



## Oakland Raiders Transcript

### TE Jared Cook

**Q: How did signing in Oakland happen? Are you surprised to be a Raider?**

**Cook:** "Am I'm surprised? No, not at all."

**Q: What was the deciding factor in picking Oakland?**

**Cook:** "Great quarterback, great offensive scheme, great tight ends coach. Just seeing how these guys use guys in their offense. They take their talents, and they build their offense around their talents, which is important."

**Q: Did you get a chance to talk with Derek Carr?**

**Cook:** "Yeah, me and him sat in on a meeting. We watched some film together today. Love the kid, man. He's cool. He's a real down to earth guy. I enjoy talking with him about the offensive system and different plays that they run and how they see me fitting in this offense."

**Q: How do you see yourself fitting in this offense? What do you bring to the team?**

**Cook:** "Just another weapon for Derek to use. Just to be able to stretch the field, be able to beat one-on-one matchups, be able to get down into the secondary at a fast pace, be able to create separation off of different routes. When I'm coming out of my breaks, just a different radius that it gives him. A different element to put the ball in places and just keep chains moving."

**Q: Is what the Raiders do similar to what Green Bay did?**

**Cook:** "Not really. It's a little bit of different offensive schemes. It's a little bit of different plays. They call plays different. You know, when you're going through this process you find that no team is really the same. Some of the language might be the same. Some of the route concepts might be the same. But there's going to be a lot of stuff that's going to change and a lot of stuff that's going to be different."

**Q: Did the fact that the Raiders are coming off a winning season play a factor in deciding?**

**Cook:** "Absolutely. When you have a team that, like you said, they're going on an upward trend and they're doing big things and they're making it to the postseason, that's what you want as a player. That's what you want to look for as a player, a team that's building success. They implement success in their players. They promote it and preach it, and that's exactly what you want to be around. That's the type of organization you want to be a part of."

**Q: How different is the reputation surrounding the Raiders now from what it has been in past years?**

**Cook:** "You know, it's a different team, and each year you're going to bring a new team. It's a positive and a forward-thinking moving team that are bringing pieces in that are going to help this team out. It has a great defense which is huge, great defense, great offensive line which is huge. It has great receivers in place already. So, they have the pieces that are in play and they already had success in recent years. To be a part of that and to join a team that is on the up and up is a big plus."

**Q: How attached with you to the number 89 since Amari Cooper currently owns it?**

**Cook:** "I don't know. Me and him are going to have to have a little conversation to see if I can get it off of him. I might have to bribe him a little bit, throw him like five bucks are something (*laughter*) to see if I can get it off his back."

**Q: How many times have people asked you about your sideline catch against the Cowboys?**

**Cook:** "I probably hear about it every day. (*laughter*) It was such a huge catch in a huge moment and to keep our hopes alive in the playoffs last year. I hear about it in the grocery store, in the airport, at the playground from some little kids. You constantly hear about it. It was a huge game for us to win down in Dallas against a really good Dallas team."



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**Q: Do you know Adrian Peterson at all and what would you tell him about Oakland if you could recruit him?**

**Cook:** "I know him a little bit. We have a lot of the same friends, hang out in the same circles. If I could tell him anything, the way he runs the ball with aggression and anger, it's almost like he has a chip on his shoulder, like he's out to prove something and he's ran like that for years, man. I feel like he fits the description of a Raider, and I think he'd fit in perfect here. To see him in a Raiders jersey, I think would be pretty awesome."