



OAKLAND RAIDERS vs. BALTIMORE RAVENS

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HEAD COACH JACK DEL RIO

Opening Statement: “OK. Pretty disappointing. Started the game the way we did, allowing big plays over the top of us. Getting fumbled recovered, coming back for a touchdown. Down 14-0 before the [second quarter]. Fans are sitting down. Tough way to start. Battled our way back. Had a shot late. Just not playing well. Not playing well enough. Tough loss and not real happy about it. Got a few guys banged up. [Antonio] Hamilton with a knee, not able to return. Cory James with a knee, not able to return. 49 [Jamize Olawale] with a concussion, not able to return. 55 [Marquel Lee] with an ankle, not able to return. We’ll learn more about those guys as we go, but those are all four not able to return. Questions?”

Q: Do you feel like EJ Manuel played well enough for you guys to win?

Coach Del Rio: “Well, we didn’t win, so it wasn’t well enough to win. But I thought he did a pretty solid job as a backup guy coming into a tough situation and handled himself well. Made a couple of third downs. Kept the drive, couple of key third downs and took them down to their lake to get within a score. We’ve got to do more defensively to get him more opportunities.”

Q: Was it easy to call a punt on the fourth-and-4 play?

Coach Del Rio: “No. It’s not easy. Hindsight is always 20/20 on things like that. You’re thinking you’re going to pin them inside the 10, we didn’t. You’re thinking the defense will give us a stop and get us the ball back, we didn’t. We get the ball back after having to call timeouts on the plus side of the field. It didn’t go anything like what it needed to. A fourth down call with nine minutes left in the game, 10 minutes left in the game, was that the difference today? I don’t think so.”

Q: How do you get back to your defensive success?

Coach Del Rio: “Yeah, play with more confidence. Fluttered balls in the air, not coming up with them. To me it’s a confidence thing.”

Q: Were the first two plays just bad plays that happen?

Coach Del Rio: “Clearly not what we wanted there.”

Q: Were you surprised Amari Cooper wasn’t more of a target?

Coach Del Rio: “I wouldn’t say it was by design to have him not have him get more targets. The read went away from him a couple times. A couple of times, it went to him. I’d like to see him get the ball more. To me it’s about execution right now. I’m not going to sit here and get into how, why, individuals aren’t getting or doing. I don’t see where that’s going to help us.”

Q: How do you handle being down so early?

Coach Del Rio: “I thought we stuck with the plan pretty well. Continued to run the ball. At the end of the day, we had a lot of efficient runs in the game, which was a positive. That’s what we really wanted to be able to do today, run the ball efficiently. Play good defense, be the better team today, we didn’t get that done. But I thought despite being down like that, I didn’t feel like we got away from the plan or abandoned the plan. I thought we stuck with it. Established some things. Kind of clawed our way back to within one score. Just not able to close it from there.”

Q: Will Derek Carr be ready next week?

Coach Del Rio: “Yeah, I have that feel.”

Q: Does three losses in a row affect the confidence of the team?



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Coach Del Rio: "I think you'd have to have a little bit of a question about the confidence level. You just went out and didn't get it done three weeks in a row. To me it's real simple. It's a group of men, prideful men. We'll get back in the saddle, get back to work."

Q: Was there a serious thought about Carr playing today?

Coach Del Rio: "Look, we went through that whole issue. Took the time that we had. Decided that it was best not to play him today. He was pushing pretty hard to play. There was enough of a decision where I made him questionable."

RAIDERS QB EJ MANUEL

Q: Discuss your performance today.

Manuel: "It felt good. It was my first starting this year. I wanted to cap it off with a W. That's the way we wanted to start the game, of course. We tried to battle back and put ourselves in a position to win, but we came up short."

Q: Were you disappointed that you weren't able to go on that 4th down?

Manuel: "Any time Coach [Del Rio] makes a decision, we ride with it. We're a team. Whatever decision he makes; we feel like it's the best for our team. I'm sure he had a plan for us getting them stopped on defense to get the ball back with time left and to be able to score. So, that's how I looked at it."

Q: Were you surprised that WR Amari Cooper wasn't more of a target today?

Manuel: "Being that this was my first game, I was just going through my reads, honestly. As a football player, you can't necessarily go into a game and say I'm going to throw to this guy x amount of times. Of course we want Coop[er] to touch the ball as much as possible, but looking back on it, you do want to be clean with your reads. When it's time for him to get the ball, obviously you want to throw it to him. But when it's not, it's not."

Q: What was your angle on the fumble return and what did it look like?

Manuel: "I was behind it. So, yeah it was – man! Early in the game like that, you know. So to give them a freebie. You don't want to give anyone a freebie in this league. It is what it is."

Q: How did you feel about the deficit early on?

Manuel: "It's the nature of the beast. I've been in every situation you can think of in this league, for the most part. So it wasn't something to get me rattled or our offense rattled. The biggest thing was just handling what we can handle and that was the next drive. There's no such thing as a 14-point touchdown or anything like that, so you just have to go one touchdown at a time."

Q: When the point deficit happens early on like that, does it change your game plan?

Manuel: "Not early in the game. You don't. NFL football games are so long. So many things can happen. A turnover here, a turnover there. That ball could have gone our way and we could have been 14-0. So, you can't necessarily look at it and panicking early in the game like that."

Q: You had a couple missed passes to TE Jared Cook, do you think nailing those just requires more practice?

Manuel: "I think so. Jared [Cook] does a great job for us. He poses a great match up against smaller DB's and things like that. So I definitely want to continue working on it and get it next time."

Q: Seems like you guys had some better success when you were utilizing your feet and speed, were you trying to call more plays like that in the 2nd half?



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Manuel: “We were. I think the situation didn’t always call for it. I think sometimes we just wanted to drop back and throw the ball down the field. You know - I’m not a coach, I come here to play football. I never want to overstep my boundaries and tell the coach ‘Hey let’s do this, let’s do that’. We saw that as something we can take advantage of, but sometimes the situation didn’t call for it.”

Q: What was Head Coach Jack Del Rio like in the locker room after the game today?

Manuel: “He took his time. He paused and looked at everybody. I kind of felt like he looked every man in the eye to see what kind of team we had, what kind of make-up we had. You know, we’re 2-3 after 5 weeks of the season. There’s tons of football left to play. I really think that’s what he did, just kind of looked every man in the eye and wanted to see how we would respond in this moment.”

Q: What was the team’s response?

Manuel: “We just bought in what he had to say.”

Q: Do you think the Baltimore Ravens blitzed more than they normally do today?

Manuel: “I didn’t think they blitzed more than they normally do. I thought the Ravens did what we saw on tape. They mixed it up on 3rd down. Especially when we were 3rd and long, they did kind of take some liberties there defensively and tried blitzes and things like that.”

Q: Did you communicate a lot with QB Derek Carr today?

Manuel: “Definitely. Pretty much after every drive. Just like when he was starting and I was not playing and I was right there in his ear. Just like he was for me today. It was great to have him on the sidelines.”

Q: Was it your understanding that you were going to play today?

Manuel: “I was preparing to play. I was just going to be ready for whatever came up. Whether they decided to play him on Friday or Saturday. I was going to be ready regardless.”

RAIDERS LB BRUCE IRVIN

Q: Tell us a little about that one big play, the defense gave up a big gain on the first possession that set you back a bit. How bad did it hurt when you saw that turnover go the other way with not even 4 minutes gone in the first quarter?

Bruce Irvin: “That’s football. You’re going to face adversity, you’re going to face situations like that. You have to keep fighting and try to overcome it.”

Q: How shocked are you sitting at 2-3 considering the way you started out the season?

Irvin: “It sucks, but it’s the NFL. It doesn’t matter what team it is, Cleveland, Buffalo. It’s the NFL. Anybody can come in and beat you on any given day. Hats off to Baltimore they came in and did a good job executing their game plan. We have to put it past us, watch the game film and move on.”

Q: This team’s personality a year ago was that they’d take the ball away, +16 in turnover ratio. How do you get back to taking the ball away on defense?

Irvin: “You have to be more opportunistic in practice, going after the ball. It starts in practice. You develop the second nature when you continuously do it in practice. It translates to Sunday. Be more aware of trying to get the ball in practice translates on Sunday.”

Q: Do you think there’s a confidence problem?

Irvin: “I don’t think so. I think we’re just facing adversity right now. Coming into the year you all were telling us how good we are. I don’t know if we believed it or not but it be like this. It’s not the first time I’ve been in a



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situation like this. It's the 5th game. We have 11 more games. We have time to turn it around but it's all if we want or not. We have to come into work and take this [expletive] serious or we'll continue to lose."

Q: Did the offensive line do anything different to not get any pressure on [Joe] Flacco?

Irvin: "No, they didn't do anything different. We were having a hard time stopping the run. It's hard to create pressure when a team is one-dimensional. Hats off to them, they did a great job."

Q: Three games in, is there a sense of 'Here we go again'. You guys get down, fight back but come up short. Has it felt the same way in these last 3 losses?

Irvin: "Like I said, that's football, man. You have to continue to work. We can't point fingers at one another because at the end of the day it's all of us. We have to get back to work. The only people that matter are the people in this locker room, the people that go to work with us all week. We have to continue to get better, we'll turn it around."

Q: You've been on teams that have had downturns before and resuscitated themselves. How does a team do that after 3 tough loses back-to-back-to-back?

Irvin: "You just don't listen to what our doubters start saying. Everyone has their own opinion about us right now. You just can't listen to it. It's about us, it's always been about us, it's going to continue to be about us. As long as these guys are going to continue to believe in each other I'm very confident that we're going to get this thing turned around."

Q: Did they do anything today that surprised you?

Irvin: "No they didn't do anything, everything they did we saw on the game film. Hats off to them, they executed their game plan and came out of here with a W."

RAIDERS TE JARED COOK

Q: What happened on the fumble?

Cook: "I was just trying to put the ball in my outside arm and the defender came through and swiped it at exactly the same time. That was my fault. Self-inflicted wounds is not something we need on this offense and it definitely was a huge mistake that turned into points for them."

Q: It seemed like as an offense you guys stuck to your game plan despite the early hole. Is that what you saw and how do you think about your response to it overall?

Cook: "Yeah, we did our best to fight back and we fought back. It's just we got to stay on the field. It's on us to be able to convert third downs and keep drives alive to help our defense and at the same time give us a chance to turn long drives into points."

Q: It seemed like EJ did about as well as you guys could have expected?

Cook: "EJ pulled his heart out his chest especially on a few of those scrambles and just getting the ball into the hands of the playmakers to make plays. He played a heck of a game in my opinion."

Q: Did you guys try to urge Del Rio to go for it on fourth down?

Cook: "We trust his decisions. Him and Todd Downing. We trust their decisions and the decisions they make we go with it."

Q: Do you feel any sense that this team is losing its confidence?



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Cook: “Not necessarily. I just know once we got out there on the field we got to keep our foot on the gas. We can’t have any lows, we got to keep going 100 miles per hour.”

RAIDERS RT MARSHALL NEWHOUSE

Marshall Newhouse: “We talked about not giving the ball away and taking the ball away. The first one is not giving it away and the second one is taking the ball away. Those two things lead to wins and losses in the leagues in terms of turnover margin.”

Q: Is there any sense of here we go again these 3 last few weeks, similar start?

Newhouse: “Each game has different feel. We’re still confident going into each game, we definitely feel like we can win games. Certain points of execution just weren’t there across the board. It’s going to be gut check time, looking in the mirror seeing what we can do better and applying that to your day-today and being honest with yourself to a man. It’s that simple and that complicated.”

Q: You got it to being down by one score, did you feel like the tide was turning?

Newhouse: “We felt the entire time we could score, we just weren’t doing it. We weren’t putting the drives together. We knew we could, we knew it was just a matter of doing it. We did it once, we felt things changed. I’m not a big proponent of momentum but confidence, definitely. We stubbed our toe again and again, but there’s no lack of confidence in what we’re doing. We have to be assertive and intentional in how we prepare going forward. I don’t think that’s not what we’ve been doing by any means but it has to be dialed up to a whole other level.”

Q: How tough is it when you guys fall down early, 14-0, it’s like a baseball team losing a lead early and being down 6-0 in the 2ndinning?

Newhouse: “It is different sports but I know what you mean. That’s a hole in the NFL you don’t want to put yourself in. That other team is still an impressive team regardless of record. Everyone in the NFL is good. If you put yourself in that hole you’re digging yourself out of it the rest of the game. It’s tough, I don’t care who’s playing, who is doing what. You don’t want to start that way.”

Q: Has this team shown any signs over the past few week that it has been shaken?

Newhouse: “Sure, to put it simply no one likes losing. It leaves a bad taste in your mouth. Especially with guys walking around this room going ‘Man, there’s no way we should be losing’. It’s just going to take a look in the mirror from top to bottom and just go forward with intentional work. That’s the only way I can put it, it’s the only thing I’ve done that works, just stick together.”

Q: From what you say, given the circumstances, what can you say about what EJ [Manuel] did to create? What was your feel of his command in the huddle?

Newhouse: “He’s played a lot of football in this league. We had that confidence going into the game. There were definitely some good things and some things he and the offense would like to have back to re-do. But he gave us a chance to win when we were there, we just didn’t give him enough opportunities to help us out. I think he has that ability for sure, he showed flashes of that. As a group we didn’t but a full game together to give him chances at it.”

Q: Did you try urge [Jack] Del Rio to go for it on that fourth down?

Newhouse: “No, I run what’s called. I don’t have a say in that.”

Q: Because of the level of talent, does that give you more confidence than say a team that isn’t expected to be at this level?



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Newhouse: "Talent is nothing until you have everyone rowing in the same direction. We need to get that straightened out."

RAIDERS CORNERBACK TJ CARRIE

Q: It seems like in the 2nd half you guys tightened up early, but there were a couple 3rd downs you guys would like to have back I'm sure. Was that the difference there?

TJ Carrie: "That was s key. In this league, the more that you give up 3rd downs, the more you keep your defense on the field, you extend drives. You ultimately don't allow your offense to get out there and get a rhythm to be effective. Those are things you have to continue to capitalize on. We've been pretty good these last couple of games but today was not a good day."

Q: The drive after the Marshawn [Lynch] touchdown makes it a 7 point game, then they drive down and get a touchdown. Was that a bit deflating for you, you had the momentum?

Carrie: "Definitely deflating. When our offense is able to get out there, capitalize and get a big play, we have to be able to get a three-and-out because now they're in a rhythm. We have to keep them in their rhythm and when we don't keep them in their rhythm it deflates us as a defense. We have to go out there and make the big plays."

Q: This defense's personality a year ago was, whatever yards you gave up you always were on the side of the turnover ratio and took the ball away. How do you go back to the takeaway portion of it?

Carrie: "We need to keep working. I think last year we were excellent in turnovers. Going into week six we don't have an interception. The lack of turnovers has really hurt us in the game. We're used to getting those turnover battles and winning them and capitalizing on them, giving our offense a couple extra opportunities to get on the field and play. That's something that we need to continue to focus on week-in and week-out at practice."

Q: You had such high expectations heading into this season, now you've lost 3 straight. What does that do to this team's confidence and your expectations now?

Carrie: "Expectations are outside noise. That's not something that we focus on. We focus on the day that we have and executing that day. At the end of the day, we're all that we got. We're the only people that can dig us out of this hole. We need to go into this next week understanding the corrections and knowing what we need to do better moving forward."

RAIDERS S KARL JOSEPH

Q: Did that change the mindset or does that do anything to a team when you fall behind that quickly?

Joseph: "We put ourselves in a hole quickly. We gave up a deep ball first play of the game you know you can't do that we know they were going to try and attack us deep. We kind of put ourselves in a hole. We had to dig ourselves out and we came up short."

Q: How surprised are you that you guys are here at 2-3 the way you started off the season with those back-to-back wins?

Joseph: "Hurting, man. I think Coach Jack said it best, 'you get what you earn' and right now we are 2-3 so we have to dig ourselves out and get ready for next week."

Q: You were known for taking the ball away last year and that's not happening so far. How do you get back to that and how does a team get that mentality?



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Joseph: "Practice. It starts in practice and preparation. We clearly got to prepare better and practice better for that to happen. We got to start going after the ball when it's in the air."

Q: It seemed like there was some get off the field downs and Flacco was just able to convert?

Joseph: "That is something we have been working on since the season started. Getting off the field on third down. We started to take some big steps forward the last couple weeks but today I don't know what it was. I know there was a couple critical downs that we didn't get off the field."

Q: Do you feel as a team you are sort of at a crossroads?

Joseph: "I think we need to challenge ourselves. The coaches can prepare us as much as they can and the best they can but at the end of the day we got to go out there perform, execute and make plays. I think we got to look ourselves in the mirror and look ourselves in the eye and see what we got to do better."

Q: What do you see when you look in the mirror?

Joseph: "I see a good team. We got a good defense and explosive offense. We just got to put it together. We got to practice harder, whatever it takes to get a win. Three losses in a row like that, it hurts."



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RAVENS HEAD COACH JOHN HARBAUGH

Opening Statement:

Harbaugh: "Hey, everybody. I appreciate you guys coming out and being here. Obviously, hard fought win against a very good football team. The Raiders, like they always do, when we got out in front, but they came back. Kept fighting, kept punching. They were fighting like the spirit of their coach. That was a good football game. A well appreciated win for us to come out here against this team in this environment and to play the way that we did was a real plus for us."

Q: Were you pleased with the offensive efficiency in the fourth quarter and the fact that they did what they needed to do?

Harbaugh: Yeah, I think that probably sums it up. There were some probably in the third quarter that their defense rose up and knocked us out of there. A couple of three and outs. That was tough, but to overcome it in the fourth. Find out footing a little bit. [QB] Joe Flacco made a couple of throws under duress. The one where he stumbled out and scrambled in the pocket and found [WR] Mike Wallace on the crossing route. That was really a big play and to be able to run the ball the way we did in the fourth quarter obviously, was what closed the game out."

Q: How satisfied were you with the way with the Offensive line with protection of [QB] Flacco and the run game?

Harbaugh: "Both of those things for sure. The pass protection was very good, and our offensive linemen did a good job, and that is one of the best pass rushing units in football. No question. It was a group effort. We had the ball out at times. Our offensive line, obviously, did a very good job. Our backs did a good job protecting, and our tight ends were involved quite a bit with chips and things like that, so it was a good game plan too. I thought our offensive coaches put together an excellent plan in that way."

Q: Was this win a turning point for the team in a crucial week after two losses?

Harbaugh: "That's all good. I think it is good to write about and think about, but for us it doesn't help us. It doesn't mean anything. It's not a great use of energy for us. We just have to figure out how to play the next game. It's a one week league. If this doesn't show this, and when you look around the NFL. Any fan in the NFL should know that by now. It's an every week league. It can change. Every, every, every week is a different week, and you just got to come out and find a way to play your best football and try to win your next game. That's really what it is. Think in terms like that is valuable I think. From the outside, but from the inside we just have got to think about the Chicago Bears. We have got to prepare for the Chicago Bears. All we're looking at right now is the Chicago Bears. That's our job."

Q: Big week for [RCB] Jimmy Smith. He scored a touchdown and had a new baby. What are your thoughts on him?

Harbaugh: "Ahh, yeah good point. Jimmy Smith had a child, got a touchdown, as you just pointed out. Congratulations to Jimmy. It's a big week. He's all smiles right now I'm sure."

Q: How much were you told the [RCB] Smith was hurt with his achilles with him not playing as much as he usual?

Harbaugh: "It's been bothering him for a few weeks. It's been sore. It's like I told you it's one of those things. It's a nag. It's a nagging deal right now for him, but he's out there and plays, and this game worked out where we rested him a little bit. He kind of went in there when he needed to. [LCB] Marlon Humphrey stepped up and played so well and that's why we drafted him, so Marlon played well. [LCB] Brandon Carr played well. [FS] Lardarius Webb played well. They really went after [Lardarius] Webb in the slot. They put 89 [WR Amari Cooper] in there and they put 15 [WR Michael Crabtree] in there. They got 10 [WR Seth Roberts] in there who is a good player. They were going after Webb a little bit and he did a good job."



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Q: How do you feel about [QB] Joe Flacco coming out and playing well after he hasn't played so well the last two weeks?

Harbaugh: "Joe, like we said during the week you just play the next game. You really do. That's the way it works. Joe is always going to do that. He is going to try to put together the best game together that he can every week and you're not always going to have your best game, but hey we want to string together as many good games as we can and Joe [Flacco] wants to do that, so I was happy for Joe because probably sometimes there is pressure in that position and he handles it so well which we are always very proud of, but to see him play well like that, of course you're happy."

Q: Is [RB] Terrance West going to be okay long term?

Harbaugh: "I don't know. I don't know. I have a line for that. Can I share it with you? We were joking about it in the locker room. I'm not a doctor, but I play one in press conferences. I really don't know the answer to that."

RAVENS QB JOE FLACCO

Q: How did the first play feel?

Flacco: "I mean yeah, it definitely feels good, but it felt better to get the ball in the endzone at the end of the drive. It means nothing if we don't score a touchdown. That's what we've been wanting to do, get the ball in the endzone and we were able to do that a few times today. That was the biggest thing. But it definitely feels good to let the ball go down the field and let Mike [Wallace] go get one. You can see it on his face when he starts getting involved. Just how much he gets revved up and how much that really helps our offense."

Q: What were your thoughts on how the offensive line played today?

Flacco: "Yeah, they played awesome. I told them all game that, specifically at the end of the game, how great a job they did all day. Then at end just putting it on them and being able to run the clock down and do what we did there. That was huge. You have to give credit to our tight ends, too. We put them in spots to kind of help out on [Khalil] Mack a good amount of times. They did really good. Bruce Irvin over on the other side and whoever they have coming on the other side, they're really good players too. You have to give a lot of credit to our backside to have Bruce 1-on-1 a lot of those times. They did awesome."

Q: How big is today's win?

Flacco: "Listen, I think every win is big. It adds another win to your total. I think this one is a little more significant because just what it does for the mentality and the confidence of the football team, and what the other side, what not winning would have done to the mentality of the football team. It counts the same, just as any other. It doesn't matter when you lose them, necessarily, or when you win them, you just have to have the right amount of wins at the end. As far as the mentality of this football team and the confidence of our offense, of our defense, I think this will definitely go a little bit longer than a normal win."

Q: Did you sense this game could be a turning point?

Flacco: "Yeah, there's no doubt. Listen, we've played two tough games the last couple of weeks. We haven't played well. They're good football teams, too. You could see Jacksonville, they're not a bad football team. Then Pittsburgh coming in our house, we would have obviously liked to keep our end of the bargain there at home. But we weren't able to do it and that happens. It's definitely good to be able to play those kind of games that we did and be able to respond the way we did today. Obviously, their team was a little shorthanded with the quarterback, but our defense played well. I thought EJ [Manuel], on their side, played really well. We were able to get after



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them on offense a little bit today, especially earlier in the game. I wish we would have carried it into the second half, but we didn't today."

Q: Are you relieved to have the media abuse end?

Flacco: "I don't hear about it anyway. You might see it while you're scrolling through Instagram. Doing stupid things while you're bored. It's part of being an NFL quarterback, is dealing with tough times. When you don't play well, you own it and you go on to the next one. I have confidence in who I am as a player and a person. I have confidence in our football team. I'm never going to waver. I may not play well one week, but it's not going to change who I am and who I believe I am."

Q: So no worries going through Instagram tonight?

Flacco: "There's always going to be fans hating on Instagram (*laughing*). It is what it is. There's good things too."

Ravens MLB CJ Mosley

Q: Was there an adjustment in the run game? The first couple drives the Raiders were moving the ball.

Mosley: "Yeah. I mean this is the NFL. Players are going to make plays. I feel like, for the most part, we handled it well. We stopped the run when we had to."

Q: It looks like you guys locked in the rotations. How do you think you guys played?

Mosley: "I told my guys they played well. That's one of the better offensive lines that we're going to see. They have some good running backs behind them too. Definitely a game for the young guys to learn the experience and resiliency. We just have to keep getting better and better."

Q: What does it mean for you guys, after two straight losses, to come in here and get a win?

Mosley: "It just shows our resiliency. We didn't start pointing the finger. We kept our head down, didn't make excuses, or blame the other side of the ball. We just stepped up to the plate, corrected our mistakes on each side, and came back better."

RAVENS FS ERIC WEDDLE

Opening Statement: "What a good game! Yeah you guys get me when we win! It's all good, I've been up here a few times. What a team win. The only thing on my mind is that I get to smash some ice cream tonight! Shoot!"

Q: How does that gash feel?

Weddle: "It's alright! What a finish. There was a big hit at the end. Talk about a team effort - offense, defense, special teams. What we talked about, we started fast and a great drive by the offense. Defense started fast, but I gotta give it up for the whole team running the ball. The last series to get a field goal really took the heart out of the Raiders and showed the kind of will that we can possess when the game is on the line. I couldn't be more proud of this group. The coaching staff put a great game plan together and the players run to execute. Defensively, for the most part we did well. Talk about two great plays by [QB] EJ Manuel. I thought he did an outstanding job out there under the circumstances. Broken play on the one touchdown where Brandon Carr was all over the grid and turned it up, which was unfortunate and on third down late in the game sprint-out and again Brandon was all over him and then he turns and drops it away. So Brandon was on a couple plays that were unfortunately, again unbelievable coverage. But we battled, we got stops when we needed and put a couple new blitzes in there that showed up when we got some pressure. There's nothing like coming on the road against a good team and getting a win. We have to carry it out next week."



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Q: How impressed were you with QB Joe Flacco's performance this week?

Weddle: "Yeah, it doesn't surprise me at all. Joe's a competitor, he's a fighter. He takes all the criticism and as the offense struggles, it's on him and as a team we respect that. We believe in him and just like us, we all try to take account for the play, us as players. Coaches do a great job, it's us as players that are going and executing, so if we don't get it done, it's on us. For him to come out and throw a ball the way he did and make plays, almost getting a sack, and throwing it to complete a first down to Jeremy Maclin, that last drive to complete balls to get first downs. He made some incredible throws out there and it shows why he can be one of the best when he's playing like that. That's what we need from him and he knows that, we all know that. If he throws like that and we get a lead, we're tough to beat."

Q: How beneficial is the defense when getting a fast start?

Weddle: "We just stressed all week to play loose and to have fun and not get so down. Don't think you gave up a first down or you gave up a long pass or if things don't go your way early it's not the end of the world. It's a four quarter game, we can finish and we can play four quarters. We wanted to just start fast and play aggressive from jump street and a perfect example, the offense drove down, got a score and then we get fumbled and Jimmy ran it back which was huge. We go 14-0, then everything plays into our favor, then we can gallop our pressures get more dimensional and really hold them off there."

Ravens RT Austin Howard

Q: Did you guys put a little more emphasis on buying your quarterback some time so he can make a good throw?

Howard: "Absolutely. Especially the last two weeks, Joe [Flacco] has been taking a little bit of heat. We take that personal. We still aren't done, we have a lot more to go."

Q: Any extra satisfaction in not giving up any sacks today?

Howard: "Oh yeah, absolutely. No matter who we're playing, we take a lot of pride in making those holes for the running back and keeping our quarterback clean. So we feel good about that. But with that being said, we know that we can't just stay the same, we have to get better each week."

Q: Did you guys feel any different out there today?

Howard: "I think our entire team felt different. Practice was different than what it's been. Our preparation was there. The process was great this week. We had a lot of intent in everything we did. We were able to carry that into the game, and it was a great win for us."

RAVENS CB JIMMY SMITH

Q: Can you talk about the emotions of this week and today's touchdown?

Smith: "I actually had my second son, Jalen Smith, 7 pounds and 3 ounces. Truly a blessing. 25 hours of labor. It was truly a blessing. I couldn't be more excited about that. And then getting a touchdown and coming around for the team."

Q: How did the 2 game losing streak impact your perspective?

Smith: "We all know, it's a 16-game season. It's very long. Losing 2 games, it's not a 4 game losing skid. I've been there, those are hard to come back. 2 games, that's nothing. You gotta bounce back. This team is very resilient, so we bounce back."



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Q: Can you talk about QB Joe Flacco's performance?

Smith: "He's our quarterback. I ride or die with him. The media, the naysayers, they can say what they want. As long as we're on this team together, I ride with him."

RAVENS WR MIKE WALLCE

Q: How did it feel to get two long passes today?

Wallace: "It felt great. We do it all the time at practice, so we know what we can do. It's just a matter of it playing out the way we want it to. The right coverage, the right timing, everything. It's a lot going into catching long passes. Whether it be dropping back and throwing it. (Inaudible). We started right out of the gate. It was great. I was hyped when I saw the play call. I was just like, 'I have to win.' You have to. You can't get a play call like that and not win. [Offensive coordinator] Marty [Mornhinweg] might not ever call it again. You have to make it work when you get a situation like that. I just knew last night when I saw the play call, I said, 'If we get this play, it's going to be on me to start the game off.' It's going to be going from that a snowball effect. I just had thoughts about it last night. We came out and we called it on the first play. I wish I would've scored."

Q: How long did you know about call? Were there talks about it being the first play last night?

Wallace: "I mean when we go through the plays, there's a possibility. I was like, 'I just give me it.' Possibility is great for me. I just wanted the possibility. When we got the first drive coach was like, 'Alright, we're going to go with the go route on the first play.' Say less."

Q: Do you feel like you answer questions offensively?

Wallace: "No. Not enough. Not to ourselves. We know who we are. We're just going to go out and continue to play our game. I don't care about questions. I'll sit up here two hours and answer questions. It doesn't matter to me. It's about performance. Whether we have questions about it or we are making plays. People are always going to have something to say. So we might as well go out and just have a good game."

Q: What some of the questions you have to answer yourself about improving as an offense?

Wallace: "Oh, just scoring 50? How can you score 40? How can you score 50? The Patriots did it. That's the kind of team you want to try to be like on the offense. You want to be a high scoring team. If your team comes out and you're not scoring 30, 40 points a game, you have some work to do. You have a lot more to do."

Q: Did you sense early that the offensive line was really controlling the front?

Wallace: "Oh yeah, from the first play. Like I said, you get the mojo rolling. We have a lot of good players on the team, it's just the rhythm. You get into a rhythm, you're going to be hard to stop. You don't get into a rhythm, you're going to go three-and-out. If you get those guys going, you make big plays for them, they're going to get hyped. Just like anybody else. (inaudible) Obviously, I had a great game. The whole O-line was awesome. It was hyped. It was crazy."

Ravens CB Marlon Humphrey

Q: For you guys, what does this win mean?

Humphrey: "It means a lot, you know? We're back on track. It's always good to come to someone else's stadium and get a win, so I'm really happy that we came out with the win."



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Q: You played more snaps than you have all season today. How did you feel out there getting more action?

Humphrey: "It was definitely fun getting some more snaps. Jimmy [Smith] couldn't really go so, you know, going against two pretty good receivers, Pro Bowl receivers, so I think getting a lot of snaps, I kind of got my rhythm in there. I enjoyed some extended action."

Q: Did you feel any more pressure to step up after you learned it was going to be tough for Jimmy Smith to stay out there after they scored a touchdown?

Humphrey: "No, but it didn't seem like much more pressure. It kind of just came pretty quick, I didn't know he wasn't going to be able to go but um I think he could have but he didn't want to push it too hard. I felt good out there, felt relaxed, had some learning lessons so I was proud about that."