



OAKLAND RAIDERS vs. KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

Sunday, October 16, 2016
Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum
Postgame Quotes



Head Coach Jack Del Rio

Opening Statement: "Not the kind of afternoon we were hoping to have today. We took our lumps. We were out played, out coached. Give them the credit. They won the game. It's just one game. Good or bad, we're moving on. I'll answer your questions and then we'll start doing something."

Q: Did you see misdirection on defense? What do you think is going on with your defense?

Coach Del Rio: "Yeah, we're not playing very well right now. We're capable of more. We have to teach it better. We have to learn it better and we have to do it better. It's nowhere near what it needs to be. You know, 13-10 at halftime, not really playing that well, but right in it. Then come out and let them go right down the field to start the second half. That's a major can't do. Look, what I know about this league and this profession is you correct what needs to be corrected and you move on. Like I said, we'll take our lumps. They beat us today. They earned that one game. That's what it is, one game. So we move on."

Q: Are you concerned with the continuing pattern of defensive struggles?

Coach Del Rio: "It can't continue. Not for us to be the kind of team we had designs on being. We're sitting here at 4-2 right now. Coming off a day that didn't go the way that it needed to go for us to go home with a big smile on our face. We'll get ready for the next opportunity."

Q: What wasn't the offense going smoothly?

Coach Del Rio: "Well, again, I thought we got out coached and out played. So take your pick."

Q: You started strong on the opening drive and then couldn't get things rolling. What happened?

Coach Del Rio: "We didn't execute as well. I thought we executed really well to start."

Q: Was there any phase of the game that had a silver lining today?

Coach Del Rio: "The biggest silver lining is it's one day. We didn't get anybody hurt."

Q: Does Khalil Mack need to play better for this defense to be better?

Coach Del Rio: "No. No I wouldn't put it on any one play or any one person at all. I think Khalil is playing very well for us. We need to play better around him."

Q: Why do you think the running game struggled so much?

Coach Del Rio: "Can't really answer that. To me, the running game is about getting opportunities. When you're moving the chains, creating first downs, more opportunities to run the ball, that's typically where you start the run game. That's same way defending it. Without speaking specifically to any one thing, I would venture to say that there's a pretty good likelihood that we weren't converting third downs."

Q: What did you see on the interception?

Coach Del Rio: "It was probably a bad decision. Based on the circumstances of the rain and the sloppiness there, to try to get that much out of his [Derek Carr's] arm, I think probably over estimated his ability to just flip it down there. With it being wet and sloppy there early in the game."



OAKLAND RAIDERS vs. KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

Sunday, October 16, 2016
Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum
Postgame Quotes



Q: How much did the sloppiness ground your air attack today?

Coach Del Rio: "I think we threw it best when it was the wettest so I don't really...I mean the wettest, early portion of the game is when it was really the sloppiest and I thought we went out and started the game perfectly fine."

Q: What did Kansas City do to impact Amari Cooper's game in the second half?

Coach Del Rio: "They may have changed up a thing or two. Like I said, I started it by saying outcoached, outplayed. It was one game for them and we'll get ready for the next."

Q: What went behind putting Malcolm Smith in the game? Was that a reaction to something that was going on on the field?

Coach Del Rio: "No, no, the design was to play good defense today and he's a part of that. We just didn't get that done."

Q: There was a play when Khalil Mack was covering Albert Wilson, was that on designed or just happened?

Coach Del Rio: "No, we didn't adjust to the formation they presented. So, that goes in the mental error category. We had a few of those. Those are kinds of things that basically goes in that category where they design something, we don't adjust properly and we have a matchup that's not going to be good for us."

Q: Why have there been so many schematic adjustments to the defense over the last few weeks?

Coach Del Rio: "For me, where I like to take things is where it starts for me individually. I asked our guys to all look at themselves individually. You guys can try to have the answers, but I know the way it really works is we all dig down and give everything we have of ourselves to the good of the team. So for me, I'm going to focus on making sure I'm teaching better. With the staff, instructing better and making sure that the staff then in turn is teaching and coaching and getting the most out of our guys and developing our guys. That's what we're all about. We're in it together. We have a good group of men. They're very determined. I'd liked to start playing really well. Next time out would be a great time to start."

Q: Were you ready for the Dontari Poe play?

Coach Del Rio: "We were ready for that one. Maybe not that much beef out there, but we were ready for the play. Same play they ran last year. We practiced it all week. It's not like it was a surprise. They needed a yard and they got a yard."

Q: When you say how we're coached, do you mean the game plan or as the game went on or both?

Coach Del Rio: "I'm saying I can do a better job, and that's what I'm focusing on."

Q: You said it was just one game, but does this game mean more than others early in the season?

Coach Del Rio: "Every game's important, all year long. You never know which one is more important than the other. Like I said, one game."

Q: What is it about Alex Smith that makes him such a threat?

Coach Del Rio: "Talked about Alex [Smith] leading up to the game, good football player, little underrated. If he's got to rely on throwing the ball, it's really not his strong suit, but if you allow them to



OAKLAND RAIDERS vs. KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

Sunday, October 16, 2016
Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum
Postgame Quotes



run the ball, do some of their gimmicky things, then he comes to life. That's what they were able to do today."

Q: Were you calling the defensive signals this game?

Coach Del Rio: "No, no. Kenny's [defensive coordinator Ken Norton, Jr.] got the headset."

Raiders QB Derek Carr

Q: How does it feel to not finish as strong today?

Carr: "It hurts. Especially a division game, especially against the chiefs. It hurts, man. It sucks. We didn't do good enough at all. I mean, that was bad. That was a bad performance by us. Stupid thing about this game is that it's going to be like crap, but we know how we are. We know what we can do. Obviously, we didn't do it today but we have to go back and get to work."

Q: The first drive started out well, what do you think were the problems today?

Carr: "I really don't know. It wasn't really anything they were doing that was different or not what we expected. I'm not really sure, just thinking off the top of my head- why. As soon as you turn the film on, you'll know. You'll see it and say there it is. Once we do that, we'll have a better feel for it."

Q: What happened during the KC CB Marcus Peters interception- did you slip?

Carr: "No excuses, man. We just have to make the play."

Q: Do you think you have been feeling extra pressure in the last few games?

Carr: "Like I said last week, I don't think of the game any differently. However the game is going, I'm always so attuned to the situation—the clock, the score, who we're playing, the defense, the game plan, and those type of things, I really don't have time to think about those kind of things. My mindset is just so focused on my job. There's so much, obviously, with the position. I'm focused on that part. I don't really think about that."

Q: Did KC change their coverage when it came to WR Amari Cooper compared to the first and second half?

Carr: "They did, in the second half. We could see it. We knew what they were doing. Me and Coop [Amari Cooper] were talking about it during the game. We had run a play and he would come back and make sure we saw the same thing, exactly right."

Q: Did you make any changes while KC CB Marcus Peters was out?

Carr: "Off the top of my head, I don't think so. I'm trying to remember exactly that drive because I don't want to be wrong. But I don't think so."

Q: How did the running game impact the team's performance today?

Carr: "Yeah, that always helps the running game in football. So, I don't know if was the field, us, or players- but anytime you can have that rain, it's always going to help."

Q: Do you think the offense is missing RB Latavius Murray?



OAKLAND RAIDERS vs. KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

Sunday, October 16, 2016
Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum
Postgame Quotes



Carr: “Yeah, I think they’re doing a great job. I think they’re doing a fantastic job, but it’s like anybody. If you lose a starter, it’s always going to be hard on you. It’s going to be hard because Tay [Latavius Murray] is such a good player, Pro-Bowl running back. He’s had over 1,000 yards over this last year, been in some tough games, ran the ball really hard for us. You can never just replace people and just think yes we got it. Then again, that has nothing to do with the running backs. I think they do a great job. I thought they ran really hard all day. I thought they did a great job.”

Q: Has WR Amari Cooper improved getting both feet in bounds within the last few weeks?

Carr: “Absolutely. I’m glad you said that. He works hard at it. When he sees something he needs to do, he’s going to work at it. I was happy to see that. In the NFL, you’re going to need every inch. Especially with the speed and talent of defenders nowadays, you’re going to need every inch. He did a great job of working on that. It was nice to see it pay off today.

Q: How have the home losses impacted you?

Carr: “It sucks. When you come home, that has to be an advantage. There’s got to be something where it’s just a different feel. It has to be. We have yet to create that. It’s frustrating. When we come home, we have the best fans. We should be able to have the biggest home field advantage and go out there and dominate. But we just haven’t created that yet. It’s frustrating, but it’s not concerning. It’s not concerning because I think situational and football wise. Not concerned at all, but I know what we need to do at practice to get better.”

Raiders S Reggie Nelson

Q: What do you think was the problem today?

Reggie Nelson: “I don’t know what went wrong but that’s why we watch film on Monday and come back and see what went wrong, come back to work on it. Get back after it.”

Q: Despite the four wins, this defense wasn’t happy with their performance through the first four weeks. Do you think it just caught up to you guys today, the defensive struggle?

Nelson: “We just need to continue to work. We need to continue to get better each week and let everything else take care of itself. I can’t sit up here and make up any excuses for you all. We just have to continue to reset our jaw and come back to work on Monday and get back after it.”

Q: It looked like their offensive plays were misdirection plays.

Nelson: “They made some good plays today. It’s our job to stop them. We didn’t do that. They came out on top. They won, they won this one today. We have to watch film and see what we messed up on and get better each week. It’s week six, so we have a lot of football to catch up on.”

Q: With rainy days, obviously offense wants to establish the run. They rushed for over 180 yards. Why was it so difficult to take them down?

Nelson: “Rain, snow, it really doesn’t matter. We still have a job to do to stop them. We didn’t play football.”

Q: What’s your biggest takeaway from this game?



OAKLAND RAIDERS vs. KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

Sunday, October 16, 2016
Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum
Postgame Quotes



Nelson: "We need to get better."

Q: Your head coach [Del Rio] said you got outcoached and outplayed. He put it on himself. Is that what he's telling you guys too?

Nelson: "I can't comment on what coach said. I can't wait to see what he says Monday about our film. That's it."

Q: What did he tell you guys after the game?

Nelson: "Play football, play hard."

Raiders CB David Amerson

Q: Did the Kansas City offense do that much to surprise you, or was it that the defense just couldn't get into a good rhythm today?

Amerson: "No, not everything that they did was surprising, but at the end of the day, they just executed more than we did. I feel like as a defense, we got to do a better job and can't keep giving up 20-plus points and expect to win games."

Q: Is it safe to say that eventually the defensive struggles came up again today?

Amerson: "Yeah, I think as a team period. I think everybody had their struggles, their errors, but being a defensive player, there needs to be some improving that has to be done. Especially if we want to become the team that we want to be."

Q: Are you confident that the improvements can happen?

Amerson: "Oh yeah, for sure. I think we got the guys and definitely the coaches so it is just a matter of putting it all together."

Q: What has been the biggest issue through these first six weeks?

Amerson: "Biggest issue is the attention to detail. It is not the guys going out there and getting out physical or beat on every play. It is little details and the offense doing things that messes with our eyes and us not being in the right spots on the plays. Just those little details that can turn into big gains that adds up at the end of the day."

Q: You guys have said these problems are correctable, but it seems to be taking some time to correct them.

Amerson: "I think we have made corrections but we haven't been consistent. All it takes is that one play where something can happen and the play goes for 70 yards. It is based on one play, whether it is in the passing or running game. That are the issues you face on defense. You got to be fundamentally sound and detailed, and just do better at that."

Q: Offensively they cut the deficit to 13-10 before halftime. The Chiefs had that drive to start the third quarter, was that deflating for the defense?



OAKLAND RAIDERS vs. KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

Sunday, October 16, 2016
Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum
Postgame Quotes



Amerson: “Yeah definitely. Coming into halftime our offense put boards on the board. We definitely wanted to come out of halftime and get our offense the ball back. But, they went down and scored and that definitely deflated us as a team. We just got to do a better job.”

Raiders LB Bruce Irvin

Q: Do you run scenarios in your mind where you try to see where things went wrong during the game?

Irvin: “It was a tough day. Just got to continue to battle and practice. Just got to fix what went wrong.”

Q: What do you think the issues have been with this defense?

Irvin: “Kansas City had a great game plan. Hats off to them. They did a lot of disguising to make us believe one thing and then they did other things. They played a hell of a game and we just messed up on some plays. We just got to continue to fix the problems and get better.”

Q: Did you see all the edge plays coming?

Irvin: “You don’t see it coming. Credit Kansas City to their game plan and it is the guys and I out of position. Just stuff we got to clean up every week.”

Q: How frustrating has it been where the defense still hasn’t figured things out six weeks in?

Irvin: “I mean it is frustrating. But, I still believe in this group. We feel like we got a great group of guys. We are going to continue to work and turn this thing around.”

Q: Is the defense improving week-to-week?

Irvin: “It’s just inconsistency. We play well and then we let a play get away from us. We just have to be consistent. That is the big thing is this league. You can’t be inconsistent because teams that are too good will make us pay. We just have to continue to improve and be consistent. Keep stacking up those good plays on top of each other.”

Q: With a chance to be in first in the AFC West, do you feel like you let an opportunity slip away?

Irvin: “No, I mean it is still only week six. It is a long season. We got 10 more games and anything can happen. We never were big on being first this early because it is a marathon, not a sprint. We got a long way to go but I am still confident we will turn this around, defensively.”

Q: Even after last week’s win, you weren’t happy with the way you and the defense played. Was this basically what you feared?

Irvin: “I wouldn’t say that. Like I said, it is just being inconsistent. We make a good play here, and then we give up a big play. We can’t do that in this league or else the teams will make you pay.”

Raiders WR Amari Cooper

Q: How was the footing out there today?

Amari Cooper: “It was cool. I wore my second-step cleats, so the footing wasn’t too bad.”



OAKLAND RAIDERS vs. KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

Sunday, October 16, 2016
Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum
Postgame Quotes



Q: Once again you had a pretty good thing going with Derek Carr. Do you feel comfortable with him now?

Cooper: “Of course. He and I are on the same page. I know how he wants to throw the ball. I know how he wants me to run my routes. We just have to build on it now.”

Q: In the first half, you guys were really clicking offensively and in the second half there were a lot of misfires. Was Kansas City doing anything different or you guys just weren't clicking?

Cooper: “It's never what they're doing, it's what we do. We just need to execute better. Play how we practice. Do the things we practice in practice.”

Q: Do you think it's ever OK for this offense to just score 10 points?

Cooper: “Obviously we want to come out and score as many points as possible. We want to score 40 points every game. Some games we might score 10.”

Q: Knowing you have to score a little bit more than most, how much pressure does that put on the offense?

Cooper: “This game is full of pressure. You look around, me going against a defensive back one-on-one in man coverage, that's pressure. Everything is pressure in this game. We can't worry about that, we just need to do our job. Each man has to do his job and execute.”

Q: It seemed like Derek was a little off. Did it seem like that to you?

Cooper: “It didn't seem like that to me. There were a lot of conditions out there, like rain. He played well to me.”

Q: You made a couple of those catches on the sideline. Were you happy to be able to deliver after last week?

Cooper: “I had one catch where I jumped and dragged my foot. I practiced it all week. I'm happy it showed up today.”

Q: That field goal drive right before half time, that was a crisp drive. You guys were able to do that and cut it to within three. Were you feeling pretty good at that point?

Cooper: “That's what our team is. We go out there, we execute. We're a good offensive team, we have a lot of weapons. It didn't surprise me at all. That's what we expect.”

Q: You guys had an opportunity to take sole possession of first place in the AFC West. Do you feel like you dropped an opportunity?

Cooper: “Obviously we didn't win. We didn't really take advantage of the opportunity, but it's a long season. We have 10 more games. We have to go out there and do what we're supposed to do, what we know we can do, and we'll be alright.”



OAKLAND RAIDERS vs. KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

Sunday, October 16, 2016
Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum
Postgame Quotes



Chiefs Head Coach Andy Reid

Opening Statement: “As far as the injuries go, [DL] Allen Bailey has a shoulder contusion and wasn’t able to finish. [CB] Phillip Gaines’ knee was acting up on him, he’s got a little bit of inflammation on that thing so that was an issue. Then [CB] Marcus Peters cleared the concussion protocol, stinger, they’re going to continue to evaluate him, but he’s passed it. [G] Laurent Tardif-Duvernay has ankle inflammation. This is a good football team that [Raiders General Manager] Reggie [McKenzie] and [Raiders Head Coach] Jack [Del Rio] have put together. That was a real competitive game, they’re never as good as you think and never as bad as you think. They’ve sure done a nice job here and I’m proud of our guys for the way they handled the situation. This is a tough place to play, but I thought our guys handled it well and then you add the elements into it. All kinds of accolades: it was great to get 25 [Jamaal Charles] back in the lineup. You’ve got enough snaps there that were good snaps and not backing off them as we went. Some of those young corners, I thought they stepped up. Dee Ford had a couple great plays right there at the end which were huge. [LB] Tamba [Hali] had a strip sack there and [Spencer] Ware, he’s a heck of a running back. He’s a tough kid, he had some really good downs there and QB Alex Smith I thought had a good day. Our kicker had a rough start, but he bounced back and kind of got himself back in the groove in the second half and did a better job.”

Q: Where did this different offense come from?

Coach Reid: “I’ve mentioned this before that we’ve been kind of shooting ourselves in the foot. If we ever get those things straightened out we have a better chance of doing OK. You can’t have the penalties and things that we’ve had before and the turnovers, all those things are real in this league. It was important that I put the guys in the right position so they can have some success and they do those things that they need to do as players. I thought collectively that everyone did a good job, I thought [Offensive Coordinator] Matt Nagy had a tremendous game offensively. I thought [Defensive Coordinator] Bob Sutton did a great job with his game plan and [Special Teams Coordinator] Dave Toub put another good one together.”

Q: Were you more determined to get something done by being committed to the run?

Coach Reid: “Some of it’s elements and we’ve got good running backs, we put those three kids up and they all played and they all gave us good downs. That was a positive, and now we’ve got four guys that we’re pretty comfortable with.”

Q: It’s the first time we’ve seen the combination of RB Spencer Ware and RB Jamaal Charles. What does this combination give you that you didn’t have otherwise?

Coach Reid: “When you talk about Jamaal, you’re talking about a future Hall of Fame player. We always say, ‘You’re not going to replace Jamaal, that’s not what you do.’ That’s why I led this off by saying it was great to have him back. I don’t want to take anything away from Ware and the way he plays. He’s so tough and having them both out there, that’s a win-win, I think. They’re completely different players and they both did a nice job out there.”

Q: How did establishing the run help Alex Smith get into a rhythm ? [Unsure of question]



OAKLAND RAIDERS vs. KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

Sunday, October 16, 2016
Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum
Postgame Quotes



Coach Reid: “I think we threw the ball and it was going to be that way too. Those are two separate deals in my eyes. The plays that those guys created for this made my job calling very easy.”

Q: What was the decision on the screen pass to [Chiefs DT Dontari] Poe?

Reid: “I’m taking credit for that one – for all the chubby guys out there – I’m taking credit for that. That was a good one, we’ve been working on that one for a while.”

Q: What went into the decision to use Poe there?

Reid: “He’s got phenomenal hands. I know that’s tough so say about a nose guard, but he’s got phenomenal hands. It was just a matter of looking it in, being patient, and then cut the beast loose.”

Q: Were you worried about going to Poe there in a big situation?

Reid: “We practice it. We’ve practiced it enough. Again, coming back to that, the guy has had a good week of practice his last week.”

Q: How did you stifle the Raiders’ passing game?

Reid: “It starts up front and then kind of works its way back there. The front was able to get push on [Carr] and he’s a hard dude to get to. He’s a tough one. To get him to move his feet just a little bit is an important thing, and I thought the guys did that. I thought our guys played tight coverage. They didn’t step back, and these receivers...you said it, they’re phenomenal. Our guys didn’t step back on that, they kept the challenge up and the front guys did their job.”

Q: Do you think other linemen are lobbying to get to the top?

Reid: “Sausage [Anthony Sherman] more than anybody. I mean, that’s his position. He gave more up for the cause.”

Q: What’s the secret to being 16-2?

Reid: “I don’t know. I don’t know that. Red hair, man.”

Q: How do you go out and finish the game?

Reid: “You think you’re done, but you get right there and you protect the sideline so they can’t that easy out to kick the field goal. We got to do a little bit of a better job inside jamming that guy before his release. We’re out of time. You’re right on that border. I know you see that clock management is tough. You’re right on that border of making that. You got the jam on him. We got to do a little bit of a better job just getting that hit right there.”

Q: How does it feel to pass Mike Holmgren’s Win List?

Reid: “It only means it because he’s the next of the three. The final guy that goes into the Hall of Fame, out of the three. He belongs in there, he belongs in there.”

Chiefs QB Alex Smith

Q: Where did this offensive performance come from?

Smith: “I hope we’ve shown glimpses of this certainly through the beginning of the season. Besides the opening drive, we really kind of put four quarters together of at least moving the football, scoring



OAKLAND RAIDERS vs. KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

Sunday, October 16, 2016
Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum
Postgame Quotes



points, changing field position, capitalizing, mixing it up – I thought we had a great mix today, keeping the defense on their heels.”

Q: How important is it to spread the ball around in this offense?

Smith: “Yeah, I think that was kind of the focus when we decided we would bring [Chiefs WR] De’Anthony [Thomas] up, and credit to him, he was working hard and I’m sure he’s frustrated, but he’s been working hard and came in and had a little package and did a great job with it. He did a great job with it when his number was called. I think we had nine guys catch balls today, so anytime you’re spreading the ball around like that, you’re making it hard on a defense to zero in on what you’re doing.”

Q: How did the run game affect the offense today?

Smith: “I think looking back at two weeks ago, letting that game get away...it really felt like we did get one dimensional and then got back to us, which is balanced and mixed. [We’re] throwing a lot of different looks at you – run and pass. Spreading the field, I thought we did a great job taking our shots today, and when we did, hitting them. Certainly the running game got us going and staying with that. Those guys drove it down in the beginning so we were down 7-0, so to comeback and put two [touchdowns] on them after that was obviously big.”

Q: Does throwing the ball less help this offense?

Smith: “The nature of the completions, I think you could look at across the NFL, for the most part if you’re throwing the ball 50 times, you’re losing more often than not, because you’re throwing the ball in the fourth quarter. When you’re winning and you’re playing well in the second half, your attempts are going to be more limited. If you are winning, and that’s what you hope to be doing in the fourth quarter. The way it was going today, we ran the ball really, really well and we had a good mix. We were efficient in the passing game when we had it. You don’t want to be living with 50 attempts every game – it’s just not the reality of the NFL.”

Q: How big is [Chiefs RB] Jamaal Charles’ return from injury?

Smith: “It was a little taste as we get going here, to have that kind of depth at the running back position to keep each other fresh and come in and spell each other. They all have different strengths and feed off each other. That’s what you can get to, those guys feeding off each other and making the most of their opportunities.”

Q: How important is it to have a defense that can hold teams to 17 points or less?

Smith: “When you look at the end there, to have 10 points on the board for them...to hold a good offense on the road to 10 points, you’re going to win a lot of games. It’s just pure stats, you’re going to win a lot of ballgames doing that. It made our job much easier, especially during the fourth quarter, to be up multiple scores. It made them one dimensional and enabled us to kind of run [the clock out].”

Q: How did Spencer Ware perform today after his struggles previously?

Smith: “I think you probably couldn’t have painted a better picture for him. To bounce back in a sloppy game...muddy...even when it stopped raining, whenever you went to the ground there was mud everywhere all over the ball – so to have him go out there and not only run the way he did, but obviously the ball security is something that we put a huge premium on and to see him bounce back from that made everyone – I know I was – really happy for him.”



OAKLAND RAIDERS vs. KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

Sunday, October 16, 2016
Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum
Postgame Quotes



Q: Did you sense frustration from teammates after recent struggles?

Smith: "Any teammate that cares, yeah, you know, they wear it. Spencer [Ware] is the epitome of that. The guy cares so much about his teammates, about this team, about holding up his end – no question. Everybody sees it. The thing that was most encouraging today was the way he ran – never tip-toeing, not passive, even when it was wet and rainy. To put that behind him and move on and run really, really hard and physical today, is one of the reasons we won."

Q: What does it take to be an efficient quarterback?

Smith: "Efficiency as a QB...You're operating an offense. You're going out there to operate an offense so every game is different, and every challenge and week is different with matchups and game-plans. So to go out there whenever your number is called, to be doing your job and executing, you're winning your plays – you can't control everything, there's a lot of stuff that goes into that – but play in and play out, that you're doing your job at a winning level."

Q: Has this season proven that home field advantage is not as important as it used to be?

Smith: "I don't know, I think home-field advantage is still a big deal. I think maybe this year through five or six weeks, it's a little off – but I don't know. Certainly I think it's a big advantage in this league and that's why you see so many teams fighting for it in the playoffs. You don't travel, you don't have to deal with noise – all that stuff plays into it."

Q: Were you nervous when you threw the ball to [Chiefs DT] Dontari Poe?

Smith: "No, it's something we've practiced a lot. The big man has got soft hands and finished it off. We've been practicing that a lot and I was happy it finally got called and that we made it work and that he got it in with those guys over there blocking for him and finishing it off. I was a little bummed to see that I think they ruled it a lateral...I guess we'll have to see the tape on that one. I think that's another dimension and another wrinkle. I think guys have fun with it. He's obviously a good enough athlete to do a lot of different stuff down there for us, even when he's not touching the football – blocking, as athletic as he is. Just kind of keep the mix going, I know guys feed off that. Anytime you can get him in the end zone now and then, guys have a ton of fun with that."

Q: What did you think of the overall game-plan today?

Smith: "It was more similar to getting back to us. I think the mix today – not just run and pass mix – I'm saying balance within the run game, seeing misdirection, inside-outside, in the pass game, quick screens, throwing the ball down field, stretching the field – that's what we hang our hat on, to be able to be multiple and do a lot of different stuff. We can get big and run it, we can spread it out and run some read stuff. Doing all that stuff, I think we have a lot of confidence in it."

Chiefs RB Jamaal Charles

Q: Is it gratifying to come back for real in a game like this?

Charles: "Yeah man. The line did a great job helping us move the ball up the field. The quarterback and wide receivers did a great job looking the balls in. And it was all the way around on the offense. Spence



OAKLAND RAIDERS vs. KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

Sunday, October 16, 2016
Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum
Postgame Quotes



[Spencer Ware] did a great job running the ball. [Charcandrick] West did a great job when he was in there. So we all complement each other and we all fed off each other's energy."

Q: Was the amount of touches you got injury related?

Charles: "Nah man, that's just playing football. My role is to be who I am when I step on the field. I leave all that to Coach Reid. I'm healthy, so that doesn't have anything to do with it. We won, that's all that matters."

Q: You've always been upbeat about your ACL comebacks, but was there ever a dark time for you?

Charles: "Nah man, because it's not about me. It's about God, the Lord, to see people come back from two ACL's, it can't be all me. All the power come from Him, with two ACL's, I was able to get back on the field. I believe in God because I'm back on the field with two ACL's and I'm still going out there and dominating."

Q: How were the conditions out there today?

Charles: "It was bad conditions, the same conditions that we had in Pittsburgh. So it's the same conditions. But we didn't let that affect us this time. We kind of got over that, and we pushed. We wanted to win. It's a big rivalry game, division game, that we know we had to win."

Chiefs WR Jeremy Maclin

Q: How do you feel coming into Oakland and stealing one from the Raiders?

Maclin: "I wouldn't necessarily say we stole one from Oakland. In the end, I think the team that played the best won, and in our books that's not stealing one, that's taking this one."

Q: How about your play? Are you satisfied with where you are right now?

Maclin: "Yeah, anytime we can get a win, that's all that matters. I'm the last guy to talk about stats, so we came out on top. We were able to get the job done and now it's on to next week."

Q: What about this Oakland defense? You guys made it look kind of easy getting on them.

Maclin: "That's kudos to the big O-line. I think that they kind of set the tone from the jump, kind of dominated up front a little bit. We were able to kind of old-school football, ground and pound a little bit. Spencer [Ware] ran the ball well. Jamaal [Charles] ran the ball well. [Charcandrick] West came in and ran the ball well as well. It all starts up front too."

Chiefs LB Derrick Johnson

Q: How would you say you guys responded to the Oakland after they went down the field and scored to start the game off?

Johnson: "Marcus Peters has a ton of interceptions this year already, and it's still early in the season, but hats off to that man. He's one of our great players, young great players, and up and coming players. But when he got that pick, it kind of lifted the whole team. They scored on us first, but it's not what you do when they score, it's how you respond – so we responded really well."



OAKLAND RAIDERS vs. KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

Sunday, October 16, 2016
Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum
Postgame Quotes



Q: You can say that the whole team responded really well in general, coming off the bye week, couldn't you?

Johnson: "Yeah, that's what we wanted to do. I talked about not losing our confidence. Responding well in a hostile environment, a hard place to play in the Black Hole. To come in here and quiet this crowd, it's a hard thing to do."

Q: How big of a win is this for you guys?

Johnson: "Huge. It's a division game. We're 2-0 in the division. I don't think anybody else in our division is 2-0. So you want to go to the playoffs? You want to win it all? It starts with the division. So coming into a hostile environment like this and handling business, taking care of business, it's great."

Q: What does it say about this defense, how it battled through the adversity and conditions today?

Johnson: "Well you could make excuses all day. But we're about results. What we're trying to do is not be that yo-yo team, that play great and then they don't play too good. We have a personality. And that's fear nothing and attack everything. That's how we should play every game."

Chiefs S Eric Berry

Q: You guys get a win in Oakland, on the road. How big is this win for you guys?

Berry: "It's big, but we can't get too high. As soon as we watch this film, we are going to be onto New Orleans. Correct mistakes that showed up, and whatever we need to fix, we are going to do that, but right now we're just focusing on stacking wins like this. It was just one step on the ladder, so we keep moving."

Q: You guys were able to contain and hold down those receivers that are really good. What were you guys doing besides just dealing with the elements?

Berry: "Competing, that's what it came down to. We know that they've got a good squad. They try to play physical and play aggressive, but we do too. We just wanted to challenge, and that's what we did."

Q: When it comes to Derek Carr, what were you guys doing to keep him contained?

Berry: "First, we just told our D-line just keep fighting. Don't stop. Keep the motor going. Try to get them rattled, and just contest on the back end. Give him different looks. Try to confuse him. It all worked out in the end."

Q: What do you feel like was the biggest turning point in this game? Was there something on defense that you guys did that shifted the tide?

Berry: "The pick by Marcus [Peters]. He always tends to come up with something like that in the clutch. We just feed off of that. Anytime we get big plays, we feed off of that. At the same time, the biggest turning point was just communication. From that point on, we are just communicating, going from there and getting on the same page."

Chiefs CB Marcus Peters



OAKLAND RAIDERS vs. KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

Sunday, October 16, 2016
Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum
Postgame Quotes



Q: How do you feel about the game?

Peters: "These are those games that you dream about as a kid. I dreamed about playing in the mud, playing in the NFL. Just having the ball out there, it was a wonderful day."

Q: You typically find a way to get interceptions, walk me through the interception.

Peters: "I mean it was wet, first of all, and [Michael] Crabtree [WR] beat me on a double move, but I knew that [Derek Carr QB] wouldn't be able to throw the ball that far. I knew the ball was going to hang. So as soon as he got passed me, I just looked up. I trusted my instincts. And I knew that I had somebody over the top."

Q: You've been here before, but are you still excited to play here?

Peters: "Its home, man. It's going to always be my home. I don't have to prove to anybody that this is where I'm from. I represent proudly for where I'm from, and I'll move on from there."

Q: It seemed toward the end that you had some injury stuff going on.

Peters: "Yeah, it was just protocol. It was just a regular stinger. But you go through protocol, they have to go through and look at everything. But I'm fine."

Q: You needed an I-V too? Are you losing fluid?

Peters: "Man, that's all emotions though. All that extra energy and all that extra stuff, that build up – I was doing too much."

Q: Was it more special to do it here in Oakland?

Peters: "It's football man, it's football."

Q: As an Oakland guy, do you have any thoughts on the Raiders moving to Las Vegas?

Peters: "They better not go anywhere. They better not go anywhere. But we'll see."

Chiefs WR De'Anthony Thomas

Q: What was the condition like out there today, how tough was it to keep your feet?

Thomas: "I feel like it wasn't that tough, just playing over your toes and knowing how to get in and out of the routes and stuff like that."

Q: On your reception, did you know exactly what you needed to do to get the first down there?

Thomas: "Yes, just working my man and knowing what I got to do to make separation."

Q: Dealing with this rain and all the wind and all that stuff, how tough was it to perfect your routes and to be able to cut?

Thomas: "It wasn't tough at all. We work on that stuff throughout the week, playing over our toes, knowing how to run the routes and knowing where we need to be."

Q: How big of a win was this for you guys?



OAKLAND RAIDERS vs. KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

Sunday, October 16, 2016
Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum
Postgame Quotes



Thomas: "It's a great win. Now we're looking at our next opponent, getting back to work on Wednesday and take it from there."

Chiefs WR Albert Wilson

Q: What are some of the adjustments you guys had to make and what is the mentality like going into this game?

Wilson: "First of all, it's definitely a blessing to come in here and play in such a great traditional game between the Chiefs and Raiders but you know, we've been preparing all week and finally getting us fired up a little bit more when we play the Raiders, from the tradition. There really is no other team that we dedicate a whole week to, so far. Just gets us fired up like that homecoming game back in college and high school just get fired up, coming out here and play hard, smash football."

Q: Alex Smith was very accurate today, how good is that for you guys as an offense to know that you guys can function on all cylinders especially when it's raining like this?

Wilson: "We have full belief in that guy, he's a great quarterback. He's definitely better on having the keys to a car and being able to make checks and stuff, he's even better at that. To have a person like that to be able to control so much talent in the wide receivers group to be able to get everybody the ball and to just take charge of that, it's a great job by him."

Q: How big of a win is this for you guys, now you guys get one on the road and you get one like this.

Wilson: "Definitely coming off a bye week is rough but coming into Oakland, playing a great Oakland team, they pretty much were 4 – 1 out the league and coming in to a great team, into their house, we needed to come in and put our feet into the ground, buckle up our chinstraps and I feel like that's what we did."

Q: As a receiver, what are some of the adjustments that you guys make during that game as that field gets a little more difficult to deal with?

Wilson: "We got trainers and equipment guys and guys that been working with the fields pretty much all their careers so they make sure we get the right cleats, but we go out there and this is what we get paid to do. No matter what rains, no sunshine, whatever it is, we have to go out there and perform to our best."

Chiefs DT Dontari Poe

Q: Describe the touchdown play, go through it for us.

Poe: "Just a simple motion and Alex [Smith] threw the ball perfect, so I just had to clap my hands together and just tug it in and run."

Q: You scored one last year and kind of leaped into the end zone. Which one did you enjoy better?

Poe: "No idea, they both were pretty good and they were both worth six, so I love them all."

Q: Have you really never dropped it once in practice?



OAKLAND RAIDERS vs. KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

Sunday, October 16, 2016
Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum
Postgame Quotes



Poe: "No drops. You can't drop it. If you drop it, they're not going to use it. So you got to let them know that it's (inaudible)."

Q: And you have no regrets on the no dancing?

Poe: "No, I'm good. Like I said, we got the six so I'm good."

Q: Not that you're thinking of shutting this team down in the second half, they don't score any points and they have a pretty good offense so far.

Poe: "Yes, our whole defense is playing as a team. I always knew that once we played together and as a team, we'd get it right so that's why there was never any panic with us. We just knew we had to get this monster right."

Q: So you bounce back from a pretty rough week a couple weeks ago...

Poe: "Yeah, that's the game we play, you come out sometimes and it just doesn't go your way, but you have to make sure it goes your way next time so you can't just keep going down in a downward spiral, you have to get it back up and going."