

# POSTGAME QUOTES

## GREEN BAY PACKERS vs. OAKLAND RAIDERS, Aug. 18, 2016, at Green Bay, Wis.

### HEAD COACH JACK DEL RIO

(on the game as a whole) "We came out healthy. That's a good thing. We started a little slow on defense. We struggled to run it, and we were minus-two in turnovers, so a lot of things we'll work on this week. Not the kind of sharp showing we're looking for, a lot of things we can learn from and move on. That's what we need to do. We will get into a typical game week preparation with Tennessee next week and give them a dry-run. It won't be quite the same game planning that you normally would do this time of year, but how we get our information, all of those kinds of things, we will go through it all on game week."

(on starters playing in the first half) "We had an opportunity to get some good conditioning. I thought we did that. Nothing major there. Fortunately, very healthy. We need the work, so that was good to do."

(on the two interceptions thrown) "I'd rather not have them. We were minus-two in the turnover department. We didn't generate any turnovers tonight and gave up two. We have to be on the positive side of those things."

(on how the defense responded after the Packers' first offensive drive) "I thought we got off blocks and tackles. We just, for whatever reason, that first drive, we started a little slow, weren't getting enough blocks, weren't tackling well. Eddie (Lacy) is a good back. You better get your hat on him and you better get off blocks. That's part of the basic fundamentals of what we do. We saw signs of it, being a whole lot better as we went. It's just doing a better job of what we do."

(on tackling improvements) "We still have a ways to go. We have a lot of work to do yet. We will continue the evaluations. We're in preseason. There's clearly a lot of work ahead of us."

(on quarterback Connor Cook's improvements) "I've been pleased with the way he's come out in the first two opportunities. He's come out and showed poise and he'd been pretty accurate throwing the ball and running the offense and making good decisions."

(on Darius Latham's play) "He rotated in early. He was the fourth guy in, I think, at that position [defensive tackle]. Bottom line, I think the young man has done a nice job in camp. He played well last week and I look forward to watching the game tape and seeing how we did this week."

### QUARTERBACK DEREK CARR:

(on if playing the whole first half was planned) "No, I didn't know that. I think on the second and third drives they wanted us to do a little more. That is what I would assume. But it was good to get some extra playing time. That was nice, and to get a feel for what Green Bay was trying to do. We obviously want to play better, but at the same time, without game planning you just have to play football and sometimes it works like last week and sometimes it doesn't."

(on his interception) "We had a one-on-one with Coop (Amari Cooper) and I had a guy coming to my right so I just tried to throw it up and give him a chance. This is the time to do it. I am risky, and at this time, maybe a little bit more risky. But I would have liked to put it a little more inside for him to have a better shot at it. But that was just a chance for him to let him go get it."

(on growing his chemistry with Cooper) "The one that we hit down the Green Bay sideline, that was such growth, because I alerted him in the huddle that, hey, if they play a certain coverage, to be ready for that on that particular play. They played it and he knew what to do. He ran the route perfectly and knew where the ball was going to be. That stuff where we can be on the same page, we can grow like that and do things like that. Last year I don't know if we would have done that. That is definite growth and that was good to see."

(on the offense struggling tonight) "Being out there and playing, we felt that. I wish I had the reason. I don't know what the reason was. It is hard to know, but I definitely felt that on both sides, throwing it and running it. I think it is nothing to worry about. We are going to be just fine. We will get all those things corrected and move on. We have another short week coming up."

### **CORNERBACK SEAN SMITH:**

(on Green Bay's effective run game) "I can only assume that we lost control of our gaps. I would have to watch film to confirm that, but I have to give those (guys) credit because they came out and pretty much forced the ball down our throats. They had a high rushing total as a team so once again, you have to give those guys credit."

(on what goals the defense has this season) "To be a sound football team that stops the run. That is always the goal. We will also need to prevent big plays down the field in the passing game. If we can do those things we will be a very good defense. Obviously we have some work to do, but this is preseason and no one is panicking so we will just get back to work."

### **RUNNING BACK LATAVIUS MURRAY:**

(on the offense tonight) "We just weren't able to get anything going. We just didn't play like we know we are capable of playing."

(on the pairing with fellow running back DeAndre Washington) "He has been doing some great things in training camp so I think we are going to complement each other well and do some good things in the running game."

(on being a trendy preseason playoff pick) "Well, if we play the way we did tonight, we won't have to worry about the playoffs or anything like that. We have a lot of improvement to do and a lot of things to work on so we will go back home and get better."

(on what he hopes to improve on this season) "I just need to make more plays for the offense. I need to do more and make the extra plays. If I can do that I will be satisfied with the results I have on the field."

### **HEAD COACH MIKE McCARTHY:**

(on how Brett (Hundley) is doing) "Brett Hundley's doing good. I just saw him in the locker room. He reinjured the ankle, same injury as the first time, but they don't think it's as bad as the original. Don't have a timeline and we'll see how he is in the morning."

(on how pleased he was with Hundley tonight) "Very pleased with the start of the game. I thought Brett did an excellent job managing the huddle. He kept us in clean plays. I thought our offensive line, the run blocking unit did a good job of creating an apex and giving Eddie (Lacy) clean looks and I thought Eddie ran very well and did a very good job finishing runs. That was a very good start to the game and that's what we were looking for."

(on how the run game is at this stage) "I think the most important thing, which you stated in your question, it's early stages. We took a step from last week to this week. We'll see how the film is. I stood up here last week in front of that camera and said, 'we got off to a pretty good start,' and then watched the video and I didn't feel the same after I watched the video. I do know we did better than we did last week. We'll see how our guys grade out."

(on how much did you want to see Brett Hundley play tonight) "How much did I want to see him play? He was going to play as long as he could in the first half. He was slated to go in the first half. It was unfortunate."

(on if injury hurts Hundley because he is a second year guy) "You're stating the obvious. He's a young player, a second-year player. There's an opportunity to be our number two quarterback. So, yeah, these are valuable reps. Injuries are part of the game."

(on Davante (Adams') catch on the back shoulder throw) "Davante has had a very good camp. That's what you see. He's healthy and he's taking a step. I think, really, he's kind of in line with our whole team. I thought our team took a step in the right direction today. But yes, Davante is healthy, and that goes with all of our guys, they obviously play better when they're healthy."

(on how much stock do you put into the play of your defense these first two games) "I wouldn't say they are vanilla. There are empty formations. They are shifting, they're doing things. That's a good offense. It's a talented football team. Schematically I would say they challenged us from their offense to our defense. If anything, I don't think- I don't think, I know-we're not doing as much scheme wise. I think our defense made a big step from last week to this week. I thought the pursuit and finish was a step in the direction that we needed to take. But frankly, coach speak 101, this is about fundamentals, execution, energy, flow and finish. We improved as a team, especially on defense. I don't think we went out there and won any scheme contests tonight. The success we had from what I saw was clearly the energy our guys were playing with and the execution of the fundamentals."

(on limiting QB David Carr) "I didn't even really look at the statistics. Really, the video is what is most important. Frankly, when we do play time for our own team, we look to give guys opportunities. We're trying to hit certain numbers, certain targets and so forth. You could see that we were on different pages of when they took their ones out versus ours. You just worry about things you can control. It was great work for a lot of our young guys to play against their starting defense. Those are all valuable, valuable reps and will help us as a football team to grow, and more importantly, to evaluate our players."

(on the importance of Jordy (Nelson) participating in warmups) "It's part of the process. It's good to see him pass the physical and get a little practice time the other day in the individual work. And it was good for him to dress and start that process. It's like every player, eventually they put the uniform on and work through the individual drills and I think we'll probably stay with that format for Jordy next week."

(on the punting battle) "I thought both punters punted better today, and they needed to from last week. That's heating up and we'll continue to split the reps and let Tim (Masthay) and Peter (Mortell) battle it out."

(on Aaron and Jordy playing next week) "I don't have any play-time (answers) for you right now."

(on Damarious Randall's interception) "Big time play. He tracked the ball and I think he showed you what kind of athlete he is and playmaker he is when he got up and his return ability. Excellent defensive play. I thought our guys really keyed into the ball better today than we did last week against Cleveland, any time the ball was on the ground, and we contested more throws. We definitely had more hats around the football. That was an emphasis and we improved in that area today."

(on Clay (Matthews) and Julius (Peppers) talking to the NFL) "I'm just glad the process is moving forward. As already has been stated, as an organization, we support Clay and Julius and we are looking to get this resolved as soon as possible."

(on keeping this from becoming a distraction) "We're looking forward to getting it resolved as soon as we can."

(on the excitement of having Jordy back) "Definitely. Jordy is a popular player in the locker room. Everybody roots for everybody and I think any time anyone comes off the PUP, especially after what he's been through, it's a good day. It was great to see him in his uniform. He looks good in his uniform."

(on QB Joe Callahan) "I thought Joe played well. Just the fourth and one, I think he could have thrown it to the route out to his right, just the depth of it and so forth. And on the fourth and one, the ability to run for it was an option that should have maybe been a little higher in his thinking. But that's football. That's decisions. Everybody is competing and so forth. I thought Joe played very well tonight."

#### **QUARTERBACK JOE CALLAHAN:**

(on what it was like to get thrown in the game) "I just made sure that I was by the coaches the whole time ready to go in. You never want to see that happen to anybody. It was a shame that Brett (Hundley) got his ankle rolled up on, but that's kind of the backup's job to be ready at any second."

(on how much comfortable he was the first series of the second half) “I definitely felt more comfortable. It was a really rough start for me in that first half, and coming out in the second half I got a chance to regroup in the locker room and we just came out and were able to move the ball. So that was just boosting my confidence as the drive went on.”

(on what he thinks being out there said he was capable of) “I’m not really sure. I guess that’s for you guys to decide and the coaches, but I love it here. It’s a very exciting atmosphere. Even for the preseason game, the fans are into it the whole time, and it was just a great feeling again.”

(on how he felt running the offense) “I felt good – definitely better in the second half. It was a pretty bad start for me after Brett went down, but luckily the team rallied around me and we were able to put a couple scoring drives together.”

(on the touchdown drive and making plays with his legs and arm) “That’s something we practice every day is just extending plays, and Aaron (Rodgers) does such a great job of it. You watch him do it every day in practice and just kind of things worked out. I was able to avoid some people, extend the play and find a couple checkdowns, so it worked out pretty well.”

(on his comfort level with the offense and playbook) “I do feel comfortable with the offense. It’s obviously been a learning process, and I’m obviously not at the level of Aaron Rodgers’ knowledge – or even close – but where I am right now I feel comfortable with the offense and confident going forward.”

(on getting thrown in and whether it took the jitters away) “Getting thrown in you don’t really have time to think about it. You just kind of have to go out there and get right into the game, so the nerves weren’t really there. It was just a pretty slow start when I went in.”

(on if Brett Hundley said anything to him after leaving the game) “It happened late in the play. I was watching the receiver make the catch, and then I saw him limping off the field and I kind of got the point to go into the huddle. You don’t really have too much time to think, you just kind of have to act.”

(on going against most of the Raiders’ No. 1 defense) “I kind of found out the hard way. I made a rookie mistake on one fourth down, and I might have held on to the ball a little too long, and I got hit pretty hard by Khalil Mack. But it was a good learning experience and I got a chance to see where I need to grow as a player.”

(on what he saw on the fourth-down incompleteness) “I was thinking coming out quick and just dumping it to Jared (Abbrederis) in the flat and then Ty (Montgomery) caught my eye, and by that point (Raiders linebacker Bruce) Irvin was right on top of me and I threw a bad ball out of bounds.”

(on if Coach McCarthy said something to him on the sidelines after that play) “Once I went to the sideline, (he) reminded me that it’s fourth down, come out thinking to do whatever it takes to get the first down, even if it means running for it. He was very polite about it, very friendly, but he got his message across.”

### **WIDE RECEIVER JORDY NELSON:**

(on being back out on the field) “It was good to get back out there. Obviously it was another step in the right direction.”

### **RUNNING BACK JOHN CROCKETT:**

(on it being fun getting into the end zone tonight) “You know that’s always a good time to get that Lambeau Leap in there. I think my jump was a little bit better than last week, but I think I still need to get that better.”

(on preseason games carrying more weight than practice) “I think every time you step on the football field, it’s important, but a game is a game. It’s live football, it’s tackle football, where you’re out there at practice, you can make a couple guys miss and you think you made them miss but in the game that’s when it really counts. But every time you step on the football field you have to have that mindset that this is the NFL; you know you’re playing to be one of the best in the world at your position and you’ve got to have that mindset”

(on how he felt tonight) "You always feel good when you get to run around Lambeau. You've got all those...I think it was 74,000 screaming fans. It's definitely a blessing. It was definitely real fun to be out there again."

(on the difference between this year and last year) "It's just being more confident in my scheme and more confident of what I can do in the league...you've got to hit it and get it and get up and get your feet right. But at the end of the day, you're out there playing football in the preseason and you're making things happen that are good."

**CORNERBACK DAMARIOUS RANDALL:**

(on holding the Raiders to 73 yards in the first half and setting the tone early) "We were just trying to come out and just read, just read our keys and just fly around and make plays. And that's exactly what we did as a team and just kind of looking forward to build off that."

(on building chemistry in the secondary during the preseason games) "It's a time to get the early preseason mistakes out of the way. That's just what we try to do in practice...and just kind of jelling with our team that we have."

(on his interception being about reading the play or God-given ability) "I was in nice coverage and he just ended up throwing up a one-on-one ball versus me and (Amari) Cooper and I just came out with it."

(on his interception return, which was called back) "I guess some people say I'm slow, so...I was trying to get out there and run as fast as I could to the end zone."

**GUARD T.J. LANG:**

(on quarterback Joe Callahan playing an entertaining game) "Yeah, he does. He likes running around out of the pocket, and he made some plays tonight. He's another guy last week in the huddle that the game didn't seem too big for him. He was calling the plays, he was commanding the huddle. He's a guy who really enjoys his time out there."

(on having Jordy Nelson back on the field for warmups) "I didn't really notice until we were getting ready to walk in the tunnel, but it's good to see him get off the injury list. Hopefully he can join us next week a little bit. He's a huge part of what we do on offense, so it's definitely very exciting, and excited for him, that's he's coming back."