



## ***Oakland Raiders Transcript***

### **Head Coach Jon Gruden**

#### **Q: What have you seen in the two new guys, D.J. Swearinger and Dion Jordan?**

**Coach Gruden:** "Well, Dion is not here yet. There's another NFL rule that prohibits him to be here until tomorrow, so I don't know yet. His first practice will be Wednesday. We had several periods post-practice today for guys like Will Compton, D.J. Swearinger, some of our young linemen to get familiarized with what we want done. So, it's a good start. It's going to be a tough assignment for us obviously."

#### **Q: How hard is it to lose a guy like Karl Joseph?**

**Coach Gruden:** "It's hard. You've already lost your middle linebacker, now you lose your second safety and you lose your nickel corner potentially. This is the National Football League, this is going to be a tough assignment and we're going to have to have a great week of preparation."

#### **Q: Do you have an update on Dion Jordan?**

**Coach Gruden:** "No. I would say he'll be questionable for the game."

#### **Q: Who would step into his Karl Joseph's spot?**

**Coach Gruden:** "I might. *(laughter)* I might step in there. Nevin Lawson is a guy that can play inside. [Daryl] Worley can play inside. Isaiah Johnson can play outside, so we have some options, but we'll see where Lamaricus [Joyner] is here in the next couple days."

#### **Q: What does D.J. Swearinger bring to you guys when he gets up to speed?**

**Coach Gruden:** "I like Swearinger. He played with my brother in Washington and I was a broadcaster. At one point I spent a lot of time at South Carolina with my friend [Steve] Spurrier, so I know a little bit about Swearinger. I think he's a good player. He's just got to put it all together. That's what he needs to do and he's got to start that process today. We need the very best of Swearinger and we need guys like [Dallin] Leavitt and we need these other safeties to step up as well, just like Erik Harris has done."

#### **Q: Did you put in a claim for Swearinger last December?**

**Coach Gruden:** "Yes we did. We got beat out on that claim by the Arizona Cardinals."

#### **Q: What does it say about Curtis Riley, who's been in the league that long and is kind of out of the picture temporarily at safety, to come back and produce on special teams?**

**Coach Gruden:** "It's encouraging and obviously with Dwayne Harris having been hurt, he's fulfilled a role for us and perhaps his role will increase. We'll see how it goes this week."

#### **Q: Did Joyner pull something?**

**Coach Gruden:** "We're calling it a hamstring injury."

#### **Q: Did you get feedback from Jay Gruden about D.J. Swearinger?**

**Coach Gruden:** "Yeah, [Will] Compton as well. Compton, linebacker, played for the Redskins and had a lot of tackles. If you don't consult your own brother who can you consult these days?"



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**Q: Is now a time to expand Daryl Worley's role or do you like what he's doing at corner?**

**Coach Gruden:** "We're trying. We made a trade at the corner position and Joyner's injury might put that on hold. We'll see where Isaiah [Johnson] is with a full week of practice. Remember last week was his first week active and we didn't even have a full speed practice before the Chargers game, so this will be really the first time we get a chance to see him on the practice field for a full week."

**Q: Have you guys started the clock on Marquel Lee?**

**Coach Gruden:** "Yep, we did today and NFL rules don't allow him to play until the Kansas City game, so he'll get a chance to be on the practice field and get reacclimated physically to what he needs to do to get right."

**Q: What can Dion Jordan bring to this team?**

**Coach Gruden:** "We'll find out. He's a talented guy. We liked him at Oregon, we liked his body of work in Seattle last year when we played against him. We're happy to have him and we need him, so we'll have a better piece of information after we actually get to see him."

**Q: What did you see on tape from Maxx Crosby during the Chargers game?**

**Coach Gruden:** "I mean that's his game. Like we've been talking about, he has a relentless playing style that we like and I talk about factor grades more than sacks. A lot of people count sacks out there. Sacks, I put them on a reel: 'Who'd you sack? When did you sack them? And who'd you beat and how'd you beat them?' Crosby is batting down passes, he's getting pressures. I know it doesn't necessarily show up on the stat sack ledger, but he's impacting the game and that's the big thing we want from all of our defenders."

**Q: With Kansas City's loss on Sunday, are people starting to take notice of the Raiders?**

**Coach Gruden:** "I doubt it. I really doubt it. I don't feel like we can respond to any of that stuff. I just watched the Falcons go to New Orleans and beat them bad. I think Miami goes on the road and beats Indianapolis, no one really suspected that that would happen. I try not to listen to the talk shows. I was part of that for nine years. I turned the sound down. We are going to get what we deserve. We got a long way to go and a lot of things to overcome, and I know Cincinnati. I know those players, I know those coaches. Two of them were on my staff last year. We are going to get their best shot and we better be ready to go or else."

**Q: Yesterday with no game, do you watch on TV?**

**Coach Gruden:** "Oh, we're in here. I wish we could go up to Napa and sit on the couch and watch the game, but we had to get ready for practice today so we studied the film and we watched a little bit of the Bengals and listened to my friend Rich Gannon announce it. Maybe he can give us some tidbits, but pretty much just preparation yesterday."