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Head Coach Jack Del Rio

Opening Statement: “Yeah, Fast Friday. That’s what it was. Feels like a Thursday, but for us, two days before the game, we treat it like a typical Friday in season. Good, light work. Good mental day. It was good. I think for us, starters this week, we expect them to probably play a half, maybe a little more. We’ll see. Other than that, we’re excited to play at home. For us we’ve been on the road the first two weeks and really look forward to getting in front of our home fans. Our fans are terrific. Look forward to getting out there and showing them what Raider football is all about.”

Q: Did you game plan this week?

Coach Del Rio: “What we did... You always put a plan together, so technically you’re doing some portion of it. This week, knowing that we’re going to play them early in the year, it was a little bit of understanding what you like and thoughts you had; more a collection of that. In terms of trying to let it all air out in Week 3, it’s not really a sound approach. We’re prepared and looking forward to the competition. I think they’re running the ball as well as anybody in the league, so it’ll be a great test for our run defense. Defensively, [assistant head coach/defensive coordinator] coach [Dick] LeBeau is well known for bringing a lot of different looks up front. With their looks on defense against our looks on offense, that’ll be great for us preparation-wise, so looking forward to it.”

Q: Are you looking forward to seeing Jalen Richard in a game?

Coach Del Rio: “We are. He had a good week. Anticipate him being able to play, so yeah. We’ve been excited to see him. Obviously, he had the minor setback, but he’s done great. Had a good week of practice and we’re excited to get a look at him.”

Q: What do you see out of the second wave of linebackers?

Coach Del Rio: “Well it’s competitive right now for the backup spots on our team. We’ll continue to let it play out. These next two weeks will be important in determining those battles. We’ve had a good camp, a lot of exposure to them. We have feelings on how they sit as of today. These are a couple of big games coming up, and their special teams impact as well will be measured.”

Q: Have you guys used any of the electronic tackling dummies that move around?

Coach Del Rio: “No, we haven’t. I saw a video where they had them in Pittsburgh, Mike Tomlin. No, not yet. We had the kind that we would drag around. So we have movement, but we had to drag them ourselves. Now they’re coming up. Pretty soon they’re going to have a battery in a robot or something and we’re going to tackle that instead of tackling each other.”

Q: The San Francisco 49ers use one of those robot-controlled ones.

Coach Del Rio: “Do they? Yeah, it’s coming. It’s coming. That’s really more offseason work than in season, but yeah, all the teams are exploring all of the potential opportunities to develop and work with your players, with the rules the way they’re set up. You can’t go play around players, so you go play around a moving dummy.”

Q: How is Reggie Nelson?

Coach Del Rio: “Yeah, there’s a good chance we’ll end up holding him. We don’t talk specifically, but I think we all saw he didn’t work this week much. There’s a good chance we’ll hold him.”

Q: Besides Latavius Murray, which running back, DeAndré Washington or Jalen Richard, do you want to see with the first-team offensive line?

Coach Del Rio: “I would like to get a few looks at both of those guys with our first group. We expect to get that done Saturday night.”