential to become one of the best non-rush LBs in this draft class.”

“He is solid in coverage (from what I saw) and certainly has the athleticism to stay in the hip pocket of some of the best athletes the NFL has to offer,” Riddle said. “Any situation where you turn him loose and allow him to chase down ball carriers, he will succeed.”

Heeney thinks he can play numerous positions—“whatever a coach wants me to play”—in any defensive scheme.

But while Heeney played middle linebacker at Kansas, Bowen acknowledged that Heeney’s size limitations, at 6’0” and 231 pounds, could make him a poor fit for that position in the NFL.

“I hate to say it, but I think he’s probably more of a Will linebacker on a 4-3 team that can line up behind the 3-technique and get protected a little bit, because he’s not a big guy, and he’s not a long guy.” Bowen said.

It’s evident, even at the collegiate level, that Heeney can be enveloped by bigger blockers.

Miller, who ranked Heeney 185th on his post-combine big board, has some other concerns with the prospect’s game.

“The issue I saw with him was a lot of missed tackles and some bad angles to the ball,” Miller said. “He’ll get tied up by blockers and sometimes still create the play, but he’s not a finisher.”

According to a scouting report by NFL.com’s Lance Zierlein, Heeney was “the college football leader in missed tackles in 2014.”

For Heeney to make good upon his objective of becoming an NFL starting linebacker, he will have to capitalize upon all the playmaking opportunities he can get.

To do so, Bowen thinks Heeney, given his ability to fly around the field, “just needs to slow down a little bit.”

“He is an ultra-aggressive guy so sometimes he’ll get a little too jumpy and go somewhere a little too fast and has a tendency to maybe get himself out of position,” Bowen said. “He’s a heat-and-feet-type guy, he wanted to see and go get it, and sometimes, he would run himself out of things.”

Like most draft prospects, Heeney is a player with strengths and weaknesses who is likely to have a varied range of grades from NFL teams. He could end up being a surprise early-round draft pick, given his athletic traits and collegiate production, but he could also end up falling into the draft’s later rounds because of the areas in which he must improve to be a regular contributor at linebacker.

What should be widely expected of “Captain Heeney,” who was labeled as a superhero during his years at Kansas, is that he is a motivated, self-confident player who will give his all in his effort to not only make the roster of his NFL team, but to be a difference-maker.

“I like to see myself as a playmaker,” Heeney said. “I go on the field and I make plays. I’ve got a motor that doesn’t stop, I’m going to give 100 percent on every play and I’m just a really hard worker and a good leader.”

LB KHALIL MACK

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Khalil Mack is busy paving a path to stardom

By Jeffri Chadiha

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Khalil Mack's eyes narrowed as he crouched into a two-point stance in early September. Standing across from the Oakland Raiders outside linebacker was Houston Texans Pro Bowl left tackle Duane Brown, a 6-foot-4, 320-pound mammoth of a blocker eager to test a first-year player in a game that was quickly turning into a Houston blowout. But as soon as Brown fired across the line of scrimmage after the snap, the 6-3, 252-pound Mack deftly slid away from the oncoming lineman, then easily tackled Texans running back Alfred Blue for no gain.

A few plays later, Mack was even more determined, as he noticed Texans backup tight end Ryan Griffin lining up across from him. I played against this guy in college, Mack thought to himself. If he's out here, I know I can play this game at a high level. Mack easily tossed Griffin aside on a couple more runs to remind the former UConn star that little had changed now that they were competing on football's biggest stage.

In fact, the longer Mack played in that 30-14 Week 2 loss, the more he felt as though he was making a statement with every play. The Raiders may not have been winning, but the rookie was telling the world something about a player who had been selected fifth overall in the 2014 draft. "I learned early on that it's hard to win games in this league," Mack said. "You have to pay attention to detail. You have to always have the right technique. And you really do have to play every down like it's your last."

The lessons Mack learned during his rookie season undoubtedly will come in handy this fall. There are still many questions surrounding a Raiders team that hasn't enjoyed a winning campaign since 2002 -- including the mysterious hand injury that has hampered second-year quarterback Derek Carr throughout organized team activities -- but one spot the franchise shouldn't worry about is strongside outside linebacker. At 24 years old, Mack already has flashed so much potential that Raiders safety Charles Woodson told the San Jose Mercury News last season the "dude is going to be special."

In his first season, Mack finished with 75 tackles, four sacks and a forced fumble, numbers that helped him finish third in voting for the league's defensive rookie of the year award (behind St. Louis' Aaron Donald and Baltimore's C.J. Mosley). This year the Raiders have much bigger expectations for Mack, especially with new head coach Jack Del Rio starting his first season and defensive coordinator Ken Norton installing new schemes. Del Rio wouldn't give many specifics on how Mack's role would change but he did make it apparent that Mack won't spend nearly as much time in pass coverage as he did in 2014. This time around, Mack will be chasing quarterbacks as much as possible, which is something he did quite well when given the chance, even if the sack totals don't look significant. Mack had 40 QB hurries last season to go with his exceptional run defending.

Since Del Rio coached Pro Bowl outside linebacker Von Miller as the Denver Broncos defensive coordinator from 2012-14, he'd like to see Mack have a similar impact on opposing passing attacks. "I think Khalil is way more physical than Von," Del Rio said. "Von got up to somewhere around 250 pounds when I had him but he's naturally closer to 240. Khalil can be up around 260 or 265 and they both play that strongside linebacker position and sub-pass-rusher role. Since most teams use their sub packages for two-thirds of the game, there will be some opportunities there. They're different but they're both special."

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"I definitely want to get after the quarterback more this year," Mack said. "I got some hits [in 2014], but people didn't really see what I can do. Those sack numbers I had really weren't me. At the end of the day, you want people to see you at your best."

That explains why Mack didn't spend his offseason in trendy hot spots such as South Florida or Scottsdale, Arizona, the typical areas where many young NFL players prefer to train. Despite being a Florida native -- Mack grew up in Fort Pierce -- he returned to the University of Buffalo to work out with trainer John Opfer. When Mack wasn't running steep hills or lifting weights with his former college teammates, he was focusing on areas that could fine-tune his physique for a strong second year. Some of the most vital elements of Mack's conditioning program involved strengthening his hands (so he can shed blockers far more easily) and building his core muscles (to increase his overall explosiveness).

Why train in upstate New York? "It's very easy to focus in Buffalo," Mack said. The decision speaks volumes about his approach to his career in general. Mack's road to the NFL was filled with several setbacks and plenty of people who questioned if he'd ever be a difference-maker in college. The last thing he wants to do now is forget the same ideals that brought him this far in the first place.

As Mack recently leaned against a wall outside the team's training facility following an organized training activity session, it wasn't hard to see the appreciation he has for his current standing. He laughed when thinking about this time of year last season, when he walked into the locker room for his first minicamp and bumped into defensive end Justin Tuck, a veteran of 11 NFL seasons. Tuck told Mack that he was impressed with his game, then offered a bit of invaluable advice. "Whatever you do this year, just shut up and listen," Tuck said. "You're a great player but you don't have any idea of what you're doing yet."

That suggestion helped Mack understand that his road to success in pro football would come down to how well he did the little things -- such as studying film and refining his techniques -- instead of overwhelming opponents with jaw-dropping athleticism. It was a lesson quite similar to the one he learned while growing up in a deeply religious, two-parent household, with a father who worked as both a program specialist and a deacon. Sandy Mack Sr. had long ago counseled his son to spend more time listening to his elders than speaking his mind. In his father's eyes, that was the best approach for young Khalil to find his way through the hurdles that eventually would challenge him.

That combination of humility and faith helped Mack when a torn patella tendon ended his hopes of earning a basketball scholarship when he was only a sophomore at Fort Pierce Westwood high. It also meant plenty when he was a lightly regarded football recruit who wound up at Buffalo only because the coach who was previously recruiting him to Liberty University decided to take a job at that program. Of course, there's also the story of why Mack wore number 46 in college. He donned it because the video game "EA Sports College Football 10" had given him a rating of 46 (an extremely low mark) before he started his redshirt freshman season in 2010.

Mack ultimately became an All-American by his senior year and left Buffalo as the NCAA's career leader in forced fumbles and tied for career tackles for loss. "I don't know if Khalil really understood all his talents when he was in high school," said Opfer, who also has become a mentor to Mack. "He didn't go to the big [exposure] camps in the summer and he didn't play competitively until his junior and senior years. So to have that little experience and end up blowing up college football says a lot. When he started to believe he could be great, that's when he took off."

Still, all that success in college had some repercussions once Mack arrived in Oakland. When his first NFL season began, he found himself pressing to make the same splash plays that had defined him in college. "I knew the only way to make a strong impression was to make the big plays," Mack said. "But I wasn't making

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the same plays I was making in college when I first got here. Eventually I had to understand that this is a group effort. We all have to be involved in order to make the plays we need to make."

Just as difficult for Mack was grinding through a season during which the Raiders won only three games. He leaned on the wisdom of veterans like Tuck and Woodson but Opfer also saw a player who learned how to play the longer the season went on. "Khalil is a smart guy but he got away with being a read-and-react player in college," Opfer said. "He had so much God-given ability that he could miss a read and still react fast enough to make a play. But as last season went on, you saw his football IQ grow. He became a lot more proficient at putting himself in the best possible positions to make plays."

Mack drew plenty of praise in the process. Seattle Seahawks coach Pete Carroll told reporters last season that Mack "jumped off the film" when his staff studied the Raiders. Former Cleveland Browns quarterback Brian Hoyer, now with Houston, said Mack was one of the best players that team faced in 2014 and added that "he gained the respect of everybody on our team." Del Rio said the Broncos had similar impressions. "Our offensive guys always wanted to know where he was," Del Rio. "That tells you a lot about what he can do."

Now the Raiders need to see even more growth as Mack heads into this coming season. The popular belief in the NFL is that players show the greatest improvement between their first and second years in the league, which means Mack should be poised for a huge leap in productivity. That goal weighed heavily on his mind whenever he strapped on a weighted vest in Buffalo this offseason and trudged toward a steep hill near the facility where he trained. Joined there by former Buffalo players such as San Diego Chargers running back Branden Oliver, Mack charged up that incline at least three times a week, all with the hopes of chiseling his thick legs and testing his willpower.

Mack had followed a similar routine in college, when he helped the Bulls grow from a program that won two games during his freshman season to one that finished second in the MAC during his senior year. A similar challenge now awaits him in Oakland. The Raiders know they still have plenty of changes to make in order to become a playoff contender. But if Mack can become the foundation of a young defense, that task will prove to be much easier.

"I can definitely say we will be relentless on defense this year," Mack said. "We're going to be dominant and physical and we're going to fly to the football. That's what this game comes down -- playing with that kind of effort. And we want to be the kind of defense that takes the ball away and gives it back to our offense as much as we possibly can."

Jack Del Rio, Ken Norton Jr. hope to take Raiders' Khalil Mack to the next level

By Michael Wagaman

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Whether by design or not, the hirings of head coach Jack Del Rio and defensive coordinator Ken Norton Jr. should have a significant impact on the career of Raiders' linebacker Khalil Mack.

Del Rio and Norton both played linebacker in the NFL and were teammates briefly in Dallas. That common bond was key in Oakland's decision to name Norton the team's new defensive coordinator on Friday.

Both men will play key roles in the development of the Raiders defense. Norton has already said he will call the plays but Del Rio will also have a major say-so in the matter.

Their biggest influence, though, will likely be on Mack.

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Oakland's first-round pick in 2014, Mack had an outstanding first season in the NFL while emerging as a unique force defensively. His combination of raw speed and power helped Mack get off to a fast start and he continued to grow and get better each week.

Del Rio and Norton hope to harness that athleticism and get Mack to the next level after he finished third in the defensive rookie of the year voting.

"I've been very, very impressed," Norton said of Mack. "One thing I have with my linebackers at Seattle, we do a great job of just watching other players across the league to see what they do well. See the type of things that I can help them coach and get themselves better and just see what is going on. Khalil Mack is a guy, with Bruce Irvin and the rest of my SAM linebackers, guys on the strong side, just watched his explosion, his speed, his combination of size and his strength ... He's a really smart player and he loves playing ball. I've done really well with young men who have a knack of making plays and really love playing football."

It helps that both Del Rio and Norton spent some time in the NFL as players.

Del Rio played 11 years and was voted to the Pro Bowl in 1984 while with Minnesota. He finished his career with 941 tackles, 13 interceptions and 14 fumble recoveries.

Norton's career was a little more decorated. The 13-year veteran was selected to the Pro Bowl three times, was an All-Pro in 1995 and had 1,130 tackles in his career.

Being successful players doesn't necessarily translate into being good coaches. The NFL history is peppered with guys who stood out on the field but floundered as assistant coaches.

Del Rio coached the Jacksonville Jaguars to a pair of playoff appearances then spent the past three years in Denver. Norton was a successful linebackers coach in college who had similar success in the NFL, helping Seattle to a pair of Super Bowl appearances while helping mold the Seahawks defense into one of the best in the league.

Although both men will have extra duties in their current capacity, expect to see them working overtime with Mack along with defensive end Justin Tuck. Tuck had a tremendous impact on Mack during Mack's rookie season and look to do more of that in 2015.

By all accounts, Mack is a beast on defense and a potential cornerstone of the Raiders franchise for years to come. He'll be the first to acknowledge he still has plenty to learn and realizes he is still in the infancy of his NFL career. For every big play he made, there is much Mack can improve on.

That's where Del Rio and Norton come in. As former players themselves, they can relate to what Mack is going through more than former defensive coordinator Jason Tarver could. Additionally, the two can also offer the coaching perspective, in essence giving Mack the best of both worlds.

It might not have been how general manager Reggie McKenzie planned it but at least on paper it looks like a very beneficial situation for Mack and the Raiders overall defense.

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Raiders' Khalil Mack adding weight, next is sack total

By Dan Brown

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ALAMEDA -- Early reports peg Khalil Mack at 270 pounds this spring, which would mean 18 pounds of added muscle since his rookie year.

But the Raiders outside linebacker played coy about his exact weight Thursday. Instead, Mack answered the question by sneaking glances at his bulging shoulders and biceps.

"I put on a little sumpin'," Mack said after the last practice of a three-day minicamp.

That's good news for the Raiders, who are hoping Mack can bring a little sumpin' more to his sack totals of a year ago. And the new coaching staff is not shy about saying so.

In an otherwise stellar first season, the fifth overall pick in 2014 had only four sacks. It's easy to explain away that figure with context: Mack had a lot of quarterback pressures. ... He was terrific against the run. ... He plays in a division with the impossible-to-sack Peyton Manning.

But defensive coordinator Ken Norton Jr. doesn't want complicated explanations.

He just wants the cold, hard sacks.

"Everybody is saying how good he is, and he got four sacks," Norton said this week. "I thought to myself, 'How many great players have four sacks?'"

"You have to get in double-digits. So he has a lot of growth to make. If they're thinking he's this good, and he's done so little, imagine when he actually does what he's supposed to do?"

Norton meant that as a compliment, a nod to Mack's long-term potential. A former three-time Pro Bowl selection at linebacker, Norton praised Mack for his "ridiculous, ridiculous work ethic."

And aside from that sack total, the numbers were kind to the best Raiders defensive rookie since Charles Woodson in 1998. Pro Football Focus ranked Mack as the best 4-3 outside linebacker last year with a 55.3 overall grade. Von Miller of the Denver Broncos was second at 54.0 and DeAndre Levy of Detroit was third at 23.9.

Mack's grade against the run was tops among 4-3 OLBs by a wide margin, according to PFF.

Mack reported to minicamp this week looking noticeably stronger than he did a year ago. He said his relentless offseason work stems from a desire to put himself among the league's great players. He felt the same way in college, when his lone scholarship offer came from the University of Buffalo while he watched more heralded prospects find stardom in the SEC.

Mack believes there are better days ahead.

"I feel like that there are a lot of people at this level who are great, and there's still a gap," Mack said. "I'm trying to close it every day,"

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Mack played like a star a year ago, a debut confirmed this week with his inclusion at No. 49 on the list of NFL.com's top 100 players. Results were based on a survey of other players in the league, and only five linebackers ranked ahead of Mack on the list.

New Raiders coach Jack Del Rio said there's still plenty more upside.

And it involves putting quarterbacks on their backside.

"Yeah. I want that number up," Del Rio said when asked about the sack total. "He's a young man who has come into the league in his first year, and he's got a nice start to his career. There is a tremendous amount of growth in front of him and opportunity in front of him to begin to accomplish some of the things that he was brought here for."

Mack had four quarterback hits and 40 hurries, according to Pro Football Focus. His 54 QB pressures ranked second behind Miller among 4-3 linebackers.

Mack acknowledged Thursday that his sack total was "a little frustrating." It bugged him enough that he sought out wisdom from veteran teammate Justin Tuck.

"He let me know that everyone gets lucky. It's not all because of technique," Mack said. "You have to know how teams are scheming against you and all those different things that come into play. You're going against the best."

CB DEXTER McDONALD

THE TOPEKA CAPITAL-JOURNAL

Second chance reunites Miller, McDonald at KU

By Austin Meek

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LAWRENCE — Darrian Miller and Dexter McDonald didn't plan it this way.

When Miller and McDonald were teammates at Butler Community College, exiled from Division I for various reasons, they weren't plotting ways to return to Kansas, the school where both had played as freshmen. They had known each other for years — Miller attended Blue Springs, while McDonald played for rival Rockhurst — and it was McDonald who pointed Miller toward Butler when the talented running back was dismissed at KU. But the idea of making a pilgrimage back to Lawrence? That never came up, McDonald said.

"It's funny how that worked, huh?" said McDonald, now a starting cornerback at KU. "We never really had conversations about it."

McDonald and Miller were two players who benefited from coach Charlie Weis' willingness to extend a second chance. The Jayhawks have benefited, too; McDonald is among the national leaders in passes defended, while Miller has earned a spot in KU's running back rotation.

Both players showed promise as freshmen, with Miller rushing for nearly 600 yards and McDonald appearing in seven games in 2011. Because of separate off-field circumstances, though, neither was on the roster when the Jayhawks started their first spring under Weis.

For McDonald, academics were at least part of the issue.

"I had to get my grades back to a standing where I would be eligible to get back to an NCAA Division I school," he said.

Miller, suspended for the final game of 2011 for a violation of team rules, was among 10 players dismissed by Weis shortly after he arrived. At the time, Miller wasn't entertaining any ideas of coming back.

"Honestly, I didn't have any thoughts of what was next," he said. "I was just taking it day by day. I knew my next move was to Butler.

"In the summer, I weighed out my options. When I got the chance to get back with coach (Reggie) Mitchell, that was really what I jumped back to."

Mitchell, KU's running backs coach, recruited both Miller and McDonald while serving on Turner Gill's staff. Miller maintained that connection to KU during a redshirt season at Butler, and with assurances that he had matured, the Jayhawks were willing to invite him back.

"We opened the door for him," Mitchell said. "We didn't pressure him or hound him or anything like that. We just said, 'Hey, if you want to come back, there's an opportunity for you to come back.'"

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The Jayhawks happily opened the door for McDonald, too, once his grades were in order. Defensive coordinator Dave Campo knew what he could do after watching tape of his freshman season at KU, and so far McDonald hasn't disappointed.

"I saw Dexter when I first started looking at the tapes," Campo said. "I said, 'Who is this guy?"

"They said he was dismissed for academic reasons. I said, 'Man, if we get a chance, we need to get this guy back, because he's what you're looking for.'"

Miller and McDonald aren't the only second-chance recipients at KU. Wide receiver Nick Harwell, redshirting this season per NCAA transfer rules, joined the Jayhawks after a series of arrests at Miami (Ohio), and defensive end Josh Williams started for KU last season after some off-field trouble at Nebraska.

These cases are evaluated individually, Weis said, and ultimately it's an inexact science. Gambles occasionally backfire, as was the case with Chris Martin, a talented but troubled linebacker who was dismissed from the team after being arrested in connection with an aggravated robbery.

Martin had bounced around from several schools, including Florida, where he developed a relationship with KU strength coach Scott Holsopple. Weis, who had recruited Martin at Notre Dame, weighed the factors and extended a lifeline to Martin out of City College of San Francisco.

"I felt like between me and the strength coach, who knew the kid very well, I thought that would be enough," Weis said. "I was wrong."

One player's mistake didn't jeopardize an opportunity for others. In Miller's case, Weis came away convinced the player had matured during his season in junior college and had no qualms welcoming him back.

"If I wasn't sold that when he went to Butler he figured it out, he wouldn't be here," Weis said. "You have to take each case individually. I don't think you can just group them all together."

"These are 18- to 23-year-old kids. Remember how many mistakes you made when you were that age? Think about it: We all did. You have to factor that in there and say, 'Can we recover from those things? Can we help a young man grow?'"

Those factors created an opportunity for Miller and McDonald to finish where they started. This wasn't how they planned it, but both players are grateful for the second chance.

"I was already here before," McDonald said, "so it just feels like I'm right back at home."

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CB Dexter McDonald thrilled to be back with Jayhawks

By Matt Tait

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An issue that led Dexter McDonald away from Kansas University's football program the first time around turned out to be the very thing that brought him back.

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Maturity.

Midway through the 2011 season, McDonald, then a red-shirt freshman from Rockhurst High in Kansas City, Mo., began getting a little playing time in the Jayhawks' secondary and expected that more was on the way. When it didn't come, the 6-foot-1, 220-pound cornerback became frustrated and let his disappointment affect his play and his academics.

"I didn't do what I should've done in the classroom to stay at KU because I knew I wanted to transfer to a junior college, and I let my grades fall," McDonald admitted on the day he signed, for the second time, with the Jayhawks earlier this month. "I left because of my grades, but my (bad) grades were due to me not doing anything because of the coaches that were there."

By the end of the season, the man who recruited McDonald had been fired, and Charlie Weis had been hired to replace him. A change in coaches often means turnover in all areas of a program, and McDonald knew early on that his place on the roster was in serious jeopardy.

"I met with coach Weis at the time I left, but by that time it was already too late for me," McDonald said.

Rather than sulk and let the disappointments continue to pile up, McDonald pulled himself together, enrolled at Butler Community College and began working on his game and his grades.

McDonald found success, and he credits it all to his new mind-set.

"Ultimately, the person that thrives is the person who pushes himself the most and works the hardest," McDonald said. "I knew it was gonna be hard work on the field and hard work in class, but what I didn't know was how I would manage both of those things. Now I'm more mature, and I know what's most important."

Weis said defensive coordinator Dave Campo and running-backs coach Reggie Mitchell, who served as the Jayhawks' recruiting coordinator during McDonald's first stint in Lawrence, played key roles in bringing McDonald back.

"Dexter, when he left, he was a little sour," Weis said. "Reggie's relationship with him got us to where we could talk. You can't be presumptuous that a local guy that left is going to want to get back here. But at the end of the day, he and his family all agreed that this was a different situation than the one he left, and one that he wanted to be a part of."

Since his departure, McDonald dropped 15 pounds and became a more complete cornerback. He said he was looking forward to the opportunity to get back in his old locker room and added he believed he was ready to contribute immediately.

"First and most importantly, I'm coming to be a team player," he said. "I want to help and do whatever I can to contribute to the team. If they want me on special teams, kicking the ball off, whatever, I'll do it. I want to give everything I have of myself to the Kansas football program."

From McDonald's slightly altered point of view, the program is much different than the one he left last December.

"I think if you look at the program now, just the way it's run, the players are more focused and disciplined," McDonald said. "I don't think that you can go anywhere in college and talk to coaches that can say the things that they can say to you. The whole staff is just outstanding. I'm just happy, my family's happy, and I'm ready

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to start school and start football. It feels like everything's right, even more than last time. It's home, basically. Once I left, I felt it was only right for me to come back. No other place felt like home for me."

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QB MATT McGLOIN

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Matt McGloin eager to get back to work with Raiders

By Joby Fawcett

July 19, 2015

Matt McGloin starts to get excited around this time every year.

The middle of summer means the start of training camp for the National Football League.

It means the beginning of a third professional season for the former West Scranton and Penn State quarterback.

This year, it signals the dawn of a new era for the Oakland Raiders, and McGloin is set to contribute to it.

Veterans report to the team's Napa Valley Training Complex on July 30. New head coach Jack Del Rio begins his first year with the Raiders after a nine-year tenure with the Jacksonville Jaguars from 2003-2011, and three seasons as defensive coordinator of the Denver Broncos.

"That is something that you have to deal with in the NFL," said McGloin, who will leave Scranton on Saturday. "There are going to be coaching changes and adjustments that you cope with and move forward with and that's how you stay in the NFL.

"This new staff is bringing in some changes that will help the organization get moving in the right direction."

This will be the third preseason camp for the gunslinger who has defied the odds throughout a storybook collegiate run that saw him rise from walk-on to starter at Penn State, and a professional career that began as an undrafted free agent and eventually led to six starts in his rookie year.

McGloin will be competing for snaps with three other quarterbacks.

Derek Carr, the second-round draft pick from Fresno State is at No. 1 on the depth chart after starting all 16 games last season. He threw for 3,270 yards, 21 touchdowns and 12 interceptions.

Christian Ponder, once a starter and first-round pick of the Minnesota Vikings, was signed in the offseason as a free agent, and the team picked up Cody Fajardo as an undrafted free agent out of the University of Nevada.

"At the end of the day, you should always be competing," McGloin said. "You should be working hard to get better and you have to have guys who are going to push you in practice. Going into my third year, I am going to control what I can control and stay positive."

This will also be the final year of McGloin's contract.

He's shown what he can do in his first two seasons. He made his debut as a starter in 2013 against the Houston Texans with a breakout game where he threw for 197 yards and three touchdowns. The Raiders won, 28-23. That effort earned the No. 1 spot as the top rookie quarterback performance in franchise history in an online ranking on the team's website.

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Also appearing on that list were two other McGloin hits. In back-to-back games, he threw for 245 yards and two touchdowns in a loss to the Jets and followed that up with 297 yards and two scores against Kansas City.

His debut season ended with 1,547 yards passing, eight touchdowns and eight interceptions.

That created buzz for the 2014 campaign, though the Raiders drafted Carr and signed former Houston Texans starter Matt Schaub as a free agent.

With Carr winning the starting job and Schaub an expensive backup, McGloin sat most of the year, appearing in only one game. He threw for 129 yards and a touchdown in a loss to Miami.

That hasn't dampened the always fiery McGloin, whose intensity and bullish determination has helped him conquer adversity in the past.

"You gain experience in this league," McGloin, 25, said. "Playing and starting in the games that I did as a rookie, the preseason games and learning under former offensive coordinator Greg Olson and now Bill Musgrave, and quarterbacks coach Todd Downing and Matt Schaub — who had so much NFL experience — has really helped me.

"I think mentally, I am right where I want to be and I have improved physically. I am stronger, and I am anxious to get started and make the most of the reps that I get, because as a backup you don't get many reps. I am going to be as well-prepared as I can be and will be ready when my opportunity presents itself."

Oakland is trying to reverse its fortunes. The once proud and intimidating franchise that prides itself on boasting a "Tradition of Excellence" has been stumbling since losing Super Bowl XXXVII, having finished with a losing record in 10 of the last 12 years.

Last season, the Raiders were 3-13 and ranked 32nd in the NFL in total offense.

McGloin worked on his strength and conditioning this offseason. He is a proven commodity for the Raiders. But he is also driven to contribute on the field.

"I feel like I had good OTAs and a good mini-camp," McGloin said. "I can't wait to get going and to get the pads on again. I know what to expect coming into camp and there are no surprises. It's a grind and it takes its toll on you mentally and physically, so you have to be prepared and I know that I am ready."

RB LATAVIUS MURRAY

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Latavius Murray: Former Onondaga football star poised to be Raiders' No. 1 running back

By Donna Ditota

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Syracuse, N.Y. – Last summer, Latavius Murray was coming off an ankle injury after his first NFL season and moved with relative caution throughout his workout regimen.

But the former Onondaga High School football star, now a running back with the Oakland Raiders, has no physical baggage to carry this July. Following a breakout season for the Raiders that showed glimpses of what the powerful 6-foot-3 back could achieve given a healthy body and ample playing time, Murray returned to Central New York to work out with his longtime friend, trainer Vinny Scollo.

Scollo has moved from East Syracuse to the Pacific Sports Club in Liverpool. But his mission remains the same: To prepare Murray for the upcoming NFL season, when he is expected to start at tailback and play an increased role for the Raiders.

Murray spent early Wednesday afternoon stretching, warming up and then subjecting his body to various exercises designed to improve his speed, endurance and explosiveness. Scollo judged him to be fit for training camp.

"The biggest improvement has been in his explosiveness and his conditioning," Scollo said. "This year, he's a lot more conditioned at this point than he was last year because we really had to taper the workouts and work around his injury. This year, his conditioning, his wind, is 100 percent there. And his explosiveness. He's moving everything that much faster."

Murray sat down during a break in his workouts to answer a few questions. The accompanying video provides additional commentary on where he is in his training and presents visuals of that work:

On what he expects this season: Last year, I knew what I was capable of if they just gave me the opportunity. Now, it's me proving to them that it wasn't just a couple carries here and there at the end of the season. It's what I can do. I know how important training and everything I put into the summer is going into this year because I know how important the season is for me and for the team in general.

On approaching the season injury-free: I think this is the best I've felt in a long time. Everything's feeling good. No nicks, no bangs, nothing. The main thing is maintaining that, staying injury-free and taking care of my body so I can be on the field every week.

On sticking with RB position, even when college coaches suggested he switch to linebacker: It's been a journey. Even as a young kid coming out of high school, I knew what my passion was. I knew what I was capable of doing at that position. I knew where my heart was at. It all goes back to proving to everyone that I can play that position and that I can play it well.

On where he lives, where he trains: Last year, before spring training with the team, I had to stay in Oakland because of my injury and rehab. That summer, I trained with Vinny. This past offseason before spring training,

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me and Blake Bortles got a beach house in Newport (Calif.) and got training. And it went real well heading into spring training with the team. I felt like I really made some gains there. Obviously, I came back here this summer to train with Vinny again to let that carry over for the big season I have coming up.

On his relationship with new Raiders coach Jack Del Rio: We have a good relationship. He's a great guy, a great coach. I love playing for him. Everyone else does, too. He's just telling me to really compete. It's nothing that I don't know. Nothing is proven yet. I don't want him to think he has to give me anything. I want to go out there and earn every bit of it. He's aware that I'm aware of that.

On why he comes back each summer to Central New York? Because it really humbles me. I really reminds me of where I came from, why I do what I do, who I do it for. To be able to still come home to mom after a workout. My friends. Everybody I grew up here with. A kid that just came from a small area, a small school, it really keeps me humble and really keeps me motivated. I like to come back here. It puts me in the mindset of staying hungry.

On his goals for this season: I was always told individual goals come when the team is very successful. Our goal as a team is to win the division. And I truly believe that if I do what I'm supposed to do, as well as everybody else on the team, that all the individual goals will come for me.

WR ROD STREATER

CSN BAY AREA

Finally healthy, Raiders WR Streater “can go out there and be myself”

By Scott Bair

May 29, 2015

Rod Streater caught Raiders quarterback Derek Carr’s first professional touchdown pass, and then had a bit of a brain fart. Streater is a New Jersey native so, after he opening the scoring against the host New York Jets, he tossed the ball to his aunt wearing his No. 80 jersey in the MetLife Stadium crowd.

Oops, Streater thought after the fact. That probably should’ve been a memento.

His aunt gave the ball back postgame, knowing it was a prized souvenir for any NFL quarterback.

It should’ve been the first of many scoring connections last year between Streater and Carr. It was the only one.

The third-year pro fractured his foot in Week 3 and missed every game after, denying Carr a valuable target.

That wasn’t the original plan. Streater was placed on injured reserve with a designation to return later in the year. He practiced for a few weeks and still wasn’t the right. The Raiders eventually cried uncle and placed Streater on season-ending IR.

The designation to return was Streater’s carrot during rehab. It was devastating when taken away.

“I had great trainers around me to help me get back and get my mind right,” Streater said. “When I found out I wasn’t coming back, it really hurt. I wanted to be out there with my team and finish strong, but everything happens for a reason. I worked hard this offseason, and to make sure I was strong to come back this year.”

Foot injuries are tricky. They can take a long time to heal. Streater wasn’t right when practicing last year. Life is different off the field, where normal movements don’t present pain. Slashing and sprinting, however, applies a different standard. It took nearly seven months to feel right on the field.

“I want to say probably at the start of (voluntary veteran minicamp in late April) I was feeling good,” Streater said. “Little sore then, but I feel way better coming into this Week 2 of OTAs. I feel like I can go out there and be myself.”

The Raiders need Streater playing to his old standard. He led the team with 60 catches for 888 yards and had four touchdowns in 2013, working with lackluster quarterbacks. He was productive as an undrafted rookie, and will be heavily counted on this year despite the acquisitions of Michael Crabtree and Amari Cooper.

That will only happen if he’s truly 100 percent.

“I think he’s coming along fine,” head coach Jack Del Rio said. “He has been able to learn our system and plug in. He’s a guy that should be a productive player for us.”

Streater admits the injury was a mental grind, but he has emerged a smarter player for the experience.

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“You get a lot of time to watch film with the quarterbacks,” Streater said. “You have to stay tuned in. You’re not playing the games so you can kind of drift, but I made sure that I hung out with (Derek Carr) and the quarterbacks and just try to watch as much tape as I could and stay tuned in.”

Streater focused on individual cornerbacks each week, dissecting their style and figuring out ways to beat them. That should make Streater a vital part of what he considers the “most complete” receiver corps in his tenure.

“You can put any of us on the outside or in the slot and I feel like we don’t miss a beat,” Streater said. “We are all interchangeable. I think that’s going to add strength to us when we get out there on the field. I think we’re going to make a big impact this year.”

K GIORGIO TAVECCHIO

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Former Cal kicker looks for exposure in Raiders' camp

By Lev Facher

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Giorgio Tavecchio is in a tough spot in the Raiders' training camp, a situation Oakland special-teams coach Brad Seely summed up well.

"I really believe this guy's an NFL kicker," Seely said. "He just happens to be on a team with an NFL kicker."

It's not just any kicker, either. It's Sebastian Janikowski, one of the best kickers in NFL history, who has Tavecchio playing second fiddle this offseason.

Tavecchio, a Cal alum who grew up in Moraga, called Janikowski a "legend." He knows that Oakland's longtime placekicker is as firmly entrenched in his position as anybody in the organization. But he's taking a bigger-picture perspective on his tryout with the Raiders.

"I'm not naive," Tavecchio said of Janikowski's status. "As much as I'm auditioning for this team, I'm auditioning for all 32 teams."

Tavecchio is already known in the Bay Area; he ranks fifth on the Golden Bears' all-time scoring list with 256 points.

This is also his second stint with a Bay Area team. He spent the 2012 preseason with the 49ers, when Seely was San Francisco's special-teams coach, and kicked well. All the same, Tavecchio didn't stick on the roster.

He faced disappointment in the ensuing seasons, too, missing the cut in 2013 with Green Bay and again in 2014 with Detroit. The return to the Bay Area, he said, has been seamless.

"It's been awesome to be back in this area and have the NFL experience while being at home with my parents," Tavecchio said. "My mother's lasagna is never too far away."

He's also taking advantage of his proximity to his alma mater, volunteering in Cal's recruiting office during the fall. Tavecchio isn't above grunt work, and was happy to spend time reviewing YouTube videos of high-school kicking prospects and charting their information.

He's a welcome addition, said Cal special-teams coach Mark Tommerdahl. He didn't coach Tavecchio, but appreciates the continued commitment to the team.

"He does a lot of the hands-on groundwork," Tommerdahl said. "And he's really good advertising for our program."

The office work could prove helpful for a future career in coaching or administration, something Tavecchio isn't considering seriously just yet.

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“That’s on the back burner for me,” Tavecchio said. “After my playing days are over, which, God willing, isn’t for a long time.”

Besides, the football facilities are a nicer place to work than they were during Tavecchio’s college days. The previously antiquated stadium has since undergone an extensive face-lift. He isn’t jealous of the new digs, charitably describing the stadium’s old weight rooms as “full of character.”

“I loved the old facilities,” Tavecchio said. “I’m not a guy for pomp and circumstance. Just give me a couple of dumbbells and I’ll make it work. But, in light of that, I think they did a great job.”

Though he remains available to help Cal’s coaches with “whatever they need,” Tavecchio is keeping his eyes on the prize: a spot on a regular-season NFL roster.

The mentality of being a kicker without a team to kick for isn’t easy to handle. But as he’s done throughout his still-nascent professional career, Tavecchio is taking things one step at a time.

Plus, Tavecchio said, fighting for a roster spot as a kicker is an entirely different beast from competing as a nonspecialist.

“In the end, you’re competing against yourself,” he said.

Above all else, Tavecchio is keeping his head down both literally and metaphorically, confident in his future no matter what it holds.

“What I think I’ve done a good job of this spring is staying in the moment,” Tavecchio said. “It’s so uncertain that you can’t really plan ahead.”

DE MAX VALLES

PRESS OF ATLANTIC CITY

St. Joseph graduates Valles, Hill headed to NFL

By John Russo and David Weinberg

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Max Valles and Gordon Hill grew up together in Winslow Township and both played football for St. Joseph High School in Hammonton.

Now both are headed to the NFL.

About an hour after Valles, an outside linebacker from the University of Virginia, was drafted by Oakland in the sixth round, Hill, a safety from Sacred Heart University, agreed to terms with San Diego as an undrafted free agent.

"This is awesome," Hill said in a phone interview Saturday night. "I just texted Max a little bit ago and I'm going over to his house. We've been playing football together our whole lives, starting back when we played for the Winslow Maulers when we were little kids. And now we're going to the NFL together."

Valles, a 2012 St. Joe graduate and former Press Player of the Year, was taken with the 179th pick overall.

"The only real contact was that I had a formal (visit) with (the Raiders) at the combine and got the call right before my name got announced on TV. That was it," Valles said in a story on the Raiders' website. He could not be reached for comment.

Valles will either play outside linebacker or defensive end in Oakland, he said. Though he's comfortable playing both, he knows he has a lot to work on as he prepares for the next level of football.

"Just working on a backup pass rush move, if one doesn't work," Valles said. "I've been working on that a lot this offseason. Overall just becoming a more physical player. Coming from college to the NFL, it's going to be a much more physical game, so I just have to step it up a notch."

The 6-foot-5, 235-pounder is coming off a solid season with Virginia in which he finished second in the Atlantic Coast Conference with nine sacks. He also had 55 tackles, 12.5 tackles for a loss, three forced fumbles, eight pass breakups and returned an interception for a touchdown while earning third-team all-conference honors.

He was the second player drafted from Virginia this weekend. Eli Harold, a defensive end, was selected 79th overall by the 49ers. They will be just 30 minutes apart from each other.

Valles, 20, was the youngest player in the draft. He attended Fork Union Military Academy in Virginia for a post-graduate season before transferring to Virginia where he enjoyed a successful 2014 campaign.

"I talked to my coach and my family about it," Valles told the website. "Everybody felt that I was ready. Second in the ACC in sacks, All-ACC, I felt like it was time."

Over Christmas break, Valles sat down and talked with his agent, Rich Rosa, of Baltimore-based Eastern Athletic Services. He decided then he was going to declare himself for the draft.

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"I have to give him a lot of credit from day one when he decided to come out," Rosa said by telephone. "We had a conversation on what it would take for an early-entry guy to put himself in a position to get drafted. He did everything I asked him to do."

Rosa, like Valles, is from Sicklerville and graduated from St. Joseph. He played football for current St. Joseph coach Paul Sacco before playing at Penn State.

Rosa represents 42 players, including current Dallas Cowboys defensive end Jack Crawford (St. Augustine Prep) and Arizona Cardinals linebacker Glenn Carson (Southern Regional).

"We laid the groundwork out for him and he worked his butt off," Rosa said. "We're excited for him."

Valles and Hill have a chance to become the first St. Joseph player to appear in a regular-season NFL game. Valles is the first Wildcat to be drafted.

Jack Corcoran, a 2006 St. Joseph graduate and former Rutgers fullback went undrafted and was on the practice squad for Tennessee (2010) and San Francisco (2011).

Hill, a 5-foot-11, 212-pound safety, said the Chargers were among several teams that contacted him during the later rounds of the draft Saturday. He also heard from Kansas City and Tampa Bay.

"Teams started contacting me around the sixth round," he said. "Went I went out there for my visit (last month), I developed a really good relationship with the coaching staff. It seemed like they already had a plan for how to use me when I got there."

"Obviously, I'll be playing special teams right away, but they also talked about me playing in nickel and dime situations, and rushing off the edge. It looks like I'll be moving all over, just like I did in college."

Hill enjoyed a standout career at Sacred Heart, a Division I Football Championship Subdivision program in Fairfield, Conn. A three-year starter at safety, he led the Pioneers with 104 tackles and also collected six sacks, two interceptions and two fumble recoveries as a senior.

Hill said he was scheduled to fly to San Diego later this week to participate in an upcoming minicamp and to start in their offseason conditioning program.

That will also be the case for Valles, who will now be one of Hill's rivals in the AFC West.

"That's going to work out well for us," Hill said with a laugh. "During training camp, when everyone on the East Coast is asleep, we can talk to each other and see how things are going. As a matter of fact, I just texted him. I told him, 'It's time to go to work.'"

Students at St. Joseph anticipated Valles' eventual selection, Sacco.

"Last night, my wife and I were chaperoning the junior and senior prom and no one was dancing," said Sacco, who has coached at St. Joseph for 34 years. "They were on their phones all night."

"We're all excited here. Our kids talked about it this week."

Sacco was in Ocean City all-day Saturday, got home and saw Valles was drafted. He said he planned to see Valles either Saturday night or in the coming days.

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"We try to impress on our players that when they walk the hallways, or even when they run out on the field, there are always little kids watching and it's important," Sacco said. "I told Max (the other day) that, 'All the kids are watching you, all their eyes are on you. Just make us proud.'"

"And I'm sure he will."

St. Joseph Grad Max Valles is NFL's Youngest Draft Prospect

By David Weinberg

April 25, 2015

Max Valles plans to watch the NFL draft next week with friends and family from his home in the Sicklerville section of Winslow Township.

When the 2012 St. Joseph High School graduate does get picked - the outside linebacker/defensive end is projected to be selected in the middle rounds - his celebration will be subdued. At 20 years old, Valles is the youngest player in the draft and still a year away from reaching the legal drinking age.

"I look at my age as being a positive," Valles said in a phone interview. "Being that I'm only 20, I'll be able to play in the NFL for a very long time."

Drafting such young players is rare in the NFL. Running back LeSean McCoy, who was traded to Buffalo earlier this month, was 20 when the Eagles selected him in the second round in 2009.

Like McCoy, who starred at the University of Pittsburgh, Valles played only two years of college football. Upon graduating from St. Joe -- he was The Press 2011 Co-Athlete of the Fall - Valles spent a year in the post-graduate program at Fork Union Military Academy in Virginia before enrolling at the University of Virginia.

The 6-foot-5, 253-pounder enjoyed a solid 2014 season for the Cavaliers. He finished second in the Atlantic Coast Conference with nine sacks. He also had 12 tackles for a loss, three forced fumbles and an interception return for a touchdown while earning third-team All-ACC honors.

Valles intended to return to Virginia for one more season but reconsidered after talking it over with his parents, Pamela and Paul, and St. Joe coach Paul Sacco.

"I talk to Coach Sacco a lot," said Valles, who works out at the high school in Hammonton when he's in town. "Besides my parents, he's been the most influential person in my life. I'm hoping he'll be watching the draft with us."

"I just felt like it was the right time to go to the NFL, but I had to promise my parents that I would get my degree during the offseason. My mother is a teacher (in the Winslow Township school district), and my family has always emphasized the importance of getting an education. I'm only a year away from getting my degree (in media studies)."

Over the Christmas break, Max and his father broke the news to Virginia coach Mike London.

"Obviously, I was hoping he would stay at least one more year," London said Saturday in a phone interview. "But Max had to do what was best for him and his family. I think he would have benefited from playing for us one or two more years."

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"But there's no question he has a lot of potential because of his versatility. Not only can he rush the passer, but he can also (cover) tight ends. I have no doubt that someone will be drafting him, and I wish him all the best."

Earlier this year, London said in a statement, "I believe he was on the verge of blossoming into a dominant player."

Valles will try to join former local high school standouts Glenn Carson (Southern Regional), Jack Crawford (St. Augustine Prep) and Dominique Williams (Bridgeton) in the NFL. Carson will begin his second season with Arizona as an outside linebacker after making the team as an undrafted free agent in 2014. Crawford, Oakland's fifth-round draft pick in 2012, is heading into his second season with Dallas as a defensive end after getting released by the Raiders last preseason. Williams, a running back, spent most of last season on Minnesota's practice squad after a brief stint on Arizona's practice squad.

Valles also could become the first St. Joseph player to appear in an NFL game. Jack Corcoran, a 2006 graduate, was on practice squads in Tennessee (2010) and San Francisco (2011).

Like Crawford, Valles is represented by St. Joseph graduate Rich Rosa, of Baltimore-based Eastern Athletic Services. Rosa was a star defensive back for both St. Joe and Penn State.

"I never usually watch the draft, but I think I'll watch it this year because of Max," Sacco said. "I've been talking to Rich Rosa, and he feels like this is a great opportunity for Max and that he stands a real good chance to go in the early rounds. I'm entering my 34th year at St. Joe and to see one of our own get a chance to play in the NFL is very exciting."

Preparation, evaluation

The draft will cap a three-month-long odyssey for Valles that featured trips to the NFL combine in Indianapolis in February, Virginia's Pro Day in early March, and individual interviews and workouts with several NFL teams in recent weeks.

Valles said he had eight individual workouts and visited with Baltimore, Pittsburgh and Tennessee. The Eagles, who are looking for depth at outside linebacker in their 3-4 defense behind starters Connor Barwin and Brandon Graham, were the first team to work him out.

Eagles vice president of player personnel Ed Marynowitz said he was impressed with Valles' size and speed but also with his maturity and ability to process information quickly.

"We try to do our due diligence on every player to make sure that if we (draft) them that there are no surprises," Marynowitz said. "We don't just go to pro days or private workouts just to do. We go for a specific reason. With us, it's really a three-part evaluation. Number one is height, weight and speed according to the position. The second part is the position specifics, which is basically the guy's athletic ability to play in your system and scheme. The third part is attitude and intelligence in terms of their football makeup. We want guys that are wired the right way."

"Max's age is not a concern for us at all because there are a few guys in that range in this draft. You want to make sure with all those guys that they have the right maturity and can process information quickly. I think Max has a lot of ability."

Draft analysts have differing opinions as to when Valles will be drafted.

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ESPN analyst Mel Kiper has him going in the third or fourth round while others have projected him to go between the fifth and seventh. The last time a local player was drafted before the fifth round was in 2002, when the Cleveland Browns chose running back William Green, an Atlantic City native and Holy Spirit graduate, in the first round.

"I've been hearing somewhere between the second and fourth round and if that happens, it would be great," Valles said. "But no matter where I'm drafted, I'm just excited to get this opportunity."

TE CLIVE WALFORD

MIAMI HERALD

For UM tight end Clive Walford, football is now a family matter

By Susan Miller Degnan

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Clive Walford has a sleek new haircut, precious new son and proud new attitude.

Now all the Miami tight end needs is some old-school Hurricanes production.

"My overall favorite tight end is Kellen Winslow," Walford said of the former Cane, recalling Winslow's famous "It's about this U!" rant after Miami's 2003 loss to Tennessee. "I always looked up to him when I was younger."

Walford, UM's third-leading receiver as a sophomore last season with 451 yards and four touchdowns on 25 catches, said baby Clive III — born Aug. 2 — has afforded him a fresh perspective and burning desire to do right by his namesake.

His closely cropped haircut, which he gave himself after 6 1/2 years of growing dreadlocks, has added to Walford's new, more serious image. He said he and his late cousin grew dreads together. The two made a pact that when the cousin's hair "caught up" to Walford's length, Walford would get shorn.

Tragically, his cousin died in a car accident Walford's freshman year.

"I felt like this was probably the time he would have caught me," noted Walford, 21, who said he decided on the haircut in August but needed more time to muster the courage.

"It took almost an hour to cut my first dread — my fiancée cut that one. Then it took not even six minutes to cut the rest. Once I snipped my first one, I was snipping away."

He pulled out a purple brush and began to repeatedly run it over his hair.

"With dreads it was kind of tough, having to tie them up all the time and at night sleeping. Now I feel free. I feel the breeze. My scalp can actually feel the air. I sleep more comfortably at home."

And straight home to little Clive (8 pounds, 3 ounces and 22 inches at birth) and his fiancée Aneliz — a UM senior who took the semester off to care for the baby — is where Walford goes after each day of classes, football and meetings.

"I can't even put in words what it's like being a father," said Walford, who has five catches for 58 yards and a touchdown in two games.

"It's special. You see things differently. Things that used to be fun — all the partying and stuff like that — aren't as fun. I owe it to my son."

A powerful, 6-4, 260-pounder after putting on 15 pounds of muscle in the offseason, Walford plans to graduate in December with a degree in sports administration. The fourth-year junior was a standout basketball player at Belle Glade Glades Central, and didn't play football until his senior year of high school.

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He misses “being the guy” in basketball, but is intent on putting all his focus on football.

He is fast (4.6 seconds in the 40-yard dash), has a knack for big plays and said he loves blocking. In his final four games of 2012, he tallied 303 yards and three touchdowns on 11 catches. Against Duke in the season finale, he had four catches for 99 yards and a score. Just 1 more yard would have made him the first UM tight end since 2003 with two consecutive games of at least 100 receiving yards.

The last one to do that? Kellen Winslow II.

Coach Al Golden said he wants Walford to get the ball more, especially on third down, an area in which UM sorely lacks. “He’s been one of the guys we’ve been pushing to get his timing down, run everything full speed so Stephen [Morris] knows exactly where he is.”

UM offensive coordinator James Coley described Walford as “a big guy who’s fast. If you’re fast, you’ve got to learn how to get open. ... Can he get open on that safety? Can he change up his speed and burst and get out of his break? He’s been working really hard at it.”

Walford believes he’s ready to take that next step.

“I still have a long way to go, but I’m more focused than I’ve ever been,” he said. “I have a major responsibility to my family and myself.

“This is my time.”

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Prospect Watch: Miami (Fla.) TE Clive Walford Driven by Late Cousin

By Tyler Dunne

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Green Bay — Injuries are bound to happen. Hardship. Pain to some degree. Clive Walford battled through a knee injury at the Senior Bowl and knows more dings are inevitable.

And whenever he does sprain an ankle — whatever the ailment — he’ll think about his cousin.

“If I’m hurt or have a small injury,” Walford said, pausing, “his life is gone. So there isn’t any injury worse than having your life taken away from you.”

Alonzo Jones was a virtual big brother to Walford. Blood. The one he looked up to as a kid.

And in 2010, Jones lost his life in a tragic car accident. As Walford re-tells it, Jones crashed into a canal, was knocked unconscious and drowned. A freshman at Miami (Fla.) at the time, Walford has thought about his cousin “every day” since. Heading into the NFL draft as one of the top tight end prospects, he’ll keep thinking about him, too.

“I was very close to him,” Walford said. “He was like my oldest brother, even though he actually wasn’t my brother. I saw him that way.”

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The Packers' tight end duo of Andrew Quarless and Richard Rodgers did yeoman's work in 2014, combining for 58 catches, 627 yards and seven touchdowns.

If the team does decide to gamble at tight end early in the draft, the choice may be between Minnesota's athletic, highlight-waiting-to-happen Maxx Williams and the 6-foot-4, 251-pound Walford, who brands himself as a complete tight end. Last season, Walford had 44 receptions, 676 yards and seven touchdowns — and he was asked to block plenty.

Walford didn't back down from his NFL scouting combine statement that he is the best tight end in this year's draft.

"Because I'm a dual-threat tight end," he said. "I don't only catch the ball. I get down and dirty and I block. I do everything that a tight end is expected to do. ... It's very rare. A lot of guys don't take pride in their blocking or don't take pride in catching the ball. I take pride in both of them, so that's what helps me excel at both positions."

And experiences — often the tragic ones — shape us all.

Walford's most traumatic, the one that stuck with him his entire collegiate career struck when he was leaving a class that freshman year. His younger cousin called him with the news.

Alonzo was dead.

"Your heart drops," he said. "You don't know how to deal with that situation. You've got to let God handle it. Just pray about it. Memories pop in your head. The good times you had. And you just cherish those moments."

Like all the times the two played video games together. Like the time Jones bought his first car and let Walford drive even though he didn't have a license. Any down time was spent together at Jones' house.

And now, any time he plays a video game or sees a picture on his cell phone, Walford thinks of Jones. He says his cousin was "a laidback guy," who was "well-respected" by a lot of people. "A person you want to be around."

Losing this presence in life, abruptly, shaped Walford into who he is today.

"It helped me become the man I am," he said. "You realize that some things aren't going to be there forever. It made me step my game up a little more and realize what I was supposed to do. I actually think about him every day. There hasn't been a day that goes by that I don't think about him."

No wonder Walford says he'll play in his cousin's honor at the next level.

"He's up there smiling down, watching me progress," he said. "I know if he could be here and actually enjoy these moments with me, I could see the smile on his face. That just motivates me to continue to go."

"You can't measure someone's heart. I feel that I play with my heart every time I'm out there."

Walford won't get into comparisons with Williams, the one hurdling defenders and making 1-handed catches.

Turn on the tape, he says. That'll answer any questions.

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“Put in the film and you tell me who you like the best,” he said. “If you feel like he’s better, you have to take him.”

Walford does try to study New England’s Rob Gronkowski when possible. Not surprisingly, he admires Gronkowski’s raw heart-on-sleeve playing style above all.

He did meet with the Packers at the combine and sees a fit here, too.

“Of course,” he said. “They have a great quarterback. Aaron Rodgers is very versatile and can get the ball to anybody. With my ability, if you combine it with his ability, you’ve got greatness. So I feel like I’d fit right in.”

Wherever he goes, he has an idea what his cousin would be thinking.

Over the phone, Walford chuckles.

“Oh man, honestly I can’t even tell you,” he said. “I can just see the smile on his face.”

DE GARY WILKINS

ROCKDALE CITIZEN (GA.)

Wilkins makes most of opportunity getting signed with Oakland

By Manny Fils

May 12, 2015

COVINGTON — It seems that Newton and Rockdale counties are being put on the NFL map as former Alcovy football player Gary Wilkins becomes the third local player to sign to play professionally.

“We have a lot of talent in Covington. I have to say it’s because of the work ethic of the people in Covington,” he said.

Wilkins, who starred at Furman after moving on from Alcovy, made most of an opportunity as he got signed by the Oakland Raiders.

“Right after Sunday practice (Raiders head coach Jack) Del Rio wanted to have a brief word with the tryout guys and that they would be in contact with they guys they were going to keep. As soon as I’m walking off the field one of the player-personnel pulled me aside and said to put my helmet in the locker and grab my ID that they were going to sign me,” Wilkins said.

“My next goal is to make the 53-player roster and to be playing on Sunday’s. Special teams or whatever I can.”

Being on the field with 40 other players hoping to make a name for themselves like Oakland’s No. 2 draft pick Mario Edwards from Florida State, he knew he had to do something to make himself noticed. Even though Wilkins, who stands at 6-foot-2 and tips the scale at 240 pounds, was not the biggest or possibly fastest player on the field, the one thing that he did have more than just about everyone else was desire.

“I was trying to be on film as much as I could,” Wilkins said. “You had to do little things to separate yourself from everybody else. If the ball is thrown downfield I’m turning around to run full speed until I catch up to the guy. That way when they look on film they’ll say hold on how is this guy? Then they realize that it’s a defensive end and he’s catching up to a receiver. You just have to give all you’ve got.

“The thing that really made them notice me was my effort. I wasn’t taking any plays off. I was on the defensive line but if I had a blocker that was 320 pounds I was holding my own. When the ball was thrown or of it was a run on the edge I was chasing it down to get to it.”

What really took Wilkins a little off guard was the speed at which practice takes place. He said that the NFL practice speed was equivalent to college game-day speed. However, after the first day he quickly adjusted to playing at a whole new level for the final two days.

#Even though the Dallas Cowboys and the New York Jets also expressed interest, he feels that the Raiders organization is actually a good fit for him.

“Oakland had kind of been that team in the past that has put small-time players that other teams wouldn’t think of looking at and put them on the map,” Wilkins said. “I think it was because of my pass-rush ability, my

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effort and ability to work. I showed them my ability and my effort in the three days and it paid off with my contract.

“That was a big sigh of relief. I was happy. You can just be thankful for the opportunity and take advantage of that opportunity.”

Wilkins was able to get a few tips as to what to expect at the camp from his father, Gary Wilkins Sr., who spend four of his six-year career with the Falcons.

“It’s always good to hear it from someone else but it’s even better when you hear it from your dad. He’s told me stories over the years and I couldn’t be more thankful for him to help me out as a player and also his son,” Wilkins said. “I actually think he was more excited than I was. He was saying that he has to start booking flights to Oakland.”

WR AUSTIN WILLIS

THE EMPORIA GAZETTE

Former ESU WR Austin Willis eager for Raiders training camp

By Corbin McGuire

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Austin Willis claims his most recent trip back to Emporia was no different than any before it, but the details around him at the time contrasted that assertion.

Sporting a black Oakland Raiders Nike T-shirt with, what else, a pair of Raiders shorts, the former Emporia State receiver got more of a celebrity treatment Tuesday, July 14, when he visited the inaugural Garin Higgins' Rookie Camp.

"It's really cool that some of these kids were, like, 'is that Austin Willis?' That's really cool for me," Willis said. "You don't really think about that until some kid comes up to you and says, 'Can I have your autograph?' That's really cool and really rewarding.

"It's all the hard work that you've done, it's paying off on the field and it's paying off off the field. It's just really cool."

Willis addressed the youth players — from 3rd to 8th grade — before last Tuesday's session started and worked with them at different stations afterward. He even participated in a pseudo-race with all the campers in which Willis, known for his sub-4.4 second 40-yard dash abilities, allowed a host of players to go home saying they beat an NFL player in a race.

The whole experience — the autograph requests and the playfully jeering NFL comments from former teammates and coaches — allowed Willis to admit to feeling a slight local celebrity status.

"A little bit, but not yet. I don't like to get a big head," he said. "I haven't done anything yet. I'm just excited to get back out (to Oakland) and get to work."

Willis' post-ESU work thus far earned him an invite to the Raiders' rookie minicamp in May, which led to him signing a three-year contract worth around \$1.5 million, per chiefsdigest.com's Herbie Teope.

With his success came more attention, especially from the Kansas media, but also from online media sources such as Bleacher Report, which posted an article comparing Willis' potential path to an NFL roster to that of All-Pro receiver Wes Welker.

"You ask me if I read some of it, I do read some of it," said Willis, who was projected in a separate Bleacher Report story to make the Raiders' 53-man roster, "but sometimes I let other people tell me about it because I don't want to get focused on what other people are thinking. I just want to focus on my game and just be me."

Willis' comparison to Welker, who's recorded 1,000-plus yards receiving five times and has 890 career receptions, stems from two main areas. One, Welker went undrafted out of Texas Tech. Two, which was tied to the first reason, Welker's 5-foot-8 frame was a concern for NFL scouts.

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Willis, also like Welker did for the Miami Dolphins, will likely have to make his mark on special teams to make the 53-man roster.

The speedy Topeka native is experienced in returning kickoffs, averaging 27.1 yards per return in seven tries as a senior for the Hornets that included an 89-yard touchdown against Nebraska-Kearney.

Punt returning is less familiar for Willis. He caught just two punts his entire ESU career, making it a focus of his during the offseason since OTAs, or organized team activities.

"It was more of an emphasis of just getting better at what (the Raiders) want you to do and how (they) want you to do it. I like to think that I'm coachable and I took what they said seriously," he said of OTAs. "That's what I've been focusing on when I've been home is just getting better at what they want me to be good at."

Physically, Willis has been doing his best to stay healthy and in good enough shape for the upcoming training camp in Napa Valley Training Complex that starts July 26 for rookies and July 30 for the entire team.

Training in Topeka the past few weeks, Willis was welcomed by a former rival in Washburn head football coach Craig Schurig, who's allowed the former All-MIAA Hornet receiver to use the Ichabods' facilities.

"I talked to Coach Schurig and he welcomed me in and said 'anything we can do to help you be successful. You're from the MIAA, it's not about the rivalry anymore, it's about helping you out.' He was really awesome about that," said Willis. "(Washburn Strength and conditioning) coach (David) Trupp was the same way. I thank them for letting me use their facilities whenever I needed to."

On July 26, Willis will return to California as a small player — listed at 5-foot-9, 175 pounds — seeking a spot in a big man's world, where he's thought to be from many different, mostly nonexistent, colleges.

"People call it Euphoria, Imperial State. I mean, I get it all," said a laughing Willis. "They're all, like, 'Where's (Emporia State) at?' That just comes with being from a small school. It's all good."

Regardless, Willis has been a sponge when around the experienced players such as Rod Streater, Brice Butler and Michael Crabtree, who collectively have 14 years of NFL experience.

"All those guys out there, they've been more than willing to help us out, the rookies and new guys," Willis said. "Those guys are awesome and they've been around the game. Michael Crabtree, he's obviously very established in the league. Anything I can learn from those guys, I think, is going to just make me that much better."

"You put yourself in an environment like that, all you can do is grow and get better. The higher character, the higher energy level, the higher physical abilities of those other guys, that just raises your game that much more."

Willis' game will need to be on point during training camp, which ends Aug. 25, and in any opportunity he gets when preseason games roll around, starting Aug. 14 against the St. Louis Rams.

The first roster cut, to 75 players, occurs Sept. 1 while the final 53-man roster deadline is Sept. 5.

"I've always been told if you're not nervous, you don't care," Willis said. "I'm very nervous, but at the same time I'm excited to get back out there. I can't wait. I'm ready to go."

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Leadership, competition fuel Raiders S Charles Woodson

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ALAMEDA – Raiders safety Charles Woodson is entering his 18th season, and can't recall an offseason program where he's had perfect attendance. He skips at least part of these voluntary workouts in spring, far, far away from events of tangible importance.

Not so this season. Woodson has been ever-present.

That wasn't by design. It was by request.

New head coach Jack Del Rio asked Woodson to stick around and lead by example.

"I sat down with Jack before it all started and we talked about what he wanted from this team and him wanting me here," Woodson said after Tuesday's mandatory minicamp practice. "I honestly didn't plan on being here every practice, but I'm here. I understood completely what he was talking about. Also, talking with my position coaches, [defensive backs coach] Marcus Robertson, and all of those guys, we decided the best thing to do was be here Day 1 and just continue through the whole thing.

"It's been fun and great to be here working with the guys."

Woodson wants to finish his career well. His first two seasons haven't gone as planned, with a 7-25 two-year record despite solid, often excellent individual play. Woodson has taken as active a role as possible to ensure the Raiders are as ready as possible to win football games this fall.

Leadership is crucial on a team with precious youth, especially in a secondary with inexperienced cornerbacks. Having him around as added resource is valued even by a coaching staff loaded with former players.

"It means everything," defensive coordinator Ken Norton Jr. said. "That kid, I call him a kid, he's a grown man but to me he's still a kid – the wealth of knowledge, the fact that he's played so long and he still has so much juice, so much energy, so much football to share. Our team is so young, when a guy like that has so much experience and knowledge and you see him out there, working with the guys, coaching them up, still making plays, still diving around, catching the ball, it's just amazing. The NFL average is three years and he's on 18, that is extraordinary. Having him on the team is just a blessing. He's awesome. If we had a team full of Charles Woodsons, we'd be pretty good."

Woodson looks at his career one year at a time, without guarantees beyond it. He still plays at a high level at age 38, and was ranked the NFL's 64th-best player by his peers. Woodson still has the health, drive and production to carry on. In an era where players are retiring early, Woodson views each season in the NFL as a privilege that won't be available forever.

"I have been able to be relatively healthy my whole career. I still want to play," Woodson said. "I'm still playing at a high level. When you have those things going for you, why not keep playing? All of the guys that I've

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played with throughout the years, a lot of them would still love to be playing. Even though you've got guys retiring, there are a bunch of guys that would still love to be playing. For all of those guys that I've played with that tell me every year to 'keep going,' because they would love to have this opportunity. I can play and I still feel good. I'm going to go out there and give it what I've got."

There's still an uncertain future, and he maximizes his effort on the field and in an effort to make the Raiders better.

"It's been excellent having him around, really," Del Rio said. "The leadership, the mentoring, the example – it's not surprising to me. I've been around a few great players over the last couple of years, watching Peyton Manning, watching Champ Bailey. It's not a secret why some of these guys that are tremendous athletes, they're playing well into their careers, why they continue to play at such a high level. It's their work ethic and their love for the game. These guys love football. They love being around the guys. They love helping, teaching and competing.

"One thing about Charles, he is a very competitive guy. I think that's what fuels him."