



GAME NOTES

Oakland Raiders (0-5) vs. San Diego Chargers (5-1)

Sunday, October 12, 2014

O.co Coliseum, Oakland, California
Attendance – 53,329

	1	2	3	4	Total
San Diego Chargers	7	7	7	10	31
Oakland Raiders	7	7	7	7	28

Result: Raiders 28, Chargers 31

- The Oakland Raiders (0-5) fell to the San Diego Chargers (5-1), bringing the team's overall record to 434-380-11 (.526) and 242-168-3 (.586) at home and their division record to 0-1.
- The offense amassed a season-high 396 yards of total offense, the team's most since this season and the highest total since the Raiders put up 461 yards vs. Kansas City on Dec. 15, 2013. The 396 total yards are the Raiders' most against San Diego since gaining 520 yards in a loss to San Diego on Jan. 1, 2012.
- **Interim Head Coach Tony Sparano** helped spark the offense in his first game at the helm of the Raiders, but fell to 0-1 with Oakland and 29-33 (.468) in his regular season head-coaching career (29-32 with Miami from 2008-11).
- For the third time in five games this season, the Raiders offensive line did not allow a single sack. That ties the best mark in franchise history with the 1970 Raiders, who also kept clean sheets in the sack category three times in the team's first five games.
- On the game's opening possession, **QB Derek Carr** connected deep down the middle to **WR Andre Holmes** who outraced the Chargers to the end zone for a 77-yard score. The drive spanned 80 yards in just three plays (0:52) and marked the Raiders' second opening-drive touchdown of the season.
- The Carr-to-Holmes touchdown is the Raiders' longest passing touchdown since JaMarcus Russell connected with Zach Miller for an 86-yard score against Philadelphia on Oct. 10, 2009, and the longest completion of any type since Carson Palmer hit **WR Denarius Moore** for a 78-yard gain on Jan. 1, 2012.

- **Carr's** 77-yard and 47-yard TD passes mark the first time the Raiders have had two touchdown passes of 40-or-more yards in a game since Oct. 13, 1996 vs. Detroit (Rickey Dudley, 62 yards and James Jett, 58 yards, both from Jeff Hostetler).
- The opening-drive touchdown marked the 11th time since 1998 the Raiders took their first possession to the end zone in three plays or less, the last time also coming against San Diego on Oct. 6, 2013 in the Raiders' 27-17 win. Of those 11 drives, this 80-yard drive ties the second longest (vs. NYG, Sept. 13, 1998), with the longest being a 93-yard, 1-play drive vs. Pittsburgh on Oct. 27, 2013.
- The team's second scoring drive of the game was an 11-play, 71-yard drive (4:27) that culminated in a 6-yard TD pass from **QB Derek Carr** to **WR James Jones**. The Raiders converted on two third downs on the drive before scoring on the third to tie the game at 14-14.
- Three of the Carr's four passing TDs came on third down, giving the team four third-down TD passes this season and nine since 2013. That marks the second time since 1998 the Raiders had three passing touchdowns on third downs in a single game; Rich Gannon threw three vs. Carolina on Dec. 24, 2000.
- The offense finished eight-of-13 (61.5 percent) on third downs, the team's best mark of the season and highest percentage since also going eight-of-13 on Jan. 1, 2012 vs. SD in the 2011 season finale.
- Oakland's offense continued to rank among the league's most efficient units, going two-for-two inside the red zone today. The Raiders have now scored TDs on six-of-eight red zone possessions this season (75.0 percent).
- The Raiders stopped a Chargers fake-punt attempt in the third quarter when Eric Weddle took a direct snap and threw incomplete deep down the right sideline. Opponents are now just one-of-four (25.0 percent) on fourth-down attempts against the Raiders this season.

Individual Notes: Offense

- **QB Derek Carr** completing 18-of-34 passes (52.9 percent) for a career-high 282 yards and four TDs, with one INT. Carr's passer rating of 107.7 is also a career best and the Raiders' first quarterback rating of over 100 points since **QB Matt McGloin** did so against Houston in the team's last win on Nov. 17, 2013.
- **Carr** threw four passing TDs in the game, the most ever by a Raider rookie, giving him eight for the season, tying McGloin for the most ever by a Raider rookie. It is the first time a Raider quarterback has thrown four TD passes in a game since Carson Palmer did so against Tampa Bay on Nov. 4, 2012. The four TDs are also tied for the second most ever by a rookie QB in a single game.
- **Carr** connected with **WR Andre Holmes** deep down the middle of the field for a 77-yard TD, the fifth TD pass of Carr's career. Carr set a new career long with the completion and became the youngest Raider QB (23 years and 198 days) to complete a pass of that length since JaMarcus Russell threw an 84-yard TD pass to Johnnie Lee Higgins at the age of 23 years and 43-days old at Buffalo on Sept. 21, 2008.
- **Carr** is the only rookie since the 1970 AFL-NFL merger and only the fourth Raider to throw for four TDs in a game against the San Diego Chargers. Mike Rae, an Oakland Raider, also threw three TD passes for Oakland against the Chargers on Dec. 12, 1976 in his first season of action, though he was not a rookie (drafted in '73).

- **WR Andre Holmes** hauled in a 77-yard TD from Carr on the game's opening drive – the longest reception of his career – marking his third career TD and second of the season. **Holmes** also made a key 30-yard reception on the Raiders' second-quarter TD drive, putting the Raiders inside the red zone for the first time in the game. He finished the day with four receptions for 121 yards (30.3 avg.)
- **Holmes** caught his second TD of the game and the fourth of his career in the fourth quarter, marking his first career multi-TD game. It is the first multi-TD game for a Raiders receiver since Brandon Myers caught two on Dec. 12, 2012 vs. Tampa Bay.
- **Holmes** eclipsed the 100-yard mark in the first half with only two receptions, making him the first 100-yard receiver for Oakland since James Jones did so on Sept. 14, 2014 vs. Houston (112 yards). This marks Holmes' second career game with at least 100 yards receiving, the other time coming last year on Thanksgiving Day at Dallas, Nov. 28, 2013 (136 yards).
- **Holmes** finished the first half with three receptions for 115 yards, marking the first time in Raiders' history a player had that many receiving yards with three-or-fewer receptions in the first half of a game. The last Raider with at least 115 yards in a first half was Ronald Curry on Nov. 18, 2007 against Minnesota.
- **Holmes** is now just the second player since the 1970 AFL-NFL merger to have at least 115 receiving yards on three-or-fewer catches against the San Diego Chargers, with the other time being on Sept. 30, 1973 when Cincinnati's Essex Johnson had two catches for 116 yards at San Diego.
- **WR Brice Butler** caught a third-down pass from Carr and raced 47 yards to the end zone to give the Raiders their first second-half lead of the season, 21-14. The touchdown is Butler's first career and the longest reception of his career. Butler finished with three catches for 64 yards (21.3 avg.) and one score.
- **RB Darren McFadden's** first rushing attempt of the game was his 454th career attempt at O.co Coliseum, putting him ahead of Justin Fargas (453) for the fifth most in the stadium's history. McFadden, who finished with a season-high 80 yards on 14 carries (5.7 avg.), also had the longest run by a Raider running back this season with his 17-yard carry in the third quarter.
- **McFadden** has now attempted a rush in 72 consecutive games, tying him with Steve Smith for ninth in franchise history.
- **FB Marcel Reece** had his longest reception of the season on an 11-yard catch that earned Oakland a first down in the third quarter.
- **WR James Jones** caught his 40th career TD pass, his third as a Raider. With the catch, Jones is one of just 25 active players with at least 40 receiving TDs. Jones is now also just one of eight players with 20 receiving TDs since 2012 (Rob Gronkowski, Calvin Johnson, Jordy Nelson and Julius Thomas all entered Week 6 with 19). Jones finished with five catches for 56 yards (11.2 avg.).
- **C Stefen Wisniewski** earned the 50th start of his career, all with the Oakland Raiders, in today's contest, becoming the 36th offensive linemen to play at least 50 games with the Raiders.

Individual Notes: Defense

- **DE C.J. Wilson** sacked Philip Rivers on a third down in the first quarter to force a Chargers punt, giving him 5.5 for his career and his second of the season.
- **LB Sio Moore** led the Raiders defense with 10 tackles (seven solo).
- The Raiders' secondary was effective in batting down several Philip Rivers passes, totaling five passes defended on the day. **CB Tarell Brown** and **CB TJ Carrie** each had two on the day, marking Brown's 12th career game with multiple passes defended.

Individual Notes: Special Teams

- **K Sebastian Janikowski** attempted a field goal from 53-yards out to close the first half, tying him with John Kasay (83) for the third-most FG attempts from 50 yards or longer in NFL history.

- **Janikowski** connected on all four of his extra-point attempts in the game, extending his streak of consecutive attempts converted to 175.
- **CB TJ Carrie** recorded his first career kickoff return in the first half, bringing it back 25 yards. Carrie also recorded a long of 38 yards in the game and finished with three kickoff returns for 85 yards (28.3 avg.).
- **Carrie** also had three punt returns for 30 yards (10.0 avg.) with a long of 19 yards.