



## **Oakland Raiders Transcript**

### **WR Cordarrelle Patterson**

#### **Q: What went into your decision to sign with the Raiders?**

**Patterson:** "Just everything about it from when I got there until I left, everything was going so smooth. It was kind of an easy decision for me, man. I wanted to get back in Minnesota. I just want to take my talents to help elsewhere, start fresh and just hope for the best for me."

#### **Q: What does it feel like to be teaming up with Amari Cooper and Michael Crabtree?**

**Patterson:** "Oh man, it's a blessing from the skies. I can't even believe it. I haven't even been to sleep since I left Oakland and got back home. I'm just excited to team up with all those guys over there. Not just 'Coop' and Crabtree; every guy over there. I'm ready to get over there and start working."

#### **Q: Do you think you were used in a way to get the most out of talents as a receiver in Minnesota?**

**Patterson:** "My rookie year, I played a lot. I did, no lie. But in the other years, I didn't. At the end of the day, I'm thankful for having the job. Every opportunity I get I got out and make the most out of it, even if it's on special teams or at running back, quarterback. I'm out on the field, I want to go out and make the play."

#### **Q: Did the Raiders say how they want to use you as a receiver?**

**Patterson:** "Oh yeah, man. That was one of the deciding factors. We sat down and talked. They were just saying how they can work on getting me a better receiver. Things I'm good at, they're going to keep continuing to do that. Those things I need to work on, they're going to help me improve on that."

#### **Q: What other things do you think you need to work on?**

**Patterson:** "That's on me. That's everybody I've seen on film. That's something I take good pride in, what I need to work on. So I'm going to work on that, and in this season I know it'll pay off for me."

#### **Q: How much of your kick return abilities do you want to bring to the Raiders?**

**Patterson:** "I love special teams, especially on kickoff returns. It's just a feeling you wouldn't understand until you're back there when you get that ball in your hands. You're nine yards deep in the end zone and you have those 10 guys in front of you who are going to block and give you their all for you. I'm willing to bring it out anytime I can. If the coach gives me the OK, I want to bring it out. I want to go somewhere and know that I can help on special teams. I feel like that's my best in the game right there, so I want to go and help on special teams as much as I can and get this receiver stuff down pat."

#### **Q: Do you remember a lot from your touchdown return in 2015 against the Raiders?**

**Patterson:** "I remember it like it was yesterday."

#### **Q: What was the reaction you remember from the crowd?**

**Patterson:** "I've heard stay away from the fans over there, so you know, I'm blessed to be a part of them now. You know, when I scored that touchdown, they were giving me a lot of crap, all that stuff, but I'm a happy person. I like to have fun and enjoy myself and you can never let anybody get you down in life. Just go out and enjoy it, man, keep thanking God."

#### **Q: What does it feel like to have those fans on your side now and how much have you heard from them since joining the team?**

**Patterson:** "Man, since I joined the team, it seemed like 30 seconds and like my phone was blowing up on Twitter and Instagram with all the Raiders fans, 'Glad to have you,' 'Welcome to the black side,' and everything. Raider Nation, baby. So, like I said, I'm excited man. My whole family is excited and I'm just ready to start a new journey."



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**Q: Who have you had contact with on the team or who do you know on the team?**

**Patterson:** "I really don't know anyone over there like that, but [Derek] Carr shot me a text yesterday telling me he's ready to get some work in. So, a guy like that I appreciate taking time out of his day to send me a text when he didn't have to. You have to appreciate guys like that."

**Q: Did you get a chance to meet Carr during your visit?**

**Patterson:** "Oh yeah, I met him. I met him the night before. He popped up, said hello to me and was telling me how he would love to have me here and I can help them on offense and special teams. Like I said, from what I got there man to when I left, everyone was showing so much love. I'm just glad to be a Raider."

**Q: How much of an impact was being on a playoff-contending team in your decision?**

**Patterson:** "At the end of the day, I haven't even looked at it like that. Like I said, I just wanted to go anywhere and compete and play. I know how much I bring to the table. I know what I can do once the ball is in my hands. So, I'm just ready to go and help anyway I can and every chance I get I'm going to make the most of it."