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Raiders Head Coach Jack Del Rio

Opening Statement: "Busy in our preparation, ready for a trip down to San Diego and taking on the Chargers. Good football team, well coached, lot of talent. They've had a lot of injuries this year and Philip Rivers doesn't miss a beat. The defense has been playing very well with [defensive coordinator John] Pagano leading the way down there and I just think they're doing a good job. So, we're getting ourselves geared up, bouncing back onto next."

Q: What have you seen from Joey Bosa on tape?

Coach Del Rio: "Well, we saw him in his first game and got two sacks against us. So, he's very active, looks like they have a good young player that we'll be seeing at least twice a year for a long time. Good player."

Q: Is being able to clinch a playoff spot this week something that you address?

Coach Del Rio: "No, I don't really talk about it. I talk about us playing good football, continuing to grow as a football team. Our approach has been very consistent throughout the year about how we approach it and the things that we do. We just dig into our preparation, recover from the last game and then get ready to go compete. All you have to do is put on the tape. They make a lot of plays, very productive offense, very stingy defense. Our work is cut out for us. You can just see the tape and understand that and that's what we do. We focus on the tape, focus on the preparation."

Q: How important is the depth in your secondary?

Coach Del Rio: "Yeah, I mean the depth has been key in a lot of different areas. I think, you know, in the back end, certainly TJ [Carrie] has stepped up and done a nice job for us and Nate [Allen] has stepped in with Karl [Joseph] being out and did a nice job the other night. For us, the offensive line, we've played five different right tackles. I mean, things come up, things happen and I feel like the guys have done a good job of 'next man up' mentality, being prepared and the coaches not flinching and us going forward."

Q: Is Karl Joseph getting any healthier?

Coach Del Rio: "I don't think he'll practice today. I've been saying a little too much on injuries I think." *(laughter)*

Q: What do you want to see out of Mario Edwards Jr. this week?

Coach Del Rio: "Just see him work, see him get himself in game shape and in football shape. Been working hard on the conditioning aspect outside of football, now it's a matter of playing football."

Q: After last game, Philip Rivers said he didn't think your team could run with his receivers on the outside. Have the teams changed much since then? Is that something that you look at?

Coach Del Rio: "Well, evidently he was right. I mean, they got a couple behind us, so we'll see if we can run a little faster this week." *(laughter)*

Raiders QB Derek Carr

Q: Do you have an explanation for why you were off on Thursday after looking at the tape? Was it something mechanical?

Carr: "No. It was just execution. There was literally inches. There's a whole bunch of plays that I think about that we always hit and for whatever reason, sometimes it was good feet and the route was good, and we just missed by an inch. Sometimes that happens in practice and you never want it to happen in the game. To be honest with you, it was just execution."



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Q: When you lose like that, do you like having a 10-day break or would you rather get right back on the field?

Carr: "I'd rather play Friday night. You never like to have that taste in your mouth of a loss. I'll always take a break, just more time with my family."

Q: It was sort of like a wakeup call.

Carr: "I mean I think we've been pretty awake all year. I think that we just lost a football game."

Q: What does being one win away from the playoffs mean to you considering where you started your first year?

Carr: "Starting 0-10 was not fun. It makes these moments so awesome. It makes these moments really cool to already have 10 wins and those things. I know for our team, our sole focus is beating the Chargers because if we don't, we're still sitting there hoping and wishing. Our focus is just going down to San Diego and trying to come out with a win."

Q: What have you seen from Joey Bosa on tape? He's another dynamic pass rusher in this division.

Carr: "We don't have enough in this division. (*laughing*) Yeah, we obviously don't have enough. He plays with great effort. They do a great job of moving him. He does a real good job with moving on the line of scrimmage and things like that. They put him in different spots. They try to move him at different positions. They do a really good job. They have a great defensive coordinator, very smart coach. He knows what he's doing with him, and he uses him to his strengths, he really does. We have our hands full, obviously, but looking forward to it."

Q: Were you able to tell if the deep pass to Amari Cooper hit a wire?

Carr: "I didn't. When I threw it, I was just watching Amari because I let it go. It looked good until something definitely happened. We don't know what happened, but something definitely happened. It sucks to look back on, but it really doesn't matter at this point. Something happened, I just don't know what."

Q: Do you think that after a loss you come back with a different focus or as a professional does it not matter at all?

Carr: "Well, it definitely matters."

Q: But in terms of your focus, is your practice today going to be any different?

Carr: "Obviously, whenever you lose you think back like, 'Can I do something better?' For 99.9 percent of it, it's going to be the same. You go out there because we believe in the process that we've done. We believe in the practice plan [Head] Coach [Jack Del Rio] lays out. We believe in our game plans that our staff lays out. Everything, for me, stays the same. I don't treat [it like], 'Oh, we lost. Man, well now I need to do something different.' When for 13 or however many weeks before it was fine. You want to stay the same, but obviously, if there's little things you can tweak... There's definitely little things, but for the most part, it's pretty much the same."

Q: What have the interactions between Johnny Manziel and you been like these last couple of days?

Carr: "It's been good. He obviously took good to it. He reached out, and I reached back out to him. Anything I can do to help him. I think he's extremely talented. People get drafted in the first round for a reason. He can run, throw. He's very a creative, dynamic player. Obviously, he just got in a little trouble and we'll see. I don't know where it's going to go. There's no plan or anything like that. That's just me being me. I'm just trying to help a friend out to be honest."

Q: What is some of the advice you've given him?

Carr: "I'd leave that between us. I wouldn't put anybody else's business out there either. I just keep it between us. Anything I can do to help, I'm here for him."

Q: Have you spoken to him?

Carr: "I have spoken to him, yeah."



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Chargers Head Coach Mike McCoy Conference Call

Q: Is your team pretty good at focusing on what's in front of them with all of the distractions and injuries this season?

Coach McCoy: "Oh, I can only go by today's practice and we had an outstanding practice today. It's funny you ask that, you know, we came off the field and I think we had great work today and the focus was outstanding. So, they're focused on the task at hand and understand we got a good football team coming in here. We got to do what we got to do."

Q: Do you expect more deep passes from Philip Rivers after your success in the previous matchup this season?

Coach McCoy: "Well, we've got a plan in place. We'll see what we need to do to attack their defense."

Q: How would you describe Joey Bosa's progress since his debut against Oakland?

Coach McCoy: "It was a great day for us. Seeing him out there, he showed the type of player he was going to be for our organization for a long time. It was great to get him back out there having it be Week 5. Unfortunately, he missed the first four games of the season, but it didn't take him long to go out there and make some plays. That's why we brought him here, to help our team win and help our defense."

Q: Do you expect to see the Raiders' offense as it has been for most of the season and not in Kansas City?

Coach McCoy: "Well, I think Derek's [Carr] had a phenomenal year and it doesn't shock me one bit the way he's played. I've known him for a long time having coached his brother and he was down in Spartanburg with us for training camp. The weapons that he's throwing to, he's got a talented supporting cast and I think their line has done an outstanding job this year. They've got good balance, the way they're running the football and having worked with [Head Coach] Jack [Del Rio] and [offensive coordinator] Billy Musgrave brought me into this profession, so they're very well coached and their passing game they've done an outstanding job with it this year."

Q: What are your observations of how Khalil Mack has played lately?

Coach McCoy: "Well, he's one of the best in the business. I mean, Khalil's done a phenomenal job of getting after quarterbacks, the way he's ended some games and that's what the great ones do."

Chargers DE Joey Bosa Conference Call

Q: Do you feel like having success in your first NFL game against the Raiders kick started your season?

Bosa: "Yeah, I mean I was relieved that I played well in my first game, but obviously the game didn't go exactly how we wanted it. I think it was a good game to get my feet wet and really get a feel of being out there. Get my confidence up for the rest of the season."

Q: How different are you now as a player than you were that day?

Bosa: "I could notice a good amount of how I changed this year. One thing I could tell is how much more flexible I am now. The way I move out there just looks quicker, and I'm bending better. There's pretty significant change throughout the short, however many weeks it was."

Q: Why do you think you've been able to adjust to the NFL so quickly?

Bosa: "Coming from Ohio State, that's really what they're preparing you for the second you step on campus there. Guys like [assistant head coach/defensive line] Larry Johnson and [Head] Coach [Urban] Meyer there, they of course helped me a lot preparing for this level, just really continuing it on to here. I have great people around me. [Defensive line] Coach Griff [Smith] has been awesome. I have a great staff here helping me. They made sure I was more than prepared when I stepped on the field."



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Q: What do you think of the Raiders' offensive line?

Bosa: "Yeah, probably the biggest group we faced, well, is the biggest group we faced this year; tough group. They'll maul you off the ball if you're not playing good technique and you're not playing fundamentally sound. I think we just have to come into this game and attack it the same way we did in Week 5."

Q: Is it shocking how many injuries you guys have had?

Bosa: "Yeah, I mean it is a shocking number, but as a team here we try not to focus on things like that. It's hard not to when you see the amount of players. It's not a bunch of backups either. It's important roles for this team that have unfortunately been getting hurt all throughout the season. I think guys have been staying really positive here. It gives another guy an opportunity to play the game. I think we've handled it pretty well."

Q: Have people told you what to expect playing the Raiders in San Diego?

Bosa: "Yeah, they told me what to expect, but honestly as long as there's a rowdy atmosphere, whoever's fan base it is, it's a fun time for me."

Q: Is there anything you take away from Khalil Mack's game?

Bosa: "He's just a freak of nature, just so quick and twitchy the way he moves. I think we're pretty different players when it comes to our pass rushing technique and how we go about it. I always love watching other great players. Of course any little thing I can pick up off his game is good."

Q: Do you take pride in people saying you have a high motor and give high effort?

Bosa: "Yeah. Of course you want to always be giving good effort out there, but effort is something that I think you have or you don't have. I think what I really take pride in is my technique."