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### RAIDERS HEAD COACH JON GRUDEN

**Opening Statement:** “I would just like to say I am really proud of our team. I am thankful for our fans, they were there at every game for us. I really appreciate their support. Dwayne [Harris] was unbelievable tonight. Not just on the returns but in all phases of the special team. Karl [Joseph] had his best game that I have ever seen as a Raider. I really credit Doug [Martin] with his running style. Our kicker continues to make clutch field goals. I thought all three phases contributed. It was a big win. Merry Christmas to everybody.”

**Q: What are your thoughts on tonight being the last game in the Coliseum?**

**Gruden:** “I don’t like it. It’s too sentimental tonight. That’s not the case, it’s for other people to decide. The love affair for the fans here with the Raiders goes way back and when we get this result like we did tonight, it is a Merry Christmas for everybody.”

**Q: Why was it important for you to go to the black hole after the game?**

**Gruden:** “I used to make that happen every game. After every game we won. We didn’t have that many opportunities to do that this year. I think our team played good football tonight and a lot of that is playing because of our fans. We came back against the Chiefs and made it a fourth quarter game and then came back and beat Pittsburgh. I thought we played pretty good tonight. Our fans really fueled us and sharing the victory with them for a few minutes is always really special.”

**Q: Thoughts on Dwayne Harris’s performance?**

**Gruden:** “I don’t know if you remember earlier in the season when he forced an out-of-bounds kick off – one of the most heads-up plays I have ever seen. That is the impact play that really turned this whole game around. He covered kicks and did a great job prohibiting them from down inside. He is special team’s is demon and I am glad we got him.”

### RAIDERS QB DEREK CARR

**Q: What was the victory lap like?**

**Carr:** “Honestly, it was emotional because as I was doing that, besides the guy who tried to grab my face mask, I remembered all the memories. With breaking my ankle, to the fourth quarter comeback wins, to throwing three picks in a quarter. It was everything. How loyal our fans are. I know it stings and hurts that we might not play here, but I was going to make sure that this was the last time I was going to say thank you in whatever way I could. Anyone who sees this, Raider Nation I love you, my family loves you and you guys are the most loyal fans in the world. I know it hurts that we might not be the Oakland Raiders forever, but we are still Raider Nation. I know they will always have our back.”

**Q: What did the last two minutes of the game feel like?**

**Carr:** “I can’t wait to not have to win a game with two minutes left. Can we please just enjoy one. Can we please have two minutes of relief and what a perfect way to do it on Christmas Eve. This might possibly be the last game in Oakland, in the Coliseum. It was really nice. It was different. Like I said I don’t know the percentage, but we win them late. To have this one to sit on it and take a knee. Especially the run by Doug [Martin] to get the first down and our whole line getting that push. Not only that, letting our fans really just enjoy and take that moment.”

**Q: What hit you the most that tonight might be your last game here in Oakland?**

**Carr:** “It hit me a little bit taking that lap, but I hope not. I love Oakland. This is home. I don’t go anywhere in the offseason. I live here. I have really tried to spread my love and joy with everyone in the community



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whenever I go eat or just am around town. The Bay Area is home to me. It is hard that it might be the last time but if it is it will always be there like, 'Man, what a time we have had there.' We have had some tears of pain, joy and all those things. It's a sensitive topic even this year with the whole tear thing. We have the best fans in the world. The most loyal. I don't care if you like us or not. They are the most loyal. We have been 0-10 and tickets were still sold out. With the record we have this year, they still showed up. They have all season. The Steeler, Browns and Colts game. They were on fire. It's not the professional football atmosphere where everyone is in a tie and doing their thing. It is football, it is a rough and gritty place. I think that it reminded me a lot of home and that is Fresno. That is how I like to play football."

**Q: Do you think the fans lived up tonight's game?**

**Carr:** "I think so. I think we can all agree. Like I said there is about six dudes that jumped over the stands when I was running around. I turned around to make sure they were alright and they got tackled. They were rowdy and it was a playoff kind of atmosphere the whole game. With all the big plays, it got really loud especially towards the Black Hole. How loud they got for our defense at the end to close the game out. It was awesome. Like I said just to take the last two minutes and just enjoy taking three knees. I would take minus the rushing yards for that any day."

**Q: What was one moment that stood out to you the most playing in the Coliseum?**

**Carr:** "I have two. One is when I broke my ankle. I am someone who tires to give the most love to people even strangers. When I was two years old I loved to be held by everybody. I just love people. When I broke my ankle I have given so much to feel that love reciprocated back to me. That was special to me. It is not the most amazing moment in anyone's career, and I have screws to prove it, but the love that I felt in that moment. Everyone reaching out when I was on my crutches or in the wheel chair rolling around town. The love I felt from people was unbelievable. Honestly, Kobe [Bryant] is my favorite player, so all the fourth quarter wins from the first one against the Kansas City Chiefs to the most recent one being the Steelers. All of them in between. It is a lot of fun winning games, like I said it is a different feeling tonight. But closing them out with the Mamba mentality, those are my favorites."

### RAIDERS S MARCUS GILCHRIST

**Q: Take us through the interception.**

**Gilchrist:** "It was just a play where somebody sat down in front of me. I sprinted back thinking there was someone behind me. Sure enough he threw it, and I ran into it."

**Q: Did you plan on doing something with the fans in the Black Hole?**

**Gilchrist:** "It was spur of the moment. Karl [Joseph] came up to me and congratulated me. Something clicked in my brain to go do it. It was spur of the moment, not planned."

**Q: The way you guys were able to finish, is that sign of defensive growth?**

**Gilchrist:** "I'd be lying if I said it wasn't. When you think back to the second game of the season that we played against these guys, we had a chance to go out there and end it and we didn't. It was good to come back full circle on a Monday night here and get some stops."

**Q: How would you describe the crowd?**

**Gilchrist:** "To me it was the same. Raider Nation always comes through. They're always loud. They're always passionate. I think the Monday night atmosphere brought a lot out of them too."



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### RAIDERS WR/RS DWAYNE HARRIS

**Q: What are you trying to accomplish when you picked the ball up?**

**Harris:** "It was intentional. I knew I was going to try to return it if he had tried to kick it back or throw it back. I have been trying to get that play all season. If everyone has ever seen me try to return inside the 10, I am always trying to get that play. As soon as he did it, I knew it was an opportunity for me to take advantage of it."

**Q: What is it like to have such a big play on possibly the last game in Oakland?**

**Harris:** "It was good. It was a great momentum starter for us. To get points on the board. Especially for us on special teams we have been struggling a little bit the last couple of weeks. For us to get going on teams and get the offense going and the team going, it was a good feeling."

**Q: How important was it for you guys to end possibly the last game at the Coliseum on a win?**

**Harris:** "It was very important we just wanted to go out there and give the fans a show. They are the best fans on the West Coast. They do a good job of supporting us, win or lose. The turnout tonight showed. It was raining and they still came out and supported us. For us to go out there and get them the game tonight was amazing."

**Q: Did you get a game ball out of this?**

**Harris:** "I think so. If not, I got my touchdown ball, so it's cool."

**Q: On that return, when did you know you were gone?**

**Harris:** "Once I got around the corner. As soon as I got around the corner I knew at that moment I knew I was going to score. I knew the punter was not going to tackle me. So, at that moment I knew that I was going to score."

**Q: You kind of violated a rule that you weren't suppose to fool around with the ball at the 1-yard line and it turned out pretty good.**

**Harris:** "You just have to know the rules, if they touch the ball, we can touch it, fumble the ball, on the one-yard line. It's going to be our ball. At that moment you just have to know the rules. Me being a veteran like I am, knowing the rules, I just took advantage of it."

**Q: What are you thinking on the sidelines that that turns into a 99-yard play?**

**Harris:** "It felt great for me, great of the team, great for us, great for momentum. Especially when you get a big play like that on a special teams play and spark a touchdown and get momentum going in the game, it felt great."

**Q: What does it say about this team despite the record?**

**Harris:** "For us, we have been trying to get momentum going and Coach always says this is the fourth quarter of the season. For us we have to get some stuff going for next year and he wants us to go out and go out fighting and finish the season strong."



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### RAIDERS S ERIK HARRIS

**Q: How was the energy out there?**

**Harris:** "The energy from the get-go was incredible. Any little momentum shift, any little positive thing out there, the fans were into it. They were really behind us the whole way."

**Q: It seems like you were pretty physical early on, did that make a difference**

**Harris:** "Yeah, we wanted to be physical. Their receivers showed stuff on film where they were being physical and blocking after the whistle. We wanted to set a tone early and I think we did a good job of doing that."

**Q: The opportunity to get picks late and ice the game. Must have been a good feeling.**

**Harris:** "Absolutely. We have been dealing with a lot of adversity issues here and I think it is really important to finish off strong. It's a great moment for me. My family is not here. My wife and kids won't be here for Christmas. The fact I could do that on a Monday Night with them watching, on the East Coast, with sick kids, stuff like that. It means a lot."

**Q: Were you going to take that to the house?**

**Harris:** "I thought so. I panicked a little bit. That's why I don't play running back. (laughing)"

**Q: Not knowing if it will be the last game, how big is to send the fans out with a win?**

**Harris:** "It means a lot. That's why I ran over and paid my respect to the Black Hole, and I did a whole lap around the stadium. To pay my respect to the fans. The season has not been easy. I respect all the fans who have been loyal to us and been supporting us all along."

### RAIDERS S KARL JOSEPH

**Q: What was your mindset coming into the game?**

**Karl Joseph:** "As a defense we came to play today. I knew I had to set the tone early and that's what I did."

**Q: How much more fired up were you guys knowing the story line that this might be the last game at the Coliseum?**

**Joseph:** "It wasn't just about the story line, for us it was about the opportunity. Last time we were in a Monday night game we didn't play so well as a defense. That's something we spoke about all week. We came out to play today. Guys were locked in. They did their job, were flying around. It was fun."

**Q: To have Raider Nation behind you tonight, did you guys feel it?**

**Joseph:** "We did, we did. If it was the last game here, it was incredible. We really appreciate the fans for coming out and supporting us. It was a fun atmosphere."

**Q: What was the message for the defense tonight?**

**Joseph:** "Just go out and leave it all out on the field. We only have two opportunities left. Unfortunately, the season hasn't gone the way we wanted it to, we had two opportunities left and we knew we had to take advantage of it. It was an opportunity to go out in the big spotlight, in front of our fans, last home game of the season, potentially last home game here. We knew we had to come out fired up with a lot of energy."

**Q: The defense was finally starting to click. Are you sad to season the season ending so soon?**

**Joseph:** "Yeah, I wish it would have started clicking a little earlier in the season, but it's a great opportunity for us going into the offseason to build off of it. It's fun that we're starting to click. You notice a bunch of new pieces coming together and you finally see us starting to click together and play well together."



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### RAIDERS WR JORDY NELSON

**Q: If this was the final one, you've played under some crazy conditions at Green Bay but to have this game.**

**Nelson:** "This was old school football. Doug Martin ran the ball for 100 yards tonight. There's not a better way to win a game than to take a knee three times in the whole two minutes, to let it soak in. Especially with the environment tonight and what this could possibly be. "

**Q: How about your game, guys were giving you a hard time about having ten catches and not taking a hit?**

**Nelson:** "Veteran move. It's great. It's great to get out there and have an opportunity to make plays, the opportunity to win games. That's why we're here, we want to win. You can tell that matters. It's fun to be a part of it, to play on Christmas Eve, Monday Night Football, it's always special. We got a win. We can enjoy that tonight and all day tomorrow and enjoy Christmas with the kids and family."

### RAIDERS RB DOUG MARTIN

**Q: How was the atmosphere out there?**

**Martin:** It was great. It was possibly the last time for the Raiders to be in Oakland and we wanted to make sure that we came away with that win. It was definitely important. Being born in Oakland and having family and fans in Oakland was definitely important to me. And it was definitely important to the players. I wanted to give this win to them for a Christmas present and Merry Christmas to Oakland. I hope you enjoyed it. We love you.

**Q: Can you talk about your energy coming out?**

**Martin:** It was Raider Football in all phases: special teams, defense, offense, run game, pass game, everything - you name it. That was Raider football and that's what you can look for going forward.

**Q: How about that punt return?**

**Martin:** That definitely set off the momentum. Hats off to him. It definitely created that momentum for us for the team to keep going.

**Q: Did you feel different than normal?**

**Martin:** I wanted to get the crowd into it. Pregame, I did more autographs than I should have. I shook more hands took more pictures because it might be the last game that we could play here. We just did it for the fans.

**Q: That was one of your best games since 2015, right?**

**Martin:** I felt like my own self. First time I felt injury free. No nagging injuries. I definitely felt like myself for this game. Hats off to the running back room. Jalen got his first touchdown. Hats off to the O-Line they did a great job.

**Q: Can you talk about Jalen Richard's touchdown?**

**Martin:** He scores we all score. That was his first touchdown so I was definitely happy for him. Proud of him. Definitely wish Marshawn [Lynch] could have been there. He was there. He was the one who shook my hand before the game. He lit the fire for us before the game. We wish he could have been down there.



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### RAIDERS RB JALEN RICHARD

**Q: How exciting was it to win for Raider Nation?**

**Richard:** "It was exciting for sure. The energy in the stadium was crazy today. To get a win for this city, what they're going through, obviously we're not in control of that, but we can feel it. We grew up with our favorite teams. Not knowing the situation we're in, to turn up tonight, it's a good feeling."

**Q: Did you have a meeting about the importance of tonight's game?**

**Richard:** "Not a meeting, just general conversation throughout different guys. [Head] Coach [Jon Gruden] talked about it. Not knowing if this will be the last one at the Coliseum, getting these fans something to remember. We gave them a win."

**Q: What was it like watching the success of the run game and Doug Martin's performance?**

**Richard:** "I was screaming from the sideline 'Get him a hundred, get him a hundred'. Doug [Martin] balled his tail off today, ran well. The offensive line blocked well. We had a great game plan. [Offensive line coach] Tom Cable did a great job with the run game. We handled business."

**Q: Is this a suitable last game for the Coliseum, an old school kind of game?**

**Richard:** "This was a good way to go out. You see those games in the Coliseum, muddy and rainy, and we got the 'W'. That's always good. That means more than anything else."

**Q: Did you have a favorite memory at the Coliseum?**

**Richard:** "One of my favorite memories was last year against Kansas City, Thursday Night, when [Michael] Crabtree caught that ball in the corner. That was a crazy one."

### RAIDERS TE LEE SMITH

**Q: Emotional night for the fans, could be the last game here, could you feel the energy in the building?**

**Smith:** "Raiders fans are the best in the world every day. But the fact that it was Christmas, the holiday season, we've had a year that has left a lot to be desired for players, fans. For this team to keep fighting regardless of the adversity we've been through and get a win on Monday Night Football on Christmas Eve in front of our fans in this arena for potentially the last time was a really special moment. I think it's something we'll all remember forever, there's no doubt about that."

**Q: What is it about this place that makes it so special?**

**Smith:** "I remember a year before I hit free agency, I came out here with the [Buffalo] Bills and I didn't think it was so special. The dingy guest locker room, the crazy fans. I thought 'I have to get out of here'. But then I got out there as an actual Raider three years ago, I'll never forget. My wife told me after the first game she went through the parking lot after the game. She said, 'my goodness, I thought Buffalo was a crazy place'. But the people treated her great. They love their Raiders, they love us as players, they treat our families great. It's an awesome organization to play for. This shield is something very special. Once again Christmas Eve, potentially last game at the Coliseum, Monday Night Football. What a great way to celebrate the holidays and but a great taste in everybody's mouths here at the end of the season. It's awesome, it's fun, it's a night no one wearing a Raiders logo will forget."



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### BRONCOS HEAD COACH VANCE JOSEPH

**Q: What happened with the offense during that first half?**

**Vance Joseph:** "I thought we moved the ball decently, but we took too much time on third downs and we couldn't keep drives alive. Obviously, they had the punt return where the ball landed on the half yard line, and I guess we would have had possession. That was a bizarre play."

**Q: You said it was important to avoid back-to-back losing seasons, does that make this loss any tougher?**

**Joseph:** "It's frustrating. I thought our team maxed out every game. Probably the Jets game we didn't max out, but we didn't play good enough football today. Defensively we had our moments, but we gave up two big drives when we had to get stops. We didn't play very good football today."

**Q: On the fourth and one did the play not come in right or did Case Keenum not see the play clock?**

**Joseph:** "We didn't see the play clock. Obviously, we were discussing whether it was a fourth down or whether it was a first down. We had gone for it a few times, and I think he got caught getting out of the huddle and not seeing the clock."

**Q: What did you see from Case with his two interceptions, one late while you guys were trying to come back?**

**Joseph:** "He was trying to make a play, especially the last one. They had (inaudible). He was trying to make a play, it's as simple as that."

**Q: Was that frustrating in the first half to hold the ball for so long and not get anything out of your drives?**

**Joseph:** "It's really frustrating when you have good plays called and you miss a block or miss a chance to convert. You have to score points when you're playing a good offense. We have to get off to a better start. We have a helluva defense, we just need to score some points early so we can play our style game. That definitely affected the defense."

**Q: Phillip Lindsay goes over 1,000 yards, was it good to see that?**

**Joseph:** "Yeah, absolutely. He's had a great year and obviously his story is special. We're proud of him. We didn't win the football game, which kind of spoiled it for him, but he's had a great year."

**Q: You guys came into this home stretch needing to win all four games having lost three straight games, what is the message to your team at this point?**

**Joseph:** "The message is we'll have to keep fighting and finishing. That's all we can do right now and we have one more game left. Our team has fought all year and we're going to keep fighting."

**Q: Did you feel that the Raiders played a little more inspired with this being possibly their last game in the Coliseum?**

**Joseph:** "I'm not sure, it's an NFL game, and I thought both teams played hard. We didn't play winning football and they did."





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### DENVER BRONCOS QB CASE KEENUM

**Q: You cut it to ten and get the ball back and then they get that interception. What did you see on that play?**

**Keenum:** "Yeah, I tried to do too much. Bill called a great play and we had what we wanted as far as coverage wise but you know not every play, even if it's the right coverage, should you take the shot down the field. I should have just given it to my guy down in the flat. They fell off the coverage and the guy made a great play."

**Q: It seemed like you were running around a lot today. How were you able to have some success on the touchdowns?**

**Keenum:** "I mean, that's just playing football. Sometimes they have the right coverage called and I have to pull it down and try to make a play. I think the offensive line did a great job blocking for a long time on some of those plays. Guys were doing a great job on scramble drills. We were just trying to move the ball, do whatever we could. We're all playing as hard as we can and we're giving it everything we got. You should see those guys in the huddle in the second half when we're going tempo and running the ball, throwing the ball. They're giving it everything they got. I love these guys. I love this locker room. I love playing hard. I love fighting. We've got a lot of fighters."

**Q: What can you put the finger on in regards to your slow starts, especially of late?**

**Keenum:** "Every drive it's something different whether we get in a hole with a penalty or just have something go wrong. We moved the ball but we just couldn't get it in the scoring zone in the first half. They were stingy. They did a good job on defense. You've got to give them credit. We have to do better in the first half. We can't just play catch up the whole time."

**Q: Did you sense the Raiders played a little more inspired considering this might be their last home game in Oakland?**

**Keenum:** "I can't speak to that. I really don't know. I thought it was a good atmosphere tonight. It was a lot of fun playing ball, but it's not very fun when you don't win."

**Q: What do you say in the huddle after you come out of the locker room in the second half after not being able to put plays together?**

**Keenum:** "You don't think about what's going to happen. You don't think about the scoreboard. You don't think about what's happened. You just play one play at a time. You focus, you trust your training, you trust the play, you trust your footwork, you trust the guy next to you and you just try to block everything else out. It's hard to do but that's what we talk about in the huddle in those situations."

**Q: Do you think your coach is getting some unfair heat for how you've played this season?**

**Keenum:** "We all want to play better. Nobody likes not winning. We all hate it. We all want to play hard. We all want to win for coach Joseph. We all love him. He's an incredible human and a great football coach. I want to play hard for him, I want to play hard for everybody in that locker room. That's a big part of our team and our identity. We've stayed together and we all love and like and respect each other and we want to fight for each other. It's a production league and when you're not winning, it's tough."





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### BRONCOS ILB TODD DAVIS

**Q: What was different about the start to the second half than past games?**

**Davis:** "I can't really call it. They were just able to put some things together in those other drives and make some plays. We weren't able to make enough tonight."

**Q: Does it feel like when things go south it continues to snowball for you guys?**

**Davis:** "I think it happened that way tonight. I wouldn't say that's how it's been every game. I feel like it happened that way tonight. We started off strong. As a defense it felt like the more the game went on, we started to wither away. We came back strong in the second half, but weren't able to finish strong."

**Q: How tough is it to lose to the Raiders?**

**Davis:** "It's tough. I definitely love beating the Raiders. Whenever we lose to them, it's not a good feeling at all. We just weren't able to get it done tonight. We tried to fight back and really pull it together at the end, but it wasn't enough."

### BRONCOS RB PHILLIP LINDSAY

**Q: Growing up a Broncos fan and appreciating this rivalry, what does it mean to get to play in potentially the last game in the Coliseum despite the loss?**

**Lindsay:** "It's the first time, for me, ever playing here in the Black Hole. It was a great experience. On the other end there, we did lose. We have to go back to the drawing board. We have to fix things. That's on us. We had a lot of mistakes. We had a lot of mistakes that killed a lot our drives. You can't expect to win games when we're keeping our defense on the field 60, 70 percent of the time. It just doesn't work in the NFL."

**Q: You're a team guy, but was it special to hit 1,000 yards in your rookie season?**

**Lindsay:** "Definitely, the offensive line has played a big part in this whole journey. It is a special moment. It's unfortunate that it didn't come with a win, but it is something to build off of. We have a great offensive line. We just have to get our feet back under us. We have to get a groove back."

**Q: How fast can you guys bounce back to get ready for the Chargers?**

**Lindsay:** "We're a young team, we're hungry. We're going to find ways to keep on battling. It's a long season for us. Especially for the rookies. We're going to be alright. We're going to go back to the drawing board and come up with a win."

**Q: How much closer are young guys to taking over leadership roles?**

**Lindsay:** "We're at the end of the year, so we're not little anymore. We need to step up. The rookies need to step up and take leadership roles. That's just how it goes. For next year, we need to have a great offseason."

**Q: Are you guys in place where you can call out veterans and challenge them?**

**Lindsay:** "At the end of the day we're not trying to challenge anybody we're all trying to be together so that we can win games. We have great leaders and great vets. We need to continue that and just build off of it. Just like in college, it's hard when you have a lot of rookies that this is our first time doing this sort of thing. We just have to build off of this."



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### BRONCOS WR COURTLAND SUTTON

**Q: Your first experience and last experience in the Black Hole was unfortunately a losing effort.**

**Sutton:** "Yeah, it's sad that couldn't come away with the victory right there. Pretty much same story. We have to execute when we get the chance on the way to capitalizing on the opportunities that we have and not give away possessions. I feel like some of the possessions in the game we didn't really capitalize like we were supposed to, and we found ourselves down going into halftime 17-0. Anytime you go into halftime down three scores in the NFL it's pretty hard to come back from that, so we just have to find a way not to put ourselves in that situation. We have a nice test coming up next week. Chargers fighting for that spot, so they're going to come in and give us a good shot, but I know these guys. I know them pretty well. I know that they're going to show up, and that we're going to go to work against the Chargers at home next week."

**Q: This team gets behind early and then tries to come back, but when you're trying to dig yourself out of a big hole it seems tough.**

**Sutton:** "Definitely, 100 percent and I've said it before. We have to find a way to bring that energy that we have coming out of halftime when we're down seven or down ten. Bringing that to the beginning of the game, to the first drive. The first quarter and the second quarter bring that same energy. If we bring that same energy that we have in the third quarter and the fourth quarter into the first half, nobody is stopping us and we don't go into halftime down 17-0. We might come into halftime up 17-0. That's all upon us and we have to find a way to make that happen, especially coming up next week. The Chargers are a big test and Philip Rivers [is] in the game. They're going to come in here and they're fighting for something. We're fighting for something as well - our pride and everything that comes with this organization. We might not be making the playoffs, but we're fighting for resumes and putting something good on tape. We have to find a way to make that same effort that happens in the third and fourth quarter happen in the first half."

**Q: It's been a mentally challenging season it seems like because it's been a streaky season. It's tough to get out of that hole.**

**Sutton:** "Yeah, 100 percent. 100 percent. Everyone sees it. When we're playing good, it looks good. I wouldn't say we're playing bad because we're not playing bad ball. It's just, we're not playing two really good halves. We're playing one really good half and one very sleepy half. You can't do that in the NFL. Everybody is great. Everybody is good. Everybody has superstars. Everybody has coaches that are getting paid. Everybody is out there trying to win. Everybody's job is on the line, so you can't go and half a bad half and then try to come back in the second half and put it together. It doesn't work like that in the NFL. Like I said, we just have to figure out a way to get that second half into the first half and move forward."

### BRONCOS OLB VON MILLER

**Opening Statement:** "It was a tough one. It's the story of the season. I just didn't do enough to win personally. Didn't turn the ball over. The Raiders, they won the turnover battle. We were already behind the eight ball with a returned punt at the beginning and we couldn't get any turnovers either. They had good position for the whole game and we couldn't flip so it was a tough one."

**Q: Would you say it was now officially a disappointing season after back to back losing season?**

**Miller:** "Like Case said, you want to win. You want to go out there and win every game. It's tough especially being apart of an organization that's so used to elite play and get elite wins. It's just tough man. That's the story of the season. We play tough. We play every game tough. We play every game for our brothers and our coaches. We just came up short."



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**Q: How much did the punt return deflate you guys?**

**Miller:** "I wouldn't say deflated. It was a play that you don't want to happen. That early in the game you can overcome that. We just weren't able to do that. We had four quarters to do it and we weren't able to overcome that."

**Q: Will you miss coming to Oakland and playing the Raiders here?**

**Miller:** "Yeah this stadium is my favorite place to play. I love this environment. I like coming here, how the fans just hate us here. It's us against the world. That's how pro football is supposed to be played in my opinion. We had eight good years here. We had a lot of wins. We lost some as well but that's the league. It's same for the players. It's same for stadiums I guess. You get new stadiums, new teams, new cities. It's a part of the league."