



## ***Oakland Raiders Transcript***

### **Head Coach Jack Del Rio**

**Opening Statement:** "Had a good week of practice. The guys are energized and ready to go. We'll travel to Denver tomorrow and take care of business."

**Q: Is Derek Carr making the trip?**

**Coach Del Rio:** "No."

**Q: Did the NFL contact you to tell you that they were going to wait until March for a decision on Aldon Smith?**

**Coach Del Rio:** "Nobody called me personally to tell, but I got the news."

**Q: What was your reaction to that news?**

**Coach Del Rio:** "A little disappointed, honestly. I feel like from everything that I've gathered, obviously it's not my job to make a rule, but from everything I've gathered, he's done his duty to take care of all the things he needs to take care of. I see some of the guys that have been allowed back. My question is what's the difference? It's always a question mark. If a guy has a chance, he should have a chance to make a living. I don't really agree with what's gone down, but it's not my job. We'll move on as a team. That's what we have to do, but I'm a little disappointed."

**Q: What have you seen from Connor Cook this week?**

**Coach Del Rio:** "Connor has done a nice job. He's done a nice job all year with the work he gets and the attention to detail. I think he's really matured, become more comfortable in what we're asking him to do. The ball comes out of his hand nice. I think all the signs are real positive for Connor as we go forward."

**Q: Obviously, as the number three guy, he doesn't get many, if any, reps.**

**Coach Del Rio:** "He gets a lot of reps, he just doesn't get them with the first-team offense."

**Q: Does he do the other things to make up the gap for not getting those reps?**

**Coach Del Rio:** "It's a really good, healthy room. [Quarterbacks coach] Todd [Downing] does a great job working the room, and they all work. That part has been very good."