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HEAD COACH JACK DEL RIO

Opening Statement: “Games like this, going down to the wire and knowing that the outcome is in the balance, the excitement of being in that position is something that I just can’t get enough of. I absolutely love it. It’s something about being in the NFL, playing and coaching as long as I have, you just appreciate these moments. You get these awesome, awesome moments. A group of men believes and stays the course, fights and despite all kinds of things that could have been a little different, finishes super exciting. Then, talking about us believing in our offense and what we’re doing and how we’re doing it, just a matter of execution and doing it better. Talked about supporting Amari Cooper and what a stud I think he is. 11 catches for 200-plus, speaks to that. Derek [Carr] comes out and throws for 400 yards, three touchdowns. Just really excited for those guys. Really excited for everybody in that locker room. It’s early in the season, approaching the midway point. We needed this win and we got it. Players get to enjoy the next few days off and get back on Tuesday. Wasn’t all perfect, I’m sure you guys will point some of that out. We’ll have fun going through that. We’ll do it with a smile. Questions?”

Q: Throughout the last four or five snaps, did you think ‘what’s going on here?’

Del Rio: “There were some thoughts throughout as the way the game was called, the way some of the calls came down. I thought it was maybe we weren’t going to catch a break with the crew that worked the game. It’s a good group, they worked the mechanics and everything we talked about, mechanically that’s what they saw. So we went on. We didn’t really catch a break with that, during several instances where you thought you could have. I thought guys were getting mugged a couple times when there was a no call. We fought through that. At the end near the finish, right away, upstairs we’ve got a guy in the box that is in constant communication with me and he let me know ‘hey, it could be close, be ready to go.’ Then you’re going to get that 10-second runoff and then they’re going to snap it and put it in play and we have to be ready to snap it. We did a good job being organized and thoughtful through that period and were ready to handle that. That was critical. The Crab [Michael Crabtree] pushoff, I mean, it was kind of in that collection of plays tonight that I thought didn’t have to be called. Could have been left alone, but it was called. We just kept going. Number 4 kept making plays. Special, special day.”

Q: Was there any sense today of we’re going downfield and we’re going to get it done?

Coach Del Rio: “Just to satisfy you [Bay Area New Group Writer] Jerry [McDonald] (*laughing*). I thought we executed the game plan well. Right tackle step in, Vadal [Alexander] steps in. Yeah, we gave him a little bit of help. We go through the game, our quarterback doesn’t get sacked. That was a big part of us having the success that we did.”

Q: Can you talk about

Coach Del Rio: “That is a great story. He’s been here two days. He has the green dot on. He plays just about the whole game and calls the defense. I just absolutely love the football player in him. He’s a hunting dog. He loves to play. He brought experience during the week. He was a settling influence, kind of a determined influence on the sideline. Like I said, played most of the game. I thought he did a remarkable job. Really happy to have him and glad that he stepped in and did such a nice job.”

Q: Did you see Marshawn Lynch run on the field during the confrontation?

Coach Del Rio: “I did.”

Q: What are your thoughts?

Coach Del Rio: “I was disappointed that he ran out because I knew that we had a 15-yard penalty and we were going to be in good shape. I didn’t get a chance to have a conversation about it. I told him you can’t leave the bench like that. That was about it. Next thing I knew, he was being tossed. The ref told me that he had actually put his hands on him. So, I didn’t see that occur. Obviously, you can never put your hands on an official and he was DQ.”



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Q: Did he stay in the locker room?

Coach Del Rio: "I'm not sure. I'm not sure."

Q: If he didn't, would that be a problem?

Coach Del Rio: "I'm really not going to get into hypotheticals. I don't think there's any benefit in that."

Q: Defense made some big plays on the last few drives.

Coach Del Rio: "Yeah, they have to get the ball back in order to come back and we did that. We talked about it on the sideline, 'Hey, we've got to get the ball back for our offense here.' We get them the ball, we're going to go down and win. We did that collective. Again, talk about complimentary football, that's complimentary football at it's finest. That dog-gone No. 10 [Tyreek Hill] is a weapon. I thought Marquette [King] did a good job keeping the ball away from him. The one time he had to go tackle him himself, which was great to see. That guy is a dynamic returner. I thought the special teams did what they had to do with that aspect. I thought offense and the defense did enough to go home with a smile."

Q: Given the losing streak and given Kansas City's position in the division, how important is this win?

Coach Del Rio: "Yeah, it's been vital. It was vital last week. It was vital the week before. It's vital to win in this league. You have to stack up as many wins as you can. Obviously, tonight was huge. It was next. I'm so glad it came on a short week where we have chance to get the bad taste out of our mouth. The key for us has been that we really continue to believe. We understand we haven't done things that we have set out to do. I think the ability to have a mature approach about it and be accountable but not lose your spirit. Not lose your determination, your belief. Those are the things that we've hung onto and continue to work. I think that you saw a pretty good effort tonight. Not that there aren't things that we need to correct from tonight, but again we do those things with a smile."

Q: What was your mindset during that final drive?

Coach Del Rio: "We're going to find a way. We're going to find a way. We came in tonight, so everybody is going to bring their best to the party. Why, why we love this game. We talked about love, loving each other, loving the opportunity to compete. Loving the challenges that are part of what we do. A lot of it was about love. Love to be in this theater where you're putting your neck out there and it can go one way or another. You're putting your neck out there in front of the whole world to watch. There's something about that that is exhilarating. We tapped into that. Our guys came in with a great mindset, and we were determined to leave here with a victory."

Q: Did you guys discuss Derek Carr starting more aggressively?

Coach Del Rio: "No. Just discussed him being himself and being the stud that he is."

Q: What went wrong with the timeout that got burnt on the review?

Coach Del Rio: "Purely an understand of the rule. From my perspective, the ball when you hit the ground, you must get up and hand it to the ref. If you don't complete the catch, it should be an incomplete. That's what we've learned. Forget about what used to be a catch in the backyard and that 99 people out of 100 in the park think that's a catch. Forget about all of that. What we've kind of learned to adopt is this theory that once you go to the ground, you have to somehow come up with it. No matter how long you've had it. The ball came out. I was instructed, yeah, the ball did in fact come out. There was no disagreement, but there was an added twist tonight that I've never been told that there was a roll-over aspect. He had rolled over and then lost the ball, which is news for me. So you're always learning. You're always learning."



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Q: You guys came close to your first interception a couple of times tonight.

Coach Del Rio: “Look, we’ve had so many opportunities to catch the ball. We have to catch the ball. I mean, really there’s not much to say on it. We’re in position to catch the ball. We’re not catching it. We have to catch it. We’ll get the jugs out and make sure we’re catching it more. We had a lot of opportunities over the last few weeks. We haven’t had any yet. We’ll keep working at it.”

RAIDERS QB DEREK CARR

Q: On the last two plays, what was the plan? Just throw it up and hope a guy makes a play?

Carr: “Yeah, I was just trying to find a one-on-one. At that moment, you just have to find a one-on-one with the coverages that they’re playing and give somebody a chance. There’s nothing technical about it. At that point, I’m telling the guys in the huddle, ‘Look I’ve got to give somebody a chance now. Go make a play.’ They did a couple of times.”

Q: You’ve been part of a lot of dramatic finishes. Was this the wildest?

Carr: “Not even close, yes. Absolutely. I can’t even say it better. Yes.”

Q: On the throw to Michael Crabtree on the last touchdown, were you looking at him the whole way?

Carr: “There’s a progression to it. ‘Crab’ is first and I was calling for that play. If there’s one thing about ‘Crab,’ it doesn’t matter what happens throughout the rest of the game, he always shows up. Obviously, he did at the end there twice. Made two big plays for us.”

Q: What happened during the whole situation with Marcus Peters and Marshawn Lynch?

Carr: “I was still trying to move and fight. Marcus came in and hit me. There’s nothing wrong with that. I didn’t hear a whistle or anything like that or obviously we would have stopped and then if he hits me, that’s a little different. If it was close or anything like that... Maybe he was blowing the whistle. I’m just saying I didn’t hear it. I don’t have any problem with Marcus coming in and hitting me. He knows that and I told him. I said, ‘I’ve got no issue, man. Play ball.’ Obviously Marshawn came out and did his thing. Obviously, you never want a guy to get kicked out. That stinks, but just from knowing him, I know that he was out there just taking care of us.”

Q: What did this win do for you guys?

Carr: “Yeah, 2-5 did not sound good. That made our stomach hurt. We wanted to come out here and get a big win. This is a big win. For our team, especially with the adversity we’ve gone through, obviously we’ve seen today, everybody saw that we can throw the ball downfield and those kind of things when the opportunities are there. That was something that if we had the opportunities, we wanted to take them. They were there today and we were able to do that, but obviously with the last, really month, there’s been a lot of adversity. We’ve all not had our best games, not had our best days. But our practices have been crisp. Everyone is working hard, taking notes. We’re still doing the things we did last year when we won 12 games and then some. I know personally I just look at things and I try and do more and so to fight through, especially when you’re already fighting pretty good, you’re fighting, your competing, and then to come out on the other side of it. Now we have a lot of work to do to be better, but to come out on the other side of it, I just thank God, man, to be honest because it was hard. It was frustrating.”

Q: Did you have a different mental approach coming into this game?

Carr: “No, honestly it just depended on what the defense showed us. We always had shots called up based on what we’d think they do. As we’ve learned, teams change when they play us because of the weapons that we have and things like that. We always have them dialed. Sometimes they just take them away. Today, for whatever reason, we were able to hit on the shots that we want. Those big plays, those keep giving life to our team. It wasn’t



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any different, my mindset or anything like that, to answer the question. I still play the same way. I've been taught well and I have a feeling that I know how to play the game. Sometimes the plays happen and sometimes there's more underneath stuff."

Q: What was the difference with Amari Cooper tonight?

Carr: "You guys are going to think I'm crazy but there was no difference. We put him in positions to make plays, obviously. We knew that there were certain things that we liked. Nothing changed in his demeanor or his mentality or the way he worked or anything like that. We just stayed the course. We know what we have here and we know that if we just stay the course and work and grind through the tough times... Even today was tough. That's a tough time against, probably one of if not the best team in football right now. For 'Coop' to just continue to grind and get on the other side of it, I just felt good for him. You guys know Amari. I think we all felt good for him."

Q: How big was it to score early and get off to a good start?

Carr: "Like we all know, we struggled to do a lot of things over the last month. To start fast, again I think that gives life to a team. That's a sense of hope, which we always have and belief and those kind of things, but to start fast, it always just gives your team a little boost at the beginning that you have to have."

Q: What did you see from Amari Cooper tonight?

Carr: "When he was making the plays, the way he finished after the catch was really special. Obviously, we all know he can go up and get a ball and all those things. That second touchdown where he came across, the burst that he had, that's freakish now. Not a lot of guys have that. I think No. 10 [Tyreek Hill] has that. I think Coop has that. To turn the jets on like that and just out run the angles of the defense, that was really special. I think just after the catch he just played with some dog in him, which we know he has. We were able to get him the ball and let him shine and do what he does."

Q: What do you think Damian Lillard meant by his tweet saying you showed your true colors and turned your season around?

Carr: "I think that what we've kind of talked about. I keep up in touch with Damian. He's a big Raider fan, and I'm a big fan of his. I think that what he means is we were going through some hard times and we stuck the course. We kept going. We kept fighting. We could've easily have given in and pointed fingers and said, 'Oh, the Chiefs are coming into town.' But our guys fought. I think that those are our true colors that we just continue to fight and we stay together. If we're not together, we don't win that game. Coach Del Rio, I'm sure he tells you guys, he talks about the little things all the time. Just having each others back. All those kind of things. I think what Damian is saying is all of that showed today."

Q: What was the mood before that final drive?

Carr: "Same feel, same thing. It's funny, we've been there a lot. When you have familiar faces in the huddle, it's nice because I remember the first two-minute drive we ever had or fourth quarter comeback was Thursday Night against the Chiefs, and there's not a lot of familiar faces from that huddle. Now moving forward the last couple of years, we've grown our culture and the guys that are here, our core guys. We've done this a couple of times together. So when we took the field that last time, I looked at Rodney [Hudson] and said, 'Alright, let's go.' I looked at my wideouts and I didn't have to say anything. They said, 'We got you, just throw it up.' That makes the quarterback's heart beat a little bit slower when you know you have guys that have your back."

Q: How much fun was tonight?

Carr: "That's all I focused on today. My main focus coming into today was making sure I knew who I was, remembering who I was and having fun. That's everything that I stressed to my teammates. We prayed together before the game, and that's what I said then. I said, 'Don't forget who's you are and who you are.' Then I said, 'Have fun.' I told my teammates that I loved them, but it's time to have some fun. I think all of Oakland was able to



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have some fun tonight. You guys know, my biggest joy is looking around and seeing the smiles and the high fives, the chest bumps and all those things. Speaking of chest bumps, I think I got higher than Coop on that one (*laughing*). So next time he does it, he's going to try and sit on my head. I think the main things was that we had fun."

Q: How important was the play of Jared Cook tonight?

Carr: "Huge, huge, huge. This is going back to when he had his free agent visits. We sat there and this was tape that we pulled up. We said, 'Look man, we need you. We need you. We need your help against the Chiefs. We need another weapon. We need you, and here's how we can use you.' We actually used that today, which is kind of cool. To tell a man, 'Hey, this is the kind of things we need you to do and if you can do them man, it's going to help our team win. It's not necessarily going to give you the ball every time, but if you can do this certain thing for us, it's going to help our team win.' For him to do those things even when he didn't get the ball, it helped our team win tonight."

Q: Can you talk about NaVorro Bowman?

Carr: "Awesome teammate. Oh my goodness, I love him. He literally stays the same all the time. I didn't know what to expect. He's one of the best middle linebackers to ever play this game. You don't know if he's going to come in screaming, yelling, whatever. He is the same dude all the time throughout the game. Really the best way to describe him is he's on a mission. Every single day since he got here Monday, whatever it was, to watching him today, he hasn't changed. He's just on a mission to dominate. As a young player watching him, it's very encouraging and it helps me. Just man, what determination. The vibe off him, you can feel it. It's definitely nice having him on our team."

Q: How do you feel

Carr: "We keep working. The same thing that we've been doing all season. We work hard. We have to do the little things. We have to take all the right notes. We have to show up early. We have to take care of our bodies and we have to compete our tails off. We have a process that we go through. You guys hear coach say it all the time and he's brain washed it in us. We have a process that we go through. We take care of our bodies. Then we prepare and then we compete. He always says recover, prepare, compete and that's what we have to keep doing."

RAIDERS TE JARED COOK

Q: On that one catch that put you at the half yard line, did you think you got that in?

Jared Cook: "Yeah, I thought I got it in. Even after the replay I saw I thought I got it in. At least that's what it looked like on the jumbotron. He didn't touch me. It was a great ball by Derek [Carr]. It was a play that boosted us and helped us get the win."

Q: After what you guys have been through the last month, getting the win the way you did being down, things not going for you, every break going against you, what does that do for you?

Cook: "That's what this game is about, the hard work that these coaches and the guys in this room put in. It's about resiliency. No matter if your back is against the wall, no matter how bad you get down you have to keep fighting. That speaks volumes about this team that we were able to keep fighting through tough situations. That should propel us forward into our future games. We know how this feels."

Q: On the last plays when there was a defensive holding call, how long did it take you to realize there was a penalty called and that you would have another chance?



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Cook: “Man, they were holding the whole game. We told them in the first quarter and the referees did nothing about it, nothing at all. That’s what it is. How many did we have in the final 30 seconds? Three? That’s just crazy that it takes them the whole game to call that. But like I said, it’s about resiliency, no matter what happens.”

RAIDERS LB NAVORRO BOWMAN

Q: What was the key to getting that tackle for loss in the backfield?

Bowman: “Well, I have the option to go play off the nose. For some reason, I felt like it was a run and Coach called the call where I can do that. I took the shot and I was able to make the play. I live behind the line of scrimmage so if it opens up I’m going to take it.”

Q: How did you gel with those guys up front?

Bowman: “We just communicated for these three days that I’ve been a part of this organization. Them understanding that I didn’t know everything but me showing them that I did and that kind of got them going. They wanted to really see me play well. They were excited when I got here and I was excited just to get a fresh start and know that that offense over there got some guys.”

Q: How good does it feel to have the Coach recognize you and your talents?

Bowman: “It feels great, man, just to be wanted. Guys understand your worth and know how hard you work and how much you love the game. In three days, I’ve put in 40 hours just really studying this playbook and wanting to come out here and have a great game to show that I still have a lot of football in me.”

RAIDERS WR MICHAEL CRABTREE

Q: What happened on that final play?

Crabtree: “Which one? The final or the final, final play? D.C. said catch the ball. I went out there and made a play.”

Q: What can this win do for the team big picture?

Crabtree: “We didn’t give up. We got a team of fighters. We believe. T.D. [Todd Downing] said in the meeting we need to believe no matter how hard the game is, we believe. We came out with the W, man, and I’m excited. It was great way to win.”

Q: What’s the biggest piece of advice you’ve given Amari Cooper over the past couple weeks and how nice was it to see him have a breakout game?

Crabtree: “Just be you. It’s just about everything coming together. Coop a fighter, man. Coop got skills so I don’t worry about Coop and I’m sure he don’t worry about me. That’s why we are so good together.”

Q: How would you describe what Derek did the last 5-6 throws of that game?

Crabtree: “It was big. He took control in the huddle. He took control of the offense. All we did is be there for him. He the Captain, he’s the Quarterback, he’s Derek Carr. All we’re doing is making plays.”

RAIDERS LT DONALD PENN

Q: Talk about what this win means coming off the recent struggles.

Donald Penn: “You all asked me a couple weeks ago, I said that we’re going to keep fighting. We are always going to keep fighting. In the San Diego game we lost by a touchdown but we kept fighting. Today, with all odds against



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us we kept fighting. Our team is some fighters. You can't ask for more than that, because you can't teach that fight. It has to be in you. We're fighters, we fought to the end. That's a good team. I'm not looking forward to playing them again because I know they're going to remember this, but we're fighters. We fought today and we came out victorious. I'm just happy."

Q: Did it feel like a must-win?

Penn: "Going into it I thought it was a must-win, but we won so I'm not going to talk about it now."

Q: How did it feel to have that offense clicking like you knew it could?

Penn: "It felt good. I wish it would have happened a few weeks ago. We wouldn't be sitting here like that. You all would have been talking like 'OK, we're on a run'. I'm glad to get things going. I feel like myself, all the beginning of the season I told coach that I feel like I'm trying to be too perfect. I haven't been playing my game, I've been going out there trying to be too perfect. I told them today I was going to go out there and let it rip. I told some other guys to go out there and let it rip. This offense was trying to be too perfect. We had high hopes going into the season when we started, then we hit adversity. We couldn't find a way to get out of there fast enough. Now we're getting out of this, but we have to keep it going. One thing we have been doing is we've been working as hard as we do every week. It's starting to pay off."

Q: After the play where Derek [Carr] gets decked by Marcus Peters and Marshawn [Lynch] runs onto the field, what did you see in that situation?

Penn: "I saw my quarterback on the ground and I saw someone hit him late. I don't play that [expletive]. My thing was to run over there and get on him. I didn't know it was Peters at first. I ran over there and got him off of him because the refs weren't doing their job of protecting my quarterback when he's on the ground. I saw he got hit so I went over and got him and some other guys got into it. It was a big old commotion. I saw Marshawn come out there, that's his cousin. Chris Long did that thing to his brother a couple years ago. Marshawn wasn't doing anything he was just trying to protect his cousin, get his cousin to the sideline. They're real close, they're more like brothers than cousins, they're real close. He's going to learn. Marshawn's smart, he's going to learn from that moving forward."

RAIDERS WR AMARI COOPER

Q: What was that last drive like for you, scoring the winning touchdown four times?

Amari Cooper: "It was crazy. That's the game of football. That's sports."

Q: Did it feel like the game plan was going to dictate more passing and did you feel like you were going to get more opportunities?

Cooper: "We have a lot of playmakers at the receiving position. We went into this week saying we want to take more shots, more explosive plays."

Q: Everything this team has been going through lately, how big is this win for you?

Cooper: "It's great. A big part of football is momentum. Hopefully this game can get a rhythm for this team and we can try to keep the momentum."

Q: You got involved early, had a couple touches early. How important is it to get the early touches?

Cooper: "With every offensive possession, be it running back, receiver, whatever, when you get that first touch it creates a little bit of confidence. You go out there believing in yourself and do your thing."



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Q: With all the close games last year, do you feel comfortable there in the fourth quarter being down and having to score a touchdown?

Cooper: "We're a real resilient team. No matter what happens in the game we just play the next play."

RAIDERS DE KHALIL MACK

Q: You guys needed to get stops late in the game and you got them. What does that say about this defense and its resiliency?

Mack: "We got a lot of heart on this defense. Guys stepped up and made plays. It wasn't pretty but we got it done."

Q: When you have NaVorro making his Raiders debut, what do you look at as far as potential for this Raiders defense?

Mack: "It's still the beginning, we are making a push. At the same time adding a guy like that with so much experience, especially down the stretch, having the late experience in games and knowing the situations it can change the game as you could kind of tell."

Q: What was it like watching the final drive from the sideline?

Mack: "There wasn't no doubt in my mind. D.C. just knowing the clutch capabilities he has and then the weapons that he has, Crab. Just knowing the weapons that he has, Coop showing up big. There wasn't no doubt in my mind."

Q: What about when Marshawn ran on the field during that play where Peters hit Carr after the whistle?

Mack: "I didn't know if they were just talking. I know Peters is his cousin, right? So, I didn't know if he was just talking trash to him, trying to play around or what. Knowing that you got D.C. on the ground and you see a guy hit him late. These guys love their Quarterback and they are going to protect him at all costs but in that situation we got to use our head."

RAIDERS RB JALEN RICHARD

Q: What was like it for you on that final drive?

Richard: "I was on the sideline praying to the sky, like Lord we need this. We went out there and just executed our plays at the end of the game. It's one of those games that gives you goosebumps, man. You're on the sideline and everybody is taking that breadth like we got this. We just believed on the sideline. The guys out there on the field on that last pay believed, you know what I am saying. We just believed throughout this whole game, fighting back to get this win against K.C. and it's a division game too, its big right now for us."

Q: How big is this win?

Richard: "I mean it's real big. It's big anytime you win in the league but to win that division game. This was a must have for us and we got it. We took care of business today."

Q: What was it that got you guys out of that slump?

Richard: "Again, we were just being ourselves. We got so many weapons, we got so many explosive athletes on our offense but just in these last four games that we loss we were just so out of whack. It was little stuff here and there, technical, maybe a missed assignment here and there. Guys were doing their thing, guys were playing hard. We believed the whole game even when we got down a little bit. We pulled through and got the win."



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HEAD COACH ANDY REID

Opening Statement: “Really nothing new to bring to your attention. We got out fairly healthy. Tough game. Tough way to end it. We’ve got to do better, starting with me. We’ve got to finish that last part of the game. You just sustain that last drive offensively and shut them down a little bit better, or excuse me offensively and shut them down a little better defensively. We’ve all got a piece of this thing. It’s against a rival here obviously so it’s even a little tougher but our guys will bounce back. They’ll get a little rest here and come back stronger for the next one.”

Q: What was your reaction to the first touchdown throw to Raiders WR Amari Cooper and to the officiating in general?

Coach Reid: “So I’m not going to comment on that. I mean they’re trying to do their best job. Whether I agree with it or not, it doesn’t really matter. The call stood and that’s what it was.”

Q: Did you think your guys did a good job just keeping on playing through and not letting the momentum swings affect them?

Coach Reid: “Yeah listen, I thought we played hard. Had a few penalties down the stretch there that they got us. It’s a shame that it came down to that right? Let the guys play there. Let them settle it right there on the field. It came down to calls one way or the other and it came down to calls. That’s too bad.”

Q: On your last offensive possession, can you walk us through the balance between trying to get down the field and trying to run down the clock?

Coach Reid: “Yeah so we tried to do both of them. We had been running the ball very effectively and so we ran it a couple times, not usual for that situation, a four-minute situation. We felt like we still needed to get a first down. Had a reasonable shot at one and it didn’t work out. We had the sack there at the end. I’ll take that one. I got to put them in better positions to make plays and that’s a crucial time so I’ll have the responsibility for that.”

Q: What were your thoughts on QB Alex Smith’s performance tonight?

Coach Reid: “Listen, there was some good and there was some bad in the whole scheme of things. When you lose, there is going to be some good especially a tough game like this and there’s going to be some things we’ve got to correct. It would be no different whatever position it is or coaching, but I would tell you for the most part I thought he did a pretty good job.”

Q: Before the game, the Raiders said that they were going to try to get back to their old offensive ways. Without looking at the tape, did you get the sense that they were doing the same concepts as last year more than they had the first six games?

Coach Reid: “Yeah I mean it was similar. Just from a far. Now I’m putting the plays together on the other side so I don’t get to see every play, but it looked like it was similar. They did a good job. Jack (Del Rio) rallied them up and they played well. Their team won the game.”

Q: The penalty on CB Marcus Peters for the late hit on Raiders QB Derek Carr, does that fall in the category of the calls you were talking about?

Coach Reid: “I don’t know. He’s a runner and that was a QB draw so once you do that, you’re declared a runner until that whistle blows and so he was playing. I’m not going to knock him for that now. It was hard to get the whole call there on what they said, but once he’s designated he’s no different than a running back. That’s the rule.”



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Q: Have you ever been part of a game with two untimed downs like that at the end of the game?

Coach Reid: "I'm sure I probably have but I don't remember it. That was weird, different, but still we got to take care of business right there. That's what we expect to do. The players expect it. The coaches expect it and that's what we do."

Q: You said earlier that you kind of want some of that to go, like let the players play instead of it coming down to that?

Coach Reid: "I'm not pointing at the officials. You don't ever want it to come down to that type of thing. You don't ever want that. That's what it is, but we have no excuses on that. We've got to play better, coach better and everything."

Q: Just how disappointing is it for Oakland to be able to throw the ball around like they did after they had struggled so much the last month?

Coach Reid: "Yeah they did a good job with it. That's what happened. They did a good job. We've got to do better. We'll go back and we'll evaluate it, look at it and see if we can't do a better job there."

CHIEFS QB ALEX SMITH

Q: What was it like for you during that last drive?

Smith: "Yeah, once they were dropped into the two-minute warning I knew if we did get the ball back it was over. They were out of timeouts or had one left. I mean yeah, just watching, you're rooting you're a fan at that point rooting on your defense. There were so many close plays out there, so you're just pulling for your guys."

Q: Can you talk about the last two possessions of the game?

Smith: "Yeah, just a miscommunication on the first one up front and we let them come in and get a shot. I felt like we had a good play on and then that last one was a good rush. They did a good job, they're a good defensive unit."

Q: With all the flags, did you have the game at the end?

Smith: "Yeah, several times there we were thinking it, I mean how could you not? I mean multiple times you're thinking, we lost it, we won it, we lost it, we won it. Certainly, I think that second to last play the ball got thrown out of the end zone and they called defensive holding and it's not even close to the play. That's the one that sticks out to me, but I didn't though so it'd be hard for me judge it. So yeah, it's tough for me to comment on."

Q: Was this the wildest finishes you've been a part of?

Smith: "Certainly the most flags probably there at the end. I think that, probably, if anything. It's a great rivalry. It's what sports is about, it's what football is about. To come down in the end like that, if you're on the other end it's not fun, but that is what this is about and hats off to them. They're a good football team. I hate seeing all the flags at the end. I think that's the one thing, you want to let your guys play and you don't want the refs involved as much as possible."

Q: Have you seen new steps in Tyreek [Hill's] development?

Smith: "I think growing with confidence as receiver and being decisive. There's so many unscouted, unpracticed looks you get out there and I think just being decisive in the middle of the game and going. I think you'd be surprised by the plays you make and you're finally doing it consistently and having the opportunity to do it consistently come game time."



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Q: Is there an expectation in football to let players play?

Smith: "Yeah, like I said, you don't really know. Obviously flagrant things need to get called. There are rules and you have to play to the rules, there's no question. It would be hard for me to say, certainly there was a bunch of contact all night with balls that went down field. I think if you wanted to, you could find a foul in every play. These guys are playing hard and everyone is good and everyone's competing."

Q: Is there an expectation that calls are different at the end of the game?

Smith: "No, I think you still call it. I think you'd call it as you would any other time. Listen, if there's flagrant, anyone's cheating, you have to throw a flag, I mean that's the deal. I mean all crews are different, some crews call and let you go, some crews don't."

Q: Are you playing your best football?

Smith: "To be honest, there's no time to reflect. You're just coming off a loss and you're in the middle of the season and all that stuff means nothing at this point. That stuff's for after the season. Two in a row, we've got a long time to think about this and hopefully get back healthy. We've got another big one this next Monday night coming up."

Q: How do you bounce back from two losses in a row?

Smith: "It's tough to talk about it. You have to just go do it. You gotta practice. You gotta get everyone involved and get a plan together and execute it the way we know we can. Obviously, there comes a crunch time and whatever units on the field have to make a play to win the game. I think that's all three phases. Everybody's included in that."

CHIEFS DB ERIC MURRAY

Q: How the game ended with two plays after the clock had gone. Does that speak to how tightly contested the game was?

Murray: "Yeah definitely. Everybody was playing hard. Everybody wanted the dub so it was crazy that the clock was still double zero and we had plays after that."

Q: Were you on the field when Marcus Peters got the penalty and Marshawn Lynch came running onto the field from the sideline?

Murray: "Nope"

Q: What was your observation of that play?

Murray: "I wasn't on the field. I don't really remember. I just remember the last couple plays right now. I can't think back that far."

Q: Even having just played it, does it feel a little scrambled to you? What the last five/six players were?

Murray: "No, not the last five or six plays. That's fresh in my mind."

Q: Obviously the key was them getting the first down on fourth and eleven. How did that look to you?

Murray: "I was guarding the tight end and lot of them be bigger than me but I got to work on getting better positioning so I can get in better position to make a play. It's not about like really speed; you know what I'm saying? A lot of them, they're just bigger than me so I just got to work my way in, kind of finagle my way in and do it like that so he made a play."



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Q: It's pretty fresh still but how do you feel like you guys are going to process this game?

Murray: "We are going to process it like we always do and just go back to work."

Q: How do you summarize the swing of emotions between Crabtree getting called for the offensive pass interface and how it turned out?

Murray: "You want it to go your way at the end of the day and it didn't so that's all I can say."

Q: How would you describe this whole game? The way it emotionally went up and down and back and forth with all the lead changes and untimed downs?

Murray: "I mean that's just football so I really can't describe it in any other way so that's why we're out there in the first place and that's why we play the game, for the emotion."

Q: What was it like to lose a game like that that was within your grasp till the last tick?

Murray: "It hurt. It definitely. It's not going to feel good but you got to go back to work."

Chiefs LB Derrick Johnson

Q: I guess they don't get tougher than that, do they?

Johnson: "Yeah, this one hurt. Even though we're 5-2, good record in the NFL, this one hurts, this one hurts."

Q: You've been around long enough to see some wild finishes. How does this one compare?

Johnson: "It was a wild finish, probably the wildest finish I've had in my 13 years here with the Chiefs, but no excuses. As a Defense, we take a lot of passion and a lot of pride in taking the ball away or stopping an opponent when we need a play. We lacked at that going down on the last drive. We lacked at it."

Q: What are the emotions like? What are you guys telling each other when you're down there in the red zone trying to stop them?

Johnson: "One more play. One more play. Unfortunately, every time it was a couple more plays because of the penalties and stuff, but at the same time, it's just one more play, man. Just one more play. I mean just give all you got and we did, we did. We came out on the short end of the stick this time."

Q: You guys did a much better job of stopping the run. Are there some things that you can take from this game that is a silver lining?

Johnson: "Well, you want to win, you want to win, period. That makes you feel good. That makes everybody feel good, and you know you are on the right track when you win, and even though we stopped the run better today, a lot better today, we didn't in the pass, so it's a give and take, but at the end of the day regardless if they ran 200 or 300 yards rushing on us, win the game, and we had a chance to, but we came up short."

Q: How do you want your guys to respond to this?

Johnson: "Well, we'll respond the right way. You have to. You have to. We have a lot of veteran leadership on this team. We have a good team, good team. I've won a lot here in the black hole and came up short this time, but we have a good team. It's not what happens to you, it's how you respond after something happens and we've got to go back to the drawing board. Losing two, we haven't done that in awhile around here."

Q: Will you sum up the last drive, its ups and downs?

Johnson: "Well, you just have to make a play. At the end of the day, they needed everything to go for them going down for the last score, and they had everything happen in their favor even penalties. It's a tough game, tough game to win. This one hurts though. It hurts."



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Q: Have you ever been a part of a game with 2 plays after the clock is out?

Johnson: "No, I've never been a part of a game that came down so dramatic, but still had a chance to win, period. Just got to make a play. Just make one play. One play."

Q: In recent years, it seems like this defense has been able to make that play, this year it hadn't been there as much. Why not? What's missing in that regard?

Johnson: "Well I don't know what's missing. It's about making it happen, having the confidence that we are a good Defense, and you can lean on us when the game is on the line, and the game was on the line last drive, just make one play. One of us, and we couldn't make it."

CHIEFS DL CHRIS JONES

Q: What happened on that last drive?

Jones: "There's no ifs, ands, or buts about it. We had to make a play. We had multiple opportunities on defense. Nobody stepped up and made a play."

Q: Have you ever been through a sequence where you had two plays run after the clock is out?

Jones: "It really don't matter. We practice the play, overtime, all that. You just got to step up and make a play. You've got to execute the Defense, make a play. Somebody step up and make a play, and get off [of] the field. That's what it all comes down to."

CHIEFS WR ALBERT WILSON

Q: Can you walk us through that touchdown play?

Wilson: "Yeah man, we felt like they were leaving the middle of the field open. We dialed up a play to kind of get the ball in the middle of the field. Their guy came over to try to make a play on the ball and pretty much did and you know when an opportunity comes I'm going to take it."

Q: How do you summarize the swing of emotions between being up at that point and how this game ended?

Wilson: "It sucked. Point blank period"

Q: Have you ever been apart of a crazy finish like that? Two plays after the clock hits zero?

Wilson: "Nah, you don't want to be a part of game like that."