



Oakland Raiders Transcript

Head Coach Jon Gruden

Opening Statement: "David Sharpe will be listed as out of the game. He will not play, won't travel. Has a calf (injury). And not sure about [Lamarcus] Joyner, I would list him as questionable."

Q: Will Joyner go on the trip?

Coach Gruden: "Yep. Not sure he'll play, but he'll be there."

Q: Do you have any concerns, or is it something you need to address with the penalty numbers over the last few weeks?

Coach Gruden: "Yeah, it's been addressed. We are trying to emphasize it in all three phases and we've been in contact with the league on a few of the penalties as well that we haven't agreed with, but we are trying to minimize them. We're trying to eliminate them. We're doing everything we can and that falls back on my shoulders to get it done. We got to do better."

Q: When you look at some of the penalties that have been called, are those teachable things to correct?

Coach Gruden: "Yeah, there is going to be some that absolutely we can't have the personal fouls. We can't have the pre-snap penalties; we can eliminate those. Some of the infractions in the kicking game where you take a poor angle and you commit a costly penalty, those can be eliminated. There is going to be some hand-to-hand combat in one-on-one routes, receivers versus DB's (defensive backs), it's a tough call for everybody and man have we proved that."

Q: Do you think that is all a manifestation of the youth of the team, the amount of penalties that you have?

Coach Gruden: "I don't know. I think we just got to get better at it. I don't want to blame youth or blame people that are new here that have just gotten here. There is no excuse for it. You're the coach of the team you, have to address it. You not only have to address it, you got to get results and we got to do better."

Q: Do you anticipate that Preston Brown might have a role this weekend?

Coach Gruden: "I don't think so. I think he's going to continue to learn our defense and put his spin on things and in a few weeks from now, perhaps he'll be ready to go."