



Friday, Aug. 8, 2014

| 5:00 P.M. PT

| TCF Bank Stadium



RAIDERS

Vikings





OAKLAND RAIDERS WEEKLY RELEASE

Preseason Week 1

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OAKLAND RAIDERS (0-0) vs. MINNESOTA VIKINGS (0-0)



GAME PREVIEW

The Oakland Raiders kick off their 2014 season with a preseason contest at the Minnesota Vikings on Friday, Aug. 8 at 5:00 p.m. PT. The game marks the first home game of the year for the Vikings, who have moved their home stadium to TCF Bank Stadium on the campus of the University of Minnesota while their new stadium in downtown Minneapolis is being constructed. This will be the first of three tilts against NFC North opponents this preseason for Oakland.

Friday's contest will mark the Silver and Black debuts for a number of Raiders who joined the team this offseason, including **QB Matt Schaub**, **RB Maurice Jones-Drew**, **CB Tarell Brown**, **CB Carlos Rogers**, **LB Khalil Mack**, **DE LaMarr Woodley**, **T Donald Penn**, **G/T Austin Howard**, **WR James Jones**, **DE Justin Tuck** and **DL Antonio Smith**. Head Coach **Dennis Allen**'s team will be looking forward to taking on someone in a different uniform after two weeks of training camp.

Mike Zimmer will make his head coaching debut in the game, taking over the reins in the offseason. **RB Adrian Peterson** continues to be the team's rock and one of the best players in the NFL, while the squad added the likes of **DT Linval Joseph**, **CB Captain Munnerlyn**, **S Kurt Coleman** and **G Vladimir Ducasse**. Minnesota also added **LB Anthony Barr** and **QB Teddy Bridgewater** in the first round of the 2014 NFL Draft.

Up next for the Raiders will be a trip to Oxnard, Calif., to practice for two days with the Dallas Cowboys before returning to Oakland for a Preseason Week 2 match-up at home against the Detroit Lions, while Minnesota will host the Arizona Cardinals.

THE SETTING

Date: Friday, August 8

Kickoff: 5:00 p.m. PT

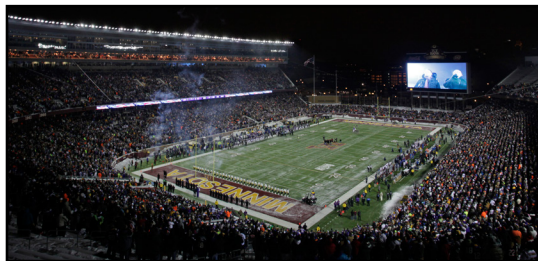
Site: TCF Bank Stadium (2009)

Capacity/surface: 52,000/FieldTurf

Regular Season: Raiders lead, 9-4

Postseason: Raiders lead, 1-0 (Super Bowl XI)

Preseason: Vikings lead, 3-1



QUOTING D.A.

"I'm excited about the season. I'm excited about the prospects of this team. I think our guys worked extremely hard in the offseason. I thought we had a very productive offseason, and I think we had a plan on how we wanted to try and attack the offseason, what we wanted to do, what we wanted to accomplish through free agency and the draft. I think we've built this team with a good combination of veteran leadership and also some young guys that we think can be cornerstones for our team as we move forward. It's an exciting time for us as an organization and for us as a football team, getting ready for this 2014 season."

- Raiders Head Coach Dennis Allen

2014 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

PRESEASON (0-0)	
Fri., Aug. 8	at Minnesota Vikings 5:00 p.m. PT
Fri., Aug. 15	DETROIT LIONS 7:00 p.m. PT
Fri., Aug. 22	at Green Bay Packers 5:00 p.m. PT
Thu., Aug. 28	SEATTLE SEAHAWKS 7:00 p.m. PT
REGULAR SEASON (0-0)	
Sun., Sept. 7	at New York Jets..... 10:00 a.m. PT
Sun., Sept. 14	HOUSTON TEXANS 1:25 p.m. PT
Sun., Sept. 21	at New England Patriots 10:00 a.m. PT
Sun., Sept. 28	MIAMI DOLPHINS (LONDON) 10:00 a.m. PT
Open Date	
Sun., Oct. 12	SAN DIEGO CHARGERS 1:05 p.m. PT
Sun., Oct. 19	ARIZONA CARDINALS 1:25 p.m. PT
Sun., Oct. 26	at Cleveland Browns 1:25 p.m. PT
Sun., Nov. 2	at Seattle Seahawks 1:25 p.m. PT
Sun., Nov. 9	DENVER BRONCOS 1:05 p.m. PT
Sun., Nov. 16	at San Diego Chargers..... 1:05 p.m. PT
Thu., Nov. 20	KANSAS CITY CHIEFS 5:25 p.m. PT
Sun., Nov. 30	at St. Louis Rams..... 10:00 a.m. PT
Sun., Dec. 7	SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS 1:25 p.m. PT
Sun., Dec. 14	at Kansas City Chiefs 10:00 a.m. PT
Sun., Dec. 21	BUFFALO BILLS 1:25 p.m. PT
Sun., Dec. 28	at Denver Broncos 1:25 p.m. PT

BROADCAST INFORMATION

TELEVISION

KTVU/KICU

Play-by-play: Greg Papa

Color Analysts: Tom Flores, Jim Plunkett

Sideline: J.T. the Brick

Executive Producers: Vittorio DeBartolo, Brad Phinney

Producer: Mark Shah

Director: Tom Adza

RADIO

Raiders Radio Network (31 stations)

Flagship: 95.7 The Game/98.5 KFOX

(Friday's game will be on KFOX 102.1/98.5)

Play-by-play: Greg Papa

Color Analysts: Tom Flores, Jim Plunkett





RAIDERS VS. VIKINGS

NOTABLE CONNECTIONS

Pro Connections

- Raiders **DBs coach Joe Woods** served in the same capacity with the Vikings from 2006-13.

- Vikings **offensive coordinator Norv Turner** was head coach of the Raiders from 2004-05, compiling a 9-23 record.

- Raiders **General Manager Reggie McKenzie** (director of pro personnel, 1997-2007; director of football operations, 2008-11) was part of the Green Bay Packers staff that drafted Vikings **WR Greg Jennings** (2006-12) in the second round (52nd overall) of the 2006 NFL Draft.

- Raiders **Head Coach Dennis Allen** (2006-10), **S Usama Young** (2007-10) and Vikings **LBs coach Adam Zimmer** (2006-09) were all members of the New Orleans Saints, helping the team capture Super Bowl XLIV.

- When Raiders **assistant head coach/OL coach Tony Sparano** was head coach of the Dolphins from 2008-11, Vikings **defensive coordinator George Edwards** (LBs coach, 2008-09) and **head strength and conditioning coach Evan Marcus** (asst. strength and conditioning coach, 2008-10) were on his staff.

- Sparano** (2012) coached Raiders **G/T Austin Howard** and Vikings **G Vladimir Ducasse** on the New York Jets offensive line in 2012 when Sparano was offensive coordinator. Howard and Ducasse played together from 2011-13.

- Raiders **assistant DBs coach Marcus Robertson** played for Vikings **DBs coach Jerry Gray** with the Tennessee Titans from 1997-2000 when Robertson was a safety. They were together again with the Titans in 2011 when Robertson was secondary coach and Gray was defensive coordinator.

- Raiders **DE Justin Tuck** (2005-13) and Vikings **DT Linval Joseph** (2010-13) and **DE Justin Trattou** (2011 and 2013) all played together on the New York Giants' defensive line, and Raiders **G Kevin Boothe** played opposite the group on the Giants from 2007-13.

College Connections

- Raiders **offensive coordinator Greg Olson** was a graduate assistant at Washington State in 1989, Vikings **Head Coach Mike Zimmer's** first year as the defensive coordinator there.

- Raiders **DL coach Terrell Williams** coached Vikings **DT Spencer Nealy** as the defensive line coach at Texas A&M from 2010-11.

- Raiders **T Tony Bergstrom** and Vikings **RB Matt Asiata** attended Utah together from 2008-2010. Both grew up in Salt Lake City, Utah. They played against each other in high school, including the 2003 State Championship game where Asiata's Hunter High School defeated Bergstrom's Skyline High School Eagles.

- Raiders **T Menelik Watson**, Vikings **CB Xavier Rhodes** and WR **Rodney Smith** were teammates at Florida State from 2010-2012, playing a vital role in the 2012 ACC Championship title campaign. Rhodes was drafted by the Vikings in the first round (25th overall) of the 2013 NFL Draft, and Watson was drafted by the Raiders in the second (42nd overall).

- Raiders **CB Chimdi Chekwa** and Vikings **S Kurt Coleman** were a part of the Ohio State defensive unit that led the nation in total defense, scoring defense and pass defense in 2007, a season that ended with an appearance in the BCS National Championship.

- Raiders **RB Jeremy Stewart** and Vikings **G David Yankey** were a part of Stanford's offensive unit in 2011 when Raiders **offensive assistant Nick Holz** was the offensive assistant/quarterbacks coach. Raiders **defensive coordinator Jason Tarver** was also the co-defensive coordinator and inside linebackers coach for the Cardinal that season.

Raiders from Minnesota and Vikings from Northern California

- Raiders **TE Brian Leonhardt** is from Blaine, Minn.
- Vikings **T Pierce Burton** is from Sacramento, Calif.
- Vikings **TE Chase Baker** is also from Rocklin, Calif.
- Vikings **TE Rhett Ellison** is from Portola Valley, Calif.

2013 RANKINGS

OFFENSE

Category	RAIDERS		VIKINGS	
	Stats	Rank	Stats	Rank
Total Offense	333.8	23	344.3	13
Rush Offense	125.0	12	130.1	8
Pass Offense	208.8	24T	214.2	23
Points Per Game	20.1	24	24.4	14T
Third-Down Off. %	35.0	26	36.4	19
Fourth-Down Off. %	58.3	10	52.6	14
Red Zone Off. (TD%)	59.5	5	52.1	19

DEFENSE

Category	RAIDERS		VIKINGS	
	Stats	Rank	Stats	Rank
Total Defense	363.7	22	397.6	31
Rush Defense	107.9	13	110.4	16
Pass Defense	255.8	28	287.2	31
Points Per Game	28.3	29	30.0	32
Third-Down Def. %	43.1	28	44.2	30
Fourth-Down Def. %	33.3	6T	61.1	26
Red Zone Def. (TD%)	59.7	22	61.9	26

TEAM

Category	RAIDERS		VIKINGS	
	Stats	Rank	Stats	Rank
Turnover Ratio	-9	27	-12	28T
Penalties	116	28	70	3T
Penalty Yards	912	22	695	6

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday, Aug. 4

3:00 - 5:40 p.m. (approx.).....Practice, open to media;
Videography/photography limited
5:40 p.m. (approx.).....Head Coach Dennis Allen and
QB Matt Schaub available
Most players available upon request

Tuesday, Aug. 5

3:00 - 5:40 p.m. (approx.).....Practice, open to media;
Videography/photography limited
5:40 p.m. (approx.).....Head Coach Dennis Allen available
Most players available upon request

Wednesday, Aug. 6

3:00 - 5:40 p.m. (approx.).....Practice, open to media;
Videography/photography limited
5:40 p.m. (approx.).....Head Coach Dennis Allen available
Most players available upon request

Thursday, Aug. 7No availability

Friday, Aug. 8

5:00 p.m.Oakland Raiders vs. Minnesota Vikings

Saturday, Aug. 9.....No availability

Sunday, Aug. 10

3:00 - 5:40 p.m. (approx.).....Practice, open to media;
Videography/photography limited
5:40 p.m. (approx.).....Head Coach Dennis Allen available
Most players available upon request

All times are Pacific and subject to change.



RAIDERS VS. VIKINGS

2013 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RAIDERS

Passing Yards

Terrelle Pryor..... 1,798

Completion Percentage

Terrelle Pryor..... 57.4

Passing Touchdowns

Matt McGloin 8

Carries

Rashad Jennings 163

Darren McFadden 114

Rushing Yards

Rashad Jennings 733

Terrelle Pryor..... 576

Rushing Touchdowns

Rashad Jennings 6

Darren McFadden 5

Receptions

Rod Streater 60

Denarius Moore 46

Mychal Rivera..... 38

Receiving Yards

Rod Streater 888

Denarius Moore 695

Andre Holmes 431

Receiving Touchdowns

Denarius Moore 5

Rod Streater 4

Mychal Rivera..... 4

Sacks

Lamarr Houston 6.0

Nick Roach..... 5.5

Sio Moore..... 4.5

Two tied 3.0

Interceptions

Tracy Porter 2

Mike Jenkins..... 2

Five tied..... 1

VIKINGS

Matt Cassel..... 1,807

Christian Ponder 63.6

Matt Cassel..... 11

Adrian Peterson 279

Matt Asiata 44

Adrian Peterson 1,266

Toby Gerhart..... 283

Adrian Peterson 10

Christian Ponder 4

Greg Jennings 68

Jerome Simpson 48

Cordarrelle Patterson . 45

Greg Jennings 804

Jerome Simpson 726

C. Patterson 469

Greg Jennings 4

Cordarrelle Patterson ... 4

Two tied..... 3

Jared Allen 11.5

Brian Robison 9.0

Everson Griffen 5.5

Erin Henderson 4.0

Chad Greenway 3

Erin Henderson 2

Harrison Smith..... 2

VIKINGS SNAPSHOT

Overview: First-year **Head Coach Mike Zimmer** enters the 2014 season eager to return the Vikings to the playoff form they exhibited in 2012. Despite finishing the 2013 season last in the NFC North with a 5-10-1 mark, the Vikings finished the year strong with three wins in their final five contests. Zimmer, a defensive specialist, now looks to reclaim the NFC North Division title for Minnesota for the first time since 2009.

Offense: The Vikings offense is led by 32-year-old **QB Matt Cassell**, who in his first season with the franchise, started six games and completed 153-of-254 passes for 1,807 yards with 11 TDs and only nine INTs. **RB Adrian Peterson** remains the true driving force of the Vikings offense, having rushed for at least 1,000 yards in six of his seven career seasons, including 1,266 yards on 279 attempts (4.5 avg.) and 10 TDs in 2013. Veteran **WR Greg Jennings** also enters his second season in Minnesota after leading the team with 68 receptions for 804 yards (11.8 avg.) and four TDs.

Defense: The Vikings defensive unit is seeking consistency after a 2013 season where it allowed 30.0 points per game and 414.8 scrimmage yards per game. **LB Chad Greenway**, now entering his eighth NFL season, led the Vikings defense in 2013 with 134 tackles (83 solo), also adding three sacks. Greenway's three INTs also led the unit. **DEs Brian Robison** and **Everson Griffen**, who recorded 9.0 and 5.5 sacks, respectively, look to fill the pass-rushing void left by the Vikings' 2013-sack leader Jared Allen.

LAST GAME VS. VIKINGS

November 20, 2011 – Raiders 27, Vikings 21

Mall of America Field, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Team Statistics	RAIDERS	VIKINGS
Total Net Yards.....	301	311
Total Offensive Plays.....	68	62
Net Yards Rushing.....	162	124
Total Rushing Plays.....	41	24
Net Yards Passing.....	139	187
Attempts-Completions-INTs	23-17-0	33-19-3
Total First Downs	22	20
Touchdowns	3	3
Field Goals Made-Attempted	2-3	0-0
Third Down Efficiency.....	5-14-36%	6-15-40%
Fourth Down Efficiency.....	0-0-0%	0-2-0%
Red Zone Efficiency.....	3-5-60%	2-3-67%
Penalties-Yards	12-117	9-50
Time of Possession	35:44	24:16

	1	2	3	4	Total
Oakland Raiders	3	21	3	0	27
Minnesota Vikings	7	0	0	14	21

Individual Leaders

RAIDERS

Passing Yards

Carson Palmer 164

Rushing Yards

Michael Bush..... 109

Receiving Yards

Darrius Heyward-Bey.. 43

VIKINGS

Christian Ponder 211

Christian Ponder 71

Percy Harvin 73

RAIDERS VS. NFC NORTH

The Raiders have three preseason games scheduled against opponents from the NFC North this year, traveling to Minnesota and Green Bay, as well as hosting the Detroit Lions at O.co Coliseum. The last time Oakland faced off against the NFC North in the regular season was 2011, when it went 2-2 against the division. The Raiders will play the NFC North division again in 2015. Here is a look at the results from the 2011 campaign:

Date	Opponent	Result
11/20/11	at Minnesota	W, 27-21
11/27/11	vs. Chicago	W, 25-20
12/11/11	at Green Bay	L, 16-46
12/18/11	vs. Detroit	L, 27-28



RAIDERS VS. VIKINGS

RAIDERS SUPERLATIVES

VS. MINNESOTA VIKINGS

Team Single-Game Highs/Lows:

Total Yards: 402; Sept. 19, 1988
Rushing Yards: 200; Sept. 16, 1973
Passing Yards: 307; Nov. 18, 2007
Fewest Total Yards Allowed: 200; Nov. 8, 1987
Fewest Rushing Yards Allowed: 34; Sept. 9, 1999
Fewest Passing Yards Allowed: 84; Nov. 8, 1987
Points Scored: 36; Sept. 14, 1981
Fewest Points Allowed: 7; Sept. 5, 1993
Touchdowns: 5, twice; last: Sept. 14, 1981

Individual Single-Game Highs:

Pass Attempts: 39, Daunte Culpepper; Nov. 18, 2007
Pass Completions: 23, twice; last: Daunte Culpepper, Nov. 18, 2007
Passing Yards: 344, Daunte Culpepper; Nov. 18, 2007
Passing Touchdowns: 3, Ken Stabler; Dec. 11, 1977
Carries: 32, Tyrone Wheatley; Nov. 16, 2003
Rushing Yards: 112, Mark van Eeghen; Dec. 11, 1977
Rushing Touchdowns: 2, Zack Crockett; Nov. 16, 2003
Receptions: 9, Tim Brown; Sept. 19, 1999
Receiving Yards: 128, James Lofton; Nov. 8, 1987
Receiving Touchdowns: 2, Cliff Branch; Dec. 11, 1977
Longest Rush: 44, Zack Crockett; Nov. 16, 2003
Longest Reception: 49, Ronald Curry; Nov. 18, 2007
Longest Field Goal: 52, Sebastian Janikowski; Nov. 18, 2007

RAIDERS STANDOUTS

INDIVIDUAL STATS VS. MINNESOTA

James Jones

Career Totals: 37 receptions for 604 yards and four touchdowns.
 • Recorded a 100-yard performance on Oct. 24, 2010 in the Packers' victory over the Vikings (four catches for 107 yards).
 • In Green Bay's Wild Card victory over Minnesota on Jan. 5, 2013, Jones posted four receptions for 51 yards.

Nick Roach

Career Totals: 35 tackles (25 solo), two forced fumbles and one fumble recovery.
 • Posted 10 tackles (three solo) on Dec. 9, 2012.
 • Forced a fumble and recorded seven tackles (six solo) in the Bears' victory on Nov. 25, 2012 vs. the Vikings.

Justin Tuck

Career Totals: 17 tackles (10 solo), two sacks and one pass defended.
 • Totaled one sack and four tackles in last season's match-up as a member of the New York Giants.

Charles Woodson

Career Totals: 66 tackles (52 solo), five interceptions, one forced fumble and 15 passes defended.
 • Registered a multi-interception performance in the Green Bay's win on Nov. 14, 2011 and adding four passes defended.
 • In his only postseason performance vs. Minnesota, posted six tackles in the Packers' Wild Card victory.

ALL-TIME SERIES

Oakland Raiders vs. Minnesota Vikings

Regular Season: Raiders lead, 9-4

Postseason: Raiders lead, 1-0 (Super Bowl XI)

Preseason: Vikings lead, 3-1

Raiders At Home: 5-1

Raiders on Road: 4-3

Current Streak: Raiders have won one straight game

ALL-TIME REGULAR SEASON GAMES

Date	Location	Winner	Score
9/16/73	Minnesota	Vikings	24-16
12/11/77	Oakland	Raiders	35-13
12/17/78	Oakland	Raiders	27-20
9/14/81	Minnesota	Raiders	36-10
10/14/84	Los Angeles	Raiders	23-20
11/8/87	Minnesota	Vikings	31-20
12/22/90	Minnesota	Raiders	28-24
9/5/93	Los Angeles	Raiders	24-7
11/17/96	Oakland	Vikings	16-13
9/19/99	Minnesota	Raiders	28-18
11/16/03	Oakland	Raiders	28-18
11/18/07	Minnesota	Vikings	29-22
11/20/11	Minnesota	Raiders	27-21



RAIDERS MEDIA WEBSITE

The Oakland Raiders have introduced a media website, open to all members of the media, updated with content and publications from the Raiders media relations staff, including media guides, weekly releases, transcripts, post-game notes, flip cards and other information. In an effort to help media members with their coverage of the Raiders, the content will be updated on a daily basis. For any further questions, please contact a member of the Raiders media relations staff.

<http://media.raiders.com/>



Welcome to the Oakland Raiders Media Website



RAIDERS VS. VIKINGS

2013 IN REVIEW

- The Raiders used eight different starting offensive line combinations throughout the year, the most in the NFL.
- In Week 15 vs. Kansas City, Oakland had six different pass catchers with receptions of at least 22 yards: **WR Rod Streater**, **CB Taiwan Jones**, **FB Marcel Reece**, **WR Denarius Moore**, **WR Andre Holmes** and **CB Chimdi Chekwa** (on a fake punt).
- **K Sebastian Janikowski** moved into second place on the Raiders' all-time games played list with 220, trailing only Tim Brown (240).
- **P Marquette King** led the NFL in gross punting with an average of 48.9.
- **RB Darren McFadden** moved into seventh place on the Raiders' all-time rushing list with 3,713.
- **S Charles Woodson** tied an NFL record in Week 5 vs. San Diego when he scooped up a fumble and returned it for a touchdown, his 13th defensive touchdown.
- **Woodson** recorded one interception on the year, making that 16 straight seasons he has recorded a pick. He now trails only Hall of Famer Darrell Green in that category, who intercepted a pass in 19 straight seasons.

AREAS OF IMPROVEMENT FROM 2012 TO 2013

Offense	2012	NFL Rank	2013	NFL Rank
Rush Offense per Game.....	88.8	28	125.0	12
Yards per Rush.....	3.8	27	4.6	6
10-plus Yard Runs.....	29	31	41	21
20-plus Yard Runs.....	8	T-21	18	3
50-plus Yard Runs.....	1	T-10	3	T-4
20-plus Yard Plays.....	60	17	66	T-9
Runs for Negative Yards.....	48	23	29	5
% of Runs for Negative Yards.....	12.8%	27	7.1%	3
% of Runs for 4-plus Yards.....	39.1%	29	42.1%	17
Red Zone TD Percentage.....	42.9%	30	59.5%	5
Red Zone Third Down %.....	28.1%	28	39.1%	16
Fourth Down %.....	25.0%	T-31	58.3%	10
Drives of 5:00+.....	15	T-29	20	T-13
First Down Yards per Play.....	5.1	23	5.6	10
Points on Opening Possession.....	3	32	41	4
First Quarter Points.....	35	31	89	T-6

Defense	2012	NFL Rank	2013	NFL Rank
Rush Defense per Game.....	118.6	18	107.9	13
Opponent Yards/Rush.....	4.3	20	3.9	11
Opponent 10-plus Yard Runs.....	47	T-14	39	T-8
Opponent 20-plus Yard Runs.....	13	T-22	5	T-1
Opponent 20-plus Yard Plays.....	69	T-25	60	14
Sacks.....	25	31	38	T-18
Different Players w/a Sack.....	11	T-15	15	T-2
Opponent Fourth Down %.....	57.1%	T-24	33.3%	T-6
Red Zone Takeaways.....	0	T-31	3	T-11
Points Allowed Outside RZ.....	154	31	101	16
Two-Minute Defense (Points).....	23	T-23	10	T-7
Non-Offensive TDs.....	0	T-31	4	T-11

Special Teams	2012	NFL Rank	2013	NFL Rank
Punt Return Average.....	5.1	32	8.2	21
Opponent KOR Average.....	28.9	32	20.4	4
Opponent Gross Punt Avg.....	46.0	24	41.7	1
Opponent Net Punt Avg.....	42.9	32	37.0	3

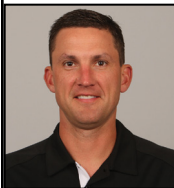
WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN 2014

- **QB Matt Schaub** throwing 746 yards to become the 65th quarterback in NFL history to eclipse 25,000 career passing yards.
- **Schaub** completing 10 touchdown passes for the seventh consecutive season.
- **RB Darren McFadden** becoming the third Raider to gain 1,000 rushing yards in multiple seasons and the first to do so in non-consecutive years.
- **FB Marcel Reece** gaining 300 yards receiving to join Marcus Allen (1982-88) as only the second running back or fullback to do so in at least five consecutive seasons.
- **TE Mychal Rivera** amassing 400 yards receiving to become the third tight end in franchise history to record at least 400 yards in each of his first two years with the team.
- **Rivera** totaling 593 yards receiving in seven games or less to overtake Rickey Dudley (24 games) as the fastest Raider tight end to reach 1,000 yards receiving.
- **WR Rod Streater** tying Denarius Moore (130) for most receptions by a Raider wide receiver in his first three seasons with the team by catching 31 passes.
- **Streater** recording at least 583 receiving yards to pass Denarius Moore and set the franchise mark for most yards by a Raiders wide receiver in his first three seasons.
- **WR Denarius Moore** totaling 600 receiving yards to become the first Raider to record at least that many yards receiving in each of his first four seasons.
- **DE LaMarr Woodley** climbing both the active-player sacks list and the sacks since 2007 list, where he currently sits 19th and tied for 12th, respectively, with 57 career sacks.
- **DE Justin Tuck** forcing a fumble to tie him for 12th among all players since he entered the NFL in 2005 with 21 career fumbles forced.
- **DL Antonio Smith** sacking the quarterback at least 2.5 times, marking his 10th straight year with that many sacks, tying the fourth longest streak among active players.
- **S Charles Woodson** intercepting a pass to join Darrell Green as the only players in NFL history to pick off a pass in at least 17 consecutive seasons and tie him for 12th all-time.
- **Woodson** returning an interception for a touchdown for the 12th time in his career, tying Rod Woodson for most all-time. Any defensive touchdown would be his 14th, moving him into first place all-time.
- **Woodson** forcing five fumbles to pass Brian Dawkins for most all-time among defensive backs.
- **P Marquette King** totaling 80 punts and 4,100 punting yards to become the first Raider to do so in each of his first two seasons of action.
- **K Sebastian Janikowski** connecting on eight field goals of 50-or-more yards to pass Jason Hanson for the most all-time (52).
- **Janikowski** scoring 105 points to tie Eddie Murray for 15th all-time in NFL history with 1,594.



HEAD COACHING MATCH-UP

DENNIS ALLEN



Dennis Allen enters his third season as Head Coach of the Oakland Raiders, having been named to the post on Jan. 30, 2012. The 18th head coach in franchise history, Allen has employed a steady, consistent approach while laying a strong foundation for success during his first two years in Oakland.

Already regarded as one of football's brightest defensive minds at the age of 41, Allen is the NFL's youngest head coach, more than five months younger than the league's next-youngest coach, San Diego's Mike McCoy. Through two seasons, Allen has demonstrated a commitment to fielding a tough, smart and disciplined football team that exemplifies his coaching philosophy of competition and dedication to the game.

Allen's squad made marked improvements in all three phases of the game during his second season as head coach. On offense, the Raiders ranked 12th in the NFL in rushing with an average of 125 yards per game, moving up 16 spots in the NFL rankings from 2012. Oakland's defense replaced nine starters last season, yet still improved in several categories. The defensive unit recorded 38 sacks, 13 more than the previous campaign, and tied for second in the NFL with 15 different players getting to the quarterback for losses.

In 2012, his first year as a head coach at any level, Allen guided an Oakland team in transition, posting a 4-12 mark. The 2012 Raiders were defined by offensive, defensive and special teams units that improved throughout the season, laying a foundation for future success.

With 18 years of combined coaching experience at the college and professional levels, Allen now enters his 13th NFL season. On six occasions during his 10 years as an NFL assistant, his team earned a playoff berth and four of those trips came after division championships. Allen's résumé includes a title in Super Bowl XLIV following the 2009 season, earned as a member of the Saints' coaching staff with a 31-17 victory over the Indianapolis Colts and league MVP Peyton Manning.

The NFL's second-youngest defensive coordinator when the Broncos hired him in 2011, he coordinated a defense that helped Denver claim the AFC West division crown and post a victory in an AFC Wild Card game. During his only year in Denver, despite starting three rookies most of the season, the Broncos improved 12 spots over 2010 in overall defensive ranking (from 32nd to 20th) and bettered their points allowed by eight spots (from 32nd to 24th).

Prior to joining the Broncos, Allen was an assistant coach for five seasons with New Orleans, first as assistant defensive line coach (2006-07), then as defensive backs coach (2008-10). In 2009, Allen tutored a secondary that played a key role in helping the Saints to their first Super Bowl victory. His unit accounted for an NFL-high six interception returns for touchdowns and totaled 22 picks on the season. Cornerback Tracy Porter, who later played for Allen in Oakland in 2013, sealed the Saints' Super Bowl title by returning a Manning interception 74 yards for a touchdown late in the fourth quarter of the season's final contest.

He originally entered the NFL coaching ranks under Head Coach Dan Reeves with Atlanta in 2002, and spent four seasons with the Falcons as a defensive assistant. During his stint in Atlanta, the Falcons qualified for the playoffs twice — as a wild card entrant in 2002 and as NFC South champions in 2004 — and played in the NFC Championship in 2004.

COACHING BACKGROUND

Years	College/Pro Team	Position
1996-99	Texas A&M University	Graduate Assistant
2000-01	University of Tulsa	Secondary
2002-05	Atlanta Falcons	Defensive Assistant/ Quality Control
2006-07	New Orleans Saints	Asst. Defensive Line
2008-10	New Orleans Saints	Secondary
2011	Denver Broncos	Defensive Coordinator
2012-14	Oakland Raiders	Head Coach

MIKE ZIMMER



Mike Zimmer was hired as the 9th Head Coach in Vikings history on January 15, 2014. A veteran defensive coordinator, Zimmer enters his 21st season on an NFL sideline, the past 14 working as defensive coordinator for Cincinnati (2008-13), Atlanta (2007) and Dallas (2000-06).

Zimmer has been a part of 11 playoff teams in his NFL tenure and teams that have won 7 Division titles.

He coached the Cowboys DBs when the team won Super Bowl XXX over Pittsburgh after the 1995 season. Since 2009, Zimmer's Bengals defenses ranked in the NFL's top 10 in total defense 4 times, climbing to #3 in 2013. Since 2011, the Bengals ranked #2 in the NFL with 139 sacks (46.3 per season) and have allowed 18.8 points per game, ranking #4 in the NFL in points allowed. The 2013 Bengals posted 20 INTs, the 5th-best mark in the NFL.

Zimmer's arrival in Cincinnati for the 2008 season signaled a franchise turnaround on the defensive side of the ball. The Bengals notched top-10 defensive rankings in 2009, '11, '12 and '13 after only cracking the NFL's top 10 once in 18 seasons prior to Zimmer joining the team. During his tenure, Zimmer coached Geno Atkins as he became one of the top DTs in the NFL, earning consensus All-Pro honors in 2012 and Pro Bowl berths in 2011 and 2012. In 2013, LB Vontaze Burfict continued his rise from an undrafted rookie free agent in 2012 to a Pro Bowler in 2013. Over the 2012 and 2013 seasons, the Bengals had 4 different players earn AFC Defensive Player of the Week honors- Michael Johnson, Carlos Dunlap, Atkins and Burfict.

Zimmer led top-10 defenses for Dallas in both a 4-3 and 3-4 scheme. The 2003 Cowboys defense ranked #1 in the NFL with only 253.3 yards per game allowed. During Zimmer's tenure in Dallas as DBs coach (1994-99) and Defensive Coordinator (2000-06) the team ranked in the top 5 of NFL scoring defense a total of 6 times. The 1995 Cowboys hoisted the Lombardi Trophy in Super Bowl XXX with a win over Pittsburgh and one of Zimmer's pupils, CB Larry Brown, won the Super Bowl MVP award with a pair of INTs in the game. Brown is 1 of only 3 DBs to earn Super Bowl MVP honors in the history of the game.

Before moving to the NFL ranks, Zimmer spent 15 seasons coaching at the collegiate level. He spent his final 5 seasons in the college ranks as defensive coordinator at Washington State from 1989-93. Zimmer was at Weber State from 1981-88, serving as defensive coordinator from 1983-88. He entered the coaching profession at Missouri where he served as an assistant from 1979-80.

Zimmer played QB and later LB at Illinois State, earning a degree in physical education. He has 3 children, son Adam and daughters Corri and Marki. Adam is coaching the Vikings LBs after having spent time with Kansas City, New Orleans and Cincinnati as an assistant LBs and DBs coach. The father-son duo has both earned Super Bowl titles with Adam's coming following the 2009 season when the Saints won Super Bowl XLIV over Indianapolis.

Vikki Zimmer, Mike's wife of 27 years, passed away in Cincinnati on October 8, 2009. The Pro Football Writers of America recognized Zimmer overcoming the tragedy and the Bengals #4 ranked defense playing a key role in winning then AFC North title by voting him the winner of the Halas Award for the season, an annual award presented to the individual in the NFL that overcame the most adversity to succeed.

COACHING BACKGROUND

Years	College/Pro Team	Position
1979-80	Missouri	Assistant
1981-82	Weber State	Defensive Backs
1983-88	Weber State	Defensive Coordinator
1989-93	Washington State	Defensive Coordinator
1994-99	Dallas Cowboys	Defensive Backs
2000-06	Dallas Cowboys	Defensive Coordinator
2007	Atlanta Falcons	Defensive Coordinator
2008-13	Cincinnati Bengals	Defensive Coordinator
2014	Minnesota Vikings	Head Coach



COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE

The Raiders — who began play in the American Football League in 1960 — enter their 55th year of professional football competition, including the last 44 as a member of the National Football League.

In five memorable decades — the 1960s, '70s, '80s, '90s and the 2000s — the Raiders have been dominant in professional football since Al Davis first pledged in 1963 to build the finest organization in pro sports.

During these decades of dominance, the Raiders have won an AFL championship, four American Football Conference championships, and three world championships of professional football, participated in five Super Bowls, played in 14 championship games, won or tied for 17 division championships, had 21 playoff seasons, finished 34 seasons at .500 or better and played in 40 postseason games.

Pro football's dynamic organization placed first in the AFC West in 2000, 2001 and 2002 despite playing among the toughest schedules in the NFL in each of those seasons. With their appearance in Super Bowl XXXVII, the Raiders became the first NFL team to have had a season end in the Super Bowl in four different decades.

The Raiders are the only team to have been in Super Bowls in the '60s, the '70s, the '80s and the 2000s.

The Silver and Black are the only AFC team — and one of just two NFL teams (Minnesota) — to have a season that advanced to the conference championship game in the '60s, the '70s, the '80s, the '90s and the 2000s.

The Raiders are one of only two original AFL teams to have captured three world championships of professional football with Super Bowl victories. The Raiders are one of only four AFC teams to have won more than one Super Bowl since 1980.

In their five Super Bowl appearances, the Raiders have been led by four head coaches and started four quarterbacks.

With four postseason victories, the Raiders were the first of the AFC West teams to win multiple postseason contests in the new millennium by six years.

Since 1963, when Al Davis first took over the failing Oakland franchise that had struggled to win only nine of 42 league games in the initial three seasons of the new AFL and pledged to build the finest organization in sports, the Raiders have dominated professional football in terms of consistent victory. During those memorable 54 years in Oakland and Los Angeles, the Raiders have won 434 league games, tied 11 and lost only 375.

"Commitment to Excellence" has never been an idle phrase to those who have proudly represented the Raiders organization during the '60s, '70s, '80s, '90s and the new millennium as shown by their domination of pro football.

More than 20 of the great players who proudly wore the Silver and Black, as well as Owner-Leader Al Davis and legendary Head Coach John Madden, have been enshrined in the Pro Football Hall of Fame. The Raiders have also produced five Coaches of the Year.

In addition, 62 Pro Bowl players have made 181 Pro Bowl appearances representing the Silver and Black. In 1970, as the Raiders began their second decade of play, the merger between the AFL and NFL became a reality on the field. In the 1970 through 2012 period of interconference play, the Raiders have compiled a remarkable 92-73-1 record against present National Football Conference rivals.

Another innovation came to professional football in 1970 — "Monday Night Football." The Raiders' domination of this prime-time television series has seen the Silver and Black build an incredible 37-27-1 record in Monday night play. In the 43 years of this series, the Raiders are 15-8-0 in "Monday Night Football" games at home.

Through the decades — the '60s, '70s, '80s, '90s and now the 2000s — the Raiders have had the greatest players, the greatest coaches, the greatest plays and participated in the greatest games in the annals of professional sports.

Challengers to Raider domination of professional football will arise as they have in the '60s, '70s, '80s, '90s and the new millennium. The Raider organization will continue to meet these challenges.



SUPER BOWL XI

SUPER BOWL XV

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ASSISTANT COACHES

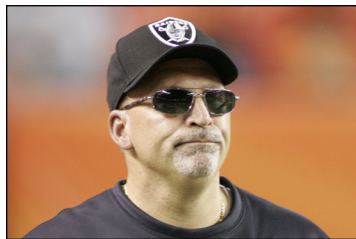
TONY SPARANO

Tony Sparano is in his second year as Oakland's assistant head coach/offensive line. In his 30 years of coaching experience, 15 in the NFL, Sparano has nine combined seasons as a head coach, four (2008-11) with the Miami Dolphins and five (1994-98) at the University of New Haven. His career record as an NFL head coach is 29-33. He has also served five additional NFL seasons as an assistant head coach or coordinator.

Last year, Sparano tutored a shuffling offensive line through eight different starting combinations, the most in the NFL. His line paved the way for four different players to rush for 100 yards in a game, with the Raiders becoming the first team to achieve the feat since 1978. Sparano led a unit that took a big step forward, as Oakland rushed for 125.0 yards per game, which ranked 12th in the league, after the 2012 Raiders rushed for 88.8 yards per game.

From 2008-11, Sparano was the head coach of the Miami Dolphins. From 2008-10, the team posted a 15-9 record on the road, which tied for the third best road record in the NFL over that span.

With the Cowboys from 2003-07, Sparano served in various roles, helping develop a dynamic offensive attack. During those five years, the Cowboys qualified for the playoffs three times, including 2007 when they won the NFC East with a 13-3 record.



A native of New Haven, Conn., he and his wife, Jeanette, have three children, sons Tony and Andrew, who each played football at Albany, and daughter Ryan Leigh. The younger Tony is currently an offensive assistant with the New York Jets.

BOBBY APRIL

Bobby April, entering his 23rd season as an NFL assistant coach, is in his second year as Oakland's special teams coordinator. April, one of the NFL's most highly-regarded special teams coaches, was named to his current position by Raiders Head Coach Dennis Allen on Jan. 19, 2013, after serving as Philadelphia's special teams coordinator from 2010-12.

In 2013, Oakland's special teams unit ranked among the best in the league. On kickoff coverage, the special teams allowed just 20.4 yards per return, good for fourth in the NFL. April also helped first-year punter Marquette King lead the league in gross punting (48.9 avg.) and punts of 60-plus yards (10), while ranking sixth in punting yards (4,107).

April spent three seasons (2010-12) with the Philadelphia Eagles before coming to Oakland. In 2011, April successfully integrated both a rookie kicker, Alex Henery, and a rookie punter, Chas Henry, on his units.

Prior to joining the Eagles, April spent six seasons with the Buffalo Bills (2004-09). In three of those six years, he guided the Bills to the No. 1 spot in the annual Dallas Morning News rankings. April was named Special Teams Coach of the Year by his peers twice, in 2004 and 2008.

He joined the Bills after three seasons (2001-03) in charge of the special teams with the St. Louis Rams, where he helped the team to an appearance in Super Bowl XXXVI. As Pittsburgh's special teams coordinator from 1994-95, April helped the Steelers earn a berth in Super Bowl XXX.

A native of New Orleans, April and his wife, Charlene, have five children, a son, Bobby III, currently the linebackers coach for the N.Y. Jets, and four daughters: Julie, Jamie Lee, Angela and Jaclyn.



GREG OLSON

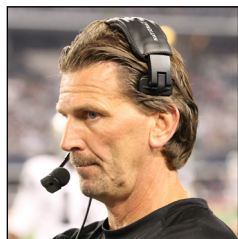
Greg Olson, entering his 28th season in the coaching profession, is in his second year as Oakland's offensive coordinator.

Under Olson's guidance last season, the Raiders offense averaged 20.1 points and 333.8 yards per game. Olson's group showed improvements in many significant areas from 2012, including yards per rush (3.8 in 2012 to 4.6 in 2013), 20-plus-yard runs (eight to 18), red zone touchdown percentage (42.9 to 59.5) and points on the opening possession (three to 41).

Olson served four seasons with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, including the last three as offensive coordinator. Olson helped guide the Buccaneers to one of their best offensive seasons in team history in 2010, setting franchise records for yards per play (5.61), average per rush (4.64 yards), average per pass play (7.21), passer rating (96.2) and fewest interceptions thrown (six).

Prior to joining Tampa Bay, Olson spent two seasons (2006-07) as offensive coordinator for the St. Louis Rams. Under Olson's direction, the 2006 Rams became just the fourth team in NFL history to produce a 4,000-yard passer (QB Marc Bulger), a 1,500-yard rusher (RB Steven Jackson) and two 1,000-yard receivers (WRs Torrey Holt and Isaac Bruce). Bulger, Jackson and Holt were all selected to the Pro Bowl.

From 1997-2000, as quarterbacks coach at Purdue, Olson played a key role in the development of future Pro Bowl and Super Bowl-winning QB Drew Brees. Under Olson, Brees was a Heisman Trophy finalist in 1999 and 2000 while winning the Maxwell Award as the nation's most outstanding player in 2000. He was also a finalist for the Davey O'Brien Award as the nation's top quarterback in 1999 and 2000. Brees finished his collegiate career as the Big Ten and Purdue's all-time leader in passing yardage, touchdown passes, total yards, completion percentage, completions and attempts.



Brees earned Big Ten Player of Year honors in 1998 and 2000 and All-Conference accolades for three straight years (1998-2000).

A native of Richland, Wash., he and his wife, Lissa, have twins, Kenneth and Grayce.

JASON TARVER

Jason Tarver is in his third season as defensive coordinator for the Oakland Raiders. Tarver, who coached in various capacities with the San Francisco 49ers for 10 seasons, joined the Silver and Black after spending one year as Stanford's co-defensive coordinator.

Last season signified a major transition on defense for the Raiders, as Tarver's unit started 10 new players on defense. The defense showed significant improvement against the run, allowing 107.9 yards per game to rank 13th in the NFL after ranking 18th in the previous season. Oakland also held opponents to less than 40 yards on the ground three times during the campaign. The Raiders improved the team's sack count from the previous season by 13, with a remarkable 15 different players getting to the quarterback in 2013.

In 2012, Tarver's first as defensive coordinator, the Raiders ranked second in the NFL in total defense and fourth in scoring defense over the season's final four weeks.

Before coaching at Stanford for one season in 2011, Tarver spent the previous decade on the staff of the 49ers, coaching San Francisco's outside linebackers for six seasons (2005-10) prior to his appointment at Stanford. He began coaching in the NFL as a quality control coach for the 49ers (2001-03) before being promoted to assistant running backs/offensive assistant coach in 2004.

Prior to joining the 49ers in 2001, Tarver spent three seasons (1998-2000) as a graduate assistant coach at UCLA, where he worked primarily with the defensive backs while assisting with the special teams. During his tenure with the Bruins, three defensive backs, Ricky Manning and Jason Bell along with Marques Anderson, became NFL players.

A native of Stanford, Calif., Tarver and his wife, Katie, have two sons, Merrick and Keegan.





ASSISTANT COACHES

CHRIS BONIOL

Chris Boniol, who played six years as a kicker in the National Football League, enters his first season with the Raiders. He was named to his current position on Feb. 6, 2014, after spending the previous four years as the assistant special teams coach with the Dallas Cowboys.

Boniol coached the kickers while assisting with the special teams units in Dallas from 2010-13. Last season, kicker Dan Bailey led the NFL in field-goal percentage, making 28-of-30 attempts (93.3 percent), and ranked fourth in the league with 52 touchbacks. In 2012, Bailey led the NFL in field-goal percentage, nailing 29-of-31 attempts (93.5 percent). In 2011, Bailey was named to the Pro Football Weekly/Pro Football Writers Association All-Rookie Team.

Boniol enjoyed a six-year pro career, playing for three different NFL teams. From 1994-96, he converted 118-of-121 PATs and 81-of-93 (87.1 percent) of his field goals while helping the Cowboys to the Super Bowl XXX Championship. Boniol also played two seasons with the Philadelphia Eagles (1997-98) and one with the Chicago Bears (1999).

An Alexandria, La., native, Boniol and his wife, Christine, have two sons, Gaige and Garin.

JOHN DeFILIPPO

John DeFilippo enters his fifth year with the Raiders as quarterbacks coach in 2014. He is in his second stint with Oakland, having served in the same capacity from 2007-08. DeFilippo rejoined the Raiders after serving as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at San Jose State from 2010-11. He was the assistant quarterbacks coach for the New York Jets in 2009, and also served on Tom Coughlin's staff with the New York Giants for two years beginning in 2005.

DeFilippo joined the Giants after two seasons as quarterbacks coach at Columbia, where he tutored QB Jeff Otis, who left the school ranked second in program history in completions and passing yards, and went on to spend time on the Raiders' practice squad. From 2001-02, DeFilippo was a graduate assistant at Notre Dame, working with wide receivers and tight ends. He began his coaching career tutoring quarterbacks at Fordham in 2000.

A native of Youngstown, Ohio, DeFilippo earned four letters as a quarterback at James Madison University, leading the team to a conference title as a senior in 1999. His father, Gene, served 15 years as athletic director at Boston College.

TED GILMORE

Ted Gilmore enters his third season as wide receivers coach for the Oakland Raiders. Gilmore coached at the collegiate level for 17 seasons prior to joining the Silver and Black. Last year, Gilmore aided Oakland's youthful receiving corps, with second-year WR Rod Streater leading the team with 60 receptions and 888 yards.

Gilmore served as wide receivers coach at USC in 2011, when he was named the NCAA's top receivers coach by FootballScoop.com. Gilmore spent six years at Nebraska (2005-10), coaching the wide receivers, and was assistant head coach/offense in 2008. Gilmore arrived at Nebraska after two seasons at Colorado (2003-04). Gilmore was also Purdue's wide receivers coach for two seasons (2001-02). He was wide receivers coach at the University of Houston in 2000 after spending one season as the tight ends coach at Kansas (1999). Gilmore began his coaching career at his alma mater, Wyoming. He was in charge of the wide receivers for two seasons (1997-98).

A native of Wichita, Kan., Gilmore and his wife, Jennifer, have two children.

JOHN GRIECO

John Grieco, who has nearly two decades of strength and conditioning coaching experience at the collegiate and professional levels, enters his third season with the Oakland Raiders and first in his present capacity. Grieco served two seasons as assistant strength and conditioning coach from 2012-13.

Grieco came to the Silver and Black following two years as the head strength and conditioning coach at Louisiana-Monroe, where he was named the top strength and conditioning coach in the country by the Professional Football Strength and Conditioning Coaches Society. Grieco served four seasons as the director of strength and conditioning at UNLV. He spent two years at East Carolina, serving as the director of the Pirates' football strength program and as an assistant strength coach.

After graduating from Florida, Grieco began his coaching career at his alma mater and remained there for nine years (1995-2003). He was part of a Gator football program that enjoyed a national championship victory in 1996 and two Orange Bowl wins (1998, 2001).

Originally from Greensburg, Pa., Grieco and his wife, Jamie, have a son, Nicholas, and a daughter, Gianna.

JUSTIN GRIFFITH

Former Raider and eight-year NFL veteran Justin Griffith is in his third season on the Oakland coaching staff, serving as an offensive quality control assistant. He was a coaching intern with the Seattle Seahawks prior to joining the Silver and Black.

Through the last two seasons with Oakland, Griffith has worked primarily with the offensive line and tight end positions. In 2013, Griffith aided a shuffling offensive line through eight different starting combinations, the most in the NFL. Despite injuries, the offensive line paved the way for four different players to rush for 100 yards in a game, becoming the first NFL team to do so since 1978. Griffith also worked with the tight ends, the offense's youngest unit.

Griffith played in 96 NFL games with 73 starts, including 23 games in two seasons at fullback with the Silver and Black (2007-08). Originally drafted by the Atlanta Falcons in the fourth round of the 2003 NFL Draft, he retired following the 2009 season, which he spent with Seattle.

A native of Magee, Miss., Griffith and his wife, Kim, have two sons, Brody and Dylan. He also has a fraternal twin.

NICK HOLZ

Nick Holz enters his third season as offensive assistant for the Oakland Raiders. Holz served the previous four seasons in a similar capacity at Stanford.

Last year, Holz worked extensively with Oakland's youthful receiving corps, helping second-year WR Rod Streater lead the team with 60 receptions and 888 yards. In 2012, Holz aided Streater, who became one of the most productive undrafted rookie players in recent NFL history. Streater's 39 catches in 2012 were tied for third most among undrafted rookies since 2000, and fourth most by a Raider rookie.

While assisting Stanford, Holz helped the Cardinal appear in the Sun Bowl, Orange Bowl and Fiesta Bowl. As an assistant quarterbacks coach, he helped QB Andrew Luck to first-team All-American honors. He began his collegiate coaching career at Nebraska, where he served as offensive quality control coach and video intern for the Cornhuskers in 2007.

A native of Danville, Calif., Holz prepped at De La Salle High School in Concord, Calif., where he was teammates with current Raiders RB Maurice Jones-Drew.



ASSISTANT COACHES

MARK HUTSON

Mark Hutson enters his third season as tight ends coach for the Silver and Black. He joined the Raiders after coaching at the collegiate level for two decades, including two stints as an interim head coach.

Last season, Hutson tutored the youngest unit on the Raiders' offense, a group that included two rookies and counted just one career catch among three players entering the regular season. Rookie Mychal Rivera saw action in all 16 games in his first season, leading the group with 38 catches for 407 yards and four touchdowns.

Hutson spent the previous five seasons as an assistant at Tulane, serving as the interim head coach for the Green Wave in 2011. Prior to being named interim head coach, Hutson served as offensive line coach for five seasons. In 2010, Hutson's offensive line led the way for RB Orleans Darkwa, who set a freshman program record with 925 yards.

A native of Fort Smith, Ark., Hutson was part of a famous "fumblerooski" play in the 1988 Orange Bowl, scooping up an intentional fumble and scampering 29 yards for a touchdown with 2:05 remaining in the contest. He and his wife, Sherri, have two sons, Ethan, an offensive lineman at Troy University, and Dillion.

MARCUS ROBERTSON

Marcus Robertson enters his first season with the Silver and Black as assistant defensive backs coach. A 12-year NFL veteran as a player and former All-Pro safety, Robertson has served as an NFL assistant for seven years, including the last two with the Detroit Lions.

Robertson was secondary coach for the Tennessee Titans from 2009-11, helping the team rank second in the NFL in average passing yards/completion (10.55) during that span.

Robertson served as the Titans' director of player development from 2003-06. He spent those four years assisting players with their career transition into and out of the NFL through continuing education, financial education and administering player programs.

A native of Pasadena, Calif., he played 12 seasons as a safety with the Houston Oilers/Tennessee Oilers/Tennessee Titans (1991-2000) and the Seattle Seahawks (2001-02) after being selected by Houston in the fourth round of the 1991 NFL Draft. He played in 162 career games with 144 starts, totaling 24 interceptions, 1.5 sacks, nine forced fumbles and 11 fumble recoveries. He and his wife, Holly, have three children: Morgan, Milan and Marcus Andrew.

BOB SANDERS

Bob Sanders enters his second year as Oakland's linebackers coach. Sanders has coached at the collegiate and professional levels for over 36 years, including three seasons as the defensive coordinator for the Green Bay Packers (2006-08).

In Green Bay for four seasons (2005-08), Sanders began as defensive ends coach (2005), then was named by Mike McCarthy as the new head coach's first defensive coordinator, a role he held from 2006-08. In 2007, Green Bay ranked sixth in scoring defense, 11th in total defense and third in opponent third-down-conversion percentage, posting a 13-3 record and earning a spot in the NFC Championship game. And in 2006, Green Bay led the NFC with 46 sacks.

Sanders' first NFL coaching position came as linebackers coach with the Miami Dolphins from 2001-04. A college assistant for 22 years, his final collegiate stop was the University of Florida, where he held six coaching titles, ranging from defensive line to linebackers.

A Native of Jacksonville, N.C., he and his wife, Kathie, have three children, Lindsay, Sarah and Robby.

ERIC SANDERS

Eric Sanders is in his fifth season with the Oakland Raiders and third in his present capacity. Sanders served in an offensive quality control role during his first two seasons in Oakland.

For the past two years, Sanders has assisted primarily with the defensive line. In 2013, the Raiders finished sixth in the AFC in rushing defense, allowing just 107.9 yards per game, and tied for first in the league by allowing just five opponent rushes of 20-or-more yards. As an offensive assistant for the Silver and Black (2010-11), Sanders worked primarily with the tight ends.

Before joining the Raiders, Sanders coached linebackers for two seasons at UC Davis. He also served as the assistant offensive line/tight ends coach at UC Davis in 2006, before becoming a graduate assistant at Utah State.

Sanders was involved with the UC Davis program as an undergraduate and earned his bachelor's degree in psychology with a biological emphasis in 2005. From 2003-05, he was the team's video coordinator and assisted in coaching the defensive line.

Sanders is a native of nearby San Francisco, Calif.

AL SAUNDERS

Al Saunders returns for his fourth season on the Oakland Raiders' coaching staff. Saunders has over 40 years of coaching experience, including the past 31 in the National Football League. He has been a part of 15 playoff teams, five division titles and one Super Bowl championship as an NFL coach and 20 times his offensive units have ranked first in the NFL in total offense, passing, rushing or scoring.

He served as the assistant head coach/offensive coordinator for Dick Vermeil with the Kansas City Chiefs from 2001-05. During his second stint with the Chiefs, Saunders' offense established 46 franchise records and exploded with 2,157 points, 262 touchdowns and 30,470 net yards, more than any other NFL team across those five seasons. In 2005, he was named USA Today's Offensive Coach of the Year as the Chiefs offense led the NFL for a second consecutive year.

His first NFL head coaching position came with the Chargers as interim head coach in 1986, following the resignation of Don Coryell. He spent two full seasons as the Chargers head coach.

A native of Hendon, England, he and his wife, Karen, have three children: sons Robert and Joseph, and daughter Korrin.

KELLY SKIPPER

Kelly Skipper enters his eighth season with the Raiders, the sixth in his present capacity tutoring running backs, after two years as tight ends coach. He has 26 years of coaching experience and has served as an offensive coordinator at the collegiate level.

Under Skipper's tutelage, FB Marcel Reece garnered his second-straight Pro Bowl selection and was named second-team All-Pro by the Associated Press. In 2010, Skipper oversaw a running game that ranked second in the NFL and set a franchise record by averaging 4.9 yards per attempt.

Before joining the Raiders, Skipper spent four seasons coaching running backs and special teams at Washington State. He also spent two summers, one with Seattle and one with Washington, as an NFL minority fellowship coaching intern. From 1998-2002, Skipper was on the coaching staff at UCLA, where he was offensive coordinator from 2001-02. He was an assistant at Fresno State, his alma mater, from 1989-97, beginning his coaching career as a graduate assistant before becoming a full-time assistant in 1991.

A native of Brawley, Calif., he and his wife, Mary, have two children, Kaelen and Darius.



ASSISTANT COACHES

TRAVIS SMITH

A native of Walnut Creek, California and a graduate of Cal Poly, Raiders defensive assistant Travis Smith joined the Raiders in 2012 and has worked extensively with the linebacker corps during his time with the Silver and Black.

He began his coaching career at Cal Poly as an undergraduate assistant coach and then spent one year at Santa Monica Junior College in 2010 and another as an offensive technical intern at Colorado in 2011.

During the 2013 season with the Raiders, Smith helped tutor a defensive unit that included three new starters in veterans Nick Roach and Kevin Burnett and rookie Sio Moore. Roach recorded career highs in tackles (152) and sacks (5.5), playing every snap at middle linebacker, while Moore recorded 4.5 sacks in his first season and was named to the PFWA All-Rookie Team.

Smith was an offensive technical intern at Colorado in 2011. He coached at Santa Monica Junior College in 2010, assisting the tight ends and the defensive linemen. He also served as an undergraduate assistant coach at Cal Poly.

VERNON STEPHENS

Vernon Stephens joins the Silver and Black for his first season as the assistant strength and conditioning coach after spending six seasons (2007-12) with the San Diego Chargers in the same capacity.

During his time at San Diego, Stephens helped to oversee the team's year-round strength and conditioning program. He also spent time with the Jacksonville Jaguars during their offseason strength and conditioning program in 2002 and 2003.

Prior to working in the NFL, Stephens spent eight years in the collegiate ranks, including five years (1999-2003) as the head strength and conditioning coach at his alma mater, North Florida, and four years (2003-07) as the assistant strength and conditioning coach at Colorado.

Stephens began his coaching career at North Florida in 1999, starting the school's first NCAA strength and conditioning program. He served as head strength and conditioning coach for five years from 1999-2003, overseeing all 14 athletic programs, which encompassed approximately 230 student-athletes.

A native of Jacksonville, Fla., he and his wife, Tali, have two children.

TERRELL WILLIAMS

Now entering his third season as the defensive line coach for the Oakland Raiders, Terrell Williams previously spent 14 seasons coaching the defensive line at the collegiate level, four of which were at Purdue where he tutored several future NFL players.

In 2012, his first season with the Silver and Black, Williams tutored a veteran unit that included four players that posted three-or-more sacks on the year. During his coaching tenure at Akron, the Zips marked two firsts in program history when they won the Mid-American Conference championship game and played in the Motor City Bowl.

Williams got his first taste of the NFL in 1999 when he interned with the Jacksonville Jaguars, assisting the defensive line. He also assisted with the defensive line for the Dallas Cowboys in 2008 and with the Seattle Seahawks during training camp in 2007. Before his coaching career, Williams played nose guard at East Carolina University, helping the Pirates to a Liberty Bowl victory over Stanford in 1995 and finishing No. 23 in the final USA Today/ESPN poll.

A native of Los Angeles, Calif., he and his wife, Tifini, have two sons, Tahj and Tyson, who passed away in 2012.

JOE WOODS

Joe Woods is entering his 11th season as a defensive backs coach in the NFL and his first with the Silver and Black. Prior to joining the Raiders, Woods served as the defensive backs coach with the Minnesota Vikings for the past eight seasons (2006-13) and spent two seasons with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers (2004-05).

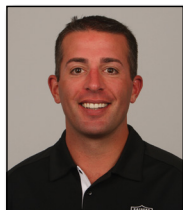
In 2012, the Vikings secondary helped the team to wins in the final four games of the regular season to finish at 10-6 and earn a Wild Card playoff berth. During the 2012 season, Woods tutored rookie Harrison Smith who tied for the team lead with three interceptions, returning a pair of the picks for scores to tie the Vikings rookie record.

During his time with Tampa Bay, the defense posted top-five defenses each of his two seasons, leading the NFL in total defense in 2005 and ranking fifth in the NFL in total defense and first in pass defense in 2004.

Woods was a four-year letterman as a safety at Illinois state, served as captain as a senior and earned first-team All-Gateway Conference honors in 1991.

A native of North Vandergrift, Pa., he and his wife, Ellen, have two daughters, Brianna and Danari, and a son, Geno.

RAIDERS COACHES IN THE PRESS BOX



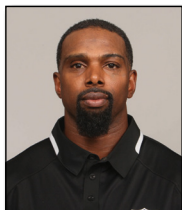
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Al Saunders
Senior Offensive
Assistant



Travis Smith
Defensive
Assistant



TEAM NOTES

2013 HONORS

QB Matt McGloin

- Named the Week 11 Pepsi Next NFL Rookie of the Week for his performance against the Houston Texans. McGloin was 18-of-32 for 197 yards with three touchdowns and no interceptions and a passer rating of 105.9. The game was also McGloin's first NFL start.

LB Sio Moore

- Named to the Pro Football Writers Association's All-Rookie Team.
- Named the Week 8 Pepsi Next NFL Rookie of the Week for his performance against the Pittsburgh Steelers. Moore totaled eight tackles (six solo) and 1.5 sacks in the win.

FB Marcel Reece

- Named to the Pro Bowl for the second consecutive year.
- Named to the 2013 Associated Press All-Pro second team.

LB Nick Roach

- Named to USA Today's All-Joe Team, honoring unsung players that have never been named to a Pro Bowl.

S Charles Woodson

- Named the Week 5 AFC Defensive Player of the Week for his performance vs. the San Diego Chargers. Woodson posted eight tackles (six solo), one interception and one fumble recovery, which he returned 25 yards for a touchdown in the victory.

STUFFING THE RUN

Since the Raiders returned to Oakland in 1995, the team has limited the opposition to less than two yards per carry in a game only 12 times, including three in 2013. The 1.8 yards per carry allowed vs. Jacksonville, the 1.9 allowed vs. San Diego and the 1.8 allowed vs. Pittsburgh were the third, fourth and fifth time from 2012-13 the Silver and Black allowed an average of less than two yards per carry. Here is a look at the games:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Rushing Yards</u>	<u>Attempts</u>	<u>Avg.</u>
12/16/12	Kansas City	10	10	1.0
9/10/12	San Diego	32	20	1.6
9/15/13	Jacksonville	34	19	1.8
10/27/13	Pittsburgh	35	19	1.8
10/6/13	San Diego	36	19	1.9

NO LONG GAINS

The Raiders were one of the best teams in 2013 when it came to holding the opponents from breaking big plays on the ground. Oakland was tied for first in the league when it came to opponent rushes of over 20 yards, giving up just five on the year.

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>20+ Yard Runs Allowed</u>
1t.	Oakland	5
1t.	Baltimore	5
1t.	San Francisco	5
4t.	Cincinnati	6
4t.	NY Jets	6
4t.	Seattle	6
4t.	San Diego	6

GETTING OFF THE FIELD

Oakland's "D" finished the 2013 season forcing their opponents into three-and-out drives 24.9% of the time, good for ninth in the league.

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Three-and-Out Drives (%)</u>
1.	New Orleans	28.7%
2.	Cincinnati	27.9%
3.	San Francisco	26.7%
4.	Baltimore	26.5%
5.	Carolina	26.4%
6.	Arizona	26.0%
7.	Houston	25.8%
8.	Detroit	25.1%
9.	Oakland	24.9%

SACK ATTACK

The 2013 Raiders surpassed the number of total sacks they had in 2012 (25) without much of an issue. The 38 sacks were also spread around at a remarkable rate, with 15 different players registering a sack. Here is a look at Oakland's returning players who registered a sack in 2013:

<u>Player</u>	<u>Sacks</u>
LB Nick Roach	5.5
LB Sio Moore	4.5
S Usama Young	2.5
S Brandian Ross	2
DT Pat Sims	2
S Charles Woodson	2
DT Stacy McGee	1.5
S Tyvon Branch	1

GAMES WITH 4+ SACKS

In 2013, Oakland registered three games with at least four team sacks, compared to only one in 2012. The Raiders won two of the three games in which they had at least four sacks. Furthermore, both times the Silver and Black sacked the quarterback five times, they won the game. Here is a look at those games:

2013 GAMES WITH AT LEAST FOUR SACKS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Sacks</u>	<u>Result</u>
9/15	vs. Jac.	5	W, 19-9
10/27	vs. Pit.	5	W, 21-18
9/8	at Ind.	4	L, 17-21

FORCING TURNOVERS

In Week 11's win at Houston, the Raiders forced two turnovers - a CB Phillip Adams fumble recovery and a LB Nick Roach interception. The game marked the fifth time in 2013 that the Silver and Black forced two-or-more turnovers, and their final record was 3-3 in those games. Here is a look at the games:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Takeaways</u>	<u>INTs</u>	<u>FRs</u>	<u>Result</u>
9/23	at Denver	2	0	2	Loss
10/6	vs. San Diego	5	3	2	Win
10/27	vs. Pittsburgh	2	2	0	Win
11/10	at NY Giants	2	1	1	Loss
11/17	at Houston	2	1	1	Win
12/22	at San Diego	3	1	2	Loss



TEAM NOTES

RARE RUSHING COMPANY

Last season, the Raiders proved that versatility can be a big factor in the running game. Oakland became the first team since the 1978 Kansas City Chiefs to have four different players record a 100-yard rushing game in the same season. Additionally, they are just the fifth team to do it since 1960:

Season	Team	100-Yd. Rushers	Season Yards
2013	Oakland Raiders	4	1,936
1978	Kansas City Chiefs	5	2,986
1976	New England Patriots	4	2,948
1975	New England Patriots	4	1,845
1966	Philadelphia Eagles	4	1,859

2013 Raiders: Darren McFadden, Marcel Reece, Terrelle Pryor and Rashad Jennings

1978 Chiefs: Arnold Morgado, MacArthur Lane, Mark Bailey, Ted McKnight and Tony Reed

1976 Patriots: Andy Johnson, Don Calhoun, Sam Cunningham and Steve Grogan

1975 Patriots: Andy Johnson, Don Calhoun, Mack Herron and Sam Cunningham

1966 Eagles: Izzy Lang, Jack Concannon, Timmy Brown and Tom Woodeshick

BIG RUNS

In 2013, the Raiders were able to create explosive plays in the running game. The team ranked third in the NFL in rushing plays of 20-plus yards, finishing with 18. Oakland also had an impressive average distance on their runs of over 20 yards, with a 34.9 yards per carry mark.

2013 EXPLOSIVE RUSHING PLAYS LEADERS

Rank	Team	20+ Yard Runs	Avg. Distance
1.	San Francisco	20	28.6
2.	Philadelphia	19	34.6
3.	Oakland	18	34.9
4t.	Minnesota	16	37.5
4t.	Washington	16	27.1

MAKING IT COUNT

Oakland was able to make their red zone trips count in 2013, scoring touchdowns and maximizing their points. Of the 42 trips the Raiders took inside the opponent's 20-yard line, the Silver and Black scored touchdowns on 25 of them. Thirteen of the scores came on the ground, while 12 were through the passing game.

2013 RED ZONE EFFICIENCY LEADERS

Rank	Team	RZ Drives	RZ TDs	RZ TD Efficiency
1.	Denver	67	51	76.1
2.	Cincinnati	46	34	73.9
3.	Dallas	51	35	68.6
4.	Detroit	56	35	62.5
5.	Oakland	42	25	59.5

UNDRAFTED STARTERS

In Week 14 at the NY Jets, the Raiders started seven undrafted players on offense, including all of the skill positions. The last team to start that many undrafted players on offense was the Washington Redskins on 11/10/02 at Jacksonville. The seven undrafted players were: **WR Andre Holmes**, **G Lucas Nix**, **TE Jeron Mastrud**, **WR Rod Streater**, **QB Matt McGloin**, **FB Marcel Reece** and **FB/RB Jamize Olawale**.

OFFENSIVE ATTACK

In Week 9 vs. Philadelphia, the Raiders compiled 560 yards of total offense on the afternoon, the team's highest total output since 1968, when Oakland totaled 604 yards on 11/24 at Cincinnati. The 560 yards of offense rank third in team history, only behind 626 on 10/25/64 vs. Denver and the previously mentioned 604. Below is a look at the three games:

Rank	Date and Opp.	Total Yds.	Passing Yds.	Rushing Yards
1.	10/25/64 vs. Den.	626	427	199
2.	11/24/68 at Cin.	604	396	208
3.	11/3/13 vs. Phi.	560	350	210

SCORING EARLY

The Raiders finished 2013 scoring the fourth most points in the NFL on their opening possession. Here is where they stacked up:

Team	Points on Opening Poss.
Denver	62
Dallas	47
Tennessee	44
Oakland	41

Oakland also continued to score big throughout the first frame, as they tied for sixth in the NFL in first-quarter scoring.

Team	First Quarter Points
Denver	130
Kansas City	124
San Francisco	97
Chicago	96
Dallas	91
Oakland	89
Philadelphia	89

SPECIAL TEAM SUCCESS

Oakland's special teams unit was one of the best in the league in 2013 under special teams coordinator Bobby April. When it came to covering kickoffs, Oakland's special teams allowed just 20.4 yards per return, good for fourth in the NFL.

Rank	Team	Avg.
1.	Chicago	18.8
2.	Tampa Bay	18.8
3.	Jacksonville	20.4
4.	Oakland	20.4
5.	San Francisco	20.4

BLOCKED KICKS

Last season, Oakland was able to make a difference on special teams, blocking four kicks on the year. Below is a look at the four different kicks the Raiders blocked in 2013, all of which came at home:

Date	Opponent	Block
9/29	vs. Was.	Punt; R. Jennings. Recovered for a TD by J. Stewart
10/6	vs. SD	Field Goal; T. Porter
11/24	vs. Ten.	Punt; J. Stewart
12/29	vs. Den.	Punt; J. Olawale



TEAM NOTES

WINNING WAYS

The Raiders are among the elite teams in the NFL, ranking among the top five from 1963-2013 in winning percentage. The Raiders rank tied for fourth with a .554 percentage since Al Davis was named head coach and general manager in 1963, trailing only the Dallas Cowboys, Miami Dolphins and the Pittsburgh Steelers.

NFL WINNING PERCENTAGE 1963-2013

Rank	Team	W	L	T	Pct.
1.	Dallas Cowboys	455	320	3	.587
2.	Pittsburgh Steelers	438	332	8	.569
3.	Miami Dolphins	415	317	4	.567
4t.	Oakland Raiders	425	342	11	.554
4t.	Minnesota Vikings	426	343	9	.554

ROAD WARRIORS

The Raiders are among the top-performing road teams in NFL history. The Silver and Black rank tied for fifth since the 1970 AFL-NFL merger with a .473 winning percentage in games away from home.

TOP ROAD RECORDS 1970-2013

Rank	Team	W	L	T	Pct.
1.	San Francisco 49ers	175	164	1	.516
2.	Miami Dolphins	173	167	1	.509
3.	Dallas Cowboys	171	169	0	.503
4.	Pittsburgh Steelers	168	171	1	.496
5t.	Oakland Raiders	159	177	4	.473
5t.	Philadelphia Eagles	158	176	5	.473

GLOBAL PRESENCE

This season, the Raiders will be playing the Miami Dolphins on Sept. 28, 2014 in London as part of the league's International Series. In addition to the Raiders-Dolphins game, the Jacksonville Jaguars will take on the Dallas Cowboys and the Atlanta Falcons will host the Detroit Lions next year at London's Wembley Stadium.



The Raiders have a number of individuals with an international background. Here is a look:

Player	Country	International Connection
CB Chimdi Chekwa	Nigeria	Parents are Nigerian born
DE Jack Crawford	England	Born in London, U.K.
K Sebastian Janikowski	Poland	Born in Walbrzych, Poland
LB Sio Moore	Liberia	Born in Monrovia, Liberia
Coach Al Saunders	England	Native of Hendon, U.K.
T Menelik Watson	England	Born in Manchester, U.K.

WINNING MENTALITY

This past offseason, Raiders **General Manager Reggie McKenzie** was active in free agency and through trades. McKenzie acquired established, experienced veterans to bolster the roster and foster a winning culture in Oakland. Among the notable free agent signings are **RB Maurice Jones-Drew**, **CB Tarell Brown**, **CB Carlos Rogers**, **DE LaMarr Woodley**, **G Kevin Boothe**, **G/T Austin Howard**, **T Donald Penn**, **WR James Jones**, **DE Justin Tuck**, **DL Antonio Smith** and **DL C.J. Wilson**. The team also traded for **QB Matt Schaub** from Houston. Additionally, Oakland added **S Charles Woodson** (one Super Bowl title, one Associated Press Defensive Player of the Year Award, one Associated Press Rookie of the Year, eight Pro Bowls, three First-Team All-Pro Selections and 10 playoff victories), **LB Nick Roach** (one playoff victory) and **S Usama Young** (one Super Bowl title, three playoff victories) in 2013. Below is a look at some of the offseason additions:

SUPER BOWL APPEARANCES/RINGS ADDED

Player	Appearances	Rings
Kevin Boothe	2	2
Tarell Brown	1	0
James Jones	1	1
Carlos Rogers	1	0
Antonio Smith	1	0
Justin Tuck	2	2
C.J. Wilson	1	1
LaMarr Woodley	2	1
Totals	11	7

PLAYOFF GAMES/GAMES WON

Player	Games	Victories
Kevin Boothe	9	8
Tarell Brown	8	5
James Jones	11	6
Maurice Jones-Drew	2	1
Donald Penn	1	0
Carlos Rogers	8	4
Matt Schaub	3	1
Antonio Smith	8	4
Justin Tuck	10	8
C.J. Wilson	8	5
LaMarr Woodley	8	5
Totals	76	47

PRO BOWL SELECTIONS

Player	Pro Bowls
Donald Penn	1
Carlos Rogers	1
Matt Schaub	2
Antonio Smith	1
Maurice Jones-Drew	3
Justin Tuck	2
LaMarr Woodley	1
Totals	11

ASSOCIATED PRESS ALL-PRO SELECTIONS

Player	First Team	Second Team
Maurice Jones-Drew	1	1
Carlos Rogers	0	1
Justin Tuck	1	1
LaMarr Woodley	0	1
Totals	2	4



TEAM NOTES

ADDING SACKS

"You can never have enough rushers in the National Football League. It's all about affecting the quarterback ... I think we've really helped out our pass rush a lot." - **Raiders Head Coach Dennis Allen**

After racking up 38 sacks a year ago, the Raiders went out and continued to improve their ability to get to the quarterback this offseason. Bringing in accomplished sack artists such as **DE LaMarr Woodley**, **DE Justin Tuck** and **DL Antonio Smith**, and drafting young pass rusher **LB Khalil Mack**, Oakland's pass rush looks to improve upon last year's total. **Defensive coordinator Jason Tarver** has some new weapons to rush the quarterback with and here is a look at some of their career sack stats:

FREE AGENT ADDITIONS

Player	Sacks	Sack Yards	Forced Fumbles
Antonio Smith	41.5	262.5	10
Justin Tuck	60.5	397.5	20
LaMarr Woodley	57.0	391.0	9
Totals	159.0	1,051.0	39

**** No. 5 overall pick LB Khalil Mack totaled 28.5 sacks for 217.0 yards and 16 forced fumbles during his collegiate career at Buffalo.**

UNDRAFTED GEMS

Every preseason, hundreds of undrafted free agents vie for a spot on their team's 53-man roster. The Raiders have brought in numerous players that were not drafted, developing them into significant contributors for the Silver and Black.

- In 2013, P Marquette King posted numbers among the NFL's best in both gross average and punting yards. With 4,107 punting yards on the year, King finished sixth in the NFL, and led the league in gross punting with an average of 48.9.

- QB Matt McGloin made his mark on the NFL in his rookie season, making his first career start on Nov. 17, 2013 at Houston. In that game, McGloin became the first undrafted rookie to throw for three-or-more touchdown passes in his first NFL start since 1987. He also became just the second quarterback to throw for three touchdowns without an interception in his first NFL start since the NFL-AFL merger in 1970.

- LB Nick Roach, originally an undrafted free agent with the San Diego Chargers, made a major impact for Oakland in 2013, leading the team with 152 tackles (92 solo).

Below are some of the notable current Raiders who entered the NFL as undrafted free agents:

Player	School	Year	Team
LS Jon Condo	Maryland	2005	Dallas
WR Andre Holmes	Hillsdale	2011	Minnesota
G/T Austin Howard	Northern Iowa	2010	Philadelphia
P Marquette King	Fort Valley State	2012	Oakland
QB Matt McGloin	Penn State	2013	Oakland
FB/RB Jamize Olawale	North Texas	2012	Dallas
T Donald Penn	Florida State	2006	Minnesota
FB Marcel Reece	Washington	2008	Miami
LB Nick Roach	Northwestern	2007	San Diego
S Brandian Ross	Youngstown State	2011	Green Bay
RB Jeremy Stewart	Stanford	2012	Philadelphia
WR Rod Streater	Temple	2012	Oakland

PRESEASON QUICK HITS

- The Raiders are 126-121-1 (.510) all-time in preseason contests.

- Oakland plays three of the four teams from the NFC North in 2014, a division they will face in the 2015 regular season.

- Oakland will play Minnesota for just the fifth time in a preseason game, and the first time since 2006.

- The contest at Minnesota will mark the Vikings' first 2014 game at TCF Bank Stadium on the University of Minnesota's campus.

- The Lions will travel to Oakland for the second time in three years for a preseason game and for the seventh time overall.

- The Raiders will play a nationally-televised preseason game on CBS on Aug. 22 at the Packers and it marks the first trip to Green Bay for a preseason game since 1998.

- The Raiders will conclude the preseason against the defending Super Bowl champion Seahawks for the ninth straight season.

MILES AND MILES

Factoring in three trips to the Eastern Time Zone and one trip to England for their game in London, the Raiders will travel more miles than any other team in the NFL this season. According to Pro Football Reference, Oakland travels 36,106 miles in 2014, over 10,000 more miles than any other team. The team also has four trips of over 2,000 miles. Here is a look at the teams that travel the most in 2014:

Team	2014 Traveling Miles	2,000+ Mile Trips
Oakland Raiders	36,106	4
Seattle Seahawks	26,144	3
Dallas Cowboys	24,746	1
Miami Dolphins	24,546	1
Jacksonville Jaguars	22,230	2
San Diego Chargers	20,186	3
San Francisco 49ers	19,932	1
St. Louis Rams	17,850	0
Arizona Cardinals	17,728	1
Kansas City Chiefs	17,658	0

TOUGH TEST OUT WEST

This season, the AFC West and NFC West will be playing each other in the regular season for the first time since 2010. Combined, the two divisions had five playoff teams in 2013, and the Arizona Cardinals missed the post-season despite winning 10 games. Three of the NFL's "final four" teams from last year's postseason reside in their respective conference's Western division and both Super Bowl participants play in the West. Because of all this, the eight teams from these divisions have the eight hardest schedules in the league, based on their opponent's winning percentage last year. Here is a look at the teams with the 10 most difficult schedules:

Team	Opponents' 2013 Winning %
Oakland	.578
Denver	.570
St. Louis	.564
San Diego	.563
San Francisco	.563
Seattle	.561
Kansas City	.559
Arizona	.547
NY Jets	.520
New England	.516



TEAM NOTES

RAIDERS OFF THE FIELD/INTERESTING FACTS

- **General Manager Reggie McKenzie** has an identical twin brother, **Ra-leigh**, who is a college scout for the team. He also has a son, **Kahlil**, who is a high school senior and highly-ranked defensive line prospect. He verbally committed to Tennessee, his father's alma mater, in July 2014.
- **Special teams coordinator Bobby April's** son, **Bobby III**, is currently the linebackers coach for the New York Jets.
- Prior to joining the Dallas Cowboys as a coach in 2010, **assistant special teams coach Chris Boniol** taught high school math and coached prep football in Lewisville, Texas.
- **Offensive assistant Nick Holz** and **RB Maurice Jones-Drew** were high school teammates at De La Salle High School in nearby Concord, Calif.
- **Tight ends coach Mark Hutson** was part of the famous "fumblerooski" play in the 1988 Orange Bowl, scooping up an intentional fumble and scampering 29 yards for a touchdown with 2:05 remaining.
- **Offensive coordinator Greg Olson's** wife, **Lissa**, is currently the assistant track coach at the University of California.
- **Senior offensive assistant Al Saunders** was a ball boy for Al Davis' Raiders in 1963. He is also a native of Hendon, England.
- **Running backs coach Kelly Skipper's** father, **Jim**, currently holds the same position for the Carolina Panthers.
- **Assistant head coach/offensive line coach Tony Sparano's** son, **Tony**, is currently an offensive assistant with the New York Jets.
- While he was a graduate assistant at UCLA, **defensive coordinator Jason Tarver** also taught chemistry.
- **TE David Ausberry's** cousin is **Tommie Smith**, the 1968 Olympic gold medalist in the 200-meters who is long remembered (along with John Carlos) for his salute on the medal stand.
- **G Tony Bergstrom's** wife, **Jessica**, is an amateur MMA fighter.
- **QB Derek Carr** is the brother of former No. 1 overall pick of the Houston Texans, **David**.
- **DE Jack Crawford** was born in London, England before moving to the United States in high school.
- **K Sebastian Janikowski** is a former member of the Polish national under-17 soccer team and turned down various pro soccer offers to enroll at Florida State.
- **RB Maurice Jones-Drew** hosts his own fantasy football radio show on SiriusXM Radio called "Runnin' with M.J.D."
- **LB Kaluka Maiava's** uncle is **Dwayne Johnson**, who played football at Miami before gaining worldwide attention as professional wrestler and actor "The Rock."
- **LB Sio Moore** was born in Monrovia, Liberia.
- **S Brandian Ross** has created his own clothing line, **Unity Over Self**.
- **T Menelik Watson** was born in Manchester, England and was raised there before attending Marist College to play basketball.
- **C Stefen Wisniewski** is the nephew of **Steve Wisniewski**, a former All-American guard at Penn State and an eight-time NFL All-Pro during a 13-year career with the Raiders. His father, **Leo**, also played for the Colts.
- **S Charles Woodson** is a wine entrepreneur, owns the wine label **TwentyFour** by **Charles Woodson**, leasing acres of vineyards in Napa Valley, Calif., a short distance from the Raiders' training-camp home.

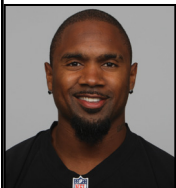
RAIDERS WIN/LOSS BREAKDOWN

	2013 Season.....				Dennis Allen Career.....			
	Overall	vs. AFCW	Home	Road	Overall	vs. AFCW	Home	Road
Overall	4-12	1-5	3-5	1-7	8-24	3-9	6-10	2-14
On grass	4-8	1-5	3-5	1-3	8-17	3-9	6-10	2-7
On artificial surfaces	0-4	0-0	0-0	0-4	0-7	0-0	0-0	0-7
When scoring first	4-5	1-1	3-2	1-3	7-8	3-2	5-2	2-4
When opponent scores first	0-7	0-4	0-3	0-4	1-16	0-7	1-6	0-10
In overtime	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-0
When leading after first quarter	4-2	1-0	3-1	1-1	6-4	3-0	4-2	2-2
When leading at halftime	3-5	1-1	3-2	0-3	5-8	3-1	4-3	1-5
When leading after third quarter	4-0	1-0	3-0	1-0	6-0	3-0	4-0	2-0
When trailing after first quarter	0-7	0-4	0-3	0-4	2-14	0-7	2-5	0-9
When trailing at halftime	1-6	0-3	0-3	1-3	3-14	0-7	2-7	1-8
When trailing after third quarter	0-10	0-5	0-4	0-6	2-21	0-9	2-9	0-12
When tied at halftime	0-2	0-2	0-0	0-2	2-2	1-2	1-0	1-2
On Sunday	4-10	1-4	3-5	1-5	8-20	3-6	6-8	2-12
On Monday	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-2	0-2	0-1	0-1
On Thursday	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-2	0-1	0-1	0-1
On Saturday	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Day games (before 5 p.m.)	3-11	0-4	2-5	1-6	7-21	2-6	5-8	2-13
Night games (after 5 p.m.)	1-1	1-1	1-0	0-1	1-3	1-3	1-2	0-1
When OAK had 100-yard rusher	3-3	0-0	2-1	1-2	6-4	2-0	4-2	2-2
When OAK had 100-yard receiver	0-3	0-1	0-0	0-3	0-6	0-2	0-2	0-4
When OAK had 300-yard passer	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-6	0-0	0-3	0-3
When OPP had 100-yard rusher	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-6	0-2	0-2	0-4
When OPP had 100-yard receiver	2-5	1-3	1-4	1-1	3-8	1-4	2-5	1-3
When OPP had 300-yard passer	1-3	1-1	1-2	0-1	2-7	1-3	2-4	0-3



INDIVIDUAL NOTES

A LEADER IN PICKS



S Charles Woodson, who posted nine interceptions when he won the NFL's Defensive Player of the Year award in 2009, is the NFL's active leader in interceptions. Woodson enters his 17th NFL campaign with 56 interceptions, four more than Champ Bailey's 52. Woodson has five seasons with at least five picks in his Hall of Fame career.

ACTIVE INTERCEPTION LEADERS

Rank	Player	INTs
1.	S Charles Woodson (Oak.)	56
2.	CB Champ Bailey (NO)	52
3.	CB DeAngelo Hall (Was.)	43
4t.	CB Terence Newman (Cin.)	36
4t.	CB Charles Tillman (Chi.)	36

LONG-TERM HAWK

Remarkably, **S Charles Woodson** has intercepted at least one pass in each of his first 16 NFL seasons. Woodson has joined an elite list of players to intercept a pass in at least 16 consecutive seasons. With an interception in 2014, he will move into sole possession of second place on this list, trailing only Hall of Famer Darrell Green. Woodson has four seasons of at least seven interceptions in his career.

Player	Consec. Seasons w/INT	Years
Darrell Green#	19	1983-2000
Charles Woodson*	16	1998-2013
Eugene Robinson	16	1985-2000
Willie Brown#	16	1963-78

* - Still Active
- Hall of Famer

WOODSON QUICK HITS

- Only two players in football history have ever won a Heisman Trophy, Associated Press Rookie of the Year, Associated Press Player of the Year and a Super Bowl in their career. Charles Woodson is one of them. The other? Former Raiders RB Marcus Allen.
- Since 1995, only four players have won both the Associated Press Defensive Rookie of the Year and Associated Press Defensive Player of the Year awards in their career - Raiders S Charles Woodson (1998 & 2009), Ravens OLB Terrell Suggs (2003 & 2011), former Bears LB Brian Urlacher (2000 & 2005) and Panthers LB Luke Kuechly (2012 & 2013).
- Woodson posted an interception touchdown in six straight seasons (2006-11), becoming the first player in NFL history to do so. No other NFL player has accomplished the feat in more than four consecutive seasons.
- In 2009, Woodson became the fourth player in NFL history (since sacks became an official statistic in 1982) to record at least nine interceptions and two sacks in a single season.
- Is the only player in NFL history to post at least seven interceptions and two sacks in back-to-back seasons.
- Became the first NFL player (since sacks became an official statistic in 1982) to record two interceptions, an interception touchdown, a sack and a fumble recovery in the same game when he posted all of those statistics on 11/26/09 at Det.



PLAYER OF THE WEEK

S Charles Woodson made his first memorable moment in his second stint with the Raiders just five games into last season. Woodson was named the Week 5 AFC Defensive Player of the Week last season for his performance vs. the San Diego Chargers on Oct. 6. Woodson posted eight tackles (six solo), one interception and one fumble recovery, which he returned 25 yards for a touchdown in the victory. With the touchdown, Woodson tied the NFL's all-time record for defensive touchdowns with 13.



TAKING IT TO THE HOUSE

The only thing better than forcing a turnover is turning it into a touchdown, and **S Charles Woodson** has done that just as well as anybody in the history of the NFL. Woodson is one interception-touchdown away from tying Rod Woodson's all-time mark, and just one defensive touchdown away from setting the all-time mark. With every touchdown going forward, Woodson will be adding a new note to the NFL record books.

NFL ALL-TIME INT-TDs

Rank	Player	INT-TDs
1.	Rod Woodson	12
2t.	Charles Woodson	11
2t.	Darren Sharper	11

NFL ALL-TIME DEFENSIVE TDs

Rank	Player	Defensive TDs
1t.	Charles Woodson	13
1t.	Rod Woodson	13
1t.	Darren Sharper	13
4.	Aeneas Williams	12



INDIVIDUAL NOTES

SACK ARTISTS



In an effort to bolster the pass rush, Oakland signed proven pass rushers **DE Justin Tuck** and **DE LaMarr Woodley** this past offseason. Tuck, who owns 60.5 career sacks, joins the Raiders after nine seasons with the New York Giants. He helped the Giants win two Super Bowls during his tenure, while earning two trips to the Pro Bowl and two Associated Press All-Pro selections (one first team and one second team). Woodley, owner of 57.0 career sacks, came to Oakland after an impressive seven-year run with the Pittsburgh Steelers. Woodley helped lead the Steelers to a Super Bowl title in 2008, and another Super Bowl appearance in 2010. He helped solidify the "Steel Curtain" defense in Pittsburgh, earning an Associated Press All-Pro selection (second team) in 2009.



NFL SACK LEADERS (SINCE 2007)

Rank	Player	Sacks
8.	DE Julius Peppers (GB)	65.0
9.	OLB Elvis Dumervil (Bal.)	64.5
10.	OLB James Harrison (FA)	62.0
11.	DE Justin Tuck (Oak.)	59.5
12t.	DE LaMarr Woodley (Oak.)	57.0
12t.	OLB Shaun Phillips (Ten.)	57.0
14.	OLB Terrell Suggs (Bal.)	54.5



DOUBLE DIGIT SACKS

With 11.0 sacks in 2013, **DE Justin Tuck** recorded the fourth double-digit sack season of his career. The 11.0 sacks (9.5 of which came over the final six games) were the third-highest total of his career. Here is a look at Tuck's season-by-season sack numbers, with the double-digit campaigns bolded:

JUSTIN TUCK SEASON-BY-SEASON SACKS

Season	Sacks
2005	1.0
2006	0.0
2007	10.0
2008	12.0
2009	6.0
2010	11.5
2011	5.0
2012	4.0
2013	11.0
2014	??
Totals	60.5

QB RUSHER

Over the past seven seasons, **DE LaMarr Woodley** has sacked the quarterback a lot. He reached 50.0 career sacks in just 73 games, which was 22 games faster than any other player in Pittsburgh Steelers history. He has also recorded at least 9.0 sacks in four of the last six seasons. Here is a rundown of Woodley's sacks over the last six seasons, with the seasons of at least nine sacks bolded:

LaMARR WOODLEY SACKS (PREVIOUS SIX SEASONS)

Season	Sacks
2008	11.5
2009	13.5
2010	10.0
2011	9.0
2012	4.0
<u>2013</u>	<u>5.0</u>
Totals	53.0

SUPER BOWL PERFORMERS

In the biggest game there is in football, **DE Justin Tuck** and **DE LaMarr Woodley** have performed. Each has played in two Super Bowls, and they have three Super Bowl Rings between them. They are also both in the top five with career sacks in the Super Bowl (since 1982), with Tuck in second with four Super Bowl sacks, and Woodley tied for third with three. Here is a look at their career stat lines in the big game:

JUSTIN TUCK SUPER BOWL STATS

GP	GS	Total	Solo	Asst.	Sacks	Yds.	FF
2	1	9	8	1	4.0	24.0	1

LaMARR WOODLEY SUPER BOWL STATS

GP	GS	Total	Solo	Asst.	Sacks	Yds.	FF
2	2	7	6	1	1.0	9.0	1

QB DROPS IN OCTOBER

DE LaMarr Woodley has made his mark in the month of October. Since he joined the NFL in 2007, Woodley has registered 18 sacks during October, good for sixth in the league. It is also the month where he personally has totaled the most sacks. Here is a look at where Woodley stacks up against the rest of the league in October:

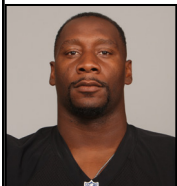
NFL SACKS LEADERS IN OCTOBER (SINCE 2007)

Rank	Player	Oct. Sacks
1.	DE Jared Allen (Chi.)	28.5
2.	DE DeMarcus Ware (Den.)	26.0
3.	DE Mario Williams (Buf.)	20.5
4t.	OLB Tamba Hali (KC)	20.0
4t.	DE Osi Umenyiora (Atl.)	20.0
6.	DE LaMarr Woodley (Oak.)	18.0
7t.	DE Charles Johnson (Car.)	17.0
7t.	OLB James Harrison (FA)	17.0



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DURABLE "NINJA"

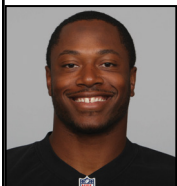


Since 2006, **DL Antonio Smith** has been among the most durable players in the NFL. Smith has missed just one regular season game since 2006, with that game missed coming via a suspension. Smith, who goes by the nickname "The Ninja," set career highs for sacks in 2011 and then again in 2012. Here is a look at his tackle and sack totals over his career:

ANTONIO SMITH CAREER TACKLES AND SACKS

Season	GP	GS	Tackles	Solo	Asst.	Sacks
2004	2	0	0	0	0	0.0
2005	11	8	16	16	0	3.0
2006	16	8	25	15	10	2.5
2007	16	13	44	37	7	5.5
2008	16	10	41	31	10	3.5
2009	16	15	34	26	8	4.5
2010	16	16	38	23	15	4.0
2011	16	16	25	19	6	6.5
2012	16	16	30	23	7	7.0
2013	15	15	30	22	8	5.0
2014	??	??	??	??	??	??
Totals	140	117	283	212	71	41.5

MAN IN THE MIDDLE



In 2013, **LB Nick Roach** established himself as a rock in the middle of the Raiders defense. Not only did Roach play every defensive snap of the season, he also led the team in tackles, and led Raiders linebackers in sacks (5.5). Roach was the catalyst for a make-over on the defensive side of the ball for the Silver and Black, helping lead the team to the 13th-overall ranking in the league when it came to stopping the run. Here is a look at what Roach has done over the previous six years:

NICK ROACH TACKLES (PAST SIX SEASONS)

Year	Games Played	Tackles	Solo
2009	16	82	47
2010	15	11	4
2011	16	61	26
2012	16	84	37
2013	16	152	92
2014	??	??	??



'BACKER BURRIS



LB Miles Burris' 2013 season was hampered by an offseason injury that he suffered through for most of the season, limiting him to only six games after spending most of the year on the Physically Unable to Perform list. Burris' 2012 campaign was a much different story, as the rookie linebacker stepped right in and made an impact for Oakland in his initial season. He made 138 tackles on the year, most by a Raiders rookie since 1994, while starting 15-of-16 games he played in. Here is a look at his 2012 campaign:

MILES BURRIS 2012 STATS

GP	GS	Total	Solo	Asst.	Sacks	Yds.	INTs	PD	FF
16	15	138	84	54	1.5	11.0	1	3	1

ENERGETIC MOORE



LB Sio Moore, the Raiders' high-energy third-round selection in the 2013 NFL Draft, emerged onto the scene in his rookie season. Moore, who played in 15 games and started 11, and was named the NFL Pepsi Next Rookie of the Week for his eight-tackle, 1.5-sack performance on 10/27 vs. Pit. He was also named to the Pro Football Writer's Association's All-Rookie Team. Here is a look at Moore's rookie season:

SIO MOORE 2013 STATS

GP	GS	Total	Solo	Asst.	Sacks	Yds.	INTs	PD	FF
15	11	55	33	22	4.5	29.5	0	0	1



DJ AT CORNER

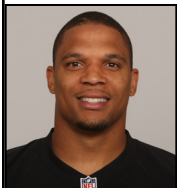


The Raiders' first-round selection (No. 12 overall) in the 2013 NFL Draft, **CB DJ Hayden** has come a long way. After suffering a life-threatening injury to his heart in November 2012, Hayden played a major role in Oakland's defensive makeover. In his rookie year, Hayden recorded 29 tackles and two PD. In the Week 5 win vs. San Diego, Hayden hauled in his first NFL interception, picking off Philip Rivers in the end zone to stop a potential Chargers scoring drive. His season was cut short due to a groin injury on Nov. 20, 2013.



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BRANCH ON THE STOP



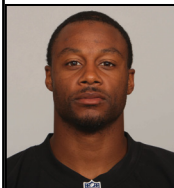
S Tyvon Branch has been one the most consistent Raiders since he was drafted in 2008. Branch enjoyed a breakout year in 2009, posting 124 tackles in his first season as a starter, leading all NFL defensive backs in that category. Branch followed it up by leading Oakland in tackles for 2010 and 2011. Additionally, Branch set a career high in 2012 with 146 tackles, good for second on the team. Branch was slowed down by an ankle injury in 2013, limiting him to just two games. Here is a rundown of his totals since 2009:

TYVON BRANCH TACKLE STATS (SINCE 2009)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Tackles</u>	<u>Notes</u>
2009	124	Led all NFL defensive backs
2010	104	Led team
2011	109	Led team
2012	146	Career high
2013	9	Limited to just two games
2014	??	??



SPECIALIST TAIWAN



As one of the team's most dynamic players, **CB Taiwan Jones** made a large impact on the team in 2013. Playing a key role on one of the best special teams units in the NFL, Jones played as a gunner on the punting unit and featured as the team's primary kick-off returner. Jones led the team in special teams tackles and was constantly around the returner. Jones also reverted back to the position he was drafted at, running back, on occasion when the Raiders lacked depth at the position. Oakland locked up the versatile Jones with a contract extension this past offseason.

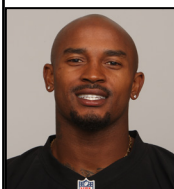
TAIWAN JONES 2013 KICKOFF RETURNS

<u>Returns</u>	<u>Yds.</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Long</u>
26	623	24.0	41

TAIWAN JONES 2013 SPECIAL TEAMS STATS

<u>Total Tackles</u>	<u>Solo</u>	<u>Forced Fumbles</u>
14	12	1

LOCKDOWN BROWN



Coming across the Bay after seven seasons with the San Francisco 49ers, **CB Tarell Brown** brings a wealth of talent and experience to Oakland. Since becoming a full-time starter and mainstay at cornerback for the 49ers in 2011, Brown has appeared in 45 games with 42 starts, 143 tackles (114 solo), six interceptions, 40 passes defended and two fumble recoveries. Additionally, in eight postseason starts from 2011-13, Brown has posted 32 tackles (28 solo), two interceptions, seven passes defended, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery.

TARELL BROWN CAREER STATS

<u>GP</u>	<u>GS</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Solo</u>	<u>Asst.</u>	<u>INTs</u>	<u>PD</u>	<u>FF</u>	<u>FR</u>
100	47	213	177	36	11	56	0	2

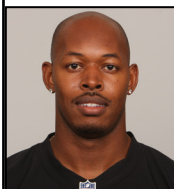
DB SACKS

The Raiders have had many great defensive backs throughout their historic past, and Raiders safeties **Tyvon Branch** and **Charles Woodson** rank among them on the franchise's all-time sack list. Woodson and Branch rank fourth and fifth, respectively, on Oakland's all-time sack list by defensive backs, and the Raiders are hoping they continue to move up in 2014. Here is a look at the list:

RAIDERS SACK LIST (SINCE 1982)

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Sacks</u>
1.	Mike Davis, 1978-85	11.0
2.	Stacey Toran, 1984-88	9.0
3.	Albert Lewis, 1994-98	8.0
4.	Charles Woodson, 1998-2005, '13-14	7.5
5.	Tyvon Branch, 2008-13	7.0

ALL-PRO ROGERS



Making the move to the East Bay from the 49ers as well this season is fellow **CB Carlos Rogers**. Originally a first-round pick by the Washington Redskins in 2005, Rogers will help solidify the secondary playing in the slot and outside cornerback positions. He spent three seasons in San Francisco, starting all 48 games during his tenure. He was named to the Pro Bowl and earned second-team Associated Press All-Pro honors in 2011.

CARLOS ROGERS CAREER STATS

<u>GP</u>	<u>GS</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Solo</u>	<u>Asst.</u>	<u>INTs</u>	<u>PD</u>	<u>FF</u>	<u>FR</u>
126	116	503	392	111	17	109	4	6



INDIVIDUAL NOTES

SURGICAL SCHAUB



The Raiders acquired **QB Matt Schaub** this past off-season in a trade from the Houston Texans. Schaub brings veteran experience and stability to the Raiders as well as incredible accuracy. Among quarterbacks with at least 1,500 attempts, Schaub is ninth in NFL history in completion percentage, completing 64.0 percent of his passes.

HIGHEST COMPLETION PERCENTAGE (NFL HISTORY)

Rank	Player	Att.	Comp.	Pct.	Yards
1.	Chad Pennington	2,471	1,632	66.0	17,823
2.	Drew Brees*	6,799	4,481	65.9	51,081
3.	Aaron Rodgers*	2,955	1,945	65.8	24,197
4.	Kurt Warner	4,070	2,666	65.5	32,344
5.	Peyton Manning*	8,452	5,532	65.5	64,964
6.	Tony Romo*	3,775	2,439	64.6	29,565
7.	Philip Rivers*	4,108	2,646	64.4	32,369
8.	Steve Young	4,149	2,667	64.3	33,124
9.	Matt Schaub*	3,181	2,035	64.0	24,254
10.	Matt Ryan*	3,288	2,093	63.7	23,472

* - Still active

PASSER RATING LIST

Adding to **QB Matt Schaub's** impressive completion percentage, he is also near the top of the passer rating list over recent history. Since Schaub was traded to Houston and took over the starting role in 2007, he ranks ninth in the NFL with a passer rating of 90.6. During that time, Schaub helped the Texans to two AFC South Division titles and 46 wins as a starter. He is also Houston's franchise leader in all major passing categories.

HIGHEST PASSER RATING (SINCE 2007)

Rank	Player	Yards	Comp. Pct.	TDs	Rating
1.	Aaron Rodgers	24,086	66.0	188	105.6
2.	Tom Brady	27,585	64.8	212	102.2
3.	Peyton Manning	27,378	67.4	216	101.1
4.	Drew Brees	34,315	67.6	257	99.4
5.	Philip Rivers	28,833	64.8	198	96.7
6.	Tony Romo	26,662	64.5	189	95.8
7.	Ben Roethlisberger	25,586	63.5	167	94.0
8.	Kurt Warner*	11,753	65.4	83	93.6
9.	Matt Schaub	23,472	64.6	124	90.9
10.	Matt Ryan	23,472	63.7	153	90.6

* - Retired

GAME-WINNING DRIVES

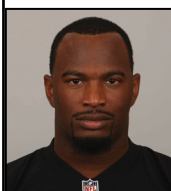
QB Matt Schaub has orchestrated 12 game-winning drives since taking over as the starting quarterback for the Houston Texans in 2007. Here is a look at those games:

MATT SCHAUB'S GAME-WINNING DRIVES

Date	Opponent	Plays	Yards	Time	Final
10/7/07	Miami	8	59	1:32	22-19
10/12/08	Miami	12	76	1:42	29-28
12/7/08	at Green Bay	9	75	1:49	24-21
9/20/09	at Tennessee	9	63	4:15	34-31
12/20/09	at St. Louis	7	81	3:31	16-13
9/19/10	at Washington	7	41	3:49	30-27 (OT)
10/17/10	Kansas City	9	80	1:54	35-31
10/2/11	Pittsburgh	5	85	2:55	17-10
11/18/12	Jacksonville	2	53	0:29	43-37 (OT)
11/22/12	at Detroit	6	49	2:11	34-31 (OT)
9/9/13	at San Diego	9	38	0:00	31-28
9/15/13	Tennessee	11	78	4:28	30-24 (OT)

- On Sept. 15, 2013, Schaub orchestrated the biggest comeback in Texans franchise history as the team overcame a 21-point deficit. In that contest, Schaub was 34-of-45 passing for 346 yards, three touchdowns and a passer rating of 110.0.

THE LEAD BACK



Since 2012, **FB Marcel Reece** has totaled 1,316 yards (489 rushing, 827 receiving) of offense. The two-time Pro Bowler has become a dynamic weapon in the Raiders' offense since joining the team in 2009, and his 1,316 total yards over the last two seasons are the most among primary fullbacks in the league. Here is a look at the chart:

FULLBACK TOTAL YARDS 2012-13

Rank	Player	Total Yards	Rush Yards	Rec. Yards	TDs
1.	Marcel Reece	1,316	489	827	5
2.	Mike Tolbert	996	544	452	14
3.	Chris Ogbonnaya	800	270	530	2
4.	Bruce Miller	358	31	327	0

DOUBLE TROUBLE

Since 2009, **FB Marcel Reece** has been lethal out of the backfield when it comes to picking up big yards through the air. Reece, who leads the NFL during this time in average yards per reception among active RBs and FBs, averages 10.7 yards per catch.

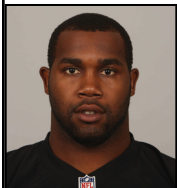
RECEIVING AVERAGE LEADERS AMONG RBs/FBs (SINCE 2009)

Rank	Player	Avg.	Rec.	Yds.
1.	Marcel Reece	10.7	138	1,481
2.	Joique Bell	9.8	105	1,032
3.	Danny Woodhead	9.5	176	1,674
4.	Arian Foster	9.1	189	1,714
5.	Knowshon Moreno	8.9	157	1,401



INDIVIDUAL NOTES

RAIDERS RUSHING HISTORY



With 379 rushing yards in 2013, **RB Darren McFadden** continues to climb up the Raiders' all-time rushing list. Approaching the likes of Pete Banaszak and Marv Hubbard, "D-Mac" has a chance to leave his mark on the franchise's record book. McFadden moved into seventh place in 2013 and is not far off of the top five.

Rank	Player	Yds.	Games	Att.
1.	Marcus Allen	8,545	145	2,090
2.	Mark van Eeghen	5,907	112	1,475
3.	Clem Daniels	5,103	87	1,133
4.	Napoleon Kaufman	4,792	91	978
5.	Marv Hubbard	4,394	90	913
6.	Pete Banaszak	3,772	173	964
7.	Darren McFadden	3,713	67	883
8.	Tyrone Wheatley	3,682	78	914
9.	Clarence Davis	3,640	88	804
10.	Justin Fargas	3,369	92	827

DUAL THREAT

With 17 receptions last season, **RB Darren McFadden** has increased his career total to 175 catches, moving him into fifth place on the team's all-time list for receptions by a running back.

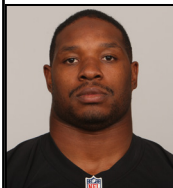
Rank	Player	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs
1.	Marcus Allen	446	4,258	9.5	18
2.	Charlie Garner	211	1,905	9.0	7
3.	Clem Daniels	201	3,291	16.4	24
4.	Hewritt Dixon	190	1,750	9.2	10
5.	Darren McFadden	175	1,557	8.9	5
6.	Harvey Williams	165	1,229	7.4	5
7.	Mark van Eeghen	162	1,467	9.1	3
8.	Charlie Smith	141	1,596	11.3	10
9.	Jon Ritchie	129	1,026	8.0	4
10.	Napoleon Kaufman	127	1,107	8.7	5

CENTURY MARK McFADDEN

RB Darren McFadden has rushed for 100-or-more yards 13 times in his career and the Raiders have posted an 11-2 record in those games. The Raiders have won seven straight games in which McFadden has eclipsed the 100-yard mark, and have not dropped such a decision since Dec. 12, 2010, at Jacksonville.

Date	Opponent	Rushing Yds.	Result
9/14/09	at Kansas City	164	W, 23-8
9/19/10	St. Louis	145	W, 16-14
9/26/10	at Arizona	105	L, 24-23
10/24/10	at Denver	165	W, 59-14
10/31/10	Seattle	111	W, 33-3
12/12/10	at Jacksonville	123	L, 38-31
12/19/10	Denver	119	W, 39-23
9/12/11	at Denver	150	W, 23-20
9/25/11	New York Jets	170	W, 34-24
9/23/12	Pittsburgh	113	W, 34-31
10/28/12	at Kansas City	114	W, 26-16
12/16/12	Kansas City	110	W, 15-0
9/15/13	Jacksonville	129	W, 19-9

TOP 5 RUSHER



Bay Area-native **RB Maurice Jones-Drew** returned back to Northern California this offseason when he signed with the Raiders in March. Among the things he brings to Oakland, "MJD" is fourth on the NFL's active rushing list with 8,071 yards. Jones-Drew is a three-time Pro Bowler and one of the league's most dynamic players. Here is a look at the active rushing list:

Rank	Player	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs
1.	Steven Jackson	2,553	10,681	4.2	62
2.	Adrian Peterson	2,033	10,115	5.0	86
3.	Frank Gore	2,187	9,967	4.6	60
4.	Maurice Jones-Drew	1,804	8,071	4.5	68
5.	Chris Johnson	1,742	7,965	4.6	50
6.	Marshawn Lynch	1,753	7,389	4.2	58
7.	Matt Forte	1,551	6,666	4.3	35
8.	DeAngelo Williams	1,370	6,627	4.8	46
9.	Ray Rice	1,430	6,180	4.3	37
10.	Michael Vick	827	5,857	7.1	36

CENTURY MARK MJD

Like his running back mate, **RB Darren McFadden**, **RB Maurice Jones-Drew** has piled up a lot of 100-yard rushing games. Between the two of them, they have 40 100-yard performances. Below is a look at "MJD's" 100-yard games:

Date	Opponent	Att.	Rushing Yds.
9/24/06	at Indianapolis	13	103
12/10/06	Indianapolis	15	166
12/24/06	New England	19	131
10/14/07	Houston	12	125
11/11/07	at Tennessee	19	101
9/21/08	at Indianapolis	19	107
10/12/08	at Denver	22	125
9/27/09	at Houston	23	119
10/18/09	St. Louis	33	133
11/1/09	at Tennessee	8	177
11/15/09	at New York Jets	24	123
12/17/09	Indianapolis	27	110
10/3/10	Indianapolis	26	105
10/31/10	at Dallas	27	135
11/14/10	Houston	24	100
11/21/10	Cleveland	23	133
11/28/10	at New York Giants	21	113
12/5/10	at Tennessee	31	186
12/12/10	Oakland	23	101
9/25/11	at Carolina	24	122
10/24/11	Baltimore	30	105
11/13/11	at Indianapolis	25	114
12/15/11	at Atlanta	17	112
12/24/11	at Tennessee	24	103
1/1/12	Indianapolis	25	169
9/23/12	at Indianapolis	28	177
12/5/13	Houston	14	103



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CLIMBING THE RANKS

RB **Maurice Jones-Drew** is tied for 30th in NFL history with 68 rushing touchdowns and ranks 45th with 8,071 rushing yards. Jones-Drew will look to move up in both the following categories in 2014:

ALL-TIME RUSHING YARDS

Rank	Player	Yds.	Games
43.	Larry Csonka (1968-79)	8,081	146
44.	Freeman McNeil (1981-92)	8,074	144
45.	Maurice Jones-Drew (2006-13)	8,071	114
46.	Stephen Davis (1996-2006)	8,052	143
47.	Garrison Hearst (1993-2004)	7,966	126

ALL-TIME RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS

Rank	Player	TDs	Games
30t.	Thomas Jones (2000-11)	68	180
30t.	Eddie George (1996-2004)	68	141
30t.	Maurice Jones-Drew (2006-13)	68	114
33t.	Fred Taylor (1998-2010)	66	153
33t.	Michael Turner (2004-12)	66	134
33t.	Ricky Williams (1999-2011)	66	147

TDs FOR MJD

With 81 total touchdowns (68 rushing, 11 receiving, 2 kickoff returns), RB **Maurice Jones-Drew** ranks fourth among active players. He is also second among active players in rushing touchdowns.

TOTAL TOUCHDOWNS (ACTIVE PLAYERS)

Rank	Player	TDs	Games
1.	Adrian Peterson	91	103
2t.	Larry Fitzgerald	87	156
2t.	Antonio Gates	87	163
4.	Maurice Jones-Drew	81	114
5.	Reggie Wayne	80	196

RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS (ACTIVE PLAYERS)

Rank	Player	TDs	Games
1.	Adrian Peterson	86	103
2.	Maurice Jones-Drew	68	114
3.	Willis McGahee	65	142
4.	Steven Jackson	62	143
5.	Frank Gore	60	132

HOLMES BREAKS THROUGH



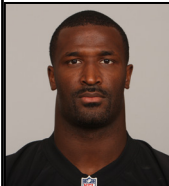
On Thanksgiving Day in Dallas last season, WR **Andre Holmes** had the breakthrough game he had been waiting for since he entered the league in 2011. Against the Cowboys, who Holmes played for from 2011-12, the third-year wide receiver posted 136 yards on seven receptions. Holmes' 136 receiving yards are the most of any Raiders receiver over the last two years and the fourth-best total since 2010.

Here is where his day ranks on the franchise list over the last two years.

SINGLE-GAME RECEIVING LEADERS 2012-13

Date	Opp.	Player	Rec. Yards	Receptions	Avg.
11/28/13	at Dal.	Andre Holmes	136	7	19.4
12/2/12	vs. Cle.	Brandon Myers	130	14	9.3
9/23/13	at Den.	Denarius Moore	124	6	20.7

TOUCHDOWN MACHINE



San Jose-native WR **James Jones** joined the Raiders this past offseason, giving the team another threat in the passing game. Since 2012, Jones has totaled 17 touchdown receptions, which is good for tied for eighth in the league over that time span. In 2012, Jones led the NFL in touchdown catches, posting 14. Here is a look at the receiving touchdowns list since 2012:

RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS (SINCE 2012)

Rank	Player	TDs	Yards
1t.	Dez Bryant	25	2,615
1t.	Jimmy Graham	25	2,197
3t.	Demaryius Thomas	24	2,864
3t.	Eric Decker	24	2,352
5.	Brandon Marshall	23	2,803
6.	A.J. Green	22	2,776
7.	Vernon Davis	18	1,398
8t.	James Jones	17	1,601
8t.	Calvin Johnson	17	3,456

- Jones caught at least five touchdown passes in four consecutive seasons (2009-12).

STREAKING STREATER



From Weeks 11-14 last year, WR **Rod Streater** put together the best four-game stretch of his career. Over those games, Streater hauled in 21 receptions for 364 yards and two TDs. Streater set a career mark on 12/8 at NYJ, posting 130 yards on seven catches and one TD. Rod led the Raiders in 2013 with 60 receptions and 888 receiving yards.

ROD STREATER 2013 WEEKS 11-14

Date	Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs
11/17	at Hou.	6	84	14.0	1
11/24	vs. Ten.	5	93	18.6	0
11/28	at Dal.	3	57	19.0	0
12/8	at NYJ	7	130	18.6	1





INDIVIDUAL NOTES

JANO'S GAME-WINNERS



K Sebastian Janikowski kicked two game-winning field goals in 2012. His 43-yard field goal as time expired against the Steelers on Sept. 23, 2012 marked his 12th career game-winning field goal, and his overtime game-winner against Jacksonville came from 40 yards out and marked the 13th of his career. Below are Janikowski's career game-winning field goals:

Date	Opp.	Dist.	Time Left	Made Score	Final
10/15/00	at KC	43	0:25	20-17	20-17
10/29/00	at SD	24	0:13	15-13	15-13
9/9/01	at KC	31	0:15	27-24	27-24
9/14/03	Cin.	39	0:09	23-20	23-20
9/28/03	SD	46	*5:01	34-31	*34-31
11/7/04	at Car.	19	0:06	27-24	27-24
11/20/05	at Was.	19	1:08	16-13	16-13
10/19/08	NYJ	57	*2:30	16-13	*16-13
11/22/09	Cin.	33	0:15	20-17	20-17
11/7/10	KC	33	*12:07	20-20	*23-20
12/24/11	at KC	36	*12:47	16-13	*16-13
9/23/12	Pit.	43	0:00	34-31	34-31
10/21/12	Jac.	40	*12:54	26-23	26-23

*Denotes overtime

HITTING FROM A DISTANCE

Known for his booming leg, **K Sebastian Janikowski** is in historic company when it comes to long-distance field goals. With eight more field goals over 50 yards, Janikowski will pass Jason Hanson's mark of 52.

Rank	Player	NFL Seasons	50+ FGs
1.	Jason Hanson	21	52
2.	Sebastian Janikowski	14	45
3.	John Kasay	20	42
4.	Morten Andersen	25	40
5.	Jason Elam	17	39



HITTING FROM A DISTANCE

Moving up the all-time games played list for a franchise as historic as the Raiders takes longevity, and **K Sebastian Janikowski** has it. This season, Janikowski moved into second place on the all-time list, and will eventually pass Tim Brown for sole possession of first place some time in 2015. Here is where Janikowski ranks on the Raiders' all-time games played list:

Rank	Player	Years	Games
1.	Tim Brown	1988-2003	240
2.	Sebastian Janikowski	2000-13	220
3.	Gene Upshaw	1967-81	217
4.	Jim Otto	1960-74	210

PUNTING KING



In his first season as the Raiders' punter, **P Marquette King** put up numbers among the NFL's best in both gross and punting yards. With 4,107 punting yards this year, King finished sixth in the league and led the NFL in gross punting with an average of 48.9. Here's how the second-year player from Fort Valley State finished the year:

NFL GROSS PUNTING AVERAGE (2013)

Rank	Player	Avg.	Lg.	TB
1.	Marquette King (Oak.)	48.9	66	11
2.	Brandon Fields (Mia.)	48.8	66	7
3.	Andy Lee (SF)	48.2	62	9
4.	Brad Nortman (Car.)	47.8	72	5
5.	Shane Lechler (Hou.)	47.6	65	7

NFL PUNTING YARDS (2013)

Rank	Player	Yds.	Lg.	TB
1.	Bryan Anger (Jac.)	4,338	61	8
2.	Steve Weatherford (NYG)	4,271	68	7
3.	Shane Lechler (Hou.)	4,189	65	7
4.	Brandon Fields (Mia.)	4,150	74	4
5.	Sam Koch (Bal.)	4,138	69	9
6.	Marquette King (Oak.)	4,107	66	11





DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

WR	18 Andre Holmes	89 James Jones	17 Denarius Moore	12 Brice Butler	<u>19 Mike Davis</u>
					13 Rahsaan Vaughn
LT	72 Donald Penn	79 Jack Cornell	<u>68 Erle Ladson</u>		
LG	69 Khalif Barnes	<u>66 Gabe Jackson</u>	63 Lamar Mady		
C	61 Stefen Wisniewski	67 Kevin Boothe	74 Jarrod Shaw		
RG	77 Austin Howard	70 Tony Bergstrom	62 Emmett Cleary	[76 Lucas Nix]	
RT	71 Menelik Watson	73 Matt McCants	<u>65 Dan Kistler</u>		
TE	86 David Ausberry	81 Mychal Rivera	<u>87 Brian Leonhardt</u>	88 Nick Kasa	<u>82 Jake Murphy</u>
					<u>83 Scott Simonson</u>
WR	80 Rod Streater	15 Greg Little	84 Juron Criner	10 Greg Jenkins	<u>85 Seth Roberts</u>
QB	8 Matt Schaub	<u>4 Derek Carr</u>	14 Matt McGloin	5 Trent Edwards	
RB	21 Maurice Jones-Drew	20 Darren McFadden	28 Latavius Murray	32 Jeremy Stewart	30 Kory Sheets
					<u>34 George Atkinson III</u>
FB	45 Marcel Reece	49 Jamize Olawale	<u>40 Karl Williams</u>		

DEFENSE

RE	57 LaMarr Woodley	<u>75 Shelby Harris</u>	58 Ryan Robinson		
DT	94 Antonio Smith	92 Stacy McGee	93 Ricky Lumpkin		
NT	90 Pat Sims	<u>78 Justin Ellis</u>	64 Torell Troup		
LE	91 Justin Tuck	98 C.J. Wilson	99 Jack Crawford	<u>96 Denico Autry</u>	
WLB	55 Sio Moore	56 Miles Burris	<u>44 Carlos Fields</u>		
MLB	53 Nick Roach	50 Kaluka Maiava	<u>47 Bojay Filimoeatu</u>	54 Marshall McFadden	
SLB	<u>52 Khalil Mack</u>	95 Kaelin Burnett	46 Justin Cole		
RCB	23 Tarell Brown	35 Chimdi Chekwa	31 Neiko Thorpe	<u>39 Keith McGill</u>	37 Chance Casey
LCB	27 Carlos Rogers	[25 DJ Hayden]	<u>38 TJ Carrie</u>	22 Taiwan Jones	<u>43 Jansen Watson</u>
FS	24 Charles Woodson	29 Brandian Ross	<u>36 Jeremy Deering</u>		
SS	33 Tyvon Branch	[26 Usama Young]	<u>41 Jonathan Dowling</u>	42 Shelton Johnson	

SPECIAL TEAMS

P	7 Marquette King	<u>6 Michael Palardy</u>			
K	11 Sebastian Janikowski	<u>6 Michael Palardy</u>			
H	7 Marquette King				
LS	59 Jon Condo	61 Stefen Wisniewski	87 Brian Leonhardt		
KR	22 Taiwan Jones	20 Darren McFadden	28 Latavius Murray	<u>34 George Atkinson III</u>	30 Kory Sheets
PR	<u>38 TJ Carrie</u>	17 Denarius Moore	10 Greg Jenkins	<u>19 Mike Davis</u>	30 Kory Sheets

Underline: Rookie

[Brackets]: Injured

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96 Denico Autry duh-KNEE-co	88 Nick Kasa CAH-suh	49 Jamize Olawale juh-MAZE oh-lah-WALL-ee
69 Khalif Barnes kuh-LEEF	65 Dan Kistler KIST-ler	81 Mychal Rivera MIKE-uhl
67 Kevin Boothe BOOTH	68 Erle Ladson EARL	29 Brandian Ross BRAN-don
33 Tyvon Branch ty-VAHN	89 Brian Leonhardt ... LEE-in-hart	8 Matt Schaub SHOB
23 Tarell Brown tuh-RELL	52 Khalil Mack KAH-leel	80 Rod Streater STREET-er
95 Kaelin Burnett KAY-linn	63 Lamar Mady MAY-dee	31 Neiko Thorpe KNEE-co
35 Chimdi Chekwa CHIM-dee CHECK-wah	50 Kaluka Maiava kuh-LOO-kuh my-AH-vah	64 Torell Troup tuh-RELL
84 Juron Criner jurr-AHN CRY-ner	17 Denarius Moore ... den-AIR-ee-us	13 Rahsaan Vaughn .. RUH-sahn
47 Bojay Filimoeatu ... BO-jay FEE-lee-moy-ah-too	55 Sio Moore SEE-oh	71 Menelik Watson .. MEN-ah-lick
11 Sebastian Janikowski jan-ah-COW-skee	28 Latavius Murray ... lah-TAY-vee-us	61 Stefen Wisniewski . STEFF-en wizz-NEW-skee
		26 Usama Young oo-SAHM-uh



NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	Age	Exp.	School	Hometown	Acq.
4	Derek Carr	QB	6-3	214	03/28/91	23	R	Fresno State	Bakersfield, Calif.	D2-'14
5	Trent Edwards	QB	6-4	230	10/30/83	30	6	Stanford	Los Gatos, Calif.	FA-'14
6	Michael Palardy	K/P	5-11	191	07/06/92	22	R	Tennessee	Coral Springs, Fla.	FA-'14
7	Marquette King	P	6-0	190	10/26/88	25	3	Fort Valley State	Macon, Ga.	FA-'12
8	Matt Schaub	QB	6-6	235	06/25/81	33	11	Virginia	West Chester, Pa.	TR-'14 (Hou.)
10	Greg Jenkins	WR	6-1	205	08/23/89	24	2	Alabama State	Dade City, Fla.	FA-'13
11	Sebastian Janikowski	K	6-1	260	03/02/78	36	15	Florida State	Daytona Beach, Fla.	D1-'00
12	Brice Butler	WR	6-3	210	01/29/90	24	2	San Diego State	Norcross, Ga.	D7a-'13
13	Rahsaan Vaughn	WR	6-1	190	12/22/90	23	1	Oregon	Oakland, Calif.	FA-'14
14	Matt McGloin	QB	6-1	210	12/02/89	24	2	Penn State	Scranton, Pa.	FA-'13
15	Greg Little	WR	6-2	220	05/30/89	25	4	North Carolina	Durham, N.C.	W-'14 (Cle.)
17	Denarius Moore	WR	6-0	190	12/09/88	25	4	Tennessee	Tatum, Texas	D5-'11
18	Andre Holmes	WR	6-4	210	06/16/88	26	3	Hillsdale	Elk Grove, Ill.	W-'13 (NE)
19	Mike Davis	WR	6-0	189	05/11/92	22	R	Texas	Dallas, Texas	FA-'14
20	Darren McFadden	RB	6-1	218	08/27/87	26	7	Arkansas	North Little Rock, Ark.	D1-'08
21	Maurice Jones-Drew	RB	5-7	210	03/23/85	29	9	UCLA	Antioch, Calif.	UFA-'14 (Jac.)
22	Taiwan Jones	CB	6-0	195	07/26/88	26	4	Eastern Washington	Antioch, Calif.	D4b-'11
23	Tarell Brown	CB	5-11	190	01/06/85	29	8	Texas	Mesquite, Texas	UFA-'14 (SF)
24	Charles Woodson	S	6-1	210	10/07/76	37	17	Michigan	Fremont, Ohio	FA-'13
27	Carlos Rogers	CB	6-0	195	07/02/81	33	10	Auburn	Augusta, Ga.	FA-'14
28	Lataavius Murray	RB	6-3	225	01/18/90	24	2	UCF	Nedrow, N.Y.	D6b-'13
29	Brandian Ross	S	6-1	190	09/28/89	24	3	Youngstown State	Meadowbrook, Va.	FA-'12
30	Kory Sheets	RB	5-11	208	03/31/85	29	3	Purdue	Manchester, Conn.	FA-'14
31	Neiko Thorpe	CB	6-1	200	02/01/90	24	2	Auburn	Tucker, Ga.	FA-'14
32	Jeremy Stewart	RB	5-11	215	02/17/89	23	3	Stanford	Baton Rouge, La.	FA-'12
33	Tyvon Branch	S	6-0	210	12/11/86	27	7	Connecticut	Cicero, N.Y.	D4-'08
34	George Atkinson III	RB	6-1	218	11/29/92	21	R	Notre Dame	Stockton, Calif.	FA-'14
35	Chimdi Chekwa	CB	6-0	190	01/07/88	26	3	Ohio State	Clermont, Fla.	D4a-'11
36	Jeremy Deering	S	6-1	209	08/12/90	23	R	Rutgers	Tampa, Fla.	FA-'14
37	Chance Casey	CB	5-11	190	03/11/91	23	1	Baylor	Crosby, Texas	FA-'13
38	TJ Carrie	CB	6-0	204	07/28/90	24	R	Ohio	Antioch, Calif.	D7a-'14
39	Keith McGill	CB	6-3	211	03/09/89	25	R	Utah	La Mirada, Calif.	D4b-'14
40	Karl Williams	FB	6-0	244	07/17/90	24	R	Utah	Layton, Utah	FA-'14
41	Jonathan Dowling	S	6-3	190	12/08/91	22	R	Western Kentucky	Bradenton, Fla.	D7c-'14
42	Shelton Johnson	S	6-0	195	07/16/90	24	1	Wisconsin	Carrollton, Texas	FA-'13
43	Jansen Watson	CB	5-9	177	09/14/90	23	R	Iowa State	Kissimmee, Fla.	FA-'14
44	Carlos Fields	LB	6-1	238	10/03/90	23	R	Winston-Salem State	Henderson, N.C.	FA-'14
45	Marcel Reece	FB	6-1	250	06/23/85	29	5	Washington	Inglewood, Calif.	FA-'08
46	Justin Cole	LB	6-3	243	11/22/87	26	4	San Jose State	Pasadena, Calif.	FA-'14
47	Bojaj Filimoeatu	LB	6-2	250	12/06/89	24	R	Utah State	West Valley City, Utah	FA-'14
49	Jamize Olawale	FB/RB	6-1	235	04/17/89	25	2	North Texas	Long Beach, Calif.	FA-'12
50	Kaluka Maiava	LB	6-0	230	12/27/86	27	6	USC	Wailuku, Hawaii	UFA-'13 (Cle.)
52	Khalil Mack	LB	6-3	252	02/22/91	23	R	Buffalo	Fort Pierce, Fla.	D1-'14
53	Nick Roach	LB	6-1	235	06/16/85	29	8	Northwestern	Milwaukee, Wisc.	UFA-'13 (Chi.)
54	Marshall McFadden	LB	6-1	235	08/04/86	27	1	South Carolina State	Lamar, S.C.	FA-'13
55	Sio Moore	LB	6-1	240	05/02/90	24	2	Connecticut	Cary, N.C.	D3-'13
56	Miles Burris	LB	6-2	235	06/27/88	26	3	San Diego State	Granite Bay, Calif.	D4-'12
57	LaMarr Woodley	DE	6-2	265	11/03/84	29	8	Michigan	Saginaw, Mich.	FA-'14
58	Ryan Robinson	DE	6-4	255	12/09/90	23	2	Oklahoma State	Buford, Ga.	FA-'13
59	Jon Condo	LG	6-3	240	08/26/81	32	8	Maryland	Philipsburg, Pa.	FA-'06
61	Stefen Wisniewski	C/G	6-3	315	03/22/89	25	4	Penn State	Pittsburgh, Pa.	D2-'11
62	Emmett Cleary	T	6-7	324	04/27/90	24	1	Boston College	Arlington Heights, Ill.	W-'14 (TB)
63	Lamar Mady	G	6-2	315	12/13/90	23	2	Youngstown State	Topeka, Kan.	FA-'13
64	Torell Troup	DT	6-3	320	06/23/88	26	4	UCF	Conyers, Ga.	FA-'14
65	Dan Kistler	T	6-7	315	03/30/91	23	R	Montana	Seattle, Wash.	FA-'14
66	Gabe Jackson	G	6-3	336	07/12/91	23	R	Mississippi State	Liberty, Miss.	D3-'14
67	Kevin Boothe	G	6-5	325	07/05/83	31	9	Cornell	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	UFA-'14 (NYG)
68	Erle Ladson	T	6-6	346	11/27/91	22	R	Delaware	Bronx, N.Y.	FA-'14
69	Khalif Barnes	T/G	6-6	320	04/21/82	32	10	Washington	Spring Valley, Calif.	UFA-'09 (Jac.)
70	Tony Bergstrom	G	6-5	315	08/06/86	27	3	Utah	Salt Lake City, Utah	D3-'12
71	Menelik Watson	T	6-5	315	12/22/88	25	2	Florida State	Manchester, England	D2-'13
72	Donald Penn	T	6-4	330	04/27/83	31	9	Utah State	Inglewood, Calif.	FA-'14
73	Matt McCants	T	6-6	310	08/18/89	24	2	UAB	Mobile, Ala.	FA-'13
74	Jarrod Shaw	OL	6-4	315	01/07/88	26	2	Tennessee	Lafayette, La.	FA-'14
75	Shelby Harris	DE	6-2	288	08/11/91	22	R	Illinois State	Milwaukee, Wisc.	D7b-'14
77	Austin Howard	G/T	6-7	330	03/22/87	27	5	Northern Iowa	Davenport, Iowa	UFA-'14 (NYJ)
78	Justin Ellis	DT	6-2	334	12/27/90	23	R	Louisiana Tech	Monroe, La.	D4a-'14
79	Jack Cornell	T	6-5	300	06/04/89	25	1	Illinois	Quincy, Ill.	FA-'13
80	Rod Streater	WR	6-3	195	02/09/88	26	3	Temple	Burlington, N.J.	FA-'12
81	Mychal Rivera	TE	6-3	245	09/08/90	23	2	Tennessee	Valencia, Calif.	D6c-'13
82	Jake Murphy	TE	6-4	249	09/21/89	24	R	Utah	Alpine, Utah	FA-'14
83	Scott Simonson	TE	6-5	249	04/13/92	22	R	Assumption	Red Bank, N.J.	FA-'14
84	Juron Criner	WR	6-3	220	12/12/89	24	3	Arizona	Las Vegas, Nev.	D5b-'12
85	Seth Roberts	WR	6-2	196	02/22/91	23	R	West Alabama	Moultrie, Ga.	FA-'14
86	David Ausberry	TE	6-4	250	09/25/87	26	4	USC	Lemoore, Calif.	D7-'11
87	Brian Leonhardt	TE	6-5	255	04/02/90	24	1	Bemidji State	Blaine, Minn.	FA-'13
88	Nick Kasa	TE	6-6	265	11/05/90	23	2	Colorado	Thornton, Colo.	D6a-'13
89	James Jones	WR	6-1	200	03/31/84	30	8	San Jose State	San Jose, Calif.	UFA-'14 (GB)
90	Pat Sims	DT	6-2	310	11/29/85	28	7	Auburn	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	UFA-'13 (Cin.)
91	Justin Tuck	DE	6-5	265	03/29/83	31	10	Notre Dame	Kellyton, Ala.	UFA-'14 (NYG)
92	Stacy McGee	DT	6-3	310	01/17/90	24	2	Oklahoma	Muskogee, Okla.	D6d-'13
93	Ricky Lumpkin	DT	6-4	300	09/07/88	25	1	Kentucky	Mount Holly, N.J.	FA-'13
94	Antonio Smith	DL	6-3	290	10/21/81	32	10	Oklahoma State	Oklahoma City, Okla.	UFA-'14 (Hou.)
95	Kaelin Burnett	LB	6-4	240	09/06/89	24	3	Nevada	Lakewood, Calif.	FA-'12
96	Denico Autry	DE	6-5	273	07/15/90	24	R	Mississippi State	Albemarle, N.C.	FA-'14
98	C.J. Wilson	DL	6-3	300	03/30/87	27	5	East Carolina	Pinetown, N.C.	UFA-'14 (GB)
99	Jack Crawford	DE	6-5	275	09/07/88	25	3	Penn State	London, England	D5a-'12

Physically Unable to Perform

25	DJ Hayden	CB	5-11	190	06/27/90	24	2	Houston	Houston, Texas	D1-'13
26	Usama Young	S	5-11	195	05/08/85	29	8	Kent State	Largo, Md.	FA-'13
76	Lucas Nix	G	6-5	325	09/28/89	24	3	Pittsburgh	Jefferson Hills, Pa.	FA-'12

As of August 4, 2014



ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	Age	Exp.	School	Hometown	Acq.
34	Atkinson III, George	RB	6-1	218	11/29/92	21	R	Notre Dame	Stockton, Calif.	FA-'14
86	Ausberry, David	TE	6-4	250	09/25/87	26	4	USC	Lemoore, Calif.	D7-'11
96	Autry, Denico	DE	6-5	273	07/15/90	24	R	Mississippi State	Albamarle, N.C.	FA-'14
69	Barnes, Khalif	T/G	6-6	320	04/21/82	32	10	Washington	Spring Valley, Calif.	UFA-'09 (Jac.)
70	Bergstrom, Tony	G	6-5	315	08/06/86	27	3	Utah	Salt Lake City, Utah	D3-'12
67	Boothe, Kevin	G	6-5	325	07/05/83	31	9	Cornell	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	UFA-'14 (NYG)
33	Branch, Tyvon	S	6-0	210	12/11/86	27	7	Connecticut	Cicero, N.Y.	D4-'08
23	Brown, Tarell	CB	5-11	190	01/06/85	29	8	Texas	Mesquite, Texas	UFA-'14 (SF)
95	Burnett, Kaelin	LB	6-4	240	09/06/89	24	3	Nevada	Lakewood, Calif.	FA-'12
56	Burris, Miles	LB	6-2	235	06/27/88	26	3	San Diego State	Granite Bay, Calif.	D4-'12
12	Butler, Brice	WR	6-3	210	01/29/90	24	2	San Diego State	Norcross, Ga.	D7a-'13
4	Carr, Derek	QB	6-3	214	03/28/91	23	R	Fresno State	Bakersfield, Calif.	D2-'14
38	Carrie, TJ	CB	6-0	204	07/28/90	24	R	Ohio	Antioch, Calif.	D7a-'14
37	Casey, Chance	CB	5-11	190	03/11/91	23	1	Baylor	Crosby, Texas	FA-'13
35	Chekwa, Chimdi	CB	6-0	190	01/07/88	26	3	Ohio State	Clermont, Fla.	D4a-'11
62	Clearly, Emmett	T	6-7	324	04/27/90	24	1	Boston College	Arlington Heights, Ill.	W-'14 (TB)
46	Cole, Justin	LB	6-3	240	11/22/87	26	4	San Jose State	Pasadena, Calif.	FA-'14
59	Condo, Jon	LS	6-3	240	08/26/81	32	8	Maryland	Philipsburg, Pa.	FA-'06
79	Cornell, Jack	T	6-5	300	06/04/89	25	1	Illinois	Quincy, Ill.	FA-'13
99	Crawford, Jack	DE	6-5	275	09/07/88	25	3	Penn State	London, England	D5a-'12
84	Criner, Juron	WR	6-3	220	12/12/89	24	3	Arizona	Las Vegas, Nev.	D5b-'12
19	Davis, Mike	WR	6-0	189	05/11/92	22	R	Texas	Dallas, Texas	FA-'14
36	Deering, Jeremy	S	6-1	209	08/12/90	23	R	Rutgers	Tampa, Fla.	FA-'14
41	Dowling, Jonathan	S	6-3	190	12/08/91	22	R	Western Kentucky	Bradenton, Fla.	D7c-'14
5	Edwards, Trent	QB	6-4	230	10/30/83	30	6	Stanford	Los Gatos, Calif.	FA-'14
78	Ellis, Justin	DT	6-2	334	12/27/90	23	R	Louisiana Tech	Monroe, La.	D4a-'14
44	Fields, Carlos	LB	6-1	238	10/03/90	23	R	Winston-Salem State	Henderson, N.C.	FA-'14
47	Filimoeatu, Bojay	LB	6-2	250	12/06/89	24	R	Utah State	West Valley City, Utah	FA-'14
75	Harris, Shelby	DE	6-2	288	08/11/91	22	R	Illinois State	Milwaukee, Wisc.	D7b-'14
18	Holmes, Andre	WR	6-4	210	06/16/88	26	3	Hillsdale	Elk Grove, Ill.	W-'13 (NE)
77	Howard, Austin	G/T	6-7	330	03/22/87	27	5	Northern Iowa	Davenport, Iowa	UFA-'14 (NYJ)
66	Jackson, Gabe	G	6-3	336	07/12/91	23	R	Mississippi State	Liberty, Miss.	D3-'14
11	Janikowski, Sebastian	K	6-1	260	03/02/78	36	15	Florida State	Daytona Beach, Fla.	D1-'00
10	Jenkins, Greg	WR	6-1	205	08/23/89	24	2	Alabama State	Dade City, Fla.	FA-'13
42	Johnson, Shelton	S	6-0	195	07/16/90	24	1	Wisconsin	Carrollton, Texas	FA-'13
89	Jones, James	WR	6-1	200	03/31/84	30	8	San Jose State	San Jose, Calif.	UFA-'14 (GB)
22	Jones, Taiwan	CB	6-0	195	07/26/88	26	4	Eastern Washington	Antioch, Calif.	D4b-'11
21	Jones-Drew, Maurice	RB	5-7	210	03/23/85	29	9	UCLA	Antioch, Calif.	UFA-'14 (Jac.)
88	Kasa, Nick	TE	6-6	265	11/05/90	23	2	Colorado	Thornton, Colo.	D6a-'13
7	King, Marquette	P	6-0	190	10/26/88	25	3	Fort Valley State	Macon, Ga.	FA-'12
65	Kistler, Dan	T	6-7	315	03/30/91	23	R	Montana	Seattle, Wash.	FA-'14
68	Ladson, Erle	T	6-6	346	11/27/91	22	R	Delaware	Bronx, N.Y.	FA-'14
87	Leonhardt, Brian	TE	6-5	255	04/02/90	24	1	Bemidji State	Blaine, Minn.	FA-'13
15	Little, Greg	WR	6-2	220	05/30/89	25	4	Durham, N.C.	Durham, N.C.	W-'14 (Cle.)
93	Lumpkin, Ricky	DT	6-4	300	09/07/88	25	1	Kentucky	Mount Holly, N.J.	FA-'13
52	Mack, Khalil	LB	6-3	252	02/22/91	23	R	Buffalo	Fort Pierce, Fla.	D1-'14
63	Mady, Lamar	G	6-2	315	12/13/90	23	2	Youngstown State	Topeka, Kan.	FA-'13
50	Maiava, Kaluka	LB	6-0	230	12/27/86	27	6	USC	Wailuku, Hawaii	UFA-'13 (Cle.)
73	McCants, Matt	T	6-6	310	08/18/89	24	2	UAB	Mobile, Ala.	FA-'13
20	McFadden, Darren	RB	6-1	218	08/27/87	26	7	Arkansas	North Little Rock, Ark.	D1-'08
54	McFadden, Marshall	LB	6-1	235	08/04/86	27	1	South Carolina State	Lamar, S.C.	FA-'13
92	McGee, Stacy	DT	6-3	310	01/17/90	24	2	Oklahoma	Muskogee, Okla.	D6d-'13
39	McGill, Keith	CB	6-3	211	03/09/89	25	R	Utah	La Mirada, Calif.	D4b-'14
14	McGloin, Matt	QB	6-1	210	12/02/89	24	2	Penn State	Scranton, Pa.	FA-'13
17	Moore, Denarius	WR	6-0	190	12/09/88	25	4	Tennessee	Tatum, Texas	D5-'11
55	Moore, Sio	LB	6-1	240	05/02/90	24	2	Connecticut	Cary, N.C.	D3-'13
82	Murphy, Jake	TE	6-4	249	09/21/89	24	R	Utah	Alpine, Utah	FA-'14
28	Murray, Latavius	RB	6-3	225	01/18/90	24	2	UCF	Nedrow, N.Y.	D6b-'13
49	Olawale, Jamize	FB/RB	6-1	235	04/17/89	25	2	North Texas	Long Beach, Calif.	FA-'12
6	Palardy, Michael	K/P	5-11	191	07/06/92	22	R	Tennessee	Coral Springs, Fla.	FA-'14
72	Penn, Donald	T	6-4	340	04/27/83	31	9	Utah State	Inglewood, Calif.	FA-'14
45	Reece, Marcel	FB	6-1	250	06/23/85	29	5	Washington	Inglewood, Calif.	FA-'08
81	Rivera, Mychal	TE	6-3	245	09/08/90	23	2	Tennessee	Valencia, Calif.	D6c-'13
53	Roach, Nick	LB	6-1	235	06/16/85	29	8	Northwestern	Milwaukee, Wisc.	UFA-'13 (Chi.)
85	Roberts, Seth	WR	6-2	196	02/22/91	23	R	West Alabama	Moultrie, Ga.	FA-'14
58	Robinson, Ryan	DE	6-4	255	12/09/90	23	2	Oklahoma State	Buford, Ga.	FA-'13
27	Rogers, Carlos	CB	6-0	195	07/02/81	33	10	Auburn	Augusta, Ga.	FA-'14
29	Ross, Brandian	S	6-1	190	09/28/89	24	3	Youngstown State	Meadowbrook, Va.	FA-'12
8	Schaub, Matt	QB	6-6	235	06/25/81	33	11	Virginia	West Chester, Pa.	TR-'14 (Hou.)
74	Shaw, Jarrod	OL	6-4	315	01/07/88	26	2	Tennessee	Lafayette, La.	FA-'14
30	Sheets, Kory	RB	5-11	208	03/31/85	29	3	Purdue	Manchester, Conn.	FA-'14
83	Simonson, Scott	TE	6-5	249	04/13/92	22	R	Assumption	Red Bank, N.J.	FA-'14
90	Sims, Pat	DT	6-2	310	11/29/85	28	6	Auburn	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.	UFA-'13 (Cin.)
94	Smith, Antonio	DL	6-3	290	10/21/81	32	10	Oklahoma State	Oklahoma City, Okla.	UFA-'14 (Hou.)
32	Stewart, Jeremy	RB	5-11	215	02/17/89	23	3	Stanford	Baton Rouge, La.	FA-'12
80	Streater, Rod	WR	6-3	195	02/09/88	26	3	Temple	Burlington, N.J.	FA-'12
31	Thorpe, Neiko	CB	6-1	200	02/01/90	24	2	Auburn	Tucker, Ga.	FA-'14
64	Troup, Torell	DT	6-3	320	06/23/88	26	4	UCF	Conyers, Ga.	FA-'14
91	Tuck, Justin	DE	6-5	265	03/29/83	31	10	Notre Dame	Kellyton, Ala.	UFA-'14 (NYG)
13	Vaughn, Rahsaan	WR	6-1	190	12/22/90	23	1	Oregon	Oakland, Calif.	FA-'14
43	Watson, Jansen	CB	5-9	177	09/14/90	23	R	Iowa State	Kissimmee, Fla.	FA-'14
71	Watson, Menelik	T	6-5	315	12/22/88	25	2	Florida State	Manchester, England	D2-'13
40	Williams, Karl	FB	6-0	244	07/17/90	24	R	Utah	Layton, Utah	FA-'14
98	Wilson, C.J.	DL	6-3	300	03/30/87	27	5	East Carolina	Pinetown, N.C.	UFA-'14 (GB)
61	Wisniewski, Stefan	C/G	6-3	315	03/22/89	25	4	Penn State	Pittsburgh, Pa.	D2-'11
57	Woodley, LaMarr	DE	6-2	265	11/03/84	29	8	Michigan	Saginaw, Mich.	FA-'14
24	Woodson, Charles	S	6-1	210	10/07/76	37	17	Michigan	Fremont, Ohio	FA-'13

Physically Unable to Perform

25	Hayden, DJ	CB	5-11	190	06/27/90	24	2	Houston	Houston, Texas	D1-'13
76	Nix, Lucas	G	6-5	325	09/28/89	24	3	Pittsburgh	Jefferson Hills, Pa.	FA-'12
26	Young, Usama	S	5-11	195	05/08/85	29	8	Kent State	Largo, Md.	FA-'13

As of August 4, 2014



POSITIONAL ROSTER

OFFENSE

OFFENSIVE LINE

61	Stefen Wisniewski.....	C/G
62	Emmett Cleary.....	T
63	Lamar Mady.....	G
65	Dan Kistler.....	T
66	Gabe Jackson.....	G
67	Kevin Boothe.....	G
68	Erle Ladson.....	T
69	Khalif Barnes.....	T/G
70	Tony Bergstrom.....	G
71	Menelik Watson.....	T
72	Donald Penn.....	T
73	Matt McCants.....	T
74	Jarrold Shaw.....	OL
77	Austin Howard.....	G/T
79	Jack Cornell.....	T

QUARTERBACKS

4	Derek Carr.....	QB
5	Trent Edwards.....	QB
8	Matt Schaub.....	QB
14	Matt McGloin.....	QB

RUNNING BACKS

20	Darren McFadden.....	RB
21	Maurice Jones-Drew.....	RB
28	Latavius Murray.....	RB
30	Kory Sheets.....	RB
32	Jeremy Stewart.....	RB
34	George Atkinson III.....	RB
40	Karl Williams.....	FB
45	Marcel Reece.....	FB
49	Jamize Olawale.....	FB/RB

TIGHT ENDS

81	Mychal Rivera.....	TE
82	Jake Murphy.....	TE
83	Scott Simonson.....	TE
86	David Ausberry.....	TE
87	Brian Leonhardt.....	TE
88	Nick Kasa.....	TE

WIDE RECEIVERS

10	Greg Jenkins.....	WR
12	Brice Butler.....	WR
13	Rahsaan Vaughn.....	WR
15	Greg Little.....	WR
17	Denarius Moore.....	WR
18	Andre Holmes.....	WR
19	Mike Davis.....	WR
80	Rod Streater.....	WR
84	Juron Criner.....	WR
85	Seth Roberts.....	WR
89	James Jones.....	WR

DEFENSE

DEFENSIVE LINE

57	LaMarr Woodley.....	DE
58	Ryan Robinson.....	DE
64	Torell Troup.....	DT
75	Shelby Harris.....	DE
78	Justin Ellis.....	DT
90	Pat Sims.....	DT
91	Justin Tuck.....	DE
92	Stacy McGee.....	DT
93	Ricky Lumpkin.....	DT
94	Antonio Smith.....	DL
96	Denico Autry.....	DE
98	C.J. Wilson.....	DL
99	Jack Crawford.....	DE

LINEBACKERS

44	Carlos Fields.....	LB
46	Justin Cole.....	LB
47	Bojay Filimoeatu.....	LB
50	Kaluka Maiava.....	LB
52	Khalil Mack.....	LB
53	Nick Roach.....	LB
54	Marshall McFadden.....	LB
55	Sio Moore.....	LB
56	Miles Burris.....	LB
95	Kaelin Burnett.....	LB

SECONDARY

22	Taiwan Jones.....	CB
23	Tarell Brown.....	CB
24	Charles Woodson.....	S
27	Carlos Rogers.....	CB
29	Brandian Ross.....	S
31	Neiko Thorpe.....	CB
33	Tyvon Branch.....	S
35	Chimdi Chekwa.....	CB
36	Jeremy Deering.....	S
37	Chance Casey.....	CB
38	TJ Carrie.....	CB
39	Keith McGill.....	CB
41	Jonathan Dowling.....	S
42	Shelton Johnson.....	S
43	Jansen Watson.....	CB

SPECIALISTS

6	Michael Palardy.....	K/P
7	Marquette King.....	P
11	Sebastian Janikowski.....	K
59	Jon Condo.....	LS

PHYSICALLY UNABLE TO PERFORM

25	DJ Hayden.....	CB
26	Usama Young.....	S
76	Lucas Nix.....	G



HOW THE RAIDERS WERE BUILT

<u>Year</u> 2014	<u>Record</u> (0-0)	<u>Draft (28)</u> LB Khalil Mack (1) QB Derek Carr (2) G Gabe Jackson (3) DT Justin Ellis (4a) CB Keith McGill (4b) CB TJ Carrie (7a) DE Shelby Harris (7b) S Jonathan Dowling (7c)	<u>Free Agents (58)</u> RB George Atkinson III DE Denico Autry G Kevin Boothe (UFA - NYG) CB Tarell Brown (UFA - SF) LB Justin Cole WR Mike Davis S Jeremy Deering QB Trent Edwards LB Carlos Fields LB Bojay Filimoeatu G/T Austin Howard (UFA - NYJ) WR James Jones (UFA - GB) RB Maurice Jones-Drew (UFA- Jac.) T Dan Kistler T Erle Ladson TE Jake Murphy K/P Michael Palardy T Donald Penn WR Seth Roberts CB Carlos Rogers OL Jarrod Shaw RB Kory Sheets TE Scott Simonson DL Antonio Smith (UFA - Hou.) CB Neiko Thorpe DT Torell Troup DE Justin Tuck (UFA - NYG) WR Rahsaan Vaughn CB Jansen Watson FB Karl Williams DL C.J. Wilson (UFA - GB) DE LaMarr Woodley	<u>Trades/Waivers (4)</u> T Emmett Cleary (W-TB) WR Greg Little (W-Cle.) QB Matt Schaub (TR-Hou.)
2013	4-12	CB DJ Hayden (1) T Menelik Watson (2) LB Sio Moore (3) TE Nick Kasa (6a) TE Mychal Rivera (6c) RB Latavius Murray (6b) DT Stacy McGee (6d) WR Brice Butler (7a)	CB Chance Casey T Jack Cornell WR Greg Jenkins S Shelton Johnson TE Brian Leonhardt DT Ricky Lumpkin G Lamar Mady LB Kaluka Maiava (UFA - Cle.) T Matt McCants LB Marshall McFadden QB Matt McGloin LB Nick Roach (UFA - Chi.) DE Ryan Robinson DT Pat Sims (UFA - Cin.) S Charles Woodson S Usama Young	WR Andre Holmes (W-NE)
2012	4-12	G Tony Bergstrom (3) LB Miles Burris (4) DE Jack Crawford (5a) WR Juron Criner (5b)	LB Kaelin Burnett P Marquette King G Lucas Nix FB/RB Jamize Olawale S Brandian Ross RB Jeremy Stewart WR Rod Streater	
2011	8-8	C/G Stafen Wisniewski (2) CB Chimdi Chekwa (4a) CB Taiwan Jones (4b) WR Denarius Moore (5) TE David Ausberry (7)		
2009	5-11		T/G Khalif Barnes (UFA - Jac.)	
2008	5-11	RB Darren McFadden (1) S Tyvon Branch (4)	FB Marcel Reece	
2006	2-14		LS Jon Condo	
2000	12-4	K Sebastian Janikowski (1)		



2014 TRANSACTIONS

Date	Player	Transaction
Dec. 30, 2013	CB Johnny Adams	Signed as Reserve/Future FA
Dec. 30, 2013	T Jack Cornell	Signed as Reserve/Future FA
Dec. 30, 2013	WR Jared Green	Signed as Reserve/Future FA
Dec. 30, 2013	LB Eric Harper	Signed as Reserve/Future FA
Dec. 30, 2013	TE Brian Leonhardt	Signed as Reserve/Future FA
Dec. 30, 2013	DE Chris McCoy	Signed as Reserve/Future FA
Dec. 31, 2013	LB Justin Cole	Signed as Reserve/Future FA
Jan. 2	DT David Carter	Signed as Reserve/Future FA
Jan. 2	QB Trent Edwards	Signed as Reserve/Future FA
Jan. 2	DT Torell Troup	Signed as Reserve/Future FA
Jan. 13	LB Frank Beltre	Signed as Reserve/Future FA
Jan. 13	OL Jarrod Shaw	Signed as Reserve/Future FA
Jan. 13	CB Neiko Thorpe	Signed as Reserve/Future FA
Jan. 14	S Tony Dye	Signed as Reserve/Future FA
Feb. 12	RB Kory Sheets	Signed as FA
March 12	G/T Austin Howard	Signed as Unrestricted FA (NYJ)
March 13	DE Justin Tuck	Signed as Unrestricted FA (NYG)
March 13	DE LaMarr Woodley	Signed as FA
March 14	CB Tarell Brown	Signed as Unrestricted FA (SF)
March 14	DL Antonio Smith	Signed as Unrestricted FA (Hou.)
March 15	RB Darren McFadden	Re-signed as FA
March 17	WR James Jones	Signed as Unrestricted FA (GB)
March 17	G Kevin Boothe	Signed as Unrestricted FA (NYG)
March 19	S Usama Young	Re-signed as FA
March 19	T Donald Penn	Signed as FA
March 21	S Charles Woodson	Re-signed as FA
March 21	QB Matt Schaub	Acquired via Trade (Hou.)
March 25	FB/RB Jamize Olawale	Re-signed as Exclusive Rights FA
March 28	RB Maurice Jones-Drew	Signed as Unrestricted FA (Jac.)
March 28	DL C.J. Wilson	Signed as Unrestricted FA (GB)
March 28	DT Pat Sims	Re-signed as FA
March 31	CB Carlos Rogers	Signed as FA
April 1	G Mike Brisiel	Released
April 2	RB Jeremy Stewart	Re-signed as Exclusive Rights FA
April 4	K Daniel Zychlinksi	Signed as FA
April 17	LB Kaelin Burnett	Re-signed as Exclusive Rights FA
April 18	T Matt McCants	Re-signed as Exclusive Rights FA
April 21	S Brandian Ross	Re-signed as Exclusive Rights FA
May 14	S Tony Dye	Waived
May 14	LB Eric Harper	Waived
May 14	DE Chris McCoy	Waived
May 16	RB George Atkinson III	Signed as FA
May 16	WR D.J. Coles	Signed as FA
May 16	WR Mike Davis	Signed as FA
May 16	LB Carlos Fields	Signed as FA
May 16	WR Noel Grigsby	Signed as FA
May 16	T Dan Kistler	Signed as FA
May 16	T Erle Ladson	Signed as FA
May 16	TE Jake Murphy	Signed as FA
May 16	WR Seth Roberts	Signed as FA
May 16	TE Scott Simonson	Signed as FA
May 16	FB Karl Williams	Signed as FA
May 19	LB Bojay Filimoeatu	Signed as FA
May 19	CB Jansen Watson	Signed as FA
May 19	CB Johnny Adams	Waived
May 19	LB Frank Beltre	Waived
May 19	WR D.J. Coles	Waived
May 19	WR Greg Little	Claimed via Waivers (Cle.)
May 20	DE Denico Autry	Signed as FA
May 20	DE David Carter	Waived
June 5	WR David Gilreath	Signed as FA
June 5	K/P Michael Palardy	Signed as FA
June 5	WR Rahsaan Vaughn	Signed as FA
June 5	WR Jared Green	Waived
June 5	WR Noel Grigsby	Waived
June 5	P Daniel Zychlinksi	Waived

Date	Player	Transaction
June 18	T Emmett Cleary	Claimed via Waivers (TB)
July 25	LB Kevin Burnett	Released
July 28	S Jeremy Deering	Signed as FA

By Player

Adams, Johnny - CB

- Signed as Reserve/Future FA (12/30/13)
- Waived (5/19)

Atkinson III, George - RB

- Signed as FA (5/16)

Autry, Denico - DE

- Signed as FA (5/20)

Beltre, Frank - LB

- Signed as Reserve/Future FA (1/13)
- Waived (5/19)

Brisiel, Mike - G

- Released (4/1)

Boothe, Kevin - G

- Signed as Unrestricted FA (3/17)

Brown, Tarell - CB

- Signed as Unrestricted FA (3/14)

Burnett, Kaelin - LB

- Re-signed as Exclusive Rights FA (4/17)

Burnett, Kevin - LB

- Released (7/25)

Carter, David - DT

- Signed as Reserve/Future FA (1/2)
- Waived (5/20)

Cleary, Emmett - T

- Claimed via Waivers (6/18)

Cole, Justin - LB

- Signed as Reserve/Future FA (12/31/13)

Coles, D.J. - WR

- Signed as FA (5/16)
- Waived (5/19)

Cornell, Jack - T

- Signed as Reserve/Future FA (12/30/13)

Davis, Mike - WR

- Signed as FA (5/16)

Deering, Jeremy - S

- Signed as FA (7/28)

Dye, Tony - S

- Signed as Reserve/Future FA (1/14)
- Waived (5/14)

Edwards, Trent - QB

- Signed as Reserve/Future FA (1/2)

Fields, Carlos - LB

- Signed as FA (5/16)

Filimoeatu, Bojay - LB

- Signed as FA (5/19)

Gilreath, David - WR

- Signed as FA (6/5)
- Waived

Green, Jared - WR

- Signed as Reserve/Future FA (12/30/13)
- Waived (6/5)

Grigsby, Noel - WR

- Signed as FA (5/16)
- Waived (6/5)

Harper, Eric - LB

- Signed as Reserve/Future FA (12/30/13)
- Waived (5/14)

Howard, Austin - G/T

- Signed as Unrestricted FA (3/12)



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Jones, James - WR

- Signed as Unrestricted FA (3/17)

Jones-Drew, Maurice - RB

- Signed as Unrestricted FA (3/28)

Kistler, Dan - T

- Signed as FA (5/16)

Ladson, Erle - T

- Signed as FA (5/16)

Leonhardt, Brian - TE

- Signed as Reserve/Future FA (12/30/13)

Little, Greg - WR

- Claimed via Waivers (Cle.)

McCants, Matt - T

- Re-signed as Exclusive Rights FA (4/18)

McCoy, Chris - DE

- Signed as Reserve/Future FA (12/30/13)
- Waived (5/14)

McFadden, Darren - RB

- Re-signed as FA (3/15)

Murphy, Jake - TE

- Signed as FA (5/16)

Olawale, Jamize - FB/RB

- Re-signed as Exclusive Rights FA (3/25)

Palardy, Michael - K/P

- Signed as FA (6/5)

Penn, Donald - T

- Signed as FA (3/19)

Roberts, Seth - WR

- Signed as FA (5/16)

Rogers, Carlos - CB

- Signed as FA (3/31)

Ross, Brandian - S

- Re-signed as Exclusive Rights FA (4/21)

Schaub, Matt - QB

- Acquired via Trade from Houston (3/21)

Shaw, Jarrod - OL

- Signed as Reserve/Future FA (1/13)

Sheets, Kory - RB

- Signed as FA (2/12)

Simonson, Scott - TE

- Signed as FA (5/16)

Sims, Pat - DT

- Re-signed as FA (3/28)

Smith, Antonio - DL

- Signed as Unrestricted FA (3/14)

Stewart, Jeremy - RB

- Re-signed as Exclusive Rights FA (4/2)

Thorpe, Neiko - CB

- Signed as Reserve/Future FA (1/13)

Troup, Torell - DT

- Signed as Reserve/Future FA (1/2)

Tuck, Justin - DE

- Signed as Unrestricted FA (3/13)

Vaughn, Rahsaan - WR

- Signed as FA (6/5)

Watson, Jansen - CB

- Signed as FA (5/19)

Williams, Karl - FB

- Signed as FA (5/16)

Wilson, C.J. - DL

- Signed as Unrestricted FA (3/28)

Woodley, LaMarr - DE

- Signed as FA (3/13)

Woodson, Charles - S

- Re-signed as FA (3/21)

Young, Usama - S

- Re-signed as FA (3/19)

Zychlinksj, Daniel - K

- Signed as FA (4/4)
- Waived (6/5)



2013 STATISTICS

WON 4, LOST 12

09/08 L 17-21	at Indianapolis	65,412
09/15 W 19- 9	Jacksonville	49,400
09/23 L 21-37	at Denver	76,978
09/29 L 14-24	Washington	53,549
10/06 W 27-17	San Diego	48,834
10/13 L 7-24	at Kansas City	76,394
10/27 W 21-18	Pittsburgh	52,950
11/03 L 20-49	Philadelphia	51,751
11/10 L 20-24	at New York Giants	80,366
11/17 W 28-23	at Houston	71,726
11/24 L 19-23	Tennessee	46,001
11/28 L 24-31	at Dallas	87,572
12/08 L 27-37	at New York Jets	76,957
12/15 L 31-56	Kansas City	49,571
12/22 L 13-26	at San Diego	65,675
12/29 L 14-34	Denver	51,500

	Oak.	Opp.
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	275	330
Rushing	90	100
Passing	168	202
Penalty	17	28
3rd Down: Made/Att	78/223	91/211
3rd Down Pct.	35.0	43.1
4th Down: Made/Att	7/12	2/6
4th Down Pct.	58.3	33.3
POSSESSION AVG.	29:54	30:06
TOTAL NET YARDS	5340	5819
Avg. Per Game	333.8	363.7
Total Plays	1000	1029
Avg. Per Play	5.3	5.7
NET YARDS RUSHING	2000	1727
Avg. Per Game	125.0	107.9
Total Rushes	437	442
NET YARDS PASSING	3340	4092
Avg. Per Game	208.8	255.8
Sacked/Yards Lost	44/289	38/260
Gross Yards	3629	4352
Att./Completions	519/298	549/374
Completion Pct.	57.4	68.1
Had Intercepted	20	9
PUNTS/AVERAGE	86/47.8	77/41.7
NET PUNTING AVG.	86/40.1	77/37.0
PENALTIES/YARDS	116/912	87/686
FUMBLES/BALL LOST	27/11	26/13
TOUCHDOWNS	37	54
Rushing	16	15
Passing	17	33
Returns	4	6

* SCORE BY PERIODS	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	OT	PTS
TEAM	89	98	68	67	0	322
OPPONENTS	89	150	96	118	0	453

* SCORING	TD	Ru	Pa	Rt	K-PAT	FG	S	PTS
Janikowski	0	0	0	0	37/37	21/30	0	100
Jennings	6	6	0	0			0	36
D. McFadden	5	5	0	0			0	30
D. Moore	5	0	5	0			0	30
Reece	4	2	2	0			0	24
Rivera	4	0	4	0			0	24
Streater	4	0	4	0			0	24
Pryor	2	2	0	0			0	12
Stewart	2	1	0	1			0	12
Holmes	1	0	1	0			0	6
G. Jenkins	1	0	0	1			0	6
Kasa	1	0	1	0			0	6
Porter	1	0	0	1			0	6
Woodson	1	0	0	1			0	6
TEAM	37	16	17	4	37/37	21/30	0	322
OPPONENTS	54	15	33	6	52/52	25/28	0	453

2-Pt Conv: TM 0-0, OPP 1-2
 SACKS: Houston 6, Roach 5.5, S. Moore 4.5,
 Hunter 3, Walker 3, Ke. Burnett 2.5,
 Young 2.5, Ross 2, Sims 2, Woodson 2,
 Porter 1.5, Bilukidi TM 1, Branch 1, Muir 1,
 McGee 0.5, TM 38, OPP 44
 FUM/LOST: Pryor 7/2, Ford 4/1, McGloin 4/1,
 Flynn(TM) 3/2, Wisniewski 3/1, Jones 2/1, G. Jenkins 1/1, D. McFadden 1/1, Streater 1/1,
 Young 1/0

* PASSING	Att	Cmp	Yds	Cmp%	Yds/Att	TD	TD%	Int	Int%	Long	Sack/Lost	Rating
Pryor	272	156	1798	57.4	6.61	7	2.6	11	4.0	73t	31/ 203	69.1
McGloin	211	118	1547	55.9	7.33	8	3.8	8	3.8	52	6/ 53	76.1
Flynn TM	34	22	246	64.7	7.24	1	2.9	1	2.9	34	7/ 33	83.7
D. McFadden	1	1	16	100.0	16.00	1	100.0	0	0.0	16t	0/ 0	158.3
Reece	1	1	22	100.0	22.00	0	0.0	0	0.0	22	0/ 0	118.8
TEAM	519	298	3629	57.4	6.99	17	3.3	20	3.9	73t	44/ 289	73.9
OPPONENTS	549	374	4352	68.1	7.93	33	6.0	9	1.6	71t	38/ 260	105.1

* RUSHING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Jennings	163	733	4.5	80t	6
Pryor	83	576	6.9	93t	2
D. McFadden	114	379	3.3	30	5
Reece	46	218	4.7	63t	2
McGloin	11	27	2.5	20	0
Jones	5	23	4.6	19	0
Streater	2	17	8.5	9	0
Ford	5	15	3.0	4	0
Olawale	3	6	2.0	4	0
Flynn TM	3	4	1.3	2	0
Stewart	2	2	1.0	2t	1
TEAM	437	2000	4.6	93t	16
OPPONENTS	442	1727	3.9	45	15

* RECEIVING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Streater	60	888	14.8	66	4
D. Moore	46	695	15.1	73t	5
Rivera	38	407	10.7	37	4
Jennings	36	292	8.1	24	0
Reece	32	331	10.3	45	2
Holmes	25	431	17.2	40	1
D. McFadden	17	108	6.4	16	0
Ford	13	99	7.6	22	0
Butler	9	103	11.4	29	0
Olawale	7	63	9.0	25	0
Mastrud	6	88	14.7	41	0
Criner	3	32	10.7	20	0
Jones	2	55	27.5	52	0
Stewart	2	6	3.0	5	0
Chekwa	1	22	22.0	22	0
Kasa	1	9	9.0	9t	1
TEAM	298	3629	12.2	73t	17
OPPONENTS	374	4352	11.6	71t	33

* INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Porter	2	44	22.0	43t	1
M. Jenkins	2	0	0.0	0	0
Young	1	26	26.0	26	0
Woodson	1	13	13.0	13	0
Ke. Burnett	1	0	0.0	0	0
Hayden	1	0	0.0	0	0
Roach	1	0	0.0	0	0
TEAM	9	83	9.2	43t	1
OPPONENTS	20	375	18.8	65	3

* PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Net	TB	In	Lg	B
King	84	4107	48.9	40.1	11	23	66	2
TEAM	86	4107	47.8	40.1	11	23	66	2
OPPONENTS	77	3214	41.7	37.0	8	24	65	3

* PUNT RETURNS	Ret	FC	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Ford	9	8	77	8.6	14	0
P. Adams	8	8	59	7.4	30	0
G. Jenkins	6	3	49	8.2	14	0
Crawford	1	0	-1	-1.0	-1	0
Young	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
Hayden	0	0	22	---	22	0
TEAM	25	19	206	8.2	30	0
OPPONENTS	42	11	438	10.4	87t	1

* KICKOFF RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Jones	26	623	24.0	41	0
Ford	11	253	23.0	30	0
G. Jenkins	10	221	22.1	29	0
Stewart	5	95	19.0	28	0
Olawale	1	6	6.0	6	0
Rivera	1	3	3.0	3	0
TEAM	54	1201	22.2	41	0
OPPONENTS	30	613	20.4	50	0

* FIELD GOALS	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+
Janikowski	0/ 0	6/ 6	4/ 6	8/11	3/7
TEAM	0/ 0	6/ 6	4/ 6	8/11	3/7
OPPONENTS	1/ 1	9/ 9	6/ 9	5/ 5	4/4

Janikowski: (48N,38G) (35N,46G,30G,29G,29G) ()

(52N) (47G,50G) (51N) () (24G,53G) (33G,24G) (54N)

(52G,48G,24G,32N,48N,42G) (45G) (52N,41G,40G) (34G)

(20G,42G) (42N)

OPP: () (27G) (53G,41G,40G) (25G) (37B,35G) (33G)

(47G,34N,32N) () (23G) (51G,26G,30G) (33G,22G,23G)

(19G) (41G,23G,51G) () (27G,48G,28G,33G) (34G,54G)



DEFENSE/SPECIAL TEAMS STATS

DEFENSE

Player	TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES		
	Total	Solo	Asst	Sk	Yds	No	Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	Yds
Nick Roach	152	92	60	5.5	32.5	1	0	0	0	3	5	0	0
Charles Woodson	133	88	45	2.0	18.0	1	13	13	0	8	4	2	25
Kevin Burnett	129	80	49	2.5	20.5	1	0	0	0	4	2	1	0
Brandian Ross	101	59	42	2.0	10.0	0	0	0	0	6	2	1	0
Tracy Porter	88	63	25	1.5	11.5	2	44	43	1	15	0	0	0
Mike Jenkins	75	65	10	0.0	0.0	2	0	0	0	8	1	1	0
Lamarr Houston	71	55	16	6.0	52.0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Sio Moore	55	33	22	4.5	29.5	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Pat Sims	49	31	18	2.0	14.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vance Walker	48	28	20	3.0	15.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DJ Hayden	29	23	6	0.0	0.0	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	0
Phillip Adams	27	22	5	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	4	0	2	0
Usama Young	27	19	8	2.5	15.5	1	26	26	0	2	0	0	0
Jason Hunter	27	15	12	3.0	20.0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	0
Stacy McGee	26	15	11	0.5	4.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Kaluka Maiava	25	9	16	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chimdi Chekwa	21	15	6	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Daniel Muir	14	11	3	1.0	6.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jack Crawford	12	11	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tyvon Branch	9	4	5	1.0	2.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brian Sanford	8	3	5	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Christo Bilukidi	4	3	1	1.0	9.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Miles Burris	4	2	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Ryan Robinson	2	2	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Shelton Johnson	2	1	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	1,138	749	389	38.0	260.0	9	83	43	1	56	19	10	25

DEFENSIVE SCORING

Player	Int	Fum	Safeties
	TD	Ret	
Charles Woodson	0	1	0
Tracy Porter	1	1	0
Totals	2	1	0

DEFENSIVE TOUCHDOWNS

C. Woodson 25-yard fumble return
T. Porter 43-yard interception return

SPECIAL TEAMS

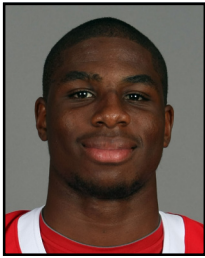
Player	Total	Solo	Asst	FF	FR	Blk
Taiwan Jones	14	12	2	1	0	0
Kaelin Burnett	10	6	4	1	0	0
Jamize Olawale	8	7	1	0	0	1
Usama Young	6	5	1	0	0	0
Chimdi Chekwa	6	5	1	0	1	0
Jon Condo	6	4	2	0	0	0
Jeremy Stewart	5	5	0	0	0	1
Phillip Adams	3	3	0	0	0	0
Sio Moore	3	2	1	0	0	0
Jack Crawford	3	2	1	0	0	0
Rashad Jennings	3	2	1	0	0	1
Shelton Johnson	3	2	1	0	1	0
Marquette King	2	2	0	0	0	0
Ryan Robinson	2	2	0	0	0	0
Brandian Ross	2	2	0	0	0	0
Mychal Rivera	2	1	1	0	1	0
Marshall McFadden	2	1	1	0	0	0
Kaluka Maiava	1	1	0	0	0	0
Miles Burris	1	1	0	0	0	0
Greg Jenkins	1	1	0	0	1	0
DJ Hayden	1	0	1	0	0	0
Tracy Porter	0	0	0	0	0	1
Andre Holmes	0	0	0	0	1	0
Jacoby Ford	0	0	0	0	1	0
Brice Butler	0	0	0	0	1	0
Totals	84	66	18	2	7	4

MISCELLANEOUS TACKLES

Player	Tkl	FF	FR
Andre Holmes	3	0	0
Khalif Barnes	3	0	0
Rashad Jennings	2	0	0
Tony Pashos	2	0	0
Lucas Nix	2	0	0
Andre Gurode	1	0	1
Lamar Mady	1	0	0
Matt McCants	1	0	0
Mychal Rivera	1	0	0
Rod Streater	1	0	0
Denarius Moore	1	0	0
Stefen Wisniewski	1	0	0
Marcel Reece	1	0	0
Nick Kasa	1	0	0
Jeron Mastrud	1	0	0
Jared Veldheer	1	0	0
TEAM	1	0	0
Terrelle Pryor	0	0	4
Matt McGloin	0	0	3
Mike Brisiel	0	0	1
Matt Flynn	0	0	1
Totals	24	0	10



SUPPLEMENTAL BIOS



Jeremy DEERING

SAFETY | 6-1 | 209 | RUTGERS

ACQUIRED: FA-'14 | NFL EXP.: R | RAIDERS EXP.: R

HOMETOWN: TAMPA, FLA.

BORN: 8/12/90

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Signed by New England Patriots as an undrafted free agent, May 16, 2014....Waived by Patriots, May 22, 2014....Signed by Oakland Raiders, July 28, 2014....Played in 48 games over four years at Rutgers, seeing action at running back, wide receiver, kick returner and safety....As a senior, earned Loyal Knight Award, given to the player whose character and dedication have proved resilient in his pursuit of excellence....Named to Preseason American All-Conference Second Team for specialists by Athlon and Preseason All-Conference Fourth Team by Phil Steele....Transitioned to safety during 2013 spring drills....As a junior, named to Preseason All-Big East first and second teams by Phil Steele and Athlon, respectively....Made the move from wide receiver to running back in spring drills during 2011 preseason....Appeared in 12 games as a sophomore after missing the majority of spring practice sessions....Returned 17 kicks for 530 yards (31.2 avg.) and one TD to lead the Big East and rank fourth nationally....Placed on All-Big East Second Team....Recorded the third-longest kick return in school history with a 98-yard scamper in an overtime win vs. USF....Finished freshman season as Rutgers' second-leading rusher with 352 yards (4.6 avg.) as a quarterback in the Wildcat package....One of two true freshmen to appear in all 12 games....Earned a spot on the Big East Weekly Honor Roll for performance against Syracuse... Majored in labor and employment relations....Prepped at Leto High School in hometown of Tampa, Fla.Four-year letterwinner and four-year starter, ranked No. 17 athlete in the nation by ESPN.com....Rated the No. 5 running back and 36th-best prospect overall in Florida by the Orlando Sentinel....No. 52 safety prospect nationally and the No. 99 overall recruit in Florida according to Rivals.com....Played both quarterback and running back for the Falcons....Threw for over 800 yards and 10 TD as a junior at quarterback.

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DENNIS ALLEN

SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE

Raiders coach finds right words to inspire rebuilt roster

By Vic Tafur

August 1, 2014

By all accounts - from players, coaches, media, fans, Napa Valley Marriott employees - the Raiders have had a very nice first seven days of training camp.

The team is getting better every day, and many players are pointing to last week - and jumping off on the right foot with head coach Dennis Allen's opening speech of camp.

"Coach Allen's speech in the first team meeting gave me chills," left tackle Donald Penn said.

Neither Penn nor Allen will reveal what the coach said, but Allen says that he wanted to "create the vision for this football team." He told the players in the converted hotel conference room on July 24, the night before the team's first practice in Napa, that he had confidence in them and that they could do great things this season.

The team's itinerary for this season was laid out, according to players, for all 16 regular-season games, the playoffs and the Super Bowl. It was the first time Allen has done that in his three years as coach.

"It wasn't the rah-rah stuff," fullback Marcel Reece said. "It was real. Not fake. The stuff he was saying made us want to get on the plane and play New York the next day."

The Raiders open the season Sept. 7 at New York against the Jets, and Allen has his team believing it's the first of many big steps.

"We want to be champions," Reece said.

Of the world?

"We want to be champions," Reece said again.

"Everybody was fired up the first night," tackle Khalif Barnes said. "Dennis is on a mission just like the rest of us."

Allen wouldn't confirm that he talked about the Super Bowl - "That's for me and the team to know" - but didn't dance around it too much.

"Put the goal out there in front of them and give them something to shoot for," Allen said. "I wanted these guys to know that I have confidence in them, and I wouldn't say that if I didn't feel it. ...

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"We don't play 16 games to play 16 games," Allen said. "We play 16 games to have a right to play for a championship."

After two 4-12 seasons, Allen and general manager Reggie McKenzie think the team is on schedule in Year 3 of new management's renovation project.

"Year 3 was the year we said we need to be able to make some noise, we need to be able to go out there and compete and bring this organization back to the championship level it's been at in the past," Allen said.

Allen appears more relaxed with reporters this season. While some other players said Allen has always been passionate, they also said the dial on the volume and intensity has been turned up a little bit.

Allen doesn't necessarily agree, but did say he does "a ton" of self-evaluation after each season.

"The one thing that I have tried to do is express to the guys that we're not going to let anyone outside our building set limits on us. And they've got to have a vision and a goal, and something out there that they're shooting for.

"I just want them to understand that we've got a chance to make some noise, when no one gives us a chance."

Barnes and Penn said the team has picked up where it left off after a productive offseason program, and it got a little kick in the pants the first night to get it going again.

"One of the reasons why we're jelling so well at camp is that there is a different vibe here," Penn said. "Everybody wants it. Everybody is putting in the extra work."

"We are going to win this year, and that's a fact," safety Charles Woodson said.

Briefly: Defensive end Justin Tuck missed Friday's practice with a minor groin injury, and seventh-round pick Shelby Harris had a sack and made some nice plays in his place. "He's quietly moving up the depth chart," Allen said. ... Rookie Derek Carr also had a nice day, with some impressive deep passes to Mike Davis and Darren McFadden. ... Former Braves slugger Dale Murphy was on hand to watch his son, Jake, try to make the roster as a tight end. The undrafted rookie out of Utah is a long shot.

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GEORGE ATKINSON III

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Raiders: George Atkinson III gets a shot with dad's team

By Jerry McDonald

May 16, 2014

On his first day in a Raider uniform, George Atkinson III didn't have to worry about his father looking over his shoulder.

George Atkinson is regular presence at Raiders practice, working on the club's broadcast team, and is often at the side of owner Mark Davis.

Instead, Davis watched and chatted with Raiders ambassador Willie Brown, while George III ran plays as a running back wearing No. 34 in the silver and black he'd worshipped his entire life.

"He told me yesterday, 'I'm not going to come out. I know you're expecting me to come, but this is your moment and you need to be a man about it as an individual and I'm not going to be here to pressure you,' " Atkinson III said after practice Friday at the Raiders' rookie minicamp. "He'll have a chance to come out and see me."

Although the father played defense as a cornerback and safety and the son is a running back, special teams had a lot to do with why George made the team and is a potential ticket for George III.

A seventh-round pick out of Morris Brown, Atkinson returned 32 punts for 490 yards, a 13.6 average and two touchdowns as a rookie in 1968 to go along with a 25.1 average on 25 kickoffs.

Atkinson III, one of 62 juniors who declared for the draft following their junior season but was not selected, returned a pair kickoffs for touchdowns as a Notre Dame freshman and gained 943 yards and averaged 6.2 yards per carry in three seasons in a system where backs were often rotated.

He was also a willing and enthusiastic participant on coverage teams.

"If it's kickoff, punt block or punt, I'm looking at special teams as a definite way to get on the field and contribute early to this team," Atkinson III said.

A star at Granada High in Livermore along with his twin brother, Josh, who remains at Notre Dame as a receiver, Atkinson III was seen often in Napa during training camp and an occasional visitor to the facility with his father.

As the draft dragged on and the phone never rang, Atkinson III began to wonder if wanted to get selected or instead go unselected, enabling him to sign with the Raiders.

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Atkinson III said it never occurred to him to make his own way separate from the road his father traveled, feeling it was a natural fit to come to the organization he has known his entire life.

"I've looked up to this organization and this club for a long time and there was no part of that going on with me," Atkinson III said. "I've looked up to my dad and wanted to follow in his footsteps but also lead my own trail at the same time. You've got to find that balance and that's what I'm trying to do right now."

Raiders coach Dennis Allen said bringing in Atkinson III was a no-brainer.

"He's a talented athlete and he's got a lot of speed, and he has the ability to help us on special teams," Allen said. "I think any time you have a chance to get a legacy, somebody who has the Raider bloodlines, you do it because those guys understand what it means to be a Raider."

Atkinson III said he fielded offers from other teams after the draft, with teams attempting to talk him out of going to Oakland, but to no avail. It's a tossup as to which Atkinson was more thrilled with the end result.

"I think it was a draw," Atkinson III said. "I could see it in his face. Right after the draft, he knew I was coming here without any doubt, so we both basked in the moment."

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DAVID AUSBERRY

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Ausberry making up for lost time

By Paul Gutierrez

June 4, 2014

There were high hopes for David Ausberry last preseason as he elevated himself into position to claim the starting tight end position for the Oakland Raiders.

Then came the exhibition game at New Orleans, and the play in which he landed awkwardly on his left shoulder on the unforgiving Superdome artificial turf.

"A chipped bone," Ausberry said this week, "torn ligaments. It was pretty nasty."

Surgery followed and Ausberry's season came to an end before it began as he was placed on injured reserve on Sept. 23, 2013.

"I didn't get to do anything but watch film, so that's kind of how I gained experience a little bit," he said. "I was a little rusty; I can admit that. It was good to get back in there and in with the guys. That was probably the most fun thing."

So far, Ausberry has not been limited in OTA practices.

"It's been good to have David back out here," coach Dennis Allen said as OTAs got underway last week.

"He was a guy that we had high hopes for last year and unfortunately got hurt in that first preseason game. He's a guy that, again, he's got talent, he's got ability, especially as a receiving threat so he's a nice piece to the puzzle and hopefully he'll continue to develop and hopefully he'll stay healthy and we'll be able to use him this year."

Ausberry was originally a seventh-round draft pick in 2011 out of USC, where he was a wide receiver. The transformation to tight end ensued and Ausberry, who is listed at 6-foot-3, 235 pounds, said he is now "258, 260 pounds" and it shows.

He already has a pass-catcher's soft hands -- he has nine career catches for 106 yards -- and the added bulk should help him with his blocking as he battles a pair of second-year players in Mychal Rivera, who caught 38 passes for 407 yards and four touchdowns last season, and Nick Kasa, who is 3 inches taller than both Ausberry and Rivera and caught one pass, a 9-yard TD.

The tight end position seems up for grabs and Ausberry's skill set would seem to put him in the lead. Not that he is keeping score. At least, not publicly.

"I try not to worry about things like that too much," he said. "I just try to be confident, do my job, do what I'm asked to do and do it effectively."

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But with a new quarterback with a penchant for throwing the ball to his tight end in Matt Schaub, Ausberry has taken notice of that development.

"He is tight end friendly," Ausberry said with a smile, "so that's pretty good for us. We like Matt. He's a good leader, great football player and is good for this team.

"He likes the tight ends. He likes to use the middle of the field, so we'll be there for him."

The Raiders are hoping so, especially, as Allen said, for Ausberry to stay healthy.

THE FRESNO BEE

Ex-Lemoore High star David Ausberry eyes Raiders restart

By Anthony Galaviz

April 19, 2014

David Ausberry is tired of waiting around.

The ex-Lemoore High star and USC wide receiver was projected to be the Oakland Raiders' starting tight end last season.

But a shoulder injury in the second preseason game against the New Orleans Saints prevented that, sidelining Ausberry for the rest of the season.

"Took a bad fall," Ausberry said by phone last weekend from Long Beach. "It was the toughest fall that I've taken. I've taken hits before, but I fell awkwardly. They said I may need a month off, but it didn't work out."

Ausberry was not cleared for football activities until December but now is looking forward to 2014.

"I knew I was hurt," he said, "but didn't know the extent of it."

When offseason workouts begin Tuesday, however, Ausberry will be back at the Raiders facility in Alameda.

A seventh-round pick in the 2011 NFL draft, Ausberry has played in 28 NFL games, none as a starter, and has nine receptions for 106 yards.

He said he is "ready to make a statement."

"I've been out of football for a long time and I have a lot left in the tank."

Unless Raiders General Manager Reggie McKenzie signs a more seasoned veteran, Ausberry will have the most experience among Oakland tight ends.

Others include second-year pro Mychal Rivera, who finished with 407 yards and four TDs in 2013, Nick Kasa and Brian Leonhardt.

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Jeron Mastrud, who started 12 games last season, is an unrestricted free agent.

Ausberry said he was eager to see what his team would do in free agency. The Raiders entered with \$64 million in cap room.

McKenzie signed defensive end Justin Tuck (Giants), linebacker LaMarr Woodley (Steelers), defensive lineman Antonio Smith (Texans), receiver James Jones (Packers), running back Maurice Jones Drew (Jaguars), cornerbacks Carlos Rogers (49ers) and Tarrell Brown (49ers), and offensive linemen Kevin Boothe (Giants), Austin Howard (Jets) and Donald Penn (Buccaneers).

"We brought in a few key acquisitions on the offensive and defensive line that can contribute a lot to what what we're trying to get accomplished here," Ausberry said.

"Tuck, Woodley, those guys have Super Bowl experience, and any time when you're able to get that type of leadership and experience on your defense, that's big."

Oakland also traded a sixth-round draft pick to the Houston Texans in exchange for quarterback Matt Schaub, who has passed for nearly 25,000 career yards in 10 seasons.

"I'm really excited about him," Ausberry said. "As a player I've got to be ready to compete, be in shape and show what I can do. I'm just excited to get in and play ball."

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TYVON BRANCH

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Branch returns to Oakland's defense

By The Associated Press

June 9, 2014

Tyvon Branch has gone from being one of the most experienced members of the Raiders' defense to one of the unproven ones after missing almost an entire season with an injury.

An injection of tested players with Super Bowl experience led to the change a year after Branch was one of just two returning defensive starters.

Branch went down with a broken leg in the second game of the season in 2013 and did not return, leaving a big void on a thin defense that was exposed throughout the season.

Branch is once again healthy this offseason and trying to fit into a revamped defense that was overhauled in free agency.

"We have guys at every position that have had a lot of success in this league," Branch said Monday. "So, the more leaders you can get the better, obviously."

Branch's absence forced Brandian Ross to take a starting role last season and contributed to Oakland, allowing the second-most points per game (28.3) in franchise history while staggering to a second straight four-win season.

Branch hoped to return late last season but was not fully recovered, so the team didn't rush him back.

"It was difficult sitting out," he said. "I love the game. I tell you all the time, I love playing football. I've got a lot of the guys on the team to help keep my spirits high."

Now Branch gets a chance to show he can be an impact player. He showed flashes of that since entering the NFL in 2008, but has yet to generate the game-changing plays the Raiders believe he is capable of creating from his strong-safety spot.

"It will be great for him coming off the injury," fellow safety Charles Woodson said. "You know he's hungry. You miss time from this game, you get a chance to reflect on a lot of things. Having him back, having him be hungry, as I know he is, will be great for our defense."

Despite having the size and speed that could make him a top safety, Branch has struggled to make big plays in the NFL. He has just four interceptions, seven sacks, 24 tackles for loss, three forced fumbles and four fumble recoveries in 72 career games.

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He usually has been a sure tackler, and his presence will allow Woodson to roam the field more than he did a year ago when he spent most of his time in the deep middle of the field to cover any mistakes made in front of him.

"Anytime you lose a player of that caliber, it hurts you, and it handcuffs you a little bit," head coach Dennis Allen said. "I think we've addressed a lot of our needs on the football team. We've got more depth, where now we can do a few more things."

Branch is one of the few players drafted by late owner Al Davis who is expected to be a key contributor in the rebuilding effort by Allen and general manager Reggie McKenzie.

Still, Branch has not been part of a team that posted a winning record or made the playoffs.

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Tyvon Branch key to Raiders' defense?

By Paul Gutierrez

June 18, 2014

The Oakland Raiders have, no doubt, rebuilt their defense. Again.

They've brought in veterans with hardware -- paging Justin Tuck and LaMarr Woodley -- and know how -- looking at you, Antonio Smith, Carlos Rogers and Tarell Brown -- while bringing back a future Hall of Famer in Charles Woodson. Plus, Oakland used the No. 5 overall pick to draft Khalil Mack.

And yet, the guy who may hold the key to the whole shebang is the same guy who is the last line, both literally and figuratively, of the defense itself -- strong safety Tyvon Branch.

Remember him?

He was the highest-paid player on Oakland's roster a year ago, making more than \$9.5 million, though he was lost for the season after injuring his lower right leg in the season's second game, a 19-9 loss to the Jacksonville Jaguars. The team claimed all along it was an ankle injury while ESPN NFL Insider Adam Schefter reported it was a fractured fibula.

Now, Branch is recovered and slated to earn a relatively modest \$4 million while carrying a cap number of \$7.157 million, the second-highest on the team to new quarterback Matt Schaub's \$8 million cap number.

"I love the game. Like I tell you all the time, I love playing football. I had a lot of guys on the team help keep my spirits high. I stayed surrounded with positive guys like Darren McFadden and Marcel Reece. Those guys helped lift my spirits."

Branch tried to come back late in the season before being shut down. As such, the sample size of the ultra-athletic Branch teaming with the savvy of free safety Woodson is a small one indeed.

Of course, they are looking forward to playing more than five quarters together this season.

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"Anytime you get your guys back and get them back healthy, you feel better about your chances," Woodson said. "It will be great for him, coming off the injury. You know he's hungry, because when you miss time from this game you get a chance to reflect on a lot of things."

"Having him back and having him be hungry, as I know he is, is going to be great for the defense."

And therein lays the potential rub. Because while Branch is the longest continuously tenured Raider on defense and, thus, knows what it means to be a Raiders more than any of the additions, the new guys know how to win.

Since Branch was selected in the fourth round of the 2008 draft, the Raiders are a combined 34-62 (.352), while Tuck has two rings since 2007, Woodley has one in two Super Bowl appearances and Rogers and Brown have each been part of a Super Bowl team.

"The crazy thing about it is the mentality is not really different," Branch said. "They had the same mentality we had; they just had a little more success with it. When you get guys like that, that have done it before, they might tell you a couple of tips and things, but everybody goes out there with the same mentality."

"Everybody wants to win games. It's just [certain] guys have had more success than others."

Sure, it's early. The Raiders just completed voluntary OTAs and are in the midst of a three-day mandatory minicamp. But coach Dennis Allen, who cut his coaching teeth mentoring the secondary, likes what he's seen from Branch thus far.

In fact, Allen said Branch does not appear to have lost a step from his pre-injury self.

"Tyvon, he's the same Tyvon that we've had here," Allen said. "He comes out to work every day, he competes every day and I've seen some good things from him, just from understanding the system and what we're trying to get accomplished and learning."

"I think he's gotten better on some technique issues that he needs to work to improve on. If he continues to work the way that he has, I would expect that we'd have a good player in him."

Branch, meanwhile, is his own harshest critic, one that went stir crazy as he could only watch his teammates from mid-September on last year.

It's almost as if the Raiders picked up a new starting strong safety in free agency.

"Watching from the sidelines, you see things in another perspective," Branch said. "If I could play the game from the sidelines, I think I'd have a lot more plays under my belt. I think it helped my leadership role. Being able to lead from the sideline and not being out there (with) guys actually seeing you play, I think that helped me a lot."

The Raiders are counting on it.

"I go out there every game with the mentality of 'Let's win,'" he said. "That doesn't change whether we're 12-0 or 1-12. I'm going to go out there with the same mentality."

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“Every team I’ve played on so far, I went into the season thinking, ‘The sky’s the limit for us.’”

So long as the sky does not fall on them. Again.

MILES BURRIS

CSN BAY AREA

Burris fully recovered after “dark” season

By Scott Bair

June 24, 2014

Miles Burris needed knee surgery following the 2012 season. The Raiders linebacker played every game of his rookie season, without a hint his joint was in shambles.

That’s why outsiders were perplexed when he couldn’t start last training camp. Burris sightings were limited to the exercise bike near the locker room, far from the progress being made on the field. He would not return for months. Burris spent most of the season on the physically unable to perform list, able to play in just the last six games.

Offseason knee surgeries shouldn’t take that long to heal. Did you have a setback, Miles?

Good luck getting a straight answer. Head coach Dennis Allen’s more forthcoming of injury info. Even last week, with no chance that honesty would produce competitive disadvantage, Burris sidestepped whether he had a setback.

“You never know what’s going to happen with an injury,” Burris said. “When you get put on the PUP list, you just have to just keep grinding every day.”

He brought it back to the overarching theme of this offseason: it’s good to be healthy again.

“There’s nothing like playing the game of football and playing the game of football healthy,” he said. “You’re always going to be nicked up but I’m feeling great and enjoying playing the game.”

Always stoic in front of a camera, Burris let his guard down some when discussing an essentially lost season in 2013, that killed momentum generated after making 15 starts the year before.

“Mentally, that was one of the toughest things that I’ve been through,” Burris said. “It was one of the darkest years of my life but that’s where my faith came through.”

It helped Burris regain full health and a rejuvenated state of mind. It has vaulted Burris back into the mix to start. He practiced with the first team at weakside linebacker, and he figures to compete at that spot throughout the offseason.

“He’s got two years in the system, so I think he’s comfortable and he’s continued to work extremely hard to get better as a football player,” Allen said. “I think any time you have players that have athletic ability, have football instincts, and they work as hard as he does, they find a way to get on the field and they find a way to make a play. That’s what we’re looking for. We’re looking for guys that love football, that want to work, guys that are going to put the team first. If you do that, then you’ll find a way to get on the field.”

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Burris got there at the start of 2012 and never abandoned his post. Burris had 62 tackles, 1.5 sacks and an interception as a rookie. Veteran Kevin Burnett was signed to upgrade that spot in 2013 and thankfully so, given that injury took Burris down.

The Raiders look forward to seeing how he plays this preseason and, whether he starts or becomes quality depth, the team expects him to contribute heavily in 2014.

“We’re pleased with where Miles is going, we want to see him in pads,” defensive coordinator Jason Tarver said. “Miles tries to be exactly right and Miles tries to be physical, and he is both of those things. He played well as a rookie and we would have loved to obviously have him last year, but we’re excited about where he is and where he’s going.”

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DEREK CARR

CSN BAY AREA

Carr: Ending up a Raider worth long wait

By Scott Bair

May 9, 2014

The Raiders called to tell quarterback Derek Carr they'd drafted him No. 36 overall. The conversation didn't last long.

"I just said, I appreciate you calling, you know what you're getting," Carr said Friday on a conference call shortly after being drafted. "I'm going to come in and work, I'm going to come in and compete and I'm going to try and make the team better. I'm not a selfish guy, that's for sure, and I can't wait to get coached by those coaches."

The Raiders certainly know Carr well. They met with him at the Senior Bowl. They sent a fleet of powerful people to his pro day at Fresno State.

They watched Carr play. They knew well how he went about his business. They liked what they saw. "Love" might be the more operative word.

Sources indicated that Carr was the top quarterback on the Raiders draft board, and jumped at the chance to select him early in the second round.

It was far lower than most expected. Many thought Carr would go in the first round, no later than the mid-20s. But the fall of all quarterbacks impacted his draft status, with Johnny Manziel going No. 22 overall and Teddy Bridgewater went No. 32.

That makes for a long wait, especially when cameras kept cutting back to his Bakersfield home.

While it took longer than expected, Carr was happy with the outcome.

"You just sit there and wait for your phone to ring. It's weird," Carr said. "You sit there, you hope it rings with every pick that goes by. But I have to be honest, the way it worked out, the place I'm going and the coaches and players I'll be around, I couldn't be happier."

Carr felt that way despite the fact he may spend a season or two sitting behind veteran Matt Schaub. Carr is ready for anything, and emphasized that it won't impact his work ethic one bit.

"With them selecting me, I know their thoughts," Carr said. "They want me to come in, work hard, compete. Whenever I'm the quarterback, great. To me, it doesn't matter what the situation is – if I'm a starter, if I'm a backup, there to learn. My No. 1 goal is to help the Raiders win, and I'm going to do that. If I'm the starter, obviously on the field, I'm going to do my best to help them win. If I'm the backup, my role, it doesn't change. I'm still going to help the team win."

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Carr, Schaub share a past and future

By Paul Gutierrez

May 21, 2014

Matt Schaub replaced David Carr as the Houston Texans' quarterback and, if all goes according to the Oakland Raiders' plan, *Derek Carr* will end Schaub's run with the Raiders.

Funny how things work out, even if it might take a few years to come to fruition.

Because make no mistake about it, the Raiders acquired Schaub this offseason to be their franchise quarterback for the now, and they drafted Carr to be their franchise quarterback of the future.

"Matt Schaub is our starting quarterback," Raiders coach Dennis Allen said last week at the team's rookie minicamp. "We feel very good about that. I've said this before -- he's been a top 10 quarterback in this league and he's performed at a very high level.

"But yeah, we like Derek Carr, and we're going to let him go out and compete and see how things work out. You can't have enough good quarterbacks in this league. You never know when injuries are going to occur, and you've got to be prepared for that, so when you have an opportunity to get a guy like Derek Carr that you feel good about, you go and get him."

One of the first messages Carr received after the Raiders used their second-round pick (No. 36 overall) on the record-setting Fresno State signal-caller came from Schaub himself.

"He just said he's here to help me with whatever I needed," Carr said. "He said, 'Hey, man, I know you have your brother, who has played 13 years ... [but] we're teammates. I'm here for you every day. Whatever you need, I'm here to help you.'"

"That meant a lot."

At Fresno State, Carr was the BMOC in throwing for 5,083 yards last season, on 68.9 percent passing, with 50 touchdowns and eight interceptions. In Oakland, he is a rookie biding his time, albeit with a serious pedigree. He was breaking down NFL tape with older brother David when he was 12 years old.

But that doesn't mean Carr, who will continue to wear the No. 4 he wore in Fresno in honor of Brett Favre, is being brash or outspoken ... yet.

"I'm just trying to encourage guys," Carr said. "This is a stressful environment. You're in the NFL. There's a lot of guys out here just trying to make the team. All of us, we're trying to make the team and trying to prove ourselves and these things. I'm just here to encourage guys, try to make it easy on them.

"If a guy dropped the ball, tell them, 'Great route,' those kinds of things. That's something I've done since I've been little. That's how I was brought up. I just try to encourage people."

Besides, Carr has his own things to work on as a newbie. He fumbled his first snap as a pro under center in Friday's practice.

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"The main thing is throwing it to the right spot," he said. "There's so much that goes into one play, more so at this level than college or high school. I can't believe it. It's been fun to learn. It's something I enjoy. Absolutely I threw it to the right spot and again I have a lot to work on. I'm learning ... hopefully, there's a lot more after this."

SANTA ROSA PRESS DEMOCRAT

Raiders envision bright future with Derek Carr

By Phil Barber

May 11, 2014

When they took linebacker Khalil Mack with the fourth pick in the 2014 NFL draft, the Raiders explained that this league is all about affecting the quarterback. The team took the principle one step further on Friday, selecting Fresno State quarterback Derek Carr early in the second round.

One round later, they got their future franchise quarterback a little protection and drafted massive guard, Gabe Jackson of Mississippi State.

The Raiders were said to be interested in Carr for weeks. That sort of rumor rarely translates into draft-day action, but general manager Reggie McKenzie pounced on Carr when he was still available with the 36th pick. He was the fourth quarterback taken in the draft, after Central Florida's Blake Bortles, Texas A&M's Johnny Manziel and Louisville's Teddy Bridgewater.

"I think we were pretty excited," said director of player personnel Joey Clinkscales, standing in for McKenzie. "At the point in time of the draft, Derek was the highest-rated guy on the board. We were pretty comfortable at that pick taking him."

Clinkscales said the Raiders fielded several calls from teams who wanted the pick, and entertained the thought of moving down in the second round, though they never considered moving up.

Asked whether the team envisions Carr as its quarterback of the future, he said: "We took him in the second round. We would like to think so."

The only passers taken higher by the Raiders since the 1970 merger were Marc Wilson (No. 15 in 1980), Todd Marinovich (No. 24 in 1991) and JaMarcus Russell (No. 1 in 2007). And yes, you are forgiven if that list causes you to either tremble or double over in laughter.

Carr, who lives in Bakersfield (where he spent his senior year of high school), is practically an NFL lifer. He joined his older brother on stage at Radio City Music Hall at the age of 11 when the Houston Texans made David the first pick in franchise history in 2002, and was studying film with his sibling at 12. What's more, his uncle Lon Boyett was briefly with the Raiders in the late 1970s.

Derek followed David to Fresno State, and thrived. As a senior, he became the fourth quarterback in Division I history to throw for more than 5,000 yards and 50 touchdowns in a season, at one point attempting 305 consecutive passes without an interception. Carr finished eighth in Heisman Trophy voting.

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Scouts loved his arm and his attitude, but questioned the system in which he played. The Bulldogs' offense ran almost exclusively from a shotgun formation, and Carr survived on short throws off one-step drops.

He helped dispel a lot of the suspicion with a strong performance at the Senior Bowl in late January. The consensus said he outplayed every quarterback at the event, which including Eastern Illinois' Jimmy Garoppolo and San Jose State's David Fales.

The Texans traded for Matt Schaub in 2007 to replace David Carr, who never developed into the franchise quarterback they were looking for. Now comes the possibility that the Raiders will groom Derek Carr to take over for Schaub, the expected 2014 starter whom they traded for in March.

Many Raiders fans, dubious of Schaub's ability to turn around a career that went off the rails last season, will be rooting for Derek Carr to assume the starting job right away. That's not the plan.

"He's a young quarterback," Clinkscales said of Carr. "We aren't expecting him to walk in the door and be the starter. We have a starter."

Carr sounded fine with that.

"If I'm the backup, my role, it doesn't change," he said. "I'm still gonna help the team win. How can I help Schaub during the game? ... Can I watch the safety? Can I watch the corners? Can I tell him when they were in this front, when they played this coverage, when we were in this formation they ran this coverage, brought this blitz on this down and distance? What can I do to help? All I'm here to do in Oakland is help that team win."

Jackson, who started 52 games at left guard at Mississippi State, is billed as a powerful and nimble-footed interior lineman who worked hard but occasionally lost focus in games. He joins a replenished pool of offensive linemen that includes free-agent signees Kevin Boothe, Donald Penn and Austin Howard.

The Raiders traded down in the third-round, snagged Jackson at No. 81 and gained a fourth rounder from Miami, No. 116. They have plenty of needs to address today. All in all, though, these guys seem to love how the draft is playing out.

"The Raiders need a little luck like everyone else," Clinkscales said. "We're excited about that."

SHELBY HARRIS

SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE

Former waiter Shelby Harris hungers to play

By Vic Tafur

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Shelby Harris is obviously not your average rookie, having waited tables during what would have been his senior season after being kicked off the Illinois State football team.

It's the defensive end's turn to eat, and he has shown up to Raiders training camp hungry. The seventh-round pick has quickly made an impression as he looks to lock up a backup pass-rushing role.

"He had something taken away from him, and you can tell he doesn't want football to be taken away from him again," defensive coordinator Jason Tarver said. "The other rookies don't know that feeling, so you can see why it's different for Shelby.

"He is in the moment and taking advantage of his reps."

Harris had a sack when he got some first-team reps Friday, when Justin Tuck took the day off with a minor groin injury.

"It's a blessing to play in the NFL after not playing last year," Harris said. "I couldn't ask for anything better. ... It was exciting to get first-team reps, but it's business. I just put my head down and play football."

Harris was an all-Missouri Valley Conference selection in 2012, with seven sacks and 16 tackles for losses, but he was suspended for an unspecified violation of team rules and then dismissed from the team by head coach Brock Spack.

This after he was suspended at Wisconsin and forced to transfer.

Harris, who won't go into what he calls his mistakes, admitted that he lost hope briefly after being kicked off the Illinois State team but said his support system propped him up.

"Your family and friends keep you up, and they don't let it take you down too far," Harris said. "Honestly, it's made me into the person I am today. It's humbled me down and my head is on straight. ...

"I love being on the field and I will do anything to stay on the field. I refuse to let this be taken away from me again."

The 6-foot-2 Harris has dropped 12 pounds since the start of the offseason program, down to 273. He was at 285 for the draft because he didn't know if teams wanted to use him as a tackle or an end.

Harris is seen strictly as a pass-rushing end with the Raiders.

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"I've seen a lot of improvement out of him," head coach Dennis Allen said. "He's a guy that we thought had some explosion and some pass-rush ability, so he's quietly begun moving himself up the depth chart."

Briefly: Receivers Greg Little and Juron Criner and defensive linemen Tuck, Antonio Smith and Stacy McGee all came back from injuries and participated in Saturday's practice. ... The 6-foot-3 Criner, who has 19 catches in two seasons, made a nice leaping catch on the sideline over TJ Carrie. "He's a big receiver that has great, strong hands. ... Those are the flashes that he's shown," Allen said. "The question, is can he do it on a consistent basis?" ... Outside linebacker Sio Moore was out with sore ribs.

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DJ HAYDEN

CSN BAY AREA

Hayden 'light years ahead' after productive offseason

By Scott Bair

May 29, 2014

DJ Hayden doesn't want to be known as the guy who almost died. The Raiders sophomore cornerback has had to re-live a harrowing nightmare from that University of Houston practice where a hit ruptured his inferior vena cava and left him fighting for his life.

It comes up so often and has for so long, at every health-related milestone along the way. First he had to prove himself physically able to play again and explain he was a draftable commodity in one interview after another.

Even after selling himself worthy of the Raiders' No. 12 overall pick in 2013, the Silver and Black gave him a bright red jersey, signaling to the world he still wasn't right, unfit for contact. Then he got hit and played in his first game and made his first interception. Inevitably, each milestone was related back to that November day in 2012, and how it felt in the context of that life-altering moment.

Tuesday might've been the last one. Hayden's 2013 offseason program was cut short by a second surgery linked to the first. He had scar tissue removed from his abdomen after just one OTA session, a setback that kept memories fresh.

Hayden is the pinnacle of health now, with nothing holding him back from reaching potential coach Dennis Allen considers to be great. He's 5-10 pounds heavier, carved out of granite following an offseason strength training hard.

The Raiders hope Hayden can become a full-time starter in 2014, the elite cover man his athleticism forecasts. The health is there. All he needs is the confidence to do so.

Hayden says it's already present. By all accounts, Hayden 2.0 is vastly improved.

"I think he's light years ahead of where he was at this point last year," Allen said. "Not just from a physical standpoint, but really from a mental standpoint too. I think he realizes now that everything's going to be fine, he's going to be OK, and now he can really focus on getting better as a football player."

That wasn't always the case. The abdominal surgery ate at Hayden's psyche, especially as OTAs continued while he was incapacitated.

"Here are all my teammates out there working and I'm hooked up to IVs," Hayden said. "It might mess up anyone's head a little bit."

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The season wasn't a complete wash. There were moments of brilliance, including a contest against San Diego where he was targeted five times, allowed one short reception with no yards after the catch and sealed a Raiders victory with a fourth-quarter interception in his own end zone.

Sustaining supreme confidence was Hayden's main hurdle. It impacted his play some, despite public demands from Allen and coordinator Jason Tarver to trust his ability and play more aggressive.

It was easier said than done. Passivity got Hayden beat some in key moments, including a performance against Philadelphia where he, in part at least, allowed three big plays and two touchdowns.

Hayden never got a shot at redemption. He didn't play after that Eagles game, eventually placed on injured reserve with a sports hernia that was surgically repaired.

"It definitely sucked," Hayden said. "Those were the cards that I was dealt, so I just had to play them right."

Hayden maximized an offseason period stolen from him as a rookie, and seems poised to meet expectations bestowed on a first-round pick. He's bigger, stronger and faster, with an important lesson learned from a difficult year.

"You've got to just let stuff go," he said. "You can't go back in the past. If something happened, you've just got to focus on the next play."

Or the next season, which is what he's doing now. He borrowed Allen's term, and said his confidence is "light years ahead" of where it used to be, an encouraging sign for a team that desperately needs Hayden at the top of his game.

"I like what I've seen out of DJ so far," Allen said. "He still has a lot of things to learn, still kind of a quasi-rookie out there, but I'm looking forward to his development and I think there are some good things in store for him."

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ANDRE HOLMES

CSN BAY AREA

Andre Holmes building on new foundation with Raiders

By Scott Bair
June 26, 2014

Entering last year, Andre Holmes had two career receptions. He'd barely played in two professional seasons, just 17 snaps to be specific.

The lanky receiver spent most days on the practice squad, meaning he spent more time on game prep than self-improvement.

Without game tape, or even useful practice film for that matter, Holmes had a tough time finding his way to the next level.

The Raiders gave him an opportunity to do so. After a delayed start due to a four-game suspension for violating the NFL's PED policy, Holmes played 10 games and turned a corner down that stretch.

While every game wasn't equal to a Thanksgiving loss to Dallas with seven receptions for 136 yards, Holmes finally has film to scrutinize. For the first time in his professional career, he has something tangible to build on entering an offseason.

"It allowed me to set bar about where I was and where I can be," Holmes said. "Years before, I didn't have game tape to look at. I didn't even have practice tape. It's almost like starting from ground zero in a way. Now I have a standard, a foundation to build on, and that's so key for me to grow."

Without a true No. 1 receiver, the Raiders need contributions from their entire receiver corps. While he doesn't have blazing speed, Holmes can stretch the field with an ability to secure passes in the air.

"He's a long strider, a big guy who can stretch the field vertically and go up and get the football," quarterback Matt Schaub said. "Obviously, his height and his ability to adjust in the air are some of his strengths, as well as some of the intermediate routes. Just being able to get to the top of his route, come strong out of his cut, he can be a guy that can stretch the field for us."

Holmes' confidence is up after an offseason spent working on techniques he thought were lacking in his game tape.

"I'm looking at myself critically," Holmes said. "That's how I go about things heading into this training camp because I know I can really help improve my game."

"This offseason, I wanted to work on my intermediate routes. I need to be more explosive and more crisp, which will help me be more consistent. That's the main thing. Consistency is so key."

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Holmes was active with the first team during the offseason program, and must be a complete receiver to stay there. Holmes is watching lots of tape. He's listening to his elders, especially veteran import James Jones.

After toiling on practice squads and sidelines, Holmes isn't taking this chance for granted. He aims to make the most of a golden opportunity to establish himself as an NFL player.

"In the last year I've seen so much growth in my game," Holmes said. "I've been able to finish plays and catch everything that comes, even the easy ones. That type of growth, especially in being a pro, is really encouraging. And the chance to play, the opportunity, really helped. I just need to make the most of the chance I have here."

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SEBASTIAN JANIKOWSKI

SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE

Raiders kicker Sebastian Janikowski works to improve

By Scott Ostler

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The Raiders might be an improved team in 2014 - they're certainly due for an uptick - but it seems unlikely that they will blow out a lot of opponents.

So as training camp looms, forget about the quarterback situation, forget about all the new players. How's Seabass doing?

Well, kicker Sebastian Janikowski looks good and he says he's ready to rip. I caught up with him at Lake Tahoe, where he was playing in the American Century Championship.

His golf game could use some polish (it's already got plenty of Polish). Janikowski finished 47th in the field of 86 actors, athletes and assorted famous folk.

Because he's a big, powerful man who kicks footballs a mile, people expect Janikowski to hit golf balls straight and long.

"Yeah, that's not going to happen," said the man who has kicked a 63-yard field goal and once attempted a 76-yarder. Janikowski doesn't even use a driver. On the long holes he hits a three-hybrid, whatever that is.

Fortunately for the Raiders, Janikowski is still more serious about his kicking than he is about his golf. He said he normally stays home in Florida until it's time for training camp, but this year he came West two months early to work with long snapper John Condo and holder (and punter) Marquette King.

When Janikowski's effectiveness fell off dramatically last season, head coach Dennis Allen kept saying it was an 11-man problem. Yeah, not really.

It was more like a Janikowski and King problem. After 13 seasons of kicking out of the hold of his good pal Shane Lechler, who went to Houston as a free agent, Janikowski was breaking in a rookie holder.

When Janikowski missed two field-goal tries in a four-point loss to Tennessee, he indicated to sideline reporter Lincoln Kennedy that King's hold was the problem.

It was a momentary lapse by Janikowski, normally not a finger pointer. After that, he took great pains to accept blame for his low percentage (70, down from 91.2 the previous season) and all those misses (nine, up from three in '12).

"I'm not finishing," Janikowski would say. Or, "I just pushed it," or, "I'm too wide" with his step.

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There's no question that the three-man team had some rough moments, and Janikowski's offseason work with Condo and King is an indication that they know what we know.

"With Shane, we knew each other so well, that's a trust issue right there," Janikowski said. "He knew if I'm pushing the ball, he would tilt the ball in the different direction. So now I'm working with Marquette, and it's improving a lot."

It has to. The Raiders can't afford another 21-for-30 season from their kicker. Not acceptable, especially for the highest-paid leg in the game, and someone who has done this for 14 seasons.

Advanced age has been ruled out as a factor in last year's slump. Janikowski is 36, but says he compensates by working harder, doing more running and stretching, more work on weights on the stationary bike, and lots and lots of kicking.

"I don't think I've lost any distance," he said. "The power has always been there. My final step is so powerful, I've always had the power, since high school. ... I feel that I'm as strong as I was eight, 10 years ago."

He said he's also more stable, as in more mature. As a young player, Janikowski had a few scrapes with the authorities, was known to party a bit. Now, he's a team leader. Said he tries to lead by example, doing his work, getting to meetings early. It wasn't always that way.

"It's like (I'm telling younger teammates), 'Don't make the same mistakes I did,' " he said, "because obviously everybody knows, I made some mistakes."

He said when he was a young player, then-quarterback Rich Gannon pulled him aside and let him know he was falling short of Gannon's only acceptable level: perfection.

What was Gannon's exact message?

"We agreed to keep it private," Janikowski said with a smile. "It wasn't nice."

Janikowski is married; he and his wife have twin girls, 22 months old. That cuts into your golf time.

"But in my life, they cut in in a good way," he said. "I needed that. ... I've changed over the years. I'm more stable, fatherhood, work and stuff like that. Everybody goes through a process. You learn from it. What can I say?"

Janikowski said he appreciates his job more than he ever did, and sees no reason he can't kick effectively for another decade or more.

But to get that far, he'll have to get to get through this season. A big test, right?

"Every year is a test."

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MAURICE JONES-DREW

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Raiders' Maurice Jones-Drew feels he has something to prove

By Vic Tafur

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A fresh start Tuesday began with the "worst decision of my life," running back Maurice Jones-Drew said.

The new Raider jumped on the freeway from his home in Danville to get to Alameda for the first day of the team's offseason conditioning program.

"It took me 40 minutes to get here," Jones-Drew said. "That's ridiculous. I'm never taking the I-880 again."

The Oakland native and former De La Salle High School star wasn't late, but it would have been OK if he was. He's been working out at Cal since January with former De La Salle and Cal strength and conditioning coach Mike Blasquez. Jones-Drew is down to about 215 pounds and his goal is 208 (his playing weight at UCLA 10 years ago was 205.)

Coming off foot surgery, Jones-Drew rushed 234 times for 803 yards and five touchdowns with Jacksonville last season. He also had 43 receptions. He left with some bitter feelings, and after other teams viewed him as a backup, he signed a three-year deal with Oakland last month.

"My goal last year was to show people I was healthy again and finish the season strong," Jones-Drew, 29, said in an interview last week. "My goal this year is to be explosive again."

The 5-foot-7 Jones-Drew knows that no one sees him as an elite running back anymore, just three years removed from leading the NFL in rushing. He embraces the chip on his shoulder, just as the other experienced players who met the media Tuesday, defensive end Justin Tuck and wide receiver James Jones, do.

"You hear, 'This is a great team ... in 2009,'" Jones-Drew said. "Whatever."

Jones, who like Jones-Drew is from the Bay Area (San Jose), was deemed expendable by the Packers and was actually looking forward to the free-agency process. But...

"It was long. ... I got to see what people thought of me, and that's why I have a big chip on my shoulder right now and I'm excited and ready to go," Jones said.

Jones was asked what the new offense is going to look like.

"We're going to score 50 points a game. ... I don't know; it's the first day," he said.

How well the offense does will depend a lot on Jones, new quarterback Matt Schaub and the Jones-Drew/Darren McFadden 1-2 punch at running back.

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Jones-Drew said his foot "feels phenomenal." He held off on surgery when he first got hurt because he wanted to get back on the field and help the Jaguars.

When he signed with the Raiders, Jones-Drew said he was "done wrong" by Jacksonville, and he recently elaborated.

"It's a business, and they're moving in a different direction, and I get that," Jones-Drew said. "Players are asked to be loyal, but the team has never been loyal to you."

"I led the league in rushing, my foot breaks and I come back out of shape to do the best I can to help the team. I gave them eight years. And then they just wash their hands of you."

Other teams that Jones-Drew visited wanted him to mentor younger backs - and Steelers coach Mike Tomlin almost sold him on it - but Jones-Drew feels he has "a lot left," he said, and wanted to compete to be a starter.

Jones-Drew thinks his running style and McFadden's complement each other well as far as sharing carries goes.

"But first, we're going to compete," Jones-Drew said. "Let's see if someone can win the job. I expect us both to be better coming out of training camp because of that competition."

"It's going to be fun. There's no reason we can't be one of the best 1-2 punches in the league."

Jones-Drew definitely has a leg up on the conditioning part.

"He has a lot left," former De La Salle coach Bob Ladouceur told Yahoo Sports Live. "The last couple of years, Maurice was a little bit ... not in the best shape that he's been in. This year, he went back to work in January and is in the best shape he's ever been in."

"He's going to have a really big year."

De La Salle alums Maurice Jones-Drew and Nick Holz reunited with Raiders

By Vic Tafur

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It's not the typical assistant coach-player relationship.

"There are times I tell him to go out there and do this or that and he just stands there and looks at me," Raiders offensive assistant Nick Holz said.

Maurice Jones-Drew finds himself surprised sometimes when Holz is breaking down a part of the offense and it actually makes sense.

"Wow, you really do know what you are talking about," Jones-Drew will tell Holz.

It's only natural, actually.

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High school buddies don't usually respect each other's intelligence, and Jones-Drew, 29, and Holz were teammates at Concord's De La Salle High.

Holz still remembers what was probably the first of many double-takes of the 5-foot-7 running back's high school, college and NFL career.

Holz was a sophomore wide receiver at De La Salle High in 1999 when a certain freshman was called up to the junior varsity.

"Everyone's like, 'Who the heck is this guy?' He was like 5 feet tall ... and his legs are about as big as he is wide," Holz said. "And he started running over people then. And he hasn't stopped."

Jones-Drew, meanwhile, said he is not surprised Holz is already on an NFL coaching staff, and ties it back to high school practice.

"He's a hard worker and competes at everything," Jones-Drew said. "When he ran 40s in high school, Nick would always be in front come the 20th one because he was running 4.7 every time."

Holz went to Colorado as a walk-on. He played receiver and held for kicks. Guess who then played against the Buffaloes.

"His freshman year, one of Maurice's first games was UCLA at Colorado," Holz said. "You think this kid is going to be nervous, and he is in there for the huddle and he looks over to the sideline and says, 'Hey Holz, look at what I am going to do!'"

"I was terrified just being on the bench."

Holz tried his hand at coaching after college when another high school teammate's dad, former Raiders head coach Bill Callahan, and Holz were sitting around one day talking about the future.

"He asked me if I wanted to come to Nebraska, make \$10,000 a year and sleep at a desk two nights a week," Holz said. "Who could resist that offer?"

Holz caught the coaching bug for good that year, in 2007, as the Cornhuskers' offensive quality-control coach and video intern. He went to Stanford as an assistant quarterbacks coach for four years, before switching to an all silver-and-black wardrobe in 2012.

He helps out receivers coach Ted Gilmore, does a lot of the playbook drawings and breaking down of video and gets call sheets ready for offensive coordinator Greg Olson. And runs the scout team.

Oh, and helps tutor an old high school buddy.

"It's been wonderful to be back with family and friends again, and one of them, Nick, has helped me learn the offense here quickly," Jones-Drew said.

"But I am still not calling him Coach Holz. Just Holz. Or Nick."

That's cool with Holz, who is just happy to pick up with an old friend where they left off 10 years ago.

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"He was pretty much the exact same person then that he is today," Holz said. "He is a true professional. He does his job and has a great time doing it."

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Raiders' Maurice Jones-Drew faces his uphill battle head on

By Sam Farmer

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The dirt path, narrow and steep, snakes about 500 yards up a severe hillside in Danville, Calif., and beckons Maurice Jones-Drew each week. He and his trainer consider it their Saturday morning exclamation point, the grueling capstone for their week of workouts, their version of the "Rocky" steps..

"The first time, I was like, 'If I want to be the best, I've got to get up and run this thing,'" said Jones-Drew, beginning the next chapter of his NFL career, as a running back for the Oakland Raiders. "We ran about 12 of them. That's the work you have to put in."

For Jones-Drew, that works.

"Maurice is no-frills. He doesn't need anything fancy," said Mike Blasquez, Jones-Drew's trainer, who is the strength and conditioning coach at Cal, and held the same position at Concord De La Salle High when the running back was a star there. "He just wants to work. The hill he runs is a beast — 500 yards and uphill at 40 degrees. We've run it in the rain, run it when it was hard as a rock."

Another mountain stands in his path. Jones-Drew, coming off foot surgery that preceded a disappointing 2013 season, is determined to prove he still has something left. He's 29, an age when most running backs are either done or on a downward slide, and he's on a team that's filled with question marks, the 4-12 straggler in the AFC West, a division that sent its other three teams to the playoffs last season.

Jones-Drew, the former UCLA standout, has gone from coast to coast — from Jacksonville, where he was the Jaguars' No. 2 all-time rusher, to his childhood home of Oakland, where he's competing with the oft-injured Darren McFadden to be the No. 1 back. The Raiders stage their annual three-day mandatory mini-camp this week.

After winning the NFL rushing title with 1,606 yards in 2011, Jones-Drew's 2012 season was cut short after six games by an injury that required two screws to hold his left foot together. He had to relearn how to walk, then how to run, and was limited to 803 yards rushing last season. The Jaguars, in turn, let him test the open market, and Jones-Drew — who also talked to the Pittsburgh Steelers — signed a three-year deal with the Raiders in March.

"For a while, I was contemplating retirement because I just didn't feel like I had it anymore," said Jones-Drew, who averaged 3.4 yards per carry last season after seven years of never averaging fewer than 4.2. "But that wasn't the case. My trainer helped me get back in shape and gain that foundation that I'd lost with the surgery."

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So intense were those workouts, which began in the second week of January, that Jones-Drew threw up on each of the first five days, even though he wasn't doing any running or lifting of heavy weights. He needed to know if he was still passionate enough about the game to push himself to the brink of collapse.

"I wanted to see if I still had that burning desire," he said in a phone interview this week. "When you throw up five days in a row and keep coming back, you're like, OK, there's still something there."

Passion only counts for so much, however. Jones-Drew holds no illusions about the difficulty of the task he's facing. When he first arrived at Oakland he even acknowledged the lingering joke about the franchise, that it had a great roster — great for 2009, that is.

Jones-Drew joins McFadden, quarterback Matt Schaub, defensive end Justin Tuck, cornerback Charles Woodson . . . all players widely believed to be well past their prime.

At this time of year, optimism is cresting with all 32 NFL teams, so it's not entirely surprising that Schaub recently proclaimed the backfield tandem of Jones-Drew and McFadden "is as good as I've been around in all my years."

In an interview on SiriusXM NFL Radio, the Raiders quarterback — who played with an impressive backfield of Arian Foster and Ben Tate in Houston — called the ballcarriers who now will line up behind him "a great one-two punch, the combination of speed and power that they operate with, and also being smart in the protection game, being able to line them up out wide on linebackers and have them be able to run all the different routes on the route tree."

For the most part, though, there is little buzz in NFL circles about Oakland's backfield.

Throughout his career, the 5-foot-7 Jones-Drew has used doubters as rocket fuel, taking great pride in making skeptics look silly. But in recent years, the criticism has stung a bit more.

"It doesn't bother me that people have written me off, but it's just how they've done it," he said. "I understand if I had played bad the year before, then played the way I did [in 2013]. Then, I could understand people saying, 'Oh, he's done.' But I was leading the league in rushing before I broke my foot."

"It was tough hearing people say, 'Aw, you don't have it anymore.'"

Maybe for the first time, he too questioned himself, searching for that explosive burst that was so obvious earlier in his career.

"I watched the same tape and I'd say, 'Man, why'd I do this? Why didn't I do that?'" he said. "Part of it was, just physically, I wasn't able to do some of the same things I'm used to doing. But once I started working out after the season . . ."

And it was more than simply working out. It was working out without feeling injured, for the first time in ages, and getting a fresh start in a familiar and comfortable place.

"I'm in the best shape of my life now, running fast, running hills, pulling sleds, cutting, jumping," he said. "I've rededicated myself to my craft again."

The way his trainer sees it, those aren't hollow words.

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"You challenge Maurice, man, game on," Blasquez said. "When he's like that, good luck. He is one competitive dude, and he's on a mission."

We'll find out if that will pay off on Sundays this fall. One mountain down, another range of them to come.

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KHALIL MACK

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Kawakami: Khalil Mack could end Raiders' first-round hex

By Tim Kawakami

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Is this finally the end of the Raiders' first-round curse? No more fiascos? Really?

Maybe Buffalo linebacker Khalil Mack is the hex-ender, maybe he's everything the Raiders have wanted and needed for almost two decades -- and almost never got out of their first-round picks.

Mack, the Raiders' pick in the NFL draft Thursday, should be better than Rolando McClain or Robert Gallery, more focused than JaMarcus Russell, and healthier than Darren McFadden.

Mack should be more productive than Fabian Washington, Michael Huff or Darrius Heyward-Bey, and more instantly important than Sebastian Janikowski or Nnamdi Asomugha.

Mack should be the Raiders' best first-round pick since Charles Woodson in 1998, and my oh my, that is a very long time.

If you watched coach Dennis Allen beam and giggle minutes after the Raiders landed Mack with the fifth overall pick, you sure got a sense of how long ago it really was.

Allen didn't just look pleased that Mack fell out of the top four, after he was at times projected to go in the top three.

Allen looked relieved, relaxed, overjoyed and possibly set free.

Meanwhile, general manager Reggie McKenzie looked antsy and exhausted, but I think that's just how he gets during the draft. Or maybe hoping and waiting for Mack to get to them took a little toll.

"When we started this process, we were totally clear that we wanted to add some impact players to our football team," Allen said.

"This is an impact player. This guy will have an impact on our football team for the 2014 season, there's no question about that."

So, Reggie, if you had the first overall pick, would you still have taken Mack?

"I didn't have the first pick," the Raiders general manager said in a singsong voice.

"We liked Khalil. We liked him a lot."

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Other teams -- the teams that have won over the past 11 seasons, while the Raiders have not -- have built themselves up using first-round picks as their foundations.

Not the Raiders.

They've either traded away their pick (in 2011 and 2012), been unlucky enough to watch the better players go ahead of them, watched good talents fade once they put on the Silver & Black, or simply whiffed the pick.

We'll still have to see how Mack performs -- remember, McClain was a highly acclaimed pick in 2010, and now he's out of the league.

But if Mack is who McKenzie and Allen think he is ... or even half of how they described him on Thursday ... he should be one of the Raiders' best players the first time he suits up.

The Raiders signed a slew of older veteran free agents a few months ago, just to hold things together in 2014.

The way to get this team to the same level as Kansas City or Denver or above, though, is to reload with true young stars, and Mack seems to fit that profile exactly.

A young star. A game-changing pass rusher who could keep sacking quarterbacks for a decade.

Someone who grades out "A-1" off the field, according to McKenzie.

When's the last time the Raiders had a blue-chipper like that? Usually, they're getting beat by those guys.

"Absolutely, I saw a lot of similarities between him and Von Miller," Allen said of the star Denver linebacker that he coached as a rookie in 2011.

"And the thing that really was attractive about Khalil Mack was the fact that he understands how to rush the passer. And he understands how to rush the passer with power."

After this, the Raiders can turn their attention to landing more and more playmakers.

Maybe they get a receiver, they definitely need a quarterback of the future -- really, they could use young talent at every position.

But it had to start with some good luck, and that came when Jacksonville surprised everybody by selecting quarterback Blake Bortles with the third pick.

That guaranteed that the Raiders would get either Mack or receiver Sammy Watkins.

I think they liked Mack better than anybody except No. 1 overall pick Jadeveon Clowney, and now we will see if the Raiders' faith is well placed.

"He's a real man," Allen said of Mack. "He's a football-first guy, and he's got tremendous work ethic, and he's a team player."

"Those are all things we look for in adding to our football team."

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It's easy to say that now, with Mack in the fold. Actually, it was easy to say and see that all these previous years, when there was nobody like Mack on this team.

There is now, at least one. That's a start.

Raiders' Khalil Mack a dream, former coaches say

By Jerry McDonald

May 16, 2014

University at Buffalo defensive coordinator Lou Teppa cringed when a local police officer told him he'd had an encounter with one of his players a couple months back.

"You hear that, you start to twitch a little bit," Teppa said.

Dennis Gilbert, a cop who is also the football coach at St. Joe's High in Buffalo, recognized Khalil Mack immediately. Mack approached Gilbert holding a small white purse he'd found in a snow bank.

"He wanted to know if we could find the owner," Gilbert said.

A fellow officer opened the purse to find an iPhone, credit cards, cash and jewelry. A short time later, the purse and its contents were returned to the grateful owner who had been retracing her steps a block away, frantic and losing hope for its return.

"You always hear the stories about kids who do the wrong things," Gilbert said. "Here's a good kid, doing the right thing, making the right decisions."

Even with the background checks necessitated for a top-10 pick, the Raiders hadn't heard of Mack's act of integrity. Even without it, they were convinced Mack was worthy of being the face of their defense for the next decade in making him the fifth pick of the NFL draft.

The Raiders rookie draft class, plus undrafted free agents and some players on a tryout basis, convened at the club's rookie camp starting Friday. Mack reportedly signed his rookie deal Thursday and was ready to go.

Mack, according to those who know him best, is described as earnest and hardworking, driven to be the best. It's only between the white lines where he shows an edge.

DIFFERENT MAN ON FIELD

"Off the field, he's the nicest, most humble, sweetest kid you could ever meet in your life," said Waides Ashmon, Mack's coach at Westwood High in Port St. Lucie, Florida. "On the field, he plays mad, with a chip on his shoulder, and that's exciting to watch."

Ashmon had been at Westwood for a month when an assistant told him about Mack, a junior basketball player who had recovered from a torn patellar tendon and hadn't played football since his freshman year.

"In the spring, my coach came into my classroom, picked me out of class and I have been playing football ever since," Mack said.

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As the two stood in the hallway, Ashmon saw a 6-foot-1, 215-pound physical specimen "with the muscles coming through his clothes" and asked Mack, "What do I need to do to get you on the football field?"

"He said, 'Coach, I would love to play. You've just got to talk with my dad,' " Ashmon said.

Ashmon pulled out his cell phone on the spot and made his pitch to Sandy Mack.

"I've never done this before, but I told him if you allow Khalil to come play for me, I promise he will go to college for free," Ashmon said.

Mack led Westwood with 140 tackles on a 10-2 team, but with only one year of varsity football in a talent-laden state, only Liberty University of Lynchburg, Virginia, was interested. However, when a Liberty assistant accepted a job at Buffalo, it helped land Mack a full scholarship.

"He just got overlooked," Ashmon said. "Coaches would come in and say he looks the part, but they didn't have enough film on him. I'd tell them, I don't care what y'all say, the kid's going to be a first-round draft pick in five years."

Tepper, the Buffalo defensive coordinator since 2012, has coached at nine schools since 1967 and put 20 linebackers on NFL rosters. At Illinois in 1996, when Tepper was the head coach, the Illini had linebackers Kevin Hardy and Simeon Rice taken with the Nos. 2 and 3 selections in the NFL draft.

"I've only had a few players who were what I call complete linebackers, that could play anywhere in a 3-4 or a 4-3 defense," Tepper said. "Oakland is getting someone with the talent to be a star at any of those positions."

'HE KNOWS HOW TO WORK'

Now 6-2, 251, Mack's ability to range sideline-to-sideline, rush the passer (28 1/2 career sacks) and strip the ball (16 forced fumbles) is enhanced by a will to prepare as well as to win.

"When he gets a tip sheet every day, he's got a highlighter out and works on it," Tepper said. "He knows how to work. He learns from written material, he learns from briefing material, he learns from walking through, and when the ball is snapped he'll play fast."

Mack finds motivation from perceived slights. He was so insulted by an EA sports video game that gave him a mediocre ranking of 46 that he made it his uniform number at Buffalo.

When an Ohio State assistant coach assessed Mack as "just a guy" going into the 2014 season opener, Tepper called Mack "JAG" all week. Mack responded with 2 1/2 sacks, a 45-yard interception return and nine tackles against the Buckeyes.

Buffalo head coach Jeff Quinn said Mack's drive reminds him of Joe Staley, the 49ers tackle whom he coached at Eastern Michigan.

"He's as gifted a player as I've ever coached," Quinn said of Mack. "He lives it and loves it."

Raiders general manager Reggie McKenzie said Mack "plays the game the way it's supposed to be played. He plays hard, he plays physical, he goes from snap to whistle. You might call it a chip on his shoulder, or you can just call it being a football player."

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Mack's mother, Yolanda, an elementary school teacher, said of her son, "We all have something where we're a '10.' Khalil was always athletic, always competitive in that way. Even at 5 he was doing push-ups. He had these muscles."

Outgoing and team oriented, Mack entertained Buffalo teammates occasionally by singing and playing the guitar. His personality is in stark contrast to the last linebacker the Raiders took in the first round, the aloof and perpetually disinterested Rolando McClain at No. 8 in 2010.

Ashmon, who was with the Mack family in New York at the draft, laughed as he recounted the post-draft scene.

"He'll probably kill me for telling this story, but we were up in his hotel room that night, he strips off his shirt, and he's jumping around, saying, 'Let's play right now!,' " Ashmon said.

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Raiders' top draft pick, Mack, a 'tough kid' - just ask Dad

By Vic Tafur

May 9, 2014

Yolanda and Sandy Mack walked into the auditorium Friday afternoon, a step behind as their son, Khalil, took the stage at the Raiders' introductory news conference for the first-round pick. They took a seat, and dad got his cell phone video camera working to record all the reporters' questions and his son's answers.

Sandy said he didn't think about Khalil making the NFL until his middle son was a freshman at Buffalo. He and Yolanda knew, though, that he could handle a collision after years of picking up after the wreckage from Khalil and his two brothers.

Sandy knew that they had raised a tough kid, who didn't back down from anything.

"Khalil has an older brother (LeDarius) that he was always bumping against," Sandy Mack said. "And there was no pity in our house. We have three boys and they're all a little rough around the edges."

Mack went on to wreak havoc in a storied career at Buffalo, with 18.5 sacks and 40 tackles for a loss his last two seasons, and the linebacker learned to hit hard at an early age. It wasn't one of his brothers, but a cousin, who fired him up when he was 11.

Johnny Gamble was also Mack's youth football coach when he was 11, and called him "soft" after one practice. He was teased about it all night, and then the next day came back to practice and hit another player so hard that he couldn't get up.

Buffalo must have heard that story, because defensive coordinator Lou Tepper waited until before last year's Ohio State game to try a similar motivational technique. Tepper told Mack that Ohio State had called him "just another guy." And then Tepper called him JAG the rest of the week at practice. Mack was so mad he called his dad.

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"You could hear it in his voice, that was going to be a special game," Sandy Mack said. "I originally couldn't make it, but I had to make sure I was there after that call."

Mack had 2.5 sacks, a 45-yard interception return for a touchdown and nine tackles against Ohio State.

Now, he's ready for the next challenge, the NFL, and facing Peyton Manning twice a year.

"I can't wait, I can't wait to go out and play against some of the best players," Mack said.

During the draft process, Mack said he didn't worry about where he would wind up, but did think it was odd that the Raiders - who picked fifth - didn't fly him in for a visit. Then he would think about his meeting with general manager Reggie McKenzie and other team officials at the NFL combine in Indianapolis in February.

"I didn't think it would go well, right when it started," Mack said.

Mack told the Raiders that the first NFL game he saw was the Bucs beating someone bad in Super Bowl XXXVII.

Tampa Bay beat the Raiders in that game 48-21.

"They said, 'You're in the wrong room.' "

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A karmic comeuppance for Khalil Mack

By Paul Gutierrez

May 16, 2014

Khalil Mack's father is an identical twin, so imagine the certain karmic feeling that enveloped the linebacker at the NFL combine when he entered the Oakland Raiders' interview room.

After he did a double take, of course.

Escorting Mack into the room, Raiders college scout Raleigh McKenzie. Awaiting Mack inside the room, McKenzie's identical twin, Raiders general manager Reggie McKenzie. And yes, Mack thought it was the GM who had been taking such a keen interest in him all along, rather than watching from afar.

They all had a laugh, until someone on the Raiders staff asked Mack about his earliest NFL memory as a fan.

Mack, who grew up in Fort Pierce, Florida, told the gathering he remembered his home state Tampa Bay Buccaneers beating up on some team in the Super Bowl.

Yes, *that* Super Bowl. The one in which Jon Gruden's team thumped the Raiders 48-21 on Jan. 26, 2003, a loss from which Oakland has yet to fully recover, let alone have a winning season or playoff appearance since.

It appeared as though Mack, who set an NCAA record for forced fumbles in his college career at Buffalo, had

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fumbled the ball himself by insulting his hosts, as unintentional as it was funny.

"I was going to tell him, 'OK, you're in the wrong room,'" Reggie McKenzie said with a grin.

Instead, nerves were calmed.

"We started laughing," Mack recalled. "That speaks for what type of people they are in this building -- great people, some of the best. I'm glad to be a part of this great organization."

It's one that is expecting him to be a part of its turnaround. And it began not only with the Raiders selecting Mack with the No. 5 overall pick, despite never bringing him out for an official visit, but with Mack signing his contract Thursday, a day before the start of this weekend's rookie minicamp.

It showed that Mack, who will wear No. 52, is serious about getting to work and not letting the prospect of contract haggling overshadow his preparation.

"Coming to the professional level, I know guys are going to be just as talented if not more talented than I am," Mack said last week. "There are certain things that you have to do as a football player to make sure that you play fundamentally sound and use the right technique and play with your hands and do it every day and do it every time you go on the field and be consistent.

"That's what I'm looking forward to doing. I'm looking forward to being more consistent as a football player and getting better. Working with some of the veteran guys in the NFL, and I'm excited."

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DARREN McFADDEN

SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE

Raiders' McFadden eager to impress without the pressure

By Vic Tafur

June 18, 2014

There was a time - oh, every season for the past six years - when Raiders coaches, teammates and even owners Al and then Mark Davis would hold their breath every time Darren McFadden touched the ball.

Well, not this year. Oakland still would love to see the running back return to his 2010 form and stay healthy, but there is a lot less riding on him now and the kid gloves are off. The Raiders offered McFadden only a one-year, \$1.65 million contract - which he surprisingly jumped on - and then brought in Maurice Jones-Drew to either beat out McFadden or share carries with him.

Oakland, throwing caution to the wind, even has McFadden returning kicks in offseason practice - something he hasn't even tried since his rookie season.

"I wouldn't mind it at all," McFadden said, on that being part of his new job description. "I returned kicks in college and I felt like I was pretty good at it, so I wouldn't mind it at all."

McFadden ran for 1,157 yards and caught for 507, with 10 touchdowns, in 13 games in 2011. But he hasn't been the same since, averaging 3.3 yards per carry the past two years while failing to stay healthy. He has missed 19 of the past 41 games and has missed 29 total in his six seasons.

McFadden, as always, remains upbeat.

"With me, I still feel like it's my rookie year," he said. "The years flew by so fast. As far as my body, I still feel like I'm still the same person I was coming in my rookie year. I just have more knowledge of the game."

If McFadden can be a playmaker again, and beat out Jones-Drew, the Raiders would be thrilled. If he can't, or gets hurt, the Raiders didn't risk much when McFadden accepted the modest contract offer in March. (In fact, only \$100,000 of the deal is guaranteed if Oakland cuts McFadden during training camp.)

Jones-Drew, who averaged 3.4 yards a carry for Jacksonville last year coming back from a major foot injury, expects big things out of both himself and McFadden.

He thinks they will push each other, as well as second-year back Latavius Murray.

"When these pads get on, you're going to start to see what we're about, and that is running back by committee," Jones-Drew said. That "is going to help us, because we're going to be fighting every day to get the ball. I know Darren wants the ball just like I do. That drive is what's going to help us become a better backfield."

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It was only three years ago that Jones-Drew, 29, led the NFL in rushing, and Raiders head coach Dennis Allen thinks both running backs have a lot left in the tank.

"When you watch them practice, you see guys that still have explosion," Allen said. They are "guys that still have run skills, guys that can make people miss. ... I see a couple of guys that if they can stay healthy, they still have the ability to perform at a high level in this league."

Quarterback Matt Schaub said the Jones-Drew and McFadden combination is as good as the impressive Arian Foster-Ben Tate backfield he played with in Houston.

"Just all around," Schaub said. "Just their ability to understand the run schemes and how the blocking schemes work against different fronts, and understanding where the hole's going to be."

Schaub also thinks both are big weapons in the passing game.

"D-Mac has always been a great screen guy, as has MJD. ... I think just the complete nature of both of them and them complementing each other is going to be a big key to our success."

Raiders' Darren McFadden hoping to outrun the labels

By Scott Ostler

July 30, 2014

The first week of training camp must seem to Darren McFadden like the movie "Groundhog Day." For seven years, McFadden has arrived in Napa ready to rock and roll - eager, healthy and seemingly destined to take his place as one of football's elite running backs.

Then stuff happens. Injuries. Coaches fired. Scheme changes and raggedy surrounding talent, rendering McFadden's skills null and void. Flashes of brilliance, but mostly frustration and disappointment.

Maybe a better movie analogy would be "Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events."

Well, this time could be different. Stop rolling your eyes, Debbie Downer fans.

It's possible that this is the season it all will come together for McFadden, and the Raiders.

If you're skeptical, you're not alone. McFadden said other teams showed interest in signing him, but he came back to the Raiders for a bargain-basement \$1.65 million contract, only \$100,000 guaranteed.

And unlike past seasons, when the Raiders counted on McFadden to be their bell cow (to borrow a 49ers term), he's merely in the mix this time. The Raiders signed Maurice Jones-Drew to compete for the starting job. Fullback Marcel Reece dropped 17 pounds in the offseason.

It's a different scene for McFadden, for so long the golden guy. Now he's being asked to return kickoffs, which he hasn't done since college. Until now, he was too valuable, and maybe too fragile, for such risky duty.

It appears that the change of status has not dented McFadden's optimism and enthusiasm. He's never been a grumbler or slacker, and he seems to be attacking his new situation with the same old zest.

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"I feel great," McFadden said after Wednesday's practice. "I feel like a rookie coming in. Training camp is just like being a rookie all over again. You're excited being out there."

Does he see this as a last chance?

"It's a new beginning," McFadden said, "but at the same time, I feel like it's all or nothing, so I'm going to have to go out there and perform and stay healthy on the field."

It can be done. Lest we paint his career to date as a total failure, remember the shining 2010 season. McFadden missed three games but still gained 1,157 yards on 5.2 per carry, flashing speed and power. He made people miss. He was dangerous.

That was what the Raiders had in mind when they drafted him No. 4 overall in 2008 from Arkansas. Was 2010 an aberration, or proof that McFadden can produce fireworks if you block for him properly and he's healthy?

The Raiders might be crazy to keep trying to tap McFadden's talent, but the temptation is strong. In his second NFL game, against the Chiefs, McFadden carried 21 times for 164 yards.

Then he injured a toe and missed three games, and when he returned, Tom Cable had replaced Lane Kiffin as head coach. Cable pretty much iced McFadden.

It's not all about coaching. Two seasons ago, some blamed McFadden's average of 3.3 yards on Dennis Allen's zone-blocking scheme. Last season, no more zone, but another season of 3.3 yards per carry.

If McFadden doesn't realize his potential this season, it won't be because he's damaged goods. He said he's 100 percent healthy and still jet quick.

"I'm going to run a 4.3 'til I'm 50," McFadden said. "As far as the exact (40-yard dash) time, I'm still a 4.3 guy. I don't feel that I've lost a step at all."

In six seasons, he has missed an average of almost five games per season to injuries. Seriously, that could be a good thing.

"I'm just now getting ready to turn 27," McFadden said, "so I feel like I still have a lot of football in me. I guess that's one of the bright sides of me being injured, you know? Less games took a lot of wear and tear off my body, so I still have a lot of years of football left in me."

Maybe. It would be great for the Raiders if it works out that way. McFadden would be the late Al Davis' last contribution.

For McFadden, this shouldn't be about money. He earned \$60 million on his first contract. He probably could walk away from the game with his head up, write off the hard times to circumstances beyond his control.

But he has unfinished business, personally and with the Raiders.

"I had other offers," McFadden said, "but I wanted to come back here and be a part of Raider Nation. We've had some rough years here; I wanted to come here and be part of the turnaround."

REGGIE McKENZIE

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Oakland Will Spend Money, Just Not All at Once

By Andrew Brandt

March 14, 2014

These are salad days for NFL owners. *Forbes* values 23 of the 32 franchises at over \$1 billion, record-level television contracts are kicking in, and there are seven years remaining on a favorable CBA. With young players being squeezed (drafted players must sign four-year contracts at fixed rates) and older veterans being purged (just look at this week's waiver wire), those now carrying the banner for improved plater economics are the "sweet spot" free agents emerging from rookie contracts who are between the optimal ages of 25 to 27. Two days into free agency, the team to watch is the Raiders, who are flush with salary cap room like no other in 2014.

Under the leadership of the late Al Davis, the Raiders were reluctant to pay market price for coaches, executives and front office staff. But they were always willing to pay—and *overpay*—players. In the agent community, the best call one could receive was from Davis. He loved players: picking them, counseling them and paying them.

In Davis' later years, many of those contracts had consequences when the players didn't perform well. When new general manager Reggie McKenzie entered the picture two years ago, he turned the page on dozens of contracts with years remaining, leaving about \$56 million in "dead money" in their wake. While other teams operated on a \$123 million cap in 2013, the Raiders were left to compete with 60% of that number, roughly \$75 million in negotiable dollars for their active players.

That was then; this is now.

Having atoned for previous contractual sins, the Raiders are now playing at an advantage compared to the rest of the league. They entered the 2014 league calendar with close to \$60 million in cap room. And with their minimal spending last year and team minimum spending accounting ahead for 2013-2016, all eyes are on the Raiders' checkbook.

In its new financial era, Oakland allowed Jared Veldheer, Lamarr Houston and Rashad Jennings to leave while acquiring tackles Rodger Saffold (\$42.5 million, \$21 million guaranteed) and Austin Howard (\$30 million, \$15 million guaranteed). With their ample cap room, the Raiders likely structured those deals with disproportionate cap containment this year, allowing them to exit the contracts later, if need be, with little pain.

Raider Nation, judging from Twitter and media reaction, was not impressed. After a two year grace period, fans are restless. In their minds, it's time for a referendum on McKenzie. And then came word of a failed physical for Saffold, compounding the frustration. Evidently, the Raiders' medical staff had serious enough concern to not sign off on Reggie's strong interest in Saffold, while the Rams are willing to take him back

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despite any medical issues. While I am not qualified to evaluate Saffold and Howard compared to Veldheer or anyone else, I can comment on the man who made those decisions.

I worked closely with McKenzie for nine years in the Packers' front office. When negotiating contracts, I would often rely on him for unfiltered views on players that both the agent and I were using as comparables. He had vast knowledge of players from every team and made it very clear whom he liked and whom he didn't.

Reggie had his terms of endearment for players. He valued brute strength in linemen, both offensive and defensive, and would slow the film down to watch plays that showed one lineman physically overmatching another. In his Tennessee drawl he'd say, "Look at this big joker...BAM!" When Reggie referred to a player as "country strong," I knew that was a high compliment. He felt that way about several of the offensive linemen we had in Green Bay, especially Chad Clifton, and I'm certain he feels that way about Saffold (his medical issue notwithstanding) and Howard.

And the slow teardown that the Raiders just endured fits Reggie well. If Reggie is anything, he is deliberate. He walks slowly, he talks slowly, he eats slowly and he will build slowly. Saffold and Howard were supposed to be the first expenditures of the \$60 million in cap room, and there will be more, with reports of veterans Justin Tuck, LaMarr Woodley and Terrell Thomas set to visit. Cap room doesn't have to be exhausted in March; it can be spent through December.

Reggie mirrors some elements of the two general managers we had in Green Bay. He has the courage of his convictions about players that Ron Wolf had, including blunt assessments of their talent. But Reggie also has the patience of Ted Thompson; he adheres to the draft-and-develop model of team-building. The latter means trusting scouts to constantly fill a pipeline of young talent, empowering coaches to play and develop young players, and identifying core players to secure contractually for the future.

I know the last thing Raider Nation wants to hear is a plea for more patience, especially after the Saffold twist, but a new era of cap prosperity has just begun. I admit to bias, but Reggie is consumed with finding the right players for his team, no matter how long it takes or where he finds them. Saffold and Howard, however uninspiring, were just the start of the book on 2014. Let's see how the chapters play out.

LATAVIUS MURRAY

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Former Onondaga Central star Latavius Murray eager to play after injury-plagued rookie season

By Stephen Bailey

July 3, 2014

Latavius Murray may not have been able to play his rookie year in the NFL, but the Oakland Raiders running back feels he still took a lot away from a season derailed by ankle and foot injuries.

"The fact that I had to sit out a whole year, I was able to learn from it," Murray said on Saturday while helping run the free CNY Football Academy youth camp. "Mentally, still being able to be in the meeting room and watch film with those guys, I think it's going to help me out tremendously.

"Being away from it for a full year, I miss it and I'm hungry. I'm excited to get back out there this season and play some football again."

Murray was once the 2007 Gatorade Football Player of the Year while at Onondaga Central High School. After starring at Central Florida — Murray was named All-Conference USA first team his senior season — he was drafted by the Raiders in the sixth round of the 2013 NFL Draft. But a rookie season hyped with the opportunity of becoming an immediate contributor began to unravel with an ankle tweak in the Raiders first preseason game.

Now, he is healthy again and looking to break the Raiders' running back rotation spearheaded by Darren McFadden and recently signed Maurice Jones-Drew.

"When you see those guys walk out that tunnel, you know the feeling that they're having, because I've had it before, you miss that feeling," Murray said. "When they're out there, you wish you were out there grinding with them. So it'll be fun to have that back. It'll be good to be out there with them."

Murray said that having hometown friend Tyvon Branch on injured reserve with him made the rehabilitation experience better.

But with the injuries behind him, Murray's focus has shifted to contributing this season. Raiders training camp begins on July 24.

Said Murray: "My goal is to become the best running back that I can be, the best player that I can be for the team and to get better every day. To just do my part and do my role, whatever that is."

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DONALD PENN

CSN BAY AREA

Penn finds fresh start with Raiders

By Scott Bair

June 13, 2014

Donald Penn grew up a Raiders fan. The Los Angeles native spent many Sunday afternoons in L.A. Coliseum parking lots with his father and his friends, tossing pigskin prior to the main event.

“Going to the games, sitting in the nosebleed sections with my dad was always fun,” the veteran left tackle said. “We rooted for the Raiders. We’d be out there cooking and the adults would be drinking beer before the game. It was something I looked forward to as a kid. ... Now I’m going to be able to help them return back to excellence.”

Penn will get that chance after signing a two-year contract with the Raiders this offseason. While the former Tampa Bay Buccaneer will play closer to family and don a jersey he has long cheered for, nostalgia alone didn’t bind this union.

The Raiders offered Penn a chance to rebound after the worst season of his professional career, and they were the only interested team that still considered him a left tackle.

That pushed the Raiders ahead of Washington for Penn’s services, a real coup for Reggie McKenzie after losing incumbent Jared Veldheer in free agency.

It offered a Penn a soft landing following a harsh cut. The Buccaneers didn’t communicate with Penn before signing Cincinnati’s Anthony Collins to play his position, a transaction completed shortly before the Pro Bowler received a pink slip.

“Getting released made me take a step back,” Penn said. “I was in Tampa for eight years. I played a lot of football and I never got released except from the practice squad. It was a shocker, but it’s in the past now. I’m looking forward to the future. I’m happy to be a Raider. It’s fuel and motivation going into next season. It’s always going to be in the back of my head for the rest of my career.”

Penn’s perceived slight is one of many that fuel the new veteran leaders, spurning hard work and mentorship of a young, developing foundation. Penn has put tremendous effort into bonding with his linemates, especially young tackles Menelik Watson and Matt McCants.

The offensive front has gotten bigger, stronger and far deeper with key offseason additions. Penn believes the starting five will truly make this offense go.

“I know we’re going to dictate tempo,” Penn said. “We’re going to be a physical offensive line. We’re going to play like the old Raiders, but we’re going to play smart. We’re going to run the ball and run and run until they

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stop us, and that's going to be hard. We're going to play physical. We're not going to take any guff. We're going to dictate the tempo."

Penn will be a huge part of that effort, as a run blocker and the most important pass protector. Even entering his ninth season, the Raiders believe he can do that. They see surprising agility from a player standing 6-foot-5 and 340 pounds, and that starts at the bottom.

"Donald has great feet," Raiders head coach Dennis Allen said. "He's really good and has been really good in pass protection, and so that was one of the things that we looked at. Not to mention the fact that 'Ollie' [offensive coordinator Greg Olson] has had an opportunity to work with him and kind of understand him a little bit and what the buttons are that you have to push to kind of drive him a little bit. I've been pleased with what I've seen out of Donald and I'm hoping for a big year out of him."

SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE

Donald Penn looking to redeem himself with Raiders

By Vic Tafur

June 9, 2014

It couldn't have worked out any better for Donald Penn, besides the whole being cut by his last team part. He wound up with the Raiders, his favorite team growing up, and has a chance to be a key cog in what he hopes is the franchise's turnaround.

The offensive tackle had been with Tampa Bay for eight years, but admittedly didn't play well last season. Instead of paying him \$6.75 million next season, the Bucs cut him in March after they signed Anthony Collins.

Penn was shocked and had "to take a step back." After some soul searching and a look in the mirror, he soon took a big step forward when free-agent signee Rodger Saffold failed his physical with the Raiders. Oakland needed someone else to replace Jared Veldheer at left tackle and called Penn.

"I look at it like this: Everything in life happens for a reason," Penn said after Monday's offseason practice in Alameda.

Penn, 30, signed a two-year deal for \$9.6 million with the Raiders. Though everyone is focused on newcomers Matt Schaub and Maurice Jones-Drew, the new left tackle might be just as important as the quarterback and running back.

Penn allowed an unofficial 13.5 sacks last year, two seasons after giving up only 3.5. He has come to the offseason program in good shape, and the 6-foot-4, 340-pounder has gotten a lift because he's familiar with coordinator Greg Olson's offense from their days together with the Bucs.

Raiders head coach Dennis Allen is comfortable with Penn protecting Schaub's blind side.

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Penn "has been really good in pass protection," Allen said. "Oly has had an opportunity to work with him and he kind of understands what the buttons are you have to push to drive him. I've been pleased with what I've seen out of Donald, and I'm hoping for a big year out of him."

Penn signed with the Raiders over Washington because he still sees himself as a left tackle and didn't want to move to the right side.

If anything, he is going back to the beginning. Penn grew up in Southern California and attended Los Angeles Raiders games with his dad and friends.

"Penn said he is going to help his dad's team "return back to excellence."

"We're going to play like the old Raiders, but we're going to play smart," Penn said. "We're going to run the ball and run it and run it until they stop us, and that's going to be hard. We're going to be physical."

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MYCHAL RIVERA

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Oakland Raiders Mychal Rivera setting his sights high

By Jerry McDonald

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After finishing fifth in receptions among all NFL rookie tight ends last season, the last thing on the mind of the Raiders' Mychal Rivera was to enjoy the fruits of his labors.

"I really looked in the mirror at myself," Rivera said Saturday after the Raiders completed a controlled scrimmage. "I knew I could do a lot better than I did last year, even though people were surprised at what I did. I have high expectations of myself."

In his second year out of Tennessee, Rivera has his sights on a won-loss record far better than 4-12, and significantly better statistics than 38 catches for 407 yards and four touchdowns.

One of the highlights Saturday was the sight of Rivera splitting a seam between veteran cornerbacks Tarell Brown and Carlos Rogers and hauling in a pass inside the 5-yard line from second-string quarterback Derek Carr.

Rivera later caught a pass from Matt Schaub in the end zone.

"One of the guys that has shown the most improvement from a year ago is Mike Rivera," offensive coordinator Greg Olson said. "He looks more athletic. He's stronger. He's more confident. I said to him the other day and we said it in our meeting, there's a little bit of swagger to him this season."

At 6-foot-3 245 pounds, Rivera is a tight end in name only. He can line up in the backfield, split out wide and go in motion. Only occasionally does he line up as a conventional tight end.

"I tell people all the time I play four or five different positions," Rivera said. "I go through the playbook as an offensive lineman, I go through the playbook as a receiver and as a fullback," Rivera said. "Then you've got to look at the quarterback's eyes and see how he's going to play it. You've got to stay in your playbook all the time."

A sixth-round draft pick, Rivera displayed a knack for finding open areas almost immediately. Some of it is from preparation, most of it from instinct.

"I think he does an outstanding job with his feel in the passing game," Raiders coach Dennis Allen said. "He's able to make plays in a contested environment. Sometimes, with limited separation, he's still able to come out and make the play."

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Rivera said his "swagger" comes from an offseason of hard work as well as self-confidence.

"I worked out every day, I kept my mind on football every day," Rivera said. "I used the 4-12 record as a motivating factor. I want to win in this league, and I want to be one of the best tight ends in this league. I see that as attainable. I can get that."

MATT SCHAUB

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Carr, Schaub share a past and future

By Paul Gutierrez

May 21, 2014

Matt Schaub replaced David Carr as the Houston Texans' quarterback and, if all goes according to the Oakland Raiders' plan, *Derek Carr* will end Schaub's run with the Raiders.

Funny how things work out, even if it might take a few years to come to fruition.

Because make no mistake about it, the Raiders acquired Schaub this offseason to be their franchise quarterback for the now, and they drafted Carr to be their franchise quarterback of the future.

"Matt Schaub is our starting quarterback," Raiders coach Dennis Allen said last week at the team's rookie minicamp. "We feel very good about that. I've said this before -- he's been a top 10 quarterback in this league and he's performed at a very high level.

"But yeah, we like Derek Carr, and we're going to let him go out and compete and see how things work out. You can't have enough good quarterbacks in this league. You never know when injuries are going to occur, and you've got to be prepared for that, so when you have an opportunity to get a guy like Derek Carr that you feel good about, you go and get him."

One of the first messages Carr received after the Raiders used their second-round pick (No. 36 overall) on the record-setting Fresno State signal-caller came from Schaub himself.

"He just said he's here to help me with whatever I needed," Carr said. "He said, 'Hey, man, I know you have your brother, who has played 13 years ... [but] we're teammates. I'm here for you every day. Whatever you need, I'm here to help you.'

"That meant a lot."

At Fresno State, Carr was the BMOC in throwing for 5,083 yards last season, on 68.9 percent passing, with 50 touchdowns and eight interceptions. In Oakland, he is a rookie biding his time, albeit with a serious pedigree. He was breaking down NFL tape with older brother David when he was 12 years old.

But that doesn't mean Carr, who will continue to wear the No. 4 he wore in Fresno in honor of Brett Favre, is being brash or outspoken ... yet.

"I'm just trying to encourage guys," Carr said. "This is a stressful environment. You're in the NFL. There's a lot of guys out here just trying to make the team. All of us, we're trying to make the team and trying to prove ourselves and these things. I'm just here to encourage guys, try to make it easy on them.

"If a guy dropped the ball, tell them, 'Great route,' those kinds of things. That's something I've done since I've

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been little. That's how I was brought up. I just try to encourage people."

Besides, Carr has his own things to work on as a newbie. He fumbled his first snap as a pro under center in Friday's practice.

"The main thing is throwing it to the right spot," he said. "There's so much that goes into one play, more so at this level than college or high school. I can't believe it. It's been fun to learn. It's something I enjoy. Absolutely I threw it to the right spot and again I have a lot to work on. I'm learning ... hopefully, there's a lot more after this."

Raiders like what Matt Schaub offers

By Ashley Fox

June 6, 2014

Sometimes, as Kansas City Chiefs coach Andy Reid said recently, a change of scenery can be good. It can refresh the mind and reinvigorate the competitive spirit.

That is certainly what the Oakland Raiders hope a change of address will do for quarterback Matt Schaub.

No quarterback in recent memory has had as precipitous a fall as Schaub did last season in Houston. He went from being a dependable pocket passer to a turnover machine. Last season, Schaub had an interception returned for a touchdown in an NFL-record four consecutive games and threw 14 picks overall. It left Schaub's confidence in tatters, led to then-coach Gary Kubiak benching him and ultimately prompted the Texans to trade him to the Raiders for a sixth-round draft pick.

The Texans had a host of problems -- as any team that finishes with just two wins does -- but Schaub was near the top of the list. Oakland hopes to change Schaub's course.

Ousted in Houston, new Raiders QB Matt Schaub is determined to prove he can still play at a high level. "The goal right now is to resurrect the player and get him playing at a level he was playing at before last season," Raiders offensive coordinator Greg Olson said, "because he's not at an age where most quarterbacks start to decline. We still feel like there's some good years left in Matt."

That very well could be, but it is also true that the Raiders have been unable to hit on a quarterback since 2012, when Reggie McKenzie became the general manager and Dennis Allen became the head coach. They traded away Carson Palmer, traded for Matt Flynn and gave him a raise before cutting him, drafted and cut and then signed Tyler Wilson to the practice squad before losing him to Tennessee, and mishandled Terrelle Pryor. The result: eight wins in two seasons.

Schaub will almost certainly have to be better than that for Allen to hang onto his job past this season.

When surveying the quarterback market this offseason, the Raiders targeted Schaub in part because of his 6-foot-5 frame. Last season notwithstanding, he has been an effective play-action passer. Prior to last season, Schaub had a history of success, leading the Texans to consecutive AFC South titles. In the five seasons before last year, Schaub completed 64.9 percent of his passes, averaged 3,734 passing yards per season and threw for 105 touchdowns. He also posted a 90-plus passer rating in each of those seasons.

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The Raiders need stability at the quarterback position, and for now, they have it. They traded Pryor to Seattle and selected Fresno State's Derek Carr 36th overall in this year's draft. When Oakland heads into training camp next month, its depth chart will look like this: No. 1 Schaub, No. 2 Matt McGloin, No. 3 Carr. Schaub is being counted on as the starter, although Carr could supplant McGloin as the backup, depending on how he progresses through organized team activities, minicamp, training camp and the preseason.

Oakland plans to rely heavily on running backs Darren McFadden and Maurice Jones-Drew, whom the Raiders signed in free agency. While they don't have a proven tight end or a true No. 1 wideout, they have a slew of young receivers and added Green Bay's James Jones in free agency. The Raiders also upgraded their offensive line and believe that a potent running game will let Schaub do what he does best: utilize play-action.

Even so, Olson said he is cognizant of the need for Schaub to regain his confidence. That means making sure Schaub is comfortable with the Raiders' scheme and what they are asking him to do.

"When you see a fall that occurred like that last year, I'm not naïve enough to believe just by switching teams he's going to go back to that 90-plus quarterback rating," Olson said. "But I do believe he's got the skills, and he still has some shelf life left. If we didn't believe that way, we wouldn't have [acquired] him.

"Now, it's just a matter of surrounding him with the right players and the right system, and we think we're doing that. We think he'll flourish."

As for Schaub's confidence, Olson said: "If he is fragile at this point, he certainly hasn't shown it to me or anyone else in the building or the rest of his teammates."

That's a good thing.

Schaub recently told reporters in Oakland that last season is "in the past" and he has "moved on." But he admitted that it adds "fuel to the fire."

Added Olson: "Even though he probably won't admit it, there's probably a chip on his shoulder that he wants to prove to people, too, that last year was an anomaly."

Schaub will get that opportunity in Week 2, when the Raiders play host to the Texans. Oakland's schedule also features eight games against opponents who made the playoffs in 2013, including back-to-back games against last season's Super Bowl participants, Seattle and Denver. Proving doubters wrong will not be easy.

Will Schaub be the answer at quarterback for Oakland? He will turn 33 later this month, and it seems more likely he will turn out to be another Palmer, a quarterback past his prime trying to reinvent himself in silver and black.

Changing scenery is one thing. Changing fortunes, as Reid realized last season in Kansas City, is something else.

No debate: Schaub is Raiders' man

By Jim Trotter

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Oakland Raiders coach Dennis Allen couldn't have been more definitive when asked about his starting quarterback. He looked a visitor in the eyes and without hesitation declared: "It's Matt."

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To reinforce his point, he bugged his eyes and stared the visitor in the eyes even more intensely before repeating himself: "It's Matt. Matt's our quarterback."

For all the talk about rookie second-round pick Derek Carr mounting a serious challenge for the starting job, Allen is firmly committed to veteran newcomer Matt Schaub.

"I'm really excited about Derek Carr," Allen said. "I think he's got a chance to be a top-level quarterback in this league. But he's young, and he's a rookie. That's a tough proposition in this league. I know we've seen some guys that have been able to have some success as rookie quarterbacks, but I've also seen some opportunities where guys have had a chance to sit in behind a veteran quarterback and watch and learn and go on to have successful careers."

There's no doubt Carr has won over the staff more quickly than your typical first-year signal-caller might. He has size and arm strength and has displayed accuracy and a command of the offense as well as the huddle.

But young quarterbacks are prone to lows as well as highs. For instance, on Friday Carr made several beautiful throws and showed an ability to correctly go through his read progressions. But he also forced a pass down the seam that was picked off and he lost the football on a botched exchange from center. Those types of mistakes often are the difference between winning and losing -- and Allen and the Raiders can't afford a third straight 4-12 season.

So rather than live with Carr's potential growing pains, the plan is to ride with Schaub, an 11-year veteran who is coming off his worst season as a starter. In 10 games last season with Houston, he threw 14 interceptions -- including a pick-six in four consecutive games -- and only 10 touchdown passes. His passer rating of 73.0 was a career low as a Texan.

"It wasn't all on Matt; there were other factors involved with it," said Raiders offensive coordinator Greg Olson. "But the bottom line is he's the guy pulling the trigger and making the decision to let the ball go in that situation, so he took the heat. We looked at it as an anomaly. It would've been different if there had been a drop-off year by year, but I don't know if you can look back and find another quarterback who fell off as dramatically as he did in the history of the game. So we view it as just one year."

The Raiders' blueprint for success includes running the football, playing solid defense and winning at situational football. It's a formula that places an even greater premium on ball security, which often is an issue with young quarterbacks. The staff has no plans to rush Carr onto the field, even as Olson says "the game has not been too big for him" to this point.

There figures to be a vocal groundswell of public support for the former Fresno State star if he plays well in the preseason, similar to what happened last year when fans clamored for the younger and more athletic Terrelle Pryor over veteran newcomer Matt Flynn, the designated starter. But unlike in that situation, don't look for the youngster to unseat the veteran in Week 1.

Look in Allen's eyes. Listen to the tone of his voice. Both leave no doubt: Matt's his quarterback.

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Raiders' Matt Schaub enjoying his Oakland reboot

By Jerry McDonald

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When Raiders quarterback Matt Schaub is out bonding with his new teammates around the Bay Area, many fans aren't even aware the offseason's most important acquisition is in their midst.

"Being out with Marcel Reece and Darren McFadden, those guys are so visible," Schaub said in a recent exclusive interview at the club facility. "They notice me sometimes, but I'm flying under the radar. I've been in here from sun-up to sun-down. It's all work right now."

The work continues when the Raiders convene for an organized team activity Tuesday. Schaub's days of staying under the radar, however, will quickly give way to the spotlight.

Coming off a horrific season with the Houston Texans, Schaub was targeted by Raiders general manager Reggie McKenzie and coach Dennis Allen as the man to guide their organization to its first winning season in 11 years.

Dealt to the Raiders for a sixth-round draft pick, Schaub had become the face of failure for a Houston team that had been a smart money pick to win the AFC but instead went 2-14.

One of only six quarterbacks in NFL history to tally a passer rating of 90 or above for at least five consecutive seasons, Schaub bottomed out in 2013. He had 10 touchdown passes, 14 interceptions and a passer rating of 73.0 and set a dubious record by having an interception returned for a touchdown in four consecutive games.

The Raiders are convinced they have brought in the good Schaub, not the one who was so reviled by the local fan base that he needed security for his family at home.

Schaub, 32, has embraced his reboot with the Raiders. If there are any scars from his experience last season, he hides them well.

"It comes with the territory," he said. "It comes with the position. It comes with playing in the NFL. If you let it get to you, you'll be out the door faster than you came in."

Rather than recount what went wrong in 2013, Schaub has elected to move forward. He said he is energized by an offensive system that will give him more control than he ever had in Houston in terms of changing plays at the line of scrimmage. He said he has embraced the challenge of becoming the unquestioned quarterback leader the Raiders have lacked since Rich Gannon's career ended in 2005.

"I'll want to come in and take control of the huddle," Schaub said. "That's the job of the quarterback. It's up to me to set a standard for how our offense is going to operate, how we're going to work and how we're going to prepare. You've got to demand that out of the guys in the huddle with you."

Offensive coordinator Greg Olson said Schaub has already taken charge of the quarterback room, which also includes six-game starter Matt McGloin, second-round draft pick Derek Carr and veteran Trent Edwards.

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The Houston system under coach Gary Kubiak restricted Schaub in terms of changing plays at the line of scrimmage. With the Raiders, Schaub will be free to get the Raiders out of a bad play based on the look he gets from a defense.

"You can get stale," Olson said. "I think we've tried our best to stimulate him, to motivate him to get back to the level of play he had shown in the past. He's taken the full reins of that."

Andre Ware, the former Heisman Trophy winner who serves as the Texans' radio color analyst, said in a recent interview on 95.7 The Game that being unable to audible in Kubiak's system is "like playing with one arm tied behind your back."

Said Schaub: "There are things I'm being asked to do here that I didn't have control of in Houston. I would have loved to, but we just weren't in control of it. To now be in that position, it's such a great place to be because you can get everybody on the same page."

Ware said Schaub appeared to lose his confidence last season in a Week 2 loss to Seattle and it "just kind of snowballed" to the point that "he just didn't have that zip in the middle portion of the season that he had in training camp."

However, Ware fully expects Schaub to return to form.

"The best thing that could have happened for Matt is a change of scenery and a chance to hit the restart button," Ware said. "I think he'll flourish in Oakland."

In the meantime, Schaub has spent the first five weeks of the offseason program learning everything he can about his teammates so he can maximize his ability to lead.

"As a quarterback, you have to be somewhat of a psychologist," Schaub said. "Can I joke around in the huddle to keep this guy loose? Does this guy need a little fire lit under him?"

On a team with several veteran free agents that were essentially sent packing by their former employers, Schaub said, "I'm definitely in that group ... you've got to have that edge or you'll take something for granted and before you know it it will be gone."

"You've got to prove to the coaches, the owners, the G.M., that you're the guy for the job."

USA TODAY

After being 'crucified' in Houston, Matt Schaub reboots with Raiders

By Tom Pelissero

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Matt Schaub says he emerged from his nightmare 2013 season with his ego intact, and the Oakland Raiders have no interest in making their new quarterback look back.

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"It would bother me if I came off a season (like Schaub had), and I had someone asking me every day, 'Hey, how are you? Are you gonna be OK?' " Raiders offensive coordinator Greg Olson told USA TODAY Sports recently.

"I don't need that. He doesn't need that. He's a mentally tough guy, and he's put it behind him, so why do we keep drudging it up?"

At age 33, Schaub is pretty much the same guy he's always been physically: decent athlete, good arm strength, pocket passer. If anything, the Raiders were encouraged he endured one horrible season rather than a steady decline with his former team, the Houston Texans.

They were determined to get a veteran passer after last season and gave up a sixth-round pick to get Schaub in March, fearing he'd land elsewhere if cut by the Texans. But there was no way to be sure where the two-time Pro Bowler was mentally after all that happened in 2013: boos as he hurled pick-sixes, cheers when he got hurt and a job lost to undrafted Case Keenum.

How exactly would Schaub convince himself he's still the guy who did so many things right the previous five seasons, rather than the guy who couldn't prevent everything from going wrong during the Texans' 2-14 collapse?

"I've always had that in my mind," Schaub told USA TODAY Sports. "I've never lost that for one bit. It's a matter of just getting right back in the saddle and just going to work. Coming here to this organization — a fresh start, a fresh beginning — has just invigorated me. It's given me a new sense of life."

Schaub spent more time than usual studying the Raiders' playbook on his iPad to absorb Olson's offense, which gives him significant control over protections and certain plays. He's a visual learner, so being able to hear the call and immediately get the full picture in his head is paramount.

His performance during the first week of camp was encouraging. Olson said positive signs existed on tape even last season, albeit obscured by the four consecutive games in which Schaub threw an interception that was returned for a touchdown, an NFL record.

"If you look at his history, the guy's been a great decision maker over time," Olson said. "Last year, there were some ill-timed decisions that ended up really hurting the team. And there were such high expectations in Houston, that really they crucified him."

Schaub eventually had to call Texans security officials because fans were driving by his house taking pictures, and he was concerned about his family's safety.

When he suffered an ankle injury in another blowout loss to the St. Louis Rams at home Oct. 13, some fans could be heard cheering — a remarkably cold-hearted reaction towards a player who'd helped the Texans to AFC South titles the previous two years.

"We had turned around a new era there, and (fans) got used to winning, and they forgot who helped them win and turned on him," said Raiders defensive tackle Antonio Smith, who played with Schaub in Houston the past five seasons. "But at the end of the day, everything happens for a reason. God got his hand on Matt, and he's right here where he's supposed to be."

Beaten down and benched when he returned to health in Houston, Schaub found the opportunity in Oakland attractive and took a \$3 million pay cut — from \$11 million to \$8 million with the chance to make up the difference in incentives — to facilitate a trade.

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He moved his wife and three young daughters to California a few weeks ago and threw with his new receivers for a week before camp. His vision, timing, understanding of routes — Schaub has to reinvent all of it in Olson's offense after six years under Gary Kubiak in Houston, and that means a new set of challenges that must be overcome.

"You've got to block out the good and the bad," Schaub said, "because if you're going good and you're listening to all the chatter and people telling you how good you are, you're going to relax a little bit, and that's when someone's going to come get you."

"It's just like within the context of a game. If you score a touchdown — yeah, that's great — but let's go to the next play. That's behind us. If you throw an interception — alright, whatever, let's go to the next play. You can't let that snowball into something else."

Schaub has first-hand experience with what can happen from there. But Olson doesn't anticipate a repeat in Oakland, which has rebooted its roster with veterans in hopes of escaping a far longer string of futility. The Raiders haven't reached postseason since their Super Bowl XXXVII loss to cap the 2002 season.

"We just saw it as one bad season," Olson said. "Let's get (Schaub) in here, let's boost his confidence. We've tried to do that, and he's embraced his role that we've given him here as a leader and a quarterback. We've been happy so far."

JUSTIN TUCK

THE NEWARK STAR-LEDGER

Giants' Justin Tuck faces free agency by working harder than ever

By Conor Orr

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Inside the small, heated workout room in North Jersey Justin Tuck sat on the edge of a bench and scrolled through his iPod for the right song.

He likes gospel in the morning, and prefers country — Brooks and Dunn — during workouts. He loves Phil Collins and Sting, but will relent if one of the other regulars wants something more upbeat. Victor Cruz, one of his workout partners at UA Performance in Oakland, is often that guy.

Tuck has been in the "regeneration" phase of his offseason training program for about a week now, the earliest he has started working out since 2008.

Back then, trainer Sean Donellan remembers Tuck, the Giants defensive end, and then-Packers running back Ryan Grant walking into his building six days after Super Bowl XLII. Grant's ribs were still bruised from a hit Tuck laid on him in the NFC Championship Game. In the same small room, they laid the groundwork for Tuck's first All-Pro season (12 sacks, 52 tackles and three forced fumbles).

With a modified version of the same program, Tuck, coming off an 11-sack season in 2013, called Donellan early again, looking to replicate the same success.

"I'm realizing my old age now," Tuck said, smiling, when asked why he decided to start working out early. "This is the future for me. We're not doing super-intense workouts right now, but I don't want to be behind the 8-ball come March. Why not just work out all year long?"

Tuck, 30, preferred not to address the elephant inside the workout room — what might happen to him just a few days from now when free agency opens Tuesday. It will be the first time the lifelong Giant hits the market, and could possibly be the last. Around him, a new, unfamiliar world is developing.

Personally, he has his thoughts, goals and ambitions lined up. He thinks he can be a better player than ever.

"People are writing stories about: Are the Giants better served letting Justin Tuck walk? It's all type of stuff. It doesn't bother me, but I use it as motivation.

"People think once you turn 30 you're on the down slope. I don't want to believe that. I believe I have a lot of great football left. I can be just as dominant at 31, 32 and 33 as I was at 24, 25 and 26. I know a lot more. It's common sense. I'm a lot smarter."

He has less control over what happens professionally. But, according to several people briefed on the matter, who requested anonymity in order to speak freely, here is what the landscape looks like:

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- According to a sampling of executives at this year's NFL Scouting Combine in Indianapolis, there will be an active market for Tuck. Some wouldn't be surprised if he takes multiple visits to teams around the NFL.
- Tuck's representatives met with the Giants at the combine to discuss a loose framework (years and dollars) of a potential contract offer but, obviously, did not agree on a figure. General manager Jerry Reese continued to insist Tuck was hitting free agency, which is a certainty at this point.
- There still exists some uncertainty about the development of defensive ends Jason Pierre-Paul and, to a lesser degree, Damontre Moore. This also has an impact on Tuck, who will undoubtedly be looked at to aid in their progression if he returns to the Giants.

Until those decisions are made, Tuck is here, shifting through the music on his iPod, joking with a demanding trainer who hopes to see his client's playing weight in the low 260s this season. Tuck said he played in the mid-to-high 260s in 2013.

"He's a blast," Donnellan said. "He's very witty. But he's very real, very genuine. He's honest and open, and he likes honest and open people. I've known him long enough where I can tell him things he doesn't want to hear. He doesn't always like it, but he knows the plan."

One of the things Tuck didn't want to hear about was an exercise that had him mimic performing on an Olympic pommel horse. He put all of his body weight onto his core muscles and triceps for 30 grueling seconds.

"I have a whole new respect for Olympians," he said.

Anything for progress, which is all Tuck is concerned about at this point. Until everything plays out, he'll be here in Oakland.

"I'm trying to outdo anything I've ever done," he said.

MENELIK WATSON

CSN BAY AREA

Raiders OL Watson using less words, more action

By Scott Bair
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Menelik Watson is tough to track down. Interview requests were made throughout the offseason, and the Raiders right tackle declined each one.

It's not like Watson had nothing to talk about. The 2013 second-round pick was in the process of rebounding from a rookie year plagued by injury. Improved health and increased work ethic has the Englishman on track for a breakout year. Everyone loves a good comeback story, but Watson wanted no part of it.

He insists it wasn't personal, Raider Nation. Watson just wanted to stay focused.

Last week, however, Watson broke radio silence. And, as he always does, the 25-year old discussed his mindset and newfound focus with color and candor.

"I had a mission in mind, which was to get my body back to where it needs to be," Watson said. "I guess that's part of the reason why I've been quiet with the media, because it's just really been about action. It's not about talking anymore, or saying I'm going to be this or I'm going to be that.

"Coming up, nobody knew who I was, and back then it was all about action. I'm just trying to get back to that, working and not talking, and just getting it done, because we have a lot to do this year. It's going to be a special year if we keep our minds to it."

Watson admits to flying blind somewhat last season, without understanding what it took to thrive at an NFL level. That's understandable, considering he had just two years football experience, just one at the NCAA level, before turning pro.

Combine that with a bit of a temper and you have the perfect climate for frustration. That was evident last training camp, when he re-aggravated a calf injury on his first day back. Watson stormed off to the side of the training room, slammed his helmet and sulked.

A calf injury was followed by knee problems that messed with his regular season, and kept him out of sync. Despite so many setbacks, Watson doesn't consider 2013 a lost season.

Valuable life lessons were embedded in all that adversity, and he's a smarter player for the experience.

"The couple of snaps that I had last year, sometimes I would get a little frustrated when I was out there and I had to deal with that," Watson said. "I had to learn how to get over a play, learn how to move on. I took a lot from last year, just from watching the vets and what they were going through and everything like that. It wasn't a wasted year. It was from a physical standpoint, a play and production standpoint, but it definitely wasn't wasted."

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Watson is now a practitioner of preventative medicine, pouring significant effort into ensuring he stays on the field. He's taken most every first-team rep at right tackle since the start of the offseason program, and seems poised to start the season in that spot.

"I've been very impressed with what he's been able to do over there on the right side," head coach Dennis Allen said. "I think it helps him on a day-in and day-out basis that he's going against guys like Justin Tuck and LaMarr Woodley and Khalil Mack. That's going to do nothing but really get both sides of the ball better. He's done a good job, he's picking up what we're asking him to do offensively, his fundamentals and technique have improved and he's just got to keep continuing to work."

The offensive line is far bigger, stronger and deeper than a year ago, and figures to be a team strength. Much of that depends on Watson staying healthy and living up to his potential, something he struggled with a year ago.

"I love this game and it hurt a lot to have it taken away last year," Watson said. "This is a new year, and last year is behind me and that's where it's going to stay."

LaMARR WOODLEY

CSN BAY AREA

Woodley expects to regain form with new team, new position

By Scott Bair

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LaMarr Woodley prefers moving forward over going back. That applies to his career and football-playing preference alike.

The 29-year-old edge rusher signed with the Raiders after seven seasons an outside linebacker in Pittsburgh's 3-4 defensive scheme. Now he's an end in the Raiders' 4-3 alignment, trying to regain form after two injury-plagued, subpar seasons.

Switching positions was welcome because it eliminated Woodley's least favorite job requirement: pass coverage.

Woodley occasionally spent as much time dropping back as he did pressuring the passer, something he won't do with the Raiders. Despite some technical adjustments that come from having a hand in the turf, and starting mere inches from the opposition, Woodley is excited about playing a position he hasn't manned but one year in college.

"Looking at the (Raiders) defense, seeing how guys were flying around on defense, getting after people, I kind of felt like after talking to the coach that that's what he wanted me to do," Woodley said. "He wanted me to rush the passer more and then drop back in coverage. I felt like with the kind of people that was on this defense, and add me in there, I felt like I could help the team win."

There's little doubt that Woodley can make the transition. In fact, having less movement in the open field might help the 29-year old stay healthy. The advantage of rushing as an outside linebacker is a head start, but the Raiders believe he can re-live his defensive-end days as a senior at Michigan. By the way, he had 12 sacks that season.

"All the things we're going to ask him to do, he's done at some point in his career," Raiders coach Dennis Allen said. "It's a great opportunity for him. He's excited about it, and we're certainly excited about it. We're looking forward to seeing what he can do as a 4-3 defensive end."

Woodley is also looking forward to a new start after a pair of lackluster seasons. He had nine sacks combined over the past two years, a minimum for any one season since 2007. That came in 2011, when he had nine sacks in 10 games.

Woodley had 44 sacks in four seasons before recent hiccups, which many consider the start of a Pro Bowler's decline. Woodley doesn't see it that way. Only one thing slowed him down in 2012 and 2013. It wasn't talent, and it certainly wasn't effort or work ethic.

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"Injuries. That's it. If I'm healthy, I do what I do," Woodley said. "I'm not trying to be cocky about it, but that's just what it is."

Woodley is complete healthy and plans on staying that way. He sought counsel and new training techniques to maintain a 270-pound frame and prevent the lower body injuries that plagued him recently.

Woodley is ready to regain top form, and believes the Raiders gave him the best opportunity to do so.

"You still have to come here and prove yourself, at least that's how I feel," Woodley said. "The last few years for me haven't been good. So I have to come here and I feel like I have to rebuild myself as well."

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CHARLES WOODSON

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Thompson: Raiders' Woodson has high hopes

By Marcus Thompson III

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Charles Woodson is feeling younger, hungrier. And it has a lot to do with all the old heads the Raiders brought in this offseason.

"I'm looking at the team, and just going off of how I feel healthwise," Woodson said. "I'm not looking at this being the last year."

He's 37 and entering his 17th NFL season. But his zeal has been rekindled.

A roster loaded with veterans has already brought a certain level of intensity and expedience to organized team activities. The proverbial bar, it seems, has been raised. That seems to have lit something in Woodson.

Last season, he was brought in partly to mentor young players. Now, he's a leader in the Raiders' movement to gain respectability through experience. And he's all too happy the youth movement has graduated to quality football. He's got that "watch this" vibe going.

That's perhaps a distinct bonus overlooked in the Raiders' roster renovations. Yes, they got guys who have winning in their backgrounds. But they've also gotten a collection of players who have something to prove.

Quarterback Matt Schaub. Defensive linemen Justin Tuck, LaMarr Woodley and Antonio Smith. Running back Maurice Jones-Drew. Tackle Donald Penn. Cornerback Carlos Rogers. They all have some extra motivation.

They lead a cast of players who were written off as too close to their expiration dates, not worth the coin. They were swapped out for younger options, marginalized for having too many notches on their belts.

Yet they believe they have plenty left in the tank. Their value has been disrespected, in their minds. And the Raiders have given them a chance to prove their worth.

How many wins does incentive plus know-how equal? Enough to get the Raiders a winning record? Into the playoffs?

It could prove to be the edge that catapults the Raiders to marked improvement this season.

"I know those guys feel like they had much more value than what their previous teams thought they had," Woodson said. "There's no doubt about it those guys have some extra incentive to come in here to show that they are still great players in this league."

Woodson himself said he was nervous after the Raiders took so long to re-sign him. He didn't explore any other options and was prepared to give retirement a long, hard look if the Silver & Black were hatin'.

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But the Raiders kept signing pieces Woodson liked, kept adding credibility and pedigree to the roster. It only increased his desire to return.

And the practices thus far have validated his presumptions. Coach Dennis Allen said Monday the team is further along at this point than in previous years and that there is a better understanding of what they're trying to accomplish.

Woodson claims experience being undervalued is an NFL trend. He and his new cohorts on the Raiders have plans to take up the cause against that.

You know, for the old heads.

"The new guys that we brought in, we have guys that know how to get it done," Woodson said, indirectly explaining what happened with last season's 4-12 Raiders squad. "For me, I like to have a veteran presence. Bringing in guys like Tuck, bringing in guys like Woodley. Those are guys that know how to win and they know how to play the game of football. That's the difference you see out there, especially defensively, is having guys out there that have won."

As Hall of Famer Tim Brown has pointed out, the Raiders have taken this route before. The 2002 AFC champion Raiders were a collection of proven veterans bent to show they still had it. They combated youth with execution, bested fading skills with intelligence.

But can this team really make some noise? That kind of noise?

That's the question only the season can answer. Some key intangibles did come with the influx of previously productive players.

The need to teach how to play is less imperative -- a relief Woodson did a poor job at hiding. The understanding of all the little things winning takes is becoming a staple of the team's M.O. -- a bonus second-year linebacker Sio Moore said he's already noticed.

And the team's confidence is higher and based on something real, not just the typical hope virus that infects all rosters in June. The veteran additions have been there and done that, which produces a different kind of bravado.

"There ain't no ceiling," Woodson said when asked how good this team can be. "We're trying to bust through the ceiling."

"I look at the team and I feel like I have what I need from a team standpoint to get all the way there. Now, does that happen? Nobody knows until that time comes. But we've got players in there. If we all focus in, all our goals at the end of the season will be there."