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Jacksonville Jaguars Head Coach Doug Marrone

Q: What have you seen from the Raiders on film?

Coach Marrone: "Well, I think you got a team that's playing hard. I think they have some really good players offensively. Defensively, there is a couple guys that can take over a game and really cause some problems, so overall special teams they're good. They're a good football team and we're concerned about ourselves, because obviously we're not playing well."

Q: Do you have any cool Black Hole stories?

Coach Marrone: "Oh yeah. When I was with the Jets and we would go out there, we'd always warm up and I had the offensive line with me and I had a bunch of veteran guys who we'd warm up in the one corner of the end zone and for some reason there was one guy, he was all over me. Like he was killing me, not the players, me. And the players would come up to me and go, 'Coach, you going to take that (expletive) from that guy? Like, if he did that (expletive) to me, I would go up in the stands. You need to go up in the stands, you need to confront that.' And I'd be like, 'Shut the hell up, would you? We're just going to go ahead and play.' But I just remember those times and the playoff game up there when I was in New York and just how crazy it can be and it's a special place. I remember going up there back in the day and you look over at pregame warmup and [Owner] Mr. [Al] Davis would be down on the sideline. A lot of the old Raiders would be there and so I think for me there will be a point I think, 'Wow! I can't believe the Oakland Raiders are moving.'"

Q: Are you going to have to coach against the emotion of the crowd and everything that goes along with this being the last game in Oakland? Is that something you're going to address with your players?

Coach Marrone: "Absolutely. I think that, we kind of polled today, we don't have a lot of players that have played at Oakland and we tried to give them a sense of...and when I say crazy atmosphere, I mean that in a very positive sense. We talked about the locker room and we've talked about it. I think it will be an emotional day for a lot of people there and I had a good relationship with Mr. Davis. When I was the Head Coach at Syracuse, we'd meet every year and there will be a lot of emotion knowing that finally, I know last year they went through it a little bit, but the finality of it being the last game for sure."

Q: If Josh Jacobs plays this Sunday, what kind of a threat does he pose and what have you thought of his film?

Coach Marrone: "We're expecting him to play. He's obviously a very tough kid. Unbelievable year for him, really shown skills that he has. Very difficult to tackle, good yards per carry. He's got a good stiff arm, stays in bounds. Probably everything you would look for in a running back and he's had a hell of a year and obviously we're expecting him to play."

Q: You were drafted by the Raiders. Did you get a chance to meet Mr. Al Davis and talk to him then?

Coach Marrone: "Yeah, Mr. Davis had a great relationship with all the players. Didn't matter whether you were from top to bottom of the roster, and we were in L.A. at the time, but then obviously you move on. I got released and when I became the head coach at Syracuse, we reconnected again and I would go up to Oakland and meet with him once a year and those memories, that's something I would share with my son and I'm sure my son will share with his children and on and on and on. Because I think he's one of the greatest men that I've ever met and I think he's had one of the greatest influences



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on our game. Just a really, really special guy and a real caring guy and he took care of a lot of people. He was always good to me.”

Q: Did you find that he had a ridiculous amount of detail on you, that he knew everything about you?

Coach Marrone: “Yeah, I mean he knew everything about me and he knew everything about everyone around me. Or, you could bring things up and talk about the origins of scheme, whether it be the vertical passing game with him and Sid Gillman. You can talk about Paul Brown’s influences, [Bill] Walsh’s influences, the way he came up. His experience at Erasmus High School in Brooklyn, his experiences when he was a student at Syracuse University. So even near the end, obviously, he was very, very sharp. He was sharp enough that the first time I walked in, he said, ‘If you’re coming here and looking for me to donate money, you’re in the wrong (expletive) place.’ *(laughter)* That was exactly what my intention was, so right off the bat he just threw it right out there.”

Q: How is D.J. Hayden doing?

Coach Marrone: “He’s doing really well. He’s having a heck of a year. I mean, he’s played nickel for us. He’s tough, I mean everything that we would want. He’s really having a good year. He’s really played well for us.”

Q: Both you and the Raiders are one and two in the league in penalties. Is that tough at this point in the year to coach? How do approach that at this point in the year?

Coach Marrone: “I look at penalties as a couple ways. I mean, obviously the unforced errors, the offsides and things like that, there is no excuse for that. Then obviously I think of taunting or things of that nature. There are some where you look in the crowd and you’re like, ‘What is he doing?’ Then I think there are other penalties where by experience or we have to coach our players better to be in better position, because a lot of times most of these penalties are caused by the player not being in that position. Now, whether it’s us on coaches to coach that better, or whether it’s athletically, maybe we’re asking the player to do something he can’t do or the player puts himself in a poor position, but that’s how I’ve always looked at penalties.”