



Oakland Raiders Transcript

OL Marshall Newhouse

Q: How did signing with the Raiders come about?

Newhouse: “Well yeah, free agency started, a lot of teams were signing guys. My agent and I were kind of ping-pong back and forth and had a couple of teams in play. He mentioned that the Raiders, coming off a great season, had an opening at right tackle and definitely my ears perked up. Things kind of started getting rolling and ended up being a really good fit. I’m excited to be here.”

Q: How excited are you to be able to play with the Raiders offensive line?

Newhouse: “Yeah, I’m really excited. Kind of a good mix of old and young guys; lots of talent. Obviously, when you’re protecting a quarterback as good as Derek Carr, every lineman wants that opportunity. All those things lined up and was definitely a huge reason why I chose here.”

Q: Is it a good thing that the Raiders are able to be selective in free agency this year?

Newhouse: “Yeah, absolutely. That definitely plays a part. It’s always a big picture thing. They probably have guys down the line who they’re going to have to save up for, guys that they’ve drafted and developed. Yeah definitely, when they have a successful program in place, you don’t have to make a lot of reaches. That was a big deal in signing here was that there’s just a solid feeling to the organization and coaching. It’s something I want to be a part of.”

Q: Right now, there is a solid feeling to the organization, but it hasn’t been like that for a while with the Raiders. As an outsider looking in before signing here, what was kind of the reputation of the Raiders throughout the last few years?

Newhouse: “Especially watching film or when we’d play them, it was always a lot of talent, but not a ton of continuity. In the NFL, we all know how hard winning games is. A lot of times we saw the Raiders figure out ways to lose at times. From the outside looking in, that’s what it kind of appeared to. Then last year you kind of flipped the script. You win some close games and you beat the teams you’re supposed to beat, you play solid football, and it’s kind of amazing what that, coupled with talent, ends up happening. I think they’re headed in the right direction.”

Q: Was it appealing that Reggie McKenzie is running this organization from your time in Green Bay?

Newhouse: “Yeah, definitely. I’m excited to see [General Manager] Reggie [McKenzie] get his chance. He’s kind of already shown what he’s capable of doing in leading a front office, and yeah, we definitely have a rapport from Green Bay. He knows what I bring to the table, but he also knows that I’ve grown as a player since then. I was only 21 when I was there and I’m a few years older now. So, I think it’s a mutually beneficial situation for both of us.”

Q: Do you embrace going up against the elite pass rushers in this division?

Newhouse: “Yeah, I definitely embrace it. It’s not something you shy from, because they’re there and they’re paid to get sacks. They make impact plays and you see it from afar. I came from a team that has two guys like that. So, this division is definitely stockpiled full; we’ve got our own now in Oakland. But yeah, all of those division games are going to be tough, tight games with a lot of elite pass rushers coming off of the edge. It’s just going to be an onus for me to step up my game.”

Q: What area would you say that you have improved on the most this season?

Newhouse: “I think one of the main things is kind of a small thing, but it is a big thing, just changing my body makeup – being a leaner, better athlete so that I can compete at a higher level for longer into games and not let fatigue be as much of a factor and then that goes into your techniques stay solid further into games and that’s usually when I was breaking down. It was a breakdown [in] technique and just doing a lot of self-evaluation and I was really honest with myself about what I needed to improve and that was one of the things. I think that



Oakland Raiders Transcript

contributed to it. I had a good O-line coach in New York that helped me step my game up and I'm hoping from the same from [offensive line] Coach [Mike] Tice."

Q: Have you received the hint on how many Raiders fans there are out there on social media?

Newhouse: "Yeah, that was very apparent from the beginning. So, I'm looking forward to that. It's fun to have a passionate fan base and you really want to go out there and win for them so they can enjoy the ride along with the team. So yeah, I definitely noticed that from the beginning."