



REGULAR SEASON - WEEK 3
WASHINGTON REDSKINS vs. OAKLAND RAIDERS

Sunday, Sept. 24 | 8:30 p.m. ET
FedExField (82,000) | Landover, Md.



RAIDERS HEAD COACH JACK DEL RIO

Opening statement:

“They had a good day. We had an ugly day. I’m glad they don’t count for more than one. We definitely took one on the chin today. As I told our team, it starts with me. I’ve got to be better. We’ll all take a look at ourselves and see what we can do better. Obviously it was not a good day, really, in very many areas at all. Ofen on third downs (0 for 11 on third down conversions) as an offense. Defense allowed 50 percent. Several big plays on third and real long, or second and real long where we just didn’t take advantage of the opportunity. All in all, we just took one today. We’ll bounce back and get ready for the next one but no hiding from that. I’m sure there’ll be questions about what everyone wants to ask around the league about the anthem and those kinds of stories and all that. I love that group of men. I respect that group of men. We’re unified and there’s some guys that feel strongly about taking a stance, and over the last several days I think that became apparent and there’s nothing wrong with expressing yourself in a peaceful manner like they’ve done. We chose to be unified. If they didn’t have the kickoff so close to the anthem, we probably would have stayed in instead of going out but that’s the way we handled it. Was it a problem? I don’t think so. I think the problem was that the Redskins outplayed us today. Like I said, it starts with me. I’ll go back and look at everything I can do better. We’ll all take a look that way individually and make sure we’re being accountable and that we move on.”

On offensive struggles:

“Just execution. We’ve got good people who care and work hard. So do they. You see examples all across this league – days like this can happen. You just don’t want it to happen very often.”

On the energy level:

“We had good energy. We played hard throughout the game. We just didn’t play well. Some really basic things that we count on doing at a high level, we didn’t do today.”

On preparing for Denver:

“We stick to our process. First of all, we’ve got to recover. We had some guys get banged up so we have to recover and get healthy, get our bodies ready to play. And secondly we prepare. That’s what we’ve got to do. We have to prepare the way that we do. We didn’t come to this game and no one watched film or anything like that. There’s no drastic thing that happened during the week that happened out there today. We’ve got to prepare, we’ve got to go to work and that’s all I know to do. Until they run me out of this place, I am going to continue to grind my tail off and that will never change. Our team will always be like that as long as I’m here and so we’ve got to do that and then we’ve got to compete. We know how good they are. You know, they’re chasing the same things we’re chasing and I look forward to a good competition.”

On going 0-for-11 on third downs:

“That’s not good. It sucked. You know, getting off on third down, for a defense it gives them life and for the other offense it’s joyful. It really is. We did not do a good job as an offense of executing on third down obviously. That just sucked. There’s no other word for it. That’s what it is. I think as a whole, you know, our guys played well but I just have to be better. You put it all on me, every single time. When something like this happens it’s my fault. Everyone wants to pat you on the back when you win as a quarterback and you just go ahead and put it all on me. I promise you I’ll be alright.”

On the stat sheet:

“Yeah. I always look at it just to see if we’re hitting our goals as an offense and things like that that coaches put out there for us. You see something like that and it’s alarming – like my goodness – now that’s because our third down practice was really well. So it just goes back to some days are like that and people have got to realize that. People have got to realize that it’s not the end. As long as we know in that locker room it’s not the end, that we get to keep playing and we keep chasing after everything that we want, we’re going to be just fine. But at the same time, we do have to look in the mirror and say, ‘What did I do wrong in this game?’ and lets not repeat it.”

On needed reminder of how easy it is to ‘go off the rails’:

“I mean, it doesn’t hurt. You never want something like this to happen obviously. But you get punched in the mouth and you really get to find out what you’re about. I’ve been through too much in my life to let this game bring me down or change what I do. And so it’s definitely not going to change our team but it is a reminder of that any time, any day, anyone can get after your tail if you don’t come in and show up.”

On it only being Week 3:

“That’s exactly right. You hit it on the head there. This is Week 3, there’s no panic. I promise you that. Does it suck? Does it sting? Absolutely, because you never want to go out there and do something like that but at the same time, there’s no panic. We’re going to go, we’re going to grind, we’re going to get after each other in practice just like we always do and find anything on the film that we can do better. And I promise you that we will get better.”

On bad games:

“Sure don’t like looking at it, sure don’t like seeing it, but nobody’s immune to it. Like I said, it’s one game and fortunately it counts for one. We know that we need to get ourselves recovered and get ready for the next one.”

On QB Derek Carr:

“We’ve obviously seen him play at a real high level. Tonight wasn’t one of those nights. It started on the second play of the game and I think it kind of unraveled from there. We didn’t get a lot done there with our offense and he’s the trigger man that makes it all go.”

On getting ready to face Denver:

“Obviously we’ll turn our attention to Denver shortly. Right now we need to pack up, travel and get back. I know that they had a rough day today too but it just counts for one. I’m sure both of us are feeling the same way in terms of dropping the game.”

On being frustrated with turnovers:

“To me, I understand the process of healing and having accountability and then moving on. That’s what we’re going to do. I don’t think the emotion or a tantrum is going to make it better. We’ll identify and be honest with each other about what needs to be better and resolve it ourselves to make that positive step next week.”

RAIDERS QB DEREK CARR

On what happened tonight after two successful weeks offensively:

“We just got our butt kicked. Hats off to Washington. They came out great. They played well and they got after us. There’s no going around it. They played better than us and they won because of it. Again, I have to take care of the ball – that’s an old thing. If I feel like ‘Oh we need a play or a spark, I can do it,’ you know, I have to calm myself down a little bit. So I caught myself there, but it sucks when it happens and then it hurts our team. So I have to take care of the ball better and I will. This isn’t alarming but we did get punched in the mouth. It’s all about how we respond or not. Obviously you guys know too from being around us, our guys will be ready to fight.”

On where he got his shoes from:

“My wife.”

On if he thought the first pass of the game being intercepted derailed the team motivation-wise:

“I don’t think, obviously it doesn’t feel good but I don’t think that that was a reason or anything like that. We had so many errors, besides one play. That one, to me, was just being too aggressive and that’s something that we talk about. Sometimes I just want to give guys a chance, even if it doesn’t look pretty and I take the full blame for what the offense looked like. All of that was on me. Every little bit of it. Everyone else played great. I’ve got to play better.”

On if the National Anthem protests across the league are a distraction in any way:

“I hope not, to be honest. I really hope not. It didn’t distract my mind. I think you guys know me well enough now. I prepare and do the same thing every week to get ready for games. Sometimes we have great games like the first couple and then sometimes we play like this. It’s going to happen sometimes so I really hope not but you never know. You don’t know what’s going on in everybody’s head and all those things, but for me it did not.”

On what the dialogue was like with his team before the National Anthem:

“Well there was a lot of dialogue, guys expressing how they feel. Our team is like that with anything. We all talk and we’re all there for one another. Basically, it just came down to we just wanted to show people that we’re unified and that we love one another. Some guys obviously sat, some guys stood and we just wanted to show that we were together. Whether you agree or disagree from the outside looking in, for standing or sitting or whatever, the ultimate goal is just, ‘Hey, for one brief second we all love one another even if one guy sits and one guy stands.’”

On if he thinks there is an easy answer to the protests:

“No. I mean there really isn’t. I don’t have the answers. But I know every day I just go out and love people. I think you guys know that also by now. There’s not a person I’ve ever met that I don’t love. Some people may get under my skin a little bit but I still love them.”

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RAIDERS FS REGGIE NELSON**On if he thought the team came out flat:**

“I mean it’s hard to say, man. We got a lot of work to do. We’ll look at film and fix it. We got a division game coming up next week. We just got to play better.”

On if the team’s performance tonight is frustrating:

“I mean it’s always frustrating when you come out and don’t achieve your goal – when you don’t get off the field on third down. Like I said, it’s just ... we didn’t come up. We didn’t show up as a defense. As a captain I need to make sure I play better and [we] as a defense as a whole.”

On if there were any signs of this coming during practice last week:

“Ain’t no sign. We are always trying to get better. We aren’t just slacking around in practice. There isn’t any sign. We play hard every day at practice. We just didn’t show up. Flat out.”

RAIDERS DE KHALIL MACK**On TE Vernon Davis and RB Chris Thompson being tough matchups:**

“It shouldn’t have been. It shouldn’t have been a tough matchup, but we just got to look at the film and correct it.”

On if this loss is a cause for concern:

“It’s always a cause for concern. It’s one of those things that wakes you up and serves as a humble pie and we just got to get ready for next week.”

On moving on to the Denver Broncos next week:

“You got to shake it off fast, man. [We’ll] come in tomorrow, look at the film, correct it and move on.”

RAIDERS LB/DE JAMES COWSER

On his two fumble recoveries tonight:

“Really it was just trying to be in the right place where I need to be. I know Cordarrelle [Patterson] made a great play on the punt and Cory [James] made a great play on defense and I just happened to be there and they just happened to fall in my lap. Really blessed.”

On thinking the fumble recoveries would spark the offense:

“I mean, we sure hope so. Every play on special teams and on defense we’re trying make a play. We’re trying to get that ball. We’re just trying to do something because our offense is so talented, so we’re just trying to get them every opportunity they can have.”

On TE Vernon Davis and RB Chris Thompson creating tough matchups:

“I think we just got to look at the film. All I know is what I did. I know there is a lot I’ve got to correct on both defense and special teams so I think film will tell the tale and we will work for it. That is the good thing about our team. We are really willing to improve and get better. We have our fun but you’ve got to get better off wins and you’ve got to get better faster off losses.”

RAIDERS OT MARSHALL NEWHOUSE

On being a veteran and reflecting on games like today:

“Yeah, they can happen. It’s the NFL. You don’t take anyone by any means, the other guys across from you get paid and if you don’t come to play, especially in a primetime game, you get embarrassed. Tonight is not what we’re capable of but we have a lot of guys with a lot to resolve in this locker room and we’re not happy with how things turned out and we’ve got to get it fixed. So we’ve just got to go back and do it. We’ve got to go to work.”

On his perspective of the game from the trenches:

“You know, I can’t put my finger on it right now. I’ll have to go watch the film. There’s a lot of stuff scheme-wise we’ll have to look at. When the plays were there, as an offense we didn’t make them. We didn’t pass protect well and across the board we didn’t do our part. That’s the bottom line. There’s nothing else to say about it. We just have got to go watch the film, go back to work, do the things we do – the process that we need to go win, and do that. We’re on a roll. We have confidence in ourselves, it’s not going to deter that. We just have to tighten our ship up and do what we do.”

On statement being made during the National Anthem:

“Well to put it succinctly, the statement we’re trying to make is that we aren’t a fan of the injustice in the country, regardless of what the president said before. This is kind of an ongoing problem and our main concern is with that and it might seem that way – that it was kind of reaction to the president – but this stuff has been going on for a long time. Guys have been persecuted for a long time and we felt as a group that it was what we needed to do tonight.”

RAIDERS OL DONALD PENN

On what happened to the offense that scores 35 points a game:

“We got our butts handed to us today, man. They went out there and were the better team today. We came out flat, very slow, and that’s not us. Good thing is it happened early in the year. We’ve got time to get it fixed but that’s not the Raiders offense out there. We’ve got to get back on swing and get it fixed soon.”

On the offensive line leading the team for the protest:

“We’re all on the same page, you know, I wish I didn’t have to do anything, I’ve been standing all the time but when you’re getting called out personally by the president of your country, you’ve got to do something. I didn’t want to do that. I don’t think my teammates wanted to do that. But it’s something we had to do, man. This stuff is getting out of hand. I don’t even really want to talk about it, giving him that much more of my time because it’s getting out of hand. We have disasters going on in Florida, Puerto Rico, Houston is still trying to rebuild and he’s worried about us doing a silent, peaceful protest. When the people of Charlottesville had all this, he didn’t call them sons of bitches, he didn’t call them assholes, you know what I mean?”

On what happens next with the protest:

“I’m not going to do it again next week. I didn’t want to do it this week but I felt like something had to be said. It was my turn to do it. I respect the military. It had nothing to do with military. It had nothing to do with disrespecting our flag. I have the utmost respect because you won’t see me over their shooting any guns, so I have so much respect for what they do. It had nothing to do with them and I hope they understand that. This all had to do with President Trump’s comments and that was the only reason why we did that.”

RAIDERS RB JALEN RICHARD

On wrapping his head around what happened:

“Well shoot, we just got beat today. You know, they played better than us today. We didn’t come ready to play today obviously and you know, at the end of the day, it showed.”

On whether it was one of those games where you get hit into a hole and can’t climb back out:

“Yeah, that’s exactly what it is. I mean obviously we do that to people too. It’s football, you’re going to have some games – you don’t want to have those games – but everyone has those games where you’re just like, ‘Dang, you know, we really just got whooped.’ So we bounce back, the game is over. We’ll take it, look at it Tuesday when we get back to work and get ready for the next opponent. The season’s long. We’re 2-and-1 right now, so you know, its fine.”

REDSKINS HEAD COACH JAY GRUDEN

On injuries:

“Ty Nsekhe has a groin [injury]. We’ll check him out tomorrow. [Samaje] Perine has a hand contusion. X-rays were negative. He did not break anything. It’s just a bruise.”

On the defensive performance:

“I think it was as good a defensive performance that I’ve seen in a long time by anybody – to hold that offense with Marshawn [Lynch] and Derek [Carr] and [Michael] Crabtree and Amari Cooper... the list goes on and on. 0-for-11 on third downs. I mean, it’s a great tribute to Coach [Greg] Manusky and the staff, but the players were executing. Hustling. Making sure of tackles and getting the ball out when they had to.”

On if he wanted to see more sacks and pressure on QB Derek Carr:

“Always. Yeah, always. But there was also some times where we got home with four and that’s going to be equally as important, you know, so we can play good coverage and we can match up to receivers – have some safety help – and then get home with four. Preston [Smith] I think got home once before, I think Junior [Galette] got home, so we were getting good push in the pocket where he couldn’t see – he was feeling uncomfortable – and sometimes that’s as good as a sack. Great team defense all the way around. Coverage is only as good as your pass rush. Your pass rush is only as good as your coverage. They worked hand-in-hand today.”

On if running the ball is the team’s identity:

“Yeah, I mean that’s the goal every week. Play great defense, run the ball, control the time of possession. That’s obviously a great recipe for success. You know, there’s going to be different games and different challenges for sure. As we go on, we’re going to run in to some different types of defenses and we’ll have to change that up a little bit, but ultimately that is the goal.”

On RB Chris Thompson’s role and if he’s trying to expand it:

“Yeah, he’s trying. He’s going to keep pushing me for them, but he’s not going to get them. He’s a great player, man. Now we have to keep him healthy and he’s in a great role where he’s at. He’s going to be very effective working in third downs a lot, we’re in second down and long a lot. He will be utilized in those roles quite frequently.”

On the deep ball to WR Josh Doctson and Doctson’s reaction on the sideline:

“I think it was some relief for him probably, you’d have to ask him. But it was great to see him because I’ve seen it. I think the players have seen him do that in practice quite often but nobody else has. You guys don’t even get a chance to see it very often, so it was good to get Kirk [Cousins] get the ball out of his hands – and it wasn’t a perfectly thrown ball, but to give him a chance where he can go up and make a big time catch, hopefully we’ll get more of that. But it was great to see man, I’m happy for Josh, and happy that Kirk threw it.”

On the passing game today:

“You know, I liked a lot. You can look at the yards and say obviously I like the yards and the completion percentage, but really I think there were some decisions that Kirk [Cousins] made that were equally as impressive: not forcing the ball, running the ball when we had a couple of bad looks, protecting the football. We had a third down and five and he ran it, we kicked a field goal to go up 17 – he could’ve forced it in there and made a bad decision. I think he really managed the game perfectly. He made some big-time throws, the receivers made some plays for him, so all around I was very impressed with the entire offense moving the ball.”

On how it feels when offense is clicking:

“Yeah, there’s still a lot to correct. We’re still going to have to get some work done. We had a couple drives there in the first quarter that weren’t very good, but for the most part I was happy with the way that they competed. We were backed up, we got some great situational work, some red zone work that we still have to get better at, but I’ve been very impressed with our offense. Really our defense gave us so many opportunities. I mean we had turnovers, good field position. So, it goes hand and hand. They gave us a lot of possessions at it, a lot of cracks at it, so the more opportunities the better were going to be.”

On turnovers:

“I think Samaje [Perine] just got his hand hit right on the ball, that was a great hit by the guy but we still have to protect it and then [Jamison] Crowder. I said last time he wouldn’t fumble again and now he’s got two so I promise you he won’t fumble another one.”

On using RB Mack Brown:

“Yeah I’d like to, but it’s a matter of if you can adjust three or four running backs in the game, I mean once [Robert Kelley]’s back, he’s back, so he’s got 75 yards rushing and about a quarter and half last week against the Rams so he’s still our number one lead dog. Samaje [Perine], hopefully we’ll get him back but if Samaje’s down for a little while, Mack [Brown] will be number two and Chris [Thompson] will be our wild card guy.”

On S Montae Nicholson:

“That’s a good one there. He is a heck of a player. He looks the part. The biggest concern we had was him not being able to get reps until later in training camp. He was doing all the walk throughs and we’re looking at him like, ‘This guy should be a great safety,’ but we didn’t know. And then he picked up the system and he’s running around there making great plays. He’s got the height, weight, speed, he’s got the natural ball skills, I think he’s going to be—knock on wood—he’s got the chance to be a big time safety for us.”

On winning a game in primetime:

“That’s big you know, really just getting one at home. I didn’t care if it was prime time or 1 o’clock or midnight, we just had to get one at home. We had lost the last two or three at home which was disappointing so to get one at home, have it on prime time against a big time team like the Raiders, that was satisfying. But now we just have to celebrate it for a little bit and then get ready for a tough one Monday night at Arrowhead Stadium.”

On LB Preston Smith:

“Last year, from a statistical standpoint, he didn’t have as many sacks as we’d like. He was around the quarterback quite often and he missed a few here and there, but this year I think he’s starting to wrap them up and get the production everyone’s looking for and waiting for. He’s a big body, works hard, he’s working on his pass rush moves and a variety of them now, so I think the future’s very bright for Preston [Smith] obviously, and then you throw Junior [Galette] in there. We can keep them fresh with Ryan Anderson and [Ryan] Kerrigan so we’ve got a good mix of four guys that can rush, and Chris Carter also, so we keep them fresh and the rotation sound.”

On deciding how to handle the National Anthem:

“I mean, we want to show unity, we issued a statement already from the organization’s standpoint, I’m going to refer to that right now, but this is a team sport and we take a lot of pride in the National Anthem and hopefully we can move forward going on to the next game. But we issued a statement and we’re good with it.”

REDSKINS QB KIRK COUSINS

On WR Josh Doctson's touchdown:

"It actually came out of the fake trying to throw it to Terrelle [Pryor Sr.], and I think Terrelle did end up winning late but I felt 38 (TJ Carrie) I believe was covering Terrelle was getting out of there and I felt like he was taking away the go ball and if Terrelle did end up getting by him it just shows how fast he really is. Then I looked back over to Josh and Ryan Anderson was getting deep as well but I do like Josh's ball skills and his ability to catch the ball up in the air and I thought, you know what, I'm going to give him a chance, they have been asking me to give him that chance and let's give it to him. It was scary when it left my hand because I still see Ryan Anderson going up, he's got the ball skills too and Josh made me right but that play can go either way you know? That's why this game is so tough."

On offensive performance expectations moving forward:

"I don't know, it's so week to week that it's hard to say what we are and what we aren't. It's going to change every week based on how we match up on their team, who's healthy for us, and play calls. I just go where my reads take me and go through progression and situations in games dictate play calls. That long pass through the screen ended up being a long pass to Chris Thompson almost the whole length of the field, that was not a play that we had practiced this week, that was not a play we were expecting to call, situationally you get way backed up and you're just trying to get out of dodge there. That play comes up and the next thing you know Chris has a big, big night as a result. So it varies from week to week but it's good to see us get some momentum and now we have got to find a way to bottle that and carry it over to next week."

On comfort with RB Chris Thompson's play while RB Rob Kelley is injured:

"I can't say enough about the job that Samaje [Perine] did tonight, Mac Brown, and obviously Chris Thompson. We have to make sure Chris stays healthy this year because it's really hard to find a guy who can pass protect, make people miss, help me with the pass game, catch the ball. He is the total package and he is a great teammate. He's got a great demeanor about him, he's a smart player. We have to develop players, younger players, to do what he has learned to do. Chris didn't come into the league totally polished in all of those areas. He's developed himself and I do love that about our team. I feel like guys like Josh Norman, myself, and Chris Thompson, we didn't come into this league as first round picks coming out the gate. We developed ourselves and it took time, we took our lumps and worked our way up in this league and I think that says a lot about the character of this team."

On the defensive effort:

"I can't say enough about the domination that the defense had and I couldn't believe it when you think about how successful that Oakland offense has been, not only this season but back to last season, they have always protected the quarterback well. Derrick Carr has done a great job getting the ball out, being explosive in the pass game and for some reason our defense just really locked it down tonight and I was so impressed. I think they really put together now three straight weeks with really good performances on defense and if we can get that all year it really gives us a chance, regardless of how our offense is playing. It's going to keep us in a lot of games."

On helpfulness of ball handoff tonight and moving forward:

"I think that's always a tough decision to stick with the run because you really don't want to just waste plays and hand the ball off for no gain or one yard or two yards. But you also don't want to walk out of a game with 40 to 45 pass attempts when it didn't have to be that. I think Jay [Gruden] is trying to find that balance the last couple of weeks and again, when the defense is playing well, you have that luxury to be able to keep handing it off and stay patient and I think we did a good job staying balanced tonight."

On the touchdown pass to TE Vernon Davis:

"It looked to me that they did split safety coverage. They played man up on Vernon. The goal was to beat his man down the field to find a seam between the two safeties and I just have to throw it out there. Vernon is a

big asset to our team. You know that Jordan [Reed] is not always healthy. The fact that Vernon has the speed that he has and the experience and can make the plays with the last year and half – What an asset to our offense. Another guy that’s a great teammate, great person, he carries himself well. You just love going to work with him every day. Those are the guys you love to win with, because it’s that much sweeter when you love who they are and they go about their business.”

On his proudest moments throughout the game:

“I think the fact that we had a complete game. Any time you start fast, you know it’s up and down, plays happen, you can easily give the ball back. You can have a bad decision here or there and miss the read. The fact that it was a full four quarter performance – I felt that was outstanding. All offseason I was asked, “What are you working on, what are you trying to get better at?” The answer was situational awareness. Not just stick to my reads, but to think about how does that read change every now and then, because the game situation is changing. I think Jay [Gruden] was talking about that – looking at last year to now. By knowing how to manage situations and making decisions based on what I am coached to do and then how the game is being played.”

REDSKINS RB CHRIS THOMPSON

On his performance:

“I can’t explain it. Everybody all around just did a good job for me. I got a lot of good looks. Our offensive line did such a great job. Kirk [Cousins] also, he did such a great job, just finding me. Coach [Jay] Gruden, I think he deserves all of the credit for the offense. I think he just called the perfect plays at the right time. My first touchdown I think they ran pretty much an all-out blitz to my side, and I was free releasing. It was such a great job by him. I can’t really take a lot of the credit. Just everybody around me did such a great job so it just feels good to continue to be a spark for our offense and just make plays.”

On how the offense performed as well as it did:

“I think it was play calling. I think it was just trying to continue to play the way we practice during the week. Just practicing hard, going hard during the week is really the key. And just coming out here, executing, and being in front of our home crowd, we have to put on a big show for them.”

On the offense feeding off the energy of the defense:

“I can’t say enough about our defense today, they did such a great job. [The Raiders are] one of the best offenses in this league. I don’t know if they even passed the 50, other than the times that we had the fumble, had the two turnovers, where they scored points. So our defense, they are playing such great football right now.”

REDSKINS WR JOSH DOCTSON

On his touchdown:

“Just a fade route. I just made the play. It was pretty simple to be honest.”

On being a major offensive contributor:

“It’s good. I’m just glad we got the ‘W’ though. Defense played really good tonight – really the reason why we won. And in the offense, we made plays that we needed to, to help the defense. All in all, a good team effort.”

On how the offense was able to execute so well:

“Execution, man. We got the right plays and all the right calls were called. Players just played and executed.”

REDSKINS TE VERNON DAVIS

On his touchdown reception:

“It was one of those plays that we run in practice. They called it, I made the proper moves that I was supposed to make, just looked up for the ball, and it was there.”

On his ‘agelessness’:

“It’s cool. I feel like I’m better than I was when I was younger. Faster.”

On the overall offensive performance:

“[I] think we played together. There was a lot of synergy there—continuity within the team. Had a great week of practice and we approached this thing with a winning attitude.”

REDSKINS S MONTAE NICHOLSON

On his interception on the first drive:

“Well you know, watching film – D.J. [Swearinger] and DBs as a whole have been telling me to read his eyes when I am back there in half and that is what I was doing. I can’t believe he actually threw it, but when he threw it, it was just a ball in the air, it has got to be ours, that’s what we preach and I just kind of went up there and grabbed it.”

On the defensive performance as a whole:

“[The Raiders] have a great offense, you know what I mean? No doubt about that. Our goal was to stop the run and then get off on third down. That is pretty much our goal every week. I think we did that pretty well. Like I said, they have a great offense. Even to do that, it is just a step in the right direction for us. Next up is [Kansas City] so we will go in and just go to work again. That’s all we can do.”

On having a statement win early in the season as an underdog:

“It’s big, but it is not at the same time. That sounds weird, but it’s big because like you said it is Sunday Night Football. It is primetime. Like I said, they have a great offense, but it isn’t at the same time because it’s our third game. It’s still early in the season. There is still a lot to build on, still a lot of corrections to make but like I said, it is early in the season. I think we will get it together towards the end.”

REDSKINS DL JONATHAN ALLEN

On his first sack:

“It feels good man. It was a great team effort man. I knew the defense could do it and I am glad we went out and showed it today.”

On the defensive game plan coming into the game:

“I mean we just plan on being physical every game. I feel like that is something we want to build as an identity here. I feel like we did a good job of doing that. You have to give a lot of credit to [Jim] Tomsula and [Greg] Manusky coming up with a great game plan and DBs helped us a lot by covering them so we actually have time to get back there and we stopped the run.”

On having a statement win early in the season and what it means for the team:

“I feel like it is a week-to-week thing. We are just trying to get better. I feel like we showed that we can with the best of them. Personally, I am just trying to do my job and help this team win games.”

REDSKINS CB KENDALL FULLER

On the defense as a whole:

“I think it is just each level of the defense just playing ball. D[efensive] line was going out there and just attacking, hunting, eating. And I remember just being on the sideline - just all the DBs – just telling them how much we appreciate it. The linebackers helping them in the run game, helping us in the pass game. So just all three levels, all three phases of the game.”

On the secondary and the turnovers they were able to force:

“I mean we were just out there just – we prepared. We prepared a lot the whole week. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, you know guys like J-No [Josh Norman], D.J. [Swearinger] pushing us to be great. That is what we have got to do week in and week out.”

On his first career interception and what he saw:

“Really just watching film and knowing when he likes to hit back shoulder throws and when he likes to hit guys – kind of lead them and things like that. So really just film study, good technique and being in a good position and making the play.”