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Raiders Head Coach Jack Del Rio

Opening statement:

“A lot of really good tape to evaluate. Played a lot of guys. Didn’t play a couple. Pretty good number that didn’t play, but overall, my assessment was third down was a killer early in the game, didn’t get off the field defensively on third down, and allowed them to convert and stay on the field. Bad combination there. Overall, I know there are going to be a couple of questions so I’m just going to hit it ahead of time. My thoughts on ... I know a couple of areas are going to go. One, on Marshawn (Lynch), talked to Marshawn, want to make sure we’re on the same page. He said, ‘This is something I’ve done for 11 years. It’s not a form of anything other than me being myself.’ I said, ‘So, you understand how I feel. I very strongly, believe in standing for the national anthem, but I’m going to respect you as a man. You do your thing, and we’ll do ours.’ That’s a non-issue for me. Conley, there’s been some questions about him and his tweet. The biggest thing is that he is working his butt off to get back. He’s doing everything we’re asking him to do. He’s been a model teammate, and he’s doing things exactly as he should be. He’s on the mend. We don’t talk about exactly what it is that’s going on. I know (General Manager) Reggie (McKenzie) indicated that it was something and basically when he said that, he said, ‘But I’m not an expert on that,’ or something along those lines, so there you have it. He’s mending, we know he’s mending. He’s doing everything we’re asking him to do. He’s going to be fine in a short amount of time, and that’s also a non-issue for me. And then, to me, the major things I was interested in seeing, I can’t wait to see the film, is what we did at linebacker and what we did on special teams because we have so many of those decisions to make to replace guys like Daren Bates and Trawick. Andre Holmes and those guys that were impact players on our special teams last year. That’s going to be imperative that we dig into this tape and find out who’s going to be able to help us. Hopefully we can continue to develop some guys, but those are two areas that have my attention. Other than that, hey, first preseason game ... When they’re keeping score, I like to win. Didn’t happen tonight. We’ll try. We’ll get back into camp mode and get on with our work.”

On if the conversation he had with RB Marshawn Lynch was pregame or after:

“Afterward.”

On whether he was aware that Lynch was going to sit during the anthem:

“No.”

On whether he sees Lynch sitting during the anthem as a distraction:

“No.”

On why he doesn’t see it as a distraction:

“Well, because I just told you. I just laid it all out there. That’s what it is.”

On the decision not to play QB Derek Carr:

“My decision. There are several guys that didn’t play. Derek was one of them. We’re getting ready for next week.”



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On his first impressions of the two quarterbacks:

“Some really good. Some things we’ll do better as we grow. They were given some freedom at the line, a couple issues there, and they did a great job doing the right thing. There were a couple of situations where we’ll do it better as we get the looks and experience. But, I thought both guys did some good things throughout the game. I know EJ (Manuel) ended up with a really high percentage in the first half. Connor ended up, maybe not the same percentage, but he did lead the score so I thought there were real positives out of both players.”

On seeing DT Treyvon Hester and LB LaTroy Lewis and seeing young players make plays:

“Good to see a couple of young guys getting a pass rush. Obviously, it’s a big part of it to not have Khalil (Mack) or Bruce Irvin. Knowing we’re going to need some other guys to step up and give us pressure, in particular inside, Hester showing up with a couple. Lewis, no one really asked me about Lewis during the first two weeks of camp so, we’ll probably be talking about Lewis this week. But, it was good to see him take advantage of the opportunity and make a couple of plays.”

On CB Sean Smith’s performance:

“Look, we will evaluate the tape. I don’t have anything prepared here to focus on him or analyze him. I saw the penalty. It looked like a good decision to me. He kind of had his eyes in the backfield, and he grabbed him rather than give up a touchdown. Some things I know we can clean up in the back end. We are working on that. The communication is better. I think there is more technique being played, but this is the first time under the lights in game conditions against an offense that was maybe doing a couple new things, which was perfect for us. It will be a great learning experience for all our guys in the back end, including Sean.”

On how he feels about the team playing a game in Mexico City in November:

“Well we are excited to get an opportunity to play down there. I would love it if it were an away game. I have said that. We know that the fans down there really show up and have been really loud and last year was an amazing experience. Looking forward to that, but that is a few months off yet.”

On how much it impacted the team to play in Mexico City and come back and play in the U.S.:

“There is a little bit. Anytime you are in altitude, there is a little bit of a residual effect. We do all that we can with our schedule and our approach and some of the things we do with our players to mitigate that. It definitely does take a toll, but we try to minimize it by the things that we do.”

On the covering snapper penalty in the first quarter:

“We know there is an emphasis there. We have been schooled on it, and I am not sure it wasn’t just his arm out there. I don’t know which snapper is being protected, but god bless him. You can’t even line up near them. It is good. We will get that fixed. It is a good preseason foul. I think overall, our penalties are down. We have made a big emphasis on really understanding how things are going to be called and making sure that we are not getting called. I think we had three on the night, I think that is what it ended up being. That is a positive sign.”



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On how far away this franchise is from contending:

“We will find out when we get into the season and earn our way. To me, I don’t pay a lot of attention to the hype. I understand it is out there for some. They can get into it if they want, I’m about coaching our team everyday trying to grow and get better. The process of building a good football team requires a lot of effort and sacrifice, and that is what we are about.”

On if it was nice to see S Karl Joseph make plays:

“It was. That’s what he is. He is a guy that strikes people. There is a certain amount of that that you got to see tonight. We expect to get that kind of thing from Karl.”

On if LB LaTroy Lewis has stood out to him during training camp:

“All these kids are here, and they have an opportunity to compete. Like we talked about on Thursday, somebody is going to jump out and make plays that maybe we didn’t think he was going to make or nobody really saw that coming. That is just one of those good stories. The kid comes out and works his butt off and makes a couple nice plays. I am sure he will get a little more scrutiny this week. We will see if he can keep it up.”

Raiders QB EJ Manuel

On how he felt the game went for him:

“I thought it was a clean game. Of course, I would have liked to have gotten a couple touchdowns on some of those series. The third-and-1, the fourth-and-1 that we weren’t able to get, obviously that’s something I know Coach (Jack Del Rio) is tough on us about, as he should be. We want to convert those. But outside of that, personally, I felt good. I thought I had a clean game.”

On starting six for six to start the game:

“I just wanted to focus on playing a mentally error-free game. I just wanted to go through my progressions, take what was there, and not try to do too much. Obviously as we progress in the season, especially in the preseason, I think more will be able to come out as far as my own play. I thought the guys around me did a great job protecting. Our receivers did a great job of getting open. With some of those guys, you caught a little glimpse of what they can do with run-after-the-catch type of opportunities. Some good things to build from.”

On Marshawn Lynch sitting during the National Anthem:

“I didn’t know he sat. I think that’s a personal thing. Obviously, we all support Marshawn because he’s a part of our team, but I think that is more of a personal thing. I can’t really comment on it too much.”

On the events today in Virginia:

“That’s where I’m from. That was very tough to see. Not to get all into politics, but just the division that we’re seeing in our country is saddening and we’ve got to get it figured out.”



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On how much time he spent watching those events unfold:

“Not a lot because I had a game tonight, so of course I heard about it. I called my parents, got caught up on it a little bit, so I don’t know all the details. But once again, anytime people are getting hurt protesting and things that happen in a negative light, that’s not something we need as a country.”

On the change in comfort level going into next week:

“I think even going into practice on Monday, the comfort level is growing each and every day. Each rep I get with this team, I’m extremely excited to be here. I’m very fortunate they brought me in to continue to help this team get better and win. We have a great quarterback room and Derek (Carr) was extremely supportive from the sideline even though he didn’t play. He was right there on my hip as soon as I came off the field, so that made me feel great too.”

Raiders Players

Raiders S Karl Joseph

On his big hit early in the game:

“It was fun. It’s fun to get to hit somebody else in the first preseason game. There’s definitely a lot of room for improvement. We’re nowhere near where we want to be yet, but it was definitely fun to go out there and get to be physical.”

On if he feels different this year versus last year:

“Definitely. I felt like I was a lot more confident in what I was doing and where I was moving. I wasn’t thinking about it and I wasn’t hesitating. It felt good to be out there. It’s the first preseason game, so we knocked some of the dust off of the defense. I think we have such a long way to go, but I think we’re headed in the right direction. We just have to go back to the board and watch some film, see where the mistakes are, and move onto this next game.”

On if he is able to see the field more clearly:

“I think so. That’s part of growing in that one-year experience. I still make mistakes, but I think I’m definitely a lot more comfortable than I was last year in being able to see the whole field and being able to process everything a little faster.”

Raiders DT Treyvon Hester

On how practicing against the offensive line improves the defense:

“We have great offensive linemen on our team. They work hard everyday, and they demand us to work hard everyday. If you don’t bring your best move, you’ll get stunned at the line. I thank them every day for helping us become better and helping us practice harder. Just helping us become better NFL players and professionals.”



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On his nerves coming into his first NFL game:

“A little bit, but I would say I was a little more anxious than anything. Just wanting to get out there and put some pads on somebody else, a different opponent, and hit some guys. We showcased the talent around this defense.”

On his two sacks:

“It was just trying to beat the guy in front of me. There was pressure put on by Niko. He wrapped him up and slowed down the quarterback’s momentum a little bit. I just helped him finish it up. It’s a team thing, and a team effort.”

Raiders LB LaTroy Lewis

On how his first game was for him:

“It was exciting, had the adrenaline going. I was excited to be back on the field and I just knew when I got my opportunity I had to make something happen.”

On how camp is going so far:

“Camp is going well, you know. I’ve had my ups, I’ve had my downs and I had my plays I need to fix. I just keep rolling with them, learning and absorbing as much as I can.”

On if he was nervous to put on the jersey tonight for his first NFL game:

“I was a little, I wouldn’t say nervous, I would say anxious. I was excited to actually put pads on and hit someone that wasn’t wearing silver and black. It was just good to be back on the field honestly.”

On how to approach the upcoming week after a two-sack performance:

“Same as I did the week before and the week before that. I know I had a good night but I am not where I want to be. For me, it’s listening in the meeting rooms, taking the notes from Khalil (Mack) and Bruce (Irvin) and taking them onto the field to keep getting better.”

On if he is looking forward to having more eyeballs on him:

“At the end of the day, you either come in and perform or you don’t. It doesn’t matter if it is one eye ball or a thousand, my goal is to get better and perform every time I step on the field.”

On his first sack:

“On the first one I was watching Shilique (Calhoun) and (James) Cowser rush the whole first half. They could have had this and that and I could see them working. They kind of set it up for me to get around the edge. I knew I was going speed as soon as I can, I got the corner and I knew that was the one I wanted.”



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Cardinals Head Coach Bruce Arians

Opening statement:

“Obviously, we always enjoy winning. I liked the start of the game. I did not like the first defense going out and allowing a field goal after we got a touchdown. We should be putting the hammer down. We talked about that a bunch. I thought in the first five minutes of the third quarter, the second group did a good job. It was back-and-forth with the seconds and the thirds, and they put a nice group together for the drive to ice the game. All three quarterbacks played really well. We’ll judge the tape on any other guys. If you ask me about lineman, I have no idea how they played watching from the sideline unless I saw it on the Jumbotron just like you.”

On how QB Drew Stanton played:

“He was spot on. He tried to force one down there. We changed that route a little bit, and he kind of got fooled by the receiver. I thought he was outstanding.”

On whether he thinks Stanton proved his consistency:

“Oh, yeah. That’s what I see in practice every day from OTAs (Organized Team Activities). He was dynamite in OTAs and has been throughout training camp.”

On whether playing well is important to Stanton:

“I think it’s always important to play well. He’s probably healthier than he was last year in training camp. He knows exactly why he’s doing what he’s doing out there.”

On his impressions of DT Robert Nkemdiche tonight:

“It’s hard for me to tell. He was disruptive. I saw him in the backfield a few times. But again, I have to review the film to really see how well he played.”

On QBs coach Byron Leftwich calling the game:

“We had a little bit of a volume issue as far as quarterbacks here, and we had to burn a couple of time outs. He was calling from the booth for the first time. It’s something we’ll have to address as far as the volume to the quarterbacks’ headsets. I thought he did a really nice job.”

On the offensive line in the first few drives:

“I don’t think they got near our quarterback. You normally don’t take points off the board, but in a preseason game, as well as we were playing, we’ll take it. We were third-and-12, and Carson (Palmer) comes through for the touchdown.”

On whether Palmer was happy to play after resting a lot:

“He wanted to keep playing. He said, ‘You said the first quarter. There’s like eight minutes left,’ and I said, ‘No, I said 15 plays and you’re done.’”

On whether he would decline the penalty in the regular season

“It depends. If we’re having that kind of success offensively that early in the game, I probably would decline to go for it.”



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On whether WR Jaron Brown was in the right place for the overthrown pass from Palmer:

“He was perfect. He just put a little too much juice on it.”

On the injuries in the game:

“Ricky Seals-Jones had a little minor ankle, and Brittan Golden has a little groin. I don’t think it’s going to be much loss of time for either of them. Everybody else came out of the game healthy.”

On what the receivers rules are during a touchdown pass like Stanton’s:

“We have scramble rules. If you’re the widest guy, you come back. The deepest guy goes across, and everybody else works back down to the quarterback.”

On where he feels like he is after the first preseason game:

“Knock on wood. The injury bug hasn’t hit us too hard other than T.J. (Logan). It was good tonight. Practices have been consistent. Not always great, but never bad. Consistent. That’s really all you can ask. I thought they showed up ready to play in this game.”

On what he thought of LB Josh Bynes:

“He’s been a great pick. I thought (General Manager) Steve (Keim) pulled one out of his hat. He can run. He’s smart. He can pick up the whole playbook in two or three days. I’ve been really impressed with him. Hopefully he can continue to improve.”

On RB Kerwynn Williams’ performance:

“He hit both kickoff and punt up in there. That’s exactly what we’re looking for.”

On what he’s expecting from RB Andre Ellington:

“Explosiveness. He’s healthy for the first time in two years. He showed it on two or three runs tonight and a couple of passes.”

On S Budda Baker’s progression:

“He’s growing every week. With his position, he should be around the ball. He should be making plays.”

On Baker getting caught on a run:

“That’s a tough one, because he’s got the cut back, and he’s also got the quarterback. He’s going to take the cutback, but that’s not his fault that the quarterback broke containment.”

Cardinals QB Carson Palmer

On how he felt playing:

“It was just fun to play. It’s been awhile since last year, so it was fun to get back on the field. Just a great energy tonight. They had some fans there, but it was full. There wasn’t an open seat in the house for the first preseason game. So, it was just fun to get out in front of our fans. It wasn’t



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perfect. You never walk away feeling like you did everything perfect, but it just felt good to be out playing again.”

On Coach Arians removing him from the game after the first drive:

“Yeah, I thought I was going to get the first quarter. That’s what he said last night at the team meeting. I missed a couple. I missed a long one to Jaron (Brown) and wanted to kind of redeem myself. I didn’t get that chance. I’ve got to wait until next week.”

On the Cardinals getting the penalty that allowed them to finish the first drive:

“Yeah, that was a fluke I guess. It was kind of a nice little present we got there from them on that, and we did a good job executing.”

On that play taking points off the board because of where it was and the situation:

“It’s a good opportunity to get a red zone third down play in. We’d get that on film and have a chance to teach it. Have a chance to look at it, so it was good.”

On how he felt about the third down situations tonight:

“I think overall, we did really good on offense. I don’t know what our percent was. We’ll find out tomorrow. But I thought we executed at a high level with the ones, the twos and the threes.”

On the offensive line’s performance:

“Like I was telling them, I had a beautiful pocket all night. I don’t know if I had anybody around me at all, so it was great.”

On WR Jaron Brown’s comeback after a knee surgery:

“I keep feeling like they’re going to hold him back. I feel like he’s going to miss some days. Like there’s going to be some soreness or something, but it’s like it never happened, which is amazing. I want to say he’s eight-and-a-half months, post-op. It’s a testament to him and nobody else. He worked his tail off. We all witnessed it. We saw him all offseason, all spring. It’s literally like it never happened.”

On whether the incomplete deep pass to WR Jaron Brown was an overthrow:

“Yeah. He did a great job. I just missed him.”

On how important it is for him to complete those deep passes because they weren’t as prevalent last year:

“Yeah, it’s a constant work in progress. You’re always working on it. You’re always practicing it. They never feel like it’s perfect, and I never feel like it’s perfect. It’s something you just work on as the season goes on, all year long.”

On whether a lot has to go right for him to complete his deep passes:

“No. When he gets that open, it should be easier. I should have given him a better chance. He did such a good job getting open. We’ll continue to work it and we’ll get it right.”



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On whether he played with the efficiency he discussed earlier in the week:

“It’s getting there. It’s getting there. Like I said a minute ago, it’s never perfect. It’s never ideal. We’re going to continue to work. It feels like we’ve been in camp forever, and this is just really the first preseason game when you look at it. We’ve got a lot of time to sharpen things up, and we need to sharpen things up.”

Cardinals Players

Cardinals OB Drew Stanton

On his performance:

“I felt good. I think that any time you can go in there and have success and put points on the board, especially with the second offense, and move the ball it feels really good.”

On Head Coach Bruce Arians saying the difference for him is being in better health than last year at this time:

“Yeah I think I took this preparation real serious this offseason. It’s a testament to this training staff and (Strength and Conditioning Coach) Buddy Morris and everything. Going into the season, it was about sticking with the plan that he had. For somebody like that to put that much thought and effort into somebody like me, a backup, it speaks volumes about the type of guy he is.”

On if he felt like he needed this kind of performance as a player or if he’s past that point:

“Well you always need this kind of performance, you know. It’s much better than not playing well. I’m sure there’s stuff to go back and look at. I know those two throws that I tried to force the ball down the field, sometimes you get greedy, especially in this offense because those kinds of plays present themselves. You have to be smart about that and find the check-down. But I felt good about what I was trying to accomplish and we got points.”

On his touchdown pass to Troy Niklas:

“Yeah so I was just trying to get set up. I thought I had in-and-out coverage to Jeremy (Ross) on his side and I was really thinking the out. Then (Raiders CB) Sean Smith stayed outside on it so I tried to get my eyes back and couldn’t find Troy or Dre (Andre Ellington), who were supposed to be coming over on that side of the field. So, I rolled out and really, I was getting ready to throw the ball away but Troy did a phenomenal job of coming back aggressively downhill towards the ball and he beat everybody else towards the spot. He flashed in front of my eyes.”

Cardinals DT Robert Nkemdiche

On disrupting plays in the backfield:

“I feel like I was getting around blocks and trying to be as disruptive as possible.”

On overall feelings about the level of his game:

“Of course, there are always a lot of things that you can improve. I’m going to go watch the film. It wasn’t perfect, there are going to be things I have to fix and grow on.”



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On the defense's fourth-and-one stop:

“It feels good because as a defense that is what we predicate on, making stops and getting off of the field. If the other team is going to say we can line up and get a first down and we stop it, that’s big for us.”

On how fun it is making plays the last few weeks:

“Yeah, it’s fun. I’m healthy and I feel like I can do what I need to do, and just keep improving.”

On being healthy:

“It’s huge because when you’re playing with a bum tire you can’t really roll like you want to. When you’re healed and you can go play you’re more comfortable with what you can do, physically and mentally”

On what he did well and what can be improved on:

“I think sometimes I need to work on getting to the quarterback and our rush lanes and what we do in there. As well as playing with my hands and consistently doing what you’re asked on the defense, and playing more monotonous and doing the little things right.”

On Coach (Tom) Pratt’s influence on technique:

“A lot, he’s one of the most knowledgeable coaches you can be coached by. The way he breaks it down for you helps, he’s done a lot.”