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LOS ANGELES CHARGERS HEAD COACH ANTHONY LYNN

Opening Statement:

"Well, I don't know why I'm standing up here like we lost the game. We won the game. I thought the guys went out there and finished. They played hard. These last 12 weeks—I think they've won nine out of the last 12—I think they showed what type of team they are after starting out 0-4. Disappointing we didn't make it to the postseason, but we couldn't control any of that. All we could control is what we did today with the Oakland Raiders. I was proud of the way they came out and fought, and the way they played."

On keeping focused this week:

"No doubt. We let out all of the distractions, and we took care of the job at hand. That's what we had to do to have any chance."

On reflecting this past season:

"I think of my life. I think of the peaks and valleys of my life and things I've been through. I look at this team and these young men in the locker room and what they went through earlier, starting out 0-4, and how they stayed together and they fought back. It's just a reminder of when you believe in one another and believe in yourself and stay committed to the process of what can happen. Unfortunately, we started a little too late, but I like what I see from this team. I like the grit. I like their effort and consistency that we showed the second half of the season."

On how they finished the season:

"I think this team can become a championship team. That's what I believe. They showed me that throughout the season, and that's the type of culture that we're building here. I wish it would have happened a little sooner, but I think we're putting it in the right direction. I think we're on to something."

On how a couple plays can decide a season:

"Yeah. You never will [know] when playing if it's going to win or lose a game. That's why you have to take them one at a time and you can't take anything for granted. Every team has a lot of negative plays throughout the season. You learn from those mistakes, and that's the most important thing. I feel like after we started off slow, I think this team and coaches—including myself—I thought we learned from a lot of our mistakes and didn't repeat those."

On this possibly being Antonio Gates' last season:

"He's a pro. He shows up everyday. He does his job. He's a Hall of Famer for a reason, highly productive. Earlier in the season, Hunter Henry was getting more targets, but Antonio [Gates] was always a big part of this team and a big part of this offense. When we needed him the most, he stepped up."

On if he thinks there's more football left in Antonio Gates:

"Well, that's up to Antonio [Gates]. I don't want to speak for him, but I think the way he finished this season, I thought he was highly productive."

On what he can take away from his first year as a head coach:

"You know, maybe in a few weeks when I look back I may feel some sense of pride, but right now we're just terribly disappointed because our season is over. I just feel very fortunate to have a group of young men like I have in the locker room, the coaching staff that I'm around, the management, and ownership. I couldn't ask for anymore for a rookie head coach."

On players saying it didn't matter about having a winning record if they didn't make the playoffs:

"You only play for one reason. We talk about that all the time. Why do we exist? Why do we do this? It's to win championships. If you're not winning a championship, who cares about second or third place. Let's be honest."

LOS ANGELES CHARGERS QUARTERBACK PHILIP RIVERS

On his emotions after getting a win today but still missing the playoffs:

"It's a little mixed. You hate to not appreciate a win in this league because it's hard to win. You win a division game at home, really do a ton of things right in all phases, but quickly you're a little disappointed—shoot, a lot disappointed—because you kick yourself that you put yourself in the situation where you needed help and you know you let some games get away that you shouldn't have. We could have won every game, but you may lose in Arrowhead, you may lose at Denver in the opener, you may lose to a Philly team that's hot, not that we couldn't have beat them. You have a Miami team beat, you've got a win, you have a Jacksonville team beat, you've got a win. It hurts because you win one of those and you need no help today. You're the five seed at 10 wins. That's where I think it hurts the most because we're a pretty hot team that's going home. You win nine of the last 12, start 0-4, and shoot, that's a pretty good stretch. We'll be watching."

On if he focuses more on the positives or negatives from the season:

"I think you can pretty much find the positives in just about everything. It's hard though because you hate to see a season end, hate to see a season get away from you and not have a chance in the postseason because you feel like we're a team that would have had a chance. A few years ago in 2014, we were all so banged up, we had so many guys on IR, I was limping around, and we could have gotten in in '14, but probably could not have won in '14. Everyone's like, 'Let's get in,' but how far can we go? I don't know. This year was, 'Get in and look out.' I think that's why it's tough because we're pretty healthy and we have the pieces that you need to make a run. We're just short."

On how he would characterize the season:

"A terrible start and a great—great may be too strong—but a dang-good final three quarters. You go three-and-one, three-and-one, three-and-one, or whatever we did the final three quarters. That's pretty good. If you'd have just split the first quarter, we'd be all fired up and getting prepared for a game. We're not. Those are all what-ifs. But again, I think it's a testament to our team—the fight, the resilience, the toughness that we showed all year long. It's too bad that we don't get another shot."

On if he's thought about what the future might hold for Antonio Gates:

"I think you saw the last three weeks when he needed to be the so-called every down tight end, he can certainly still do it. He was very effective the last few weeks where we needed him in a bigger role because of Hunter (Henry) being down. Obviously his contract is up. Those things are better left to ask him. He's had a heck of a go at it thus far, so we'll see where it is from here on out. Who knows."

On if he can recall being this disappointed after a victory:

"I don't know. I'm trying to think. Probably not. Not recently that comes to mind. You knew that was a possibility. We caused that though. We caused that possibility today, that we could be disappointed after a victory because you put your fate in other teams' hands that quite frankly, I don't think wanted us to come see them next week. That's my opinion, doesn't do us any good. They beat us. I'm not sure how bad they really wanted us to come back down there, but it doesn't matter. I can say that, and everybody can say, whatever, they beat you. That's how I feel, but it doesn't matter because we didn't take care of them when we had a chance to."

On how meaningful it is to go into the offseason with a winning record:

"I think it's reset. I'm not big on momentum, but I think you see a team now that in the previous two years was a team that can't win a close game, all that still hanging over you. This coming offseason, it will be a team that finished winning nine in 12, these guys that can rush the pass, had a guy that caught 100 passes, guys that get speed on the outside, going to have a young, healthy, hopefully, Mike Williams. Gosh, the offensive line was unbelievable. Fewest sacks we've had in I don't know how many years? I don't know, long time. There are a lot of things they're going to say that are positive. There's not going to be many, 'Oh, they're missing this, this and this still.' It's going to be, this team was close to being a dangerous—at least a dangerous factor—in the postseason. Again, we're not. These are all what-ifs, but that's all you have at this point when there's no game on Sunday, you kind of turn to those what-ifs."

On how quickly he will get excited about next season:

"Honestly, it probably won't start until after the Super Bowl. Next Sunday will probably be the worst, and then each weekend will be pretty tough. We played all these teams that are in it except for Tennessee and Pittsburgh, so I'll be watching them as if I'm playing them, the coverage they're doing—it will be like that every weekend. As soon as the Super Bowl is over, I start to get excited because then we're all 0-0 again. That becomes last year's champion and then we're all in the same boat."

On if he watches a lot of postseason play:

"I watch about every snap."

LOS ANGELES CHARGERS QUARTERBACK PHILIP RIVERS (cont.)

On his first year in Los Angeles:

"I think I'm at a place in my career where there's really no way to—San Diego is such a special place and [I had] such a special time there, so many memories there, and then at a point in my career where I know that—and I feel like I have some good years left—but I know I'm not going to be able to duplicate that here, talking length of time and that just really engrained in the community, but I still am all in. I thought we handled it well. There's a lot to it. There's a lot to handling the move and the training camp site and new stadium and getting the hang of how the whole atmosphere will be. There's all those things involved and I thought we handled it pretty good. I thought we handled it all pretty good and the team hung in there together and fought hard. It was a fun team to be on. You see, I don't know [if it's the] personality of the team changing, but I think the core group of players, you start to see those things change. You feel like you're still part of it but you kind of know you're past it, not passing it off, but it was fun to see that. I've enjoyed this team, and it's a lot younger and the personalities and kind of that makeup that they have. It was a fun team to be on. I tell ya, we brought it every week. That's the one thing I can say. Hasn't been [an 0-4] team to make it [to playoffs] since 1992, won't be one to make it this year, but we sure gave a heck of a run at it."

On if he thinks the 0-4 start has something to do with the move:

"I think it would be seen as an excuse to say it, but I also think that it's naïve to think that it had nothing to do with it. Did it have something to do with the three interceptions against Kansas City? Probably not. You know what I mean? It's hard to say that it did, but I think it's crazy to say that it didn't have any affect on a team early getting settled in. It's one of those things you can't gauge. You can't gauge those things. When I say our team is a close team, well how many wins does that get you? I don't know, but if you're a close group, it gives you a better chance. I certainly don't think the transition and all that helped early, but to say how much it hurt us, it's hard to say."

On Keenan Allen's great season back and if he thought Keenan would come back like he did:

"I did. I really did. Credit to him. I'm happy for him, excited for him. He really attacked the rehab head-on. Not that he didn't practice hard in the past, but the way he committed himself to practice and run, and run and practice day in and day out, all the way back to OTAs, you just knew he was determined to have a great year. I think I heard him say recently that one of his biggest goals was to be out there for all 16. You knew if he was out there for all 16, he'd have the chance to have the type of year he had. Pretty remarkable for him coming off an ACL and having triple-digit catches and finish what he's going to finish, right there in second in the league in yards, and second or third in third down, catches I think first. Awesome for him. The extension was well-deserved and it's awesome to know you're going to have him around for a while."

On Keenan's fumble recovery off Melvin Gordon:

"That was one of those things that when it happened early, it was like, no apologies today. Anything we can get, let's let it all go our way. Everywhere. Nashville, Baltimore, all over. It was crazy that it worked out the way it did. There's something about players that they just have a knack and they end up being in the right place at the right time and have a good awareness, and that was one of those plays."

On if he was aware of the scores that impacted the team's playoff chances:

"When I knew that our game was in hand, yeah I was getting them. Can't give you my sources, but I was getting them."

LOS ANGELES CHARGERS WIDE RECIEVER KEENAN ALLEN

On the team not making the playoffs:

"It's tough. We kind of shot ourselves in the foot early. We could have controlled it, but we missed out. It is what it is."

On what he is most proud of:

"Making it through all 16 games."

On what contributed to his successful season:

"Just lifting a little more, feeling better and just making sure I was strong enough to last the whole season."

On his thoughts about the toughness of the team:

"I think everybody in here is definitely a fighter, a true fighter. We all play for each other and it shows."

On his first touchdown of the game:

"That was crazy, I looked up and the ball was coming to me."

LOS ANGELES CHARGERS WIDE RECEIVER KEENAN ALLEN (cont.)

On how quarterback Philip Rivers impacted his performance throughout the season:

"He had a lot to do with that. The coverage, getting to the plays when he sees the coverage and just taking advantage of it. Just executing the best that we can and that's what happens."

On his take of the overall season:

"Come back and do it again. Just come back and be more consistent. Just try to get better."

On if he thinks tight end Antonio Gates is close to retirement:

"Not on Sunday. Not on Sunday for sure. He can still do it. You still can't play man-on-man against him because he's going to win."

On what he will remember the most if this was Gates' last game:

"His savviness. His route running ability, he makes guys miss just as much as I do. His knowledge for the game is pretty good, too."

On the team getting back to a winning record and what it means to him:

"It's ok. It does not really mean much without the playoffs. We just have to come back next season and make sure we get into the playoffs."

On how the team can build off this season for next season:

"Just knowing that we can win. Just make sure we win against the tough teams that we know we can beat."

LOS ANGELES CHARGERS WIDE RECEIVER TRAVIS BENJAMIN

On how it feels winning nine out of the last 12 when they still came up short of their overall goal:

"It was kind of tough but we fought back hard all year throughout the ups and downs we had in this season. We know that we wanted to win this game and it showed on the field today."

On after the last two years of adversity, how it feels to end the season with two wins:

"This team is only looking forward. Next year we will hopefully do bigger and better things and don't have those miscues early in the season and just get this ball rolling."

On the message that Coach Anthony Lynn for the team after finishing the season 9-3:

"The message is always a good one when Coach Lynn speaks. He knows that with the way this team carries itself and looking into the future, the way he wants to run it and the way we want to run it as a team, the sky is the limit for us."

On if they knew other scores around the league or if Coach Lynn kept them from seeing them:

"He was pretty strict. We knew that as long as we took care of our business and what we needed to do, hopefully everything else would fall into place."

LOS ANGELES CHARGERS DEFENSIVE END JOEY BOSA

On their improvements throughout the season:

"I think our team showed resiliency, [Head] Coach [Anthony Lynn] was really emotional after the game. He was so proud of us, especially from where we came from this year. Obviously, we are all upset about not making the playoffs, but we controlled what we could control with winning the past couple of games. We have a lot to work on, but 9-7 is a pretty good improvement from the last couple of years, so we have a lot to work on. It's not a one-year thing."

On their growth of identity from last year to this year:

"I was talking to [DE] Isaac [Rochell], it's a completely different team, you can feel the confidence, everything all around: Energy, effort, the love for each other. It's easy for one guy to bring down the entire team. I'm not saying that's what was happening last year, but you have a few of them scattered about and it's hard. In each position group, it's hard to get guys moving in the right direction if everybody is not on the same page. I think we finally found that and everybody is working towards the common goal, and creating a culture that's winning."

LOS ANGELES CHARGERS DEFENSIVE END JOEY BOSA (cont.)

On his feelings about the team:

"I mean we lost the first four [games] and we won nine of the last 12, it's a pretty awesome way to finish the year. We have unbelievable talent in both [WR] Keenan [Allen] and [RB] Melvin [Gordon]. It's a really deep team and if we would've pulled off a couple of plays here and there then we might be top of our division, but we have a lot of promise. Hopefully we have the same team next year, with a couple of additions."

On his first full season:

"It was long, really long, but now that it's over it seems like it flew by. That's what I was telling [Defensive Line Coach] Giff [Smith] yesterday, it seemed like it's been three years and now it feels like it's been over in a flash. I'm just proud of myself and the team for making it through. I only played 12 games last year and I've been playing football for months and months now, so it's good to make it through healthy."

LOS ANGELES CHARGERS SAFTEY TRE BOSTON

On the touchdown to WR Amari Copper and if it was due to miscommunication:

"No. We just didn't stay on the top and that's what happens, but we have to turn over the leaf and move forward. They got us on one and we have to get them on the other."

On what coach said after finding out their season was over:

"We are building a great foundation. We were 9-3 in the last 12 games. When you start the season 0-4, it's hard to play the rest of the season, but we did that. We didn't hesitate to play ball. The chips didn't fall where they were supposed to on the other teams. It is hard to look towards the future and not look at the now. We have a great team so hopefully we can come back next year ready."

On if their 9-3 finish will carry into next season:

"Easily. Everybody was talking about how we were the hottest team in the league. We just have to play like it more. Again, to go 3-1 in the last three quarters of the season it is a testament of the guys we have in the locker room and our coaches. This year, it just wasn't enough."

On when the team found out about the scores:

"We found out when we got in the locker room. The mood went from excited after winning the game to disappointment that our season was over. I didn't want to know anything about the score during the game because I had a game to win. I think we did a great job coming out knowing what we had to and letting the chips fall."

On if an announcement was made in the locker room of the final score:

"No we just all found out from our phone and word of mouth. Again, it is tough. This team has a lot to fall back on. We aren't in the playoffs this year, but we sent a message to the league this year about this team. I hope I can be part of it next year."

On if Head Coach Anthony Lynn had anything to do with the turn around after the 0-4 start:

"We believed him. We believed and we played our hearts out. We did what we were capable of doing and you saw what we ended up doing. We just put ourselves in a hole too early."

LOS ANGELES CHARGERS TIGHT END ANTONIO GATES

On the possibility of this being his last game:

"It's weird because it just doesn't feel right to talk about retirement right now. When you are with this team and in this locker room, you can sense something special is about to happen, but you don't know when. So right now, it's just a great time for me to get away from the game of football, go home and take some time off."

On returning next season if Chargers expressed interest:

"Absolutely, this team and this organization has been so generous to me and my family. I can't say enough about the opportunity that I have been given since I have stepped foot in California. But right now, I'm a little salty that we didn't get a chance to move forward to the post season, but I'm happy that we came out here and did what we can control, which is to go out there and win."

LOS ANGELES CHARGERS TIGHT END ANTONIO GATES (cont.)

On his timeline on decision to retire:

"You know it's funny, I hear all these speculations about the word retirement. But to me, once you start making those decisions you've already got one foot out. My whole idea was to stay focused for 17 weeks and that's been my goal from day one. Trying to do whatever I can each and every week to win a football game and I've accomplished that. I've finished 17 weeks of the season."

On possibly returning next year with tight end competition:

"Yeah, it was a road that I had to adjust to. But I'm happy, to be with a good group of people, a team that can do some special things. And I think that's the goal for me at this point, I've done so many things individually, but the Super Bowl is definitely the priority for me at this point."

LOS ANGELES CHARGERS RUNNING BACK MELVIN GORDON

On how it felt starting the season 0-4 and fighting to a 9-3 finish with no playoffs:

"It's a bitter feeling. I don't know any other way to explain it. We bust our butts in camp and all preseason to make the playoffs and get our opportunity. We knew if we got into the playoffs it would be ugly for anybody we played. It's just getting there that was the problem. We made some mistakes in some games where we should have won. We are paying for it now."

On if their current momentum is going to carry into next season and help them start stronger:

"Most definitely. We will get some guys back and we never know who we will bring in or whatnot. As far as this team, you never know if you will have the same team. The chances of that happening are slim. You want to have guys that you've bled with. It sucks, but we have a lot to look forward to next year."

On what the team's 9-3 finish says about the kind of coach Anthony Lynn is:

"He is a great coach. Those first four games don't determine the kind of coach he is. We had some early adversity, but we overcame that and still put ourselves in a position to make the playoffs. The bad thing about that was that we left it in someone else's hands instead of ours."

LOS ANGELES CHARGERS DEFENSIVE END MELVIN INGRAM

On Head Coach Anthony Lynn's message at the end of the season:

"Hold your heads high and keep grinding. We put ourselves in a good position and that's all we can ask for. We started out 0-4 and put ourselves in a tough position. Our heads are held high. We have room to grow next year and it's going to get scary. This season gave us momentum."

On the news of other NFL scores influencing playoffs:

"Things just happen, we know who clinched it."

OAKLAND RAIDERS HEAD COACH JACK DEL RIO

Opening Statement:

"I feel like today was a microcosm of our year. The opportunities, lack of production, not good enough. Really, kind of, disappointing. That's what our year was, disappointing. I spoke with [owner] Mark Davis after the game and Mark let me know that he's not going to be bringing me back. He told me he loved me and appreciated all that I did to kind of get this program going the right direction, but that he felt the need to change. I told him how much I appreciated the opportunity he gave me and I mean that. I'm very grateful. My childhood team. But, it's a results business. I understand that. I appreciate the players and coaches and all the hard work, all the effort and energy. I do believe that we have established a solid nucleus. Whoever comes in here has a chance to take that nucleus and go to special places, and I'll be pulling for them."

OAKLAND RAIDERS QUARTERBACK DEREK CARR

On the news about Head Coach Jack Del Rio:

"It hurts. It is a sucky thing because we talked about it earlier this year. He is family. You spend so much time with him. I met with Coach Del Rio every Thursday morning since he has been here. We have spent time together at his events and we have created a bond. That's a bond that will last forever. It hurts because something sucky happened to someone you care about. We weren't good enough for him. We have to take our ownership as players. That's where we are right now. We are kind of angry that we let it get to that. We are upset at ourselves. We understand the business part of it, but as players, I talked with [DE] Khalil [Mack], our job is to come back better and hungry. We have been through some hard times together and this is right up there with it. We are hungry, angry a little bit in this instance. There is nothing you can do about it right now. The wound is still fresh, but as we move forward it will scar over. It will be there, but you have to move on. I love him and I love his family. They have been great to me. We've had some great talks about life, football and he has helped me grow so much as a player in my knowledge and understanding of the game. We had a great talk this week, now looking back on it, in our Thursday meeting. We didn't see this coming. We were excited to just continue to compete and he would let me know that we were going to fix the little things that we need to fix to get this thing back right. Keep being you, keep leading us. We were getting ready for what is next. For it to be done, it is crazy deal."

On the season:

"I am not getting into what is fair and what is not. This league, as we all say, is production oriented and we didn't do well as a team. That's just one of the things that happens. I don't get into that's fair and that's not fair. A lot of things in life are fair or not fair. We know that, everyone has been through stuff, especially in this business. It is what it is."

On the difference with a new coach:

"Right now, we don't know because Coach Del Rio is our coach. We spent three years with him and we had some really good times. Obviously, we did some things that hadn't been done in a while for our organization. It is hard, to be honest with you. A new coach [is something] that will be down the road and it is what it is. For us as players, we need to be better. We have to be more accountable. We have to be more demanding. [We have to be] all those things and we will. Those things are already in the works of being fixed. I have had plenty of communication and discussion with people that I needed to talk to and they know. We sat down and we actually got better this week. It's crazy, but we are going [in] the right way because the demand and the accountability has to rise up and it will. We know, as players, how it goes and we have to produce."

On the new head coach:

"I am aware of what was said because of how the world works today. Even if you try to stay away from stuff, you can't get away from it. If [Jon Gruden] is our coach or if he is not, who knows. We don't know. We just lost to the Chargers and Coach Del Rio is our coach. I know him and I've known him for a while, but it is still pretty fresh."

On Coach Del Rio post-game speech:

"He addressed us. It wasn't like a, 'Hey, farewell,' kind of thing. He addressed us just like he always does. He is man. He stood in there and talked about things that we could do better, all those things as a team, just as he always does. There was no sign as he was talking to us."

On learning another playbook:

"I have to do it, right? It is always difficult, but that is what we are supposed to do. It's what I am supposed to do, it's what we are all supposed to do. Offense, defense, that's our job. We have to do our best and I felt like we competed our best, but we didn't execute our best. We weren't demanding and accountable enough and that will change. Letting Raider Nation [know], that will change."

OAKLAND RAIDERS QUARTERBACK DEREK CARR (cont.)

On meeting with Coach Del Rio privately:

"Khalil and I did meet with Coach. It is our team. There is no secret about that. It is Khalil's and my team. Both of us went in there and talked to him. We hugged him and told him that we loved him. He said the same. He told us he loved us. He is a man's man. When it is hard, he stood in there and talked to us. He was real about everything. I won't get into private conversations. Khalil and I went in there and saw him because he is family. At the end of the day, we are family. We are a family that needs to be better and we will."

On the team's accountability:

"I think it's in our details. I talked about that throughout the week. Our details were lacking. That's [on] us as leaders. We have to fix that. We have to hold ourselves accountable at the same time. I always look at myself in the mirror first and then I fix things. I have had a whole bunch of conversations that are uncomfortable, but I had to have them. A lot of guys are doing the same thing that are our leaders do because we know where we need to go. We almost got there. We have made the playoffs. We have won 12 games. We've seen how it is supposed to be done. We saw that we didn't match that this year. Without getting into too much detail, we have to hold each other accountable in the [smallest] of things. We will, that is a promise. We will definitely do that."

On the team chemistry:

"There was no one moment where it was, 'Oh man, here it is. It is going bad.' It was never like that. We have a great group of guys. They work hard, they compete their tail off. We have a bunch of grown men, a bunch of dogs. I think anybody would tell you that. Whoever comes in next, they have a whole bunch of angry dudes that just want to fight and compete their tail off. We are going to reign that in and hold them accountable from here, but there was no one moment. I can't put my finger on it."

OAKLAND RAIDERS LINEBACKER NaVORRO BOWMAN

On Head Coach Jack Del Rio being fired:

"I didn't expect it. It's a production business. You have to produce to stick around and earn this money. It is just part of the business. It sucks for him but I hope he lands back on his feet."

On his future with the Raiders:

"It is up in the air. I just wanted to come out today and finish strong for the guys that I practice with every day and play with pride and see where the chips fall. I had a great time here with the Raiders and a huge change just happened. There are a lot of things running through my mind, but I enjoyed my time with the Raiders. Hopefully if everything works out I'll be back."

On high expectations for Raiders coming into this season:

"I wasn't on this team early on. I got here in the middle of it and did what I could. I strapped down, focused and tried to produce as much as I could."

OAKLAND RAIDER WIDE RECEIVER MICHAEL CRABTREE

On rumors concerning Head Coach Jack Del Rio's future:

"I just play receiver. That's out of my control man. I don't know anything about that. I leave that up to ownership. I'm sure they'll do a good job of doing what they do."

On his own future with the Raiders:

"I'm out here playing ball. Whatever they ask me to do. Like today, if they only want me to play ten plays, I'll play ten plays. The season over now. There's nothing I can do about it. I played probably thirteen plays. I wasn't in the game plan. Every time I went in, I did my job."

On if lack of playing time today was frustrating

"Yeah, I mean because if I react then I'm a bad guy. They'll ask 'why isn't he on the field?' You have to ask the coach that. I do everything I'm supposed to do. I play 60 minutes every time we play. Game winners after game winners. I did everything they asked of me these last two games and I've probably had three targets. Nobody is saying anything about that but it's all good. Like I said, I'm going to keep working hard man and be me."

OAKLAND RAIDERS CORNERBACK SEAN SMITH

On Head Coach Jack Del Rio getting fired:

"It's tough. Jack was a coach that played the game. He was a player's coach. I like those kinds of coaches because they can relate to you easily. He came to work with a smile every day. I definitely enjoyed playing for him. It sucks. He is a coach and he can't be out there, and as a player, we did not play up to our expectations."

On what went wrong this year:

"I don't know where to start. It was a whole a lot of things. It definitely wasn't just one person or thing. It was a collection of things. It was one of those years to be honest with you. I can't speak too much about it. It was tough."