



OAKLAND RAIDERS vs. NEW YORK JETS

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HEAD COACH JACK DEL RIO

Opening Statement: “Alright, looked like our crowd had some fun. Good, solid day. It’s awesome to be 2-0, nice start to the season. I thought three phases, once again, contributed to the victory. Awesome to see. Offense gets six touchdowns and a field goal out of the 10 series. Explosive plays, no sacks, so good stuff there. Special teams contributed. Made all our kicks when we lined up for them. Got the turnover on that muffed at the end of the second quarter, which was a big way to end the half. Defense holds them to less than 300 and gets four sacks and forced a fumble. Good stuff. Obviously, always stuff to correct, but we’ll do that with a smile this week getting ready for Washington. Questions?”

Q: What’s it like seeing Mario Edwards Jr. being able to start?

Coach Del Rio: “Yeah, Mario has been healthy throughout the offseason, leading into this year. Had a real productive camp. He’s part of our strength up in the trenches. Mario is athletic, big physical guy. We’re definitely a better unit with him in the lineup.”

Q: What did you see from Cordarrelle Patterson?

Coach Del Rio: “Yeah, we’ve got some things for him. I think he’s an exciting football player. We’re happy to have him. That’s was an example of some of the things we think we can do with him. He’s a good football player. He does everything we ask of him. He covers punts. He’s the gunner. He does a great job of that. He returns kickoffs. He’s like a swiss army knife. You can throw it to him. You can hand it to him. He can do a lot of different things. We’re really excited to have him as part of the team.”

Q: What did you think of Marshawn Lynch’s dance?

Coach Del Rio: “It was exceptional (*laughing*). I was actually very inspired. I was going to go join him. I thought it was best if I just stayed back and continued to coach. It got me fired up. You can see the pure passion that he has. These are his people. These are my people. He played well. I know he was really happy to have his first game go like that. We got him in the end zone. He was rugged, and our team played really well. It was a great day for him.

Q: Why did you give it to Lynch three times when you were trying to score?

Coach Del Rio: “Yeah, that was the case of us deciding that we were going to feed him the ball and play some power football. It was a good four-minute drive to finish as well. I know he wasn’t getting the carries, but as a unit for us to be able to methodically close the game like that. Take up over eight minutes and basically put the game away, that’s an area we worked hard on to improve. I feel like we’ve showed signs of improving there, we’ll need to continue that.”

Q: Did you consider sitting Derek Carr on that last drive?

Coach Del Rio: “Not really. I mean we talked a little bit about ‘is it time yet?’ but we thought it wasn’t. If maybe there wasn’t one more score up there, it would’ve happened. To be able to expire the clock and take away any exposure of any kind of comeback. You see crazy comeback nowadays. I mean people come back from what used to be insurmountable leads. [They] are kind of a thing of the past. What you see in football nowadays, comeback stories, there’s been enough of them. We’ve all seen enough of them to know, you have to keep your foot on the pedal and continue to close people.”

Q: What did you think of Gareon Conley’s debut?

Coach Del Rio: “I thought he played well. They tried him early. He defended that ball, nearly intercepted it. Just to the naked eye, obviously, we always tell you we want to see the tape just to verify. From my standing there on the sideline, from the view I had, it looked like he was productive for us. He did a nice job.”



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Q: What does Karl Joseph add to your defense?

Coach Del Rio: "We had some tackles for loss with him coming off the edge. We had a nice sack fumble there. Yeah, we got different ways to bring different people and he got his number called a few times today. It was good to see. I thought he had a good game for us."

Q: Can you talk about the importance of offense efficiency?

Coach Del Rio: "It's like anything. Got a good group of men that are committed to being special. They're working really hard at it. Every week is a new set of challenges. To understand the protection issues, to understand the people that we're playing against and the things that we want to be able to do to attack them, that's just a collective effort. It's really a lot of good people working hard together, coaches and players. That's what it looks like when you do it well."

Q: What are your thoughts on the roughing penalty?

Coach Del Rio: "What did you think? Did you think I liked it? (*laughing*). Are you giving me a chance to get in trouble. I appreciate it. I'm not going there. There were some things I thought were a little bit, maybe called a little too tight. I'm not sure that's what our league needs. I thought we were making an effort to speed up the games. I'd like to see that continue."

RAIDERS QB DEREK CARR

Carr: "We know that we have a lot of talent, a lot of weapons, but the cool part about that is that we have a group of guys that just work. That's the culture we've built here. When you have talent and work, you're able to do things like that. We have a lot of weapons, a lot of guys that can play different and multiple positions. A guy like C.P. [WR Cordarrelle Patterson], or even Marshawn [Lynch], we put him at wide receiver sometimes. Being able to do all those things helps us as an offense to keep the defense on us, but at the same time it doesn't mean anything without any work behind it. I think that's what I'm most proud of. We do have a lot of guys that can get in there, they have so much talent. But guys are just focused on, 'Aw man I wish I did this better, going forward, on to Washington, how do I do that better?'"

Q: Did you want to join Marshawn Lynch during his dance?

Carr: "Yes, heavily. I told him, next time I got you man. I told him I'm going to grow my hair out too, so we can have more fun."

Q: How did it feel to have 3 touchdown passes, but still be overshadowed by the running game?

Carr: "Great. Stats are cool, but I'm into winning. So, I don't care if we run for 500 yards, just the fact that I get to be a part of this team and this city, be a part of something special that we're trying to do, I'm completely good with that."

Q: Can you talk about the execution leading up to that inside hand off?

Carr: "Our coaches do a great job of expecting things, different looks or maybe they've showed it in the past with a different team. Our process stays the same. We continue to get ready just like we've done any week, but this week, we worked on that a lot with C.P. versus certain looks that they had shown or different techniques. We're fortunate to have a guy like him that not only can go out in a four-minute offense and play, catch some balls, run some good routes, but also come to the back field and protect. He's learned it all. He can play running back, receiver, tight end, he can play it all. To have a guy like that, you don't want to say swiss army knife because he does them all really well. He's not just okay at some things, he's really good at all of them."



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Q: Can you talk about Todd Downing's overall approach to offensive plays?

Carr: "One thing we talk about with coach Downing is something he tells me every day – let me be aggressive, you just be efficient. If his play calls are aggressive or they show us a look we don't like, you just be smart and efficient, but you be aggressive. That's just how we play. That's how we go about our business. To have a guy like that, who thinks the same way you do, calling the plays and being there right when I get off the sidelines to talk about it. There are times when I come off to the sidelines and say that was bad, that was my fault, sorry. He'll laugh. We move on, we grow from it. I say all that to say, it's really fun to work with him because I know what he expects out of him. I let him stay aggressive and I try to stay efficient."

Q: Can you discuss your connection on routes with Michael Crabtree?

Carr: "He runs them really well. He has great body control. The thing that young kids need to know about him is that every day Crab catches a ball in practice, he finishes to the end zone. So he's used to scoring. When you get a guy with talent like that – catching fades, doing everything – obviously it's easy if he goes up and gets it. Every route that he runs, every day he catches, he finishes. He does it in the offseason, he does it in training camp, he does it in practice. There's no secret when he has a day like this, why he got in the end zone. Not only does he have the talent, but he always works his tail off to make sure he's finishing."

Q: How did it feel to come out so dominant in the first half?

Carr: "It was really cool. We were sitting on the sideline and I told Coach Downing as [P] Marquette [King] was punting the ball and said he's a weapon. He's a part of our offense, he's a weapon for us. As soon as he kicks the ball, he can kick the ball with these different weird angles and still punt them 60-70 yards. I saw him one for 108 yards in a pre-game. I've never seen that in my life. That man is a weapon. I'm glad that we have him because he can kick those funny balls that are hard to catch. To the naked eye, you see the ball go up and come down, but when you're standing under that ball – you can ask our returners, those punts are hard to catch. Like I said, he's a weapon. We like to use him."

Q: Why do you think the simple pitch to [RB] Jalen Richard worked so well?

Carr: "The reason it works so well is because each man did their job. We can sit there and if someone on the front side of the play doesn't do the right technique, with the right leverage, and those things, it's just a tackle or a loss. It's nothing. Like I said, we have talent. But we have talent that works hard. Everyone in this league has talent, a lot of guys work hard. But we just try to be those kinds of people that have endurance. We want to do it right all the time, every day, with every decision we make. That's the culture we have. That's why those types of plays can be homeruns because everyone is doing their job. There's a lot of confidence because we've seen it work in practice, we've seen it done the right way. If they don't do it the right way, Coach will tell them and say we need you to do it a different way and the players listen. I think that's another big difference, we're not people that think we know it all. We never will be on offense, on our team, we take the coaching and all of that is the reason that plays like that can happen."

Q: How does it feel to have such an effective running game?

Carr: "No matter who's in the game – receivers, tight end, running backs, we're going to run our offense. I think that's the fun thing with Coach Downing. I know I've said it in the off season with you guys, but we can't be limited by personnel. We can't be limited by who's in the game and which plays we call. We need to be able to run the ball, run play actions, when Marshawn's [Lynch] not in, with [RB] Jalen [Richard], [RB] Deandre [Washington], and Mays when he gets healthy and back. We have to be able to do all of those things. We need to throw the ball when [LB] Lee's [Marquel] in the game, that's not secret. I'm not giving away tips, that's just fact. So far through off season and training camp, no matter who's in the game, play, practice – we just play football. We expect everyone to execute their assignment."



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Q: How did you feel about Marshawn Lynch's dance today?

Carr: "That's just him. Coach Rel Rio tells us to express ourselves. Marshawn [Lynch] is not shy to do that. We love it. It's not the fact that he's dancing, he's just him. You can see the comfort level with each man on this team. We're not trying to act or be anything for each other. We're just who we are and we love each other. I think that's the cool thing about this team. You see Marshawn dancing and some people that won't, but at the same time we can all come together and do something really special. Today was special. I remember going 0-10. So each time we get a win with a fun group of guys, that's a special thing. Seeing him being able to express himself and be comfortable with who he is, that's awesome."

Q: What did you think about Marshawn Lynch running with out with all the running backs?

Carr: "That's him. He's not a selfish person. He will never, ever want all the attention on him. He's just him. If people want to look, then they're going to look. But whenever they're going to announce his names with the running backs, they're going to do it together. I guess CP [Cordarrelle Patterson] needs to go out with him next time too."

RAIDERS CB GAREON CONLEY

Q: How would you sum up your debut?

Conley: "I did alright. We got the 'W', that's all that matters honestly. I played hard, I'm always playing hard for my team."

Q: On that one play, you had man-to-man coverage and played it almost like a tip drill, almost a pick.

Conley: "Yeah, it was man coverage. We were playing a two-man coverage, two-man zone. They were my guys, turn around and make a play on the ball. I should have picked it."

Q: Were you intentionally trying to bat that to Reggie [Nelson] on that play?

Conley: "I didn't know where the receiver was."

Q: People say the biggest difference between college and the pros is the speed.

Conley: "Personally, for me, I don't feel it's that much different. There's more talent and more people fighting for jobs in the NFL. In college there's not a big receiver you face every week. In the NFL you do. That's the only difference."

Q: Did you expect to get that many snaps today?

Conley: "I didn't expect to get as many or less than what I got. I was just ready to play, however many snaps I got."

Q: Were you nervous at all, what was your pregame mood like?

Conley: "I wasn't nervous. Practice prepared me well. My communication with Reggie [Nelson] and all the DBs helped me get comfortable at the corner."

Q: Can you talk about the defense, they had two pretty good weeks back-to-back. People think that's the only weakness with the Raiders but you guys have played well.

Conley: "I feel like we didn't need help in that area. I'm just adding in, helping it get better. We're going to continue to grow."

Q: Did you see Marshawn [Lynch's] Dance?

Conley: "That's the craziest thing I've ever seen. That was loud."



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RAIDERS RB MARSHAWN LYNCH

Q: Was it what you imagined it would be like in your head?

Lynch: (Nods head yes).

Q: Coming back and playing in Oakland as a Raider for the first time, what was that like for you?

Lynch: "I liked it."

Q: What you guys did today on offense, is this what you expected?

Lynch: "Yeah, we got some playmakers."

Q: Why did you choose to run out with DeAndre and Jalen in the beginning?

Lynch: "They're my [expletive]."

Q: Did it get emotional there at all for you today?

Lynch: "No, not really."

Q: How did it feel to electrify the whole crowd while you were dancing out there?

Lynch: "It felt good."

Q: How much you like having that offensive line blocking for you? What has it been like rushing behind these guys?

Lynch: "I mean it's been pretty good just as a run game, so you know it's good to have them."

RAIDERS RB JALEN RICHARD

Q: Talk about Marshawn Lynch's debut with the Raiders at home.

Jalen Richard: "To have the career he has had and come home and allow him to dream instead of leaving his home city, to come back and fight to get us to the Super Bowl, he's out there having fun. He's having a blast."

Q: What'd it mean for him to take you and DeAndre Washington out there for his introduction?

Richard: "We were getting ready to go out and he was like 'hey, I want you all to come out with me'. I was like, 'they cool with this?' He said 'It doesn't matter what they say. You boys are coming out with me'. That just got me pumped from the get-go. That just lets you know how much he believes in us, the confidence in us. It makes us play harder."

Q: You guys scored 45 points tonight, is there much more you can do offensively?

Richard: "We have a lot of weapons. Any day we can explode as long as we don't shoot ourselves in the foot, have those certain penalties. Today we capitalized on their mistakes. Obviously they had some mistakes, key mistakes on their side of the field and we were able to capitalize on that. In this game if you don't give the ball and take the ball away you can win most of the team. That's what we did."

Q: What did you see on your touchdown?

Richard: "At first, I knew it was a sweep. I caught the ball and felt somebody rush up the field. It made me come inside. The whole week they were telling me to wait rather than get out, so I waited and the Jets overflowed. I put my foot in the ground and creased it. The safety couldn't see me because I had a blocker, he went this way and I dipped right and then I outran everybody to the end zone and scored. IT was a great blocking play, great game plan play. It was cool."



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Q: I know you guys don't overlook anybody but this is a team you should have beaten. Is it important to beat them the way you did?

Richard: "I'm not saying it's important, I'm just saying it's the way it goes. The whole week coach [Jack Del Rio] told us a lot of the media are talking down on the Jets and the season they're going to be having but it's the NFL. Their guys get paid just like we get paid. Their guys go into work every day and come out here with nothing on their mind but to win the game. We knew when they stepped on the field they were coming to beat us. We didn't take that for granted, that's an NFL team and we came out here and got the win."

RAIDERS LB BRUCE IRVIN

Q: Talk about your unnecessary roughness penalty.

Irvin: "I think they're watching me extra now. It was a football tackle to me but they thought differently."

Q: The way you guys dominated, were you expecting that?

Irvin: "We had a great week of practice, guys were on their assignments. Usually they say when you have a great week of practice it translates to the game. It did today."

Q: You've been around Marshawn [Lynch] a lot. Have you seem him like that, how he was on the sideline before?

Irvin: "I don't think I've ever seen him dance like that. He didn't dance like that in Seattle. I guess because he's at home, it's the moment. I'm glad to see him having fun. It was a cool moment."

Q: Did it have an effect on the sideline?

Irvin: "We were already up what, 20, 30 points by then? It loosens us up, guys want to get out there and keep playing. Like I said, it was a cool moment for him. He is Oakland so that was a great thing to see."

RAIDERS LT DONALD PENN

Q: Talk about Marshawn Lynch.

Penn: "Playing in front of his hometown team. If you grew up as a kid and you grow up cheering for a team and you get to play for them I mean wouldn't that be like something...you know I feel it. I grew up cheering for the Raiders. I'm just happy for him, he is just living the childhood dream. A lot of kids don't get to live that. That's just him being him, man. Marshawn is a good fun guy; you guys don't really get to see that side of him. In the locker room that music comes on and he does the same thing so we use to it you know. I'm happy the fans got to see that excitement and stuff. It felt good."

Q: Can you talk about the feeling of having a complete game here start to finish?

Penn: "It's still early you know. It's only week two we still got a lot of work ahead of us, we still got a lot more stuff we got to fix but you know we gone take it. It's hard to win in this league. We are going to take these two wins. It feels good. We are going to get in our meetings on Tuesday and get this stuff fixed. We can still be a lot better than we are."

Q: As far as the offensive line people are expecting a lot out of you guys it seems like these first couple games anyways you guys are living up to that?

Penn: "It's still early. You got to sustain it. It ain't about doing it in the beginning, you got to sustain it. You got to go 16 weeks with it. Hopefully we are going into 17, 18, 19 weeks with it. We are off to a good start you know we



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still got a lot of stuff we got to fix. I got a lot of stuff I got to fix. My timing and little stuff like that. We're excited, we're happy, we're going to be humble. We are not getting ahead of ourselves but we are going to take being 2-0."

RAIDERS DE KHALIL MACK

Q: You had a couple penalties that led to turnovers but you guys got back on track, talk about how you guys are gelling.

Khalil Mack: "We're growing every week. We're just trying to get better. Like Bruce [Irvin] said, getting better with practice and how to practice, how to be effective at reading our keys, reading our plays. All-in-all just helping the offense."

Q: Are you gelling better, it's only two games into the season?

Mack: "Yeah, it's only two games into the season but you can tell based on our communication on the field, getting the young guys and helping them out. Everything is looking OK."

Q: On that one play, they were double teaming you but you still got a pretty good sack.

Mack: "What happened on that play?"

Q: They tried to double team you with the running back.

Mack: "It happened quick, I didn't know they were trying to double team. I'm cool with that. By any means, try to get that."

Q: What'd you think of Marshawn [Lynch's] dance moves?

Mack: "Man, Marshawn is a character. I heard Bruce [Irvin] talking about it. He's just out here having fun, loving the game, being at home, that song from Oakland, that's him. He is Oakland."

Q: Is it a relief to get the first one at home?

Mack: "For sure, but we want to get that more than once. That's the great thing about it. We have next week. We can learn from it this week and go to Washington and build on it."

Q: Gareon Conley, his first time out they try to go deep on him. He handled himself well.

Mack: "I really didn't notice if he was out there or not. I looked but... That's a great thing, if you can't tell that a rookie is out there. That was great to see."

S Karl Joseph

Q: Did you like that they are using you in a lot of different ways?

Joseph: "I don't think it's just me, I think it's the play call. Sometimes Reggie [Nelson] blitzing, sometimes it's me. I just happened to blitz a lot today for the game plan. I was happy. I should have definitely got more sacks than I did, I feel like I should have had three but you know I was happy to make that play."

Q: You guys had a lot of energy out there today especially once you got up a little bit. How important was that for this team knowing the goals it has to be able to play with that sort of swagger?

Joseph: "It's just our attitude, man. We've been working hard since OTAs and that's just a testament to the work we have been putting in. We believe in this [expletive], we feel like we are a real good team. Offense, defense, special teams and every time we go out there we trying to prove that."



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Q: Obviously, this franchise is historically linked with playing with a little bit of an edge. Is that something you guys talk about?

Joseph: "Yeah, most definitely. It starts with our O-line and then our D-line. We got some big, strong guys you know. They got that nasty attitude and it starts with those guys so when you see those guys going it's kind of triggering everybody else on the field."

Q: When you look at the first two games from last year versus this year. What kind of leaps has your defense made?

Joseph: "I think we way ahead where we were last year. I think it's just with playing more with each other and practice and us having a better understanding of the defense you know. Being able to go into our second year together, well me, I just know me personally I'm a lot more comfortable. I know exactly what to do on each play and I think everybody feel the same way. We just a lot more comfortable getting used to playing with each other."

RAIDERS WR CORDARRELLE PATTERSON

Q: Can you talk about your touchdown?

Patterson: "I couldn't do it without the offensive line, you know they've done a critical job all season. When Todd called in the play I was just excited because you know we been talking about it all week. You know we worked on it all week. They said we could get a touchdown and that's what we did. We executed. It starts in practice and to come in here just feeling it out and it felt good to get in the end zone for the first time."

Q: How much fun are you guys having after a win like this?

Patterson: "It's always fun to win and you know you don't ever want anyone to come in on your home field and try to get a win. Once we get the win we got 24 hours and after that it's on to the next week."

Q: How explosive can this offense be?

Patterson: "I was just thinking on the sideline, oh my god, we have so many weapons. Sky is the limit for these guys, for us, and being part of this organization it's amazing. I'm glad I'm here, it feels good and you know there is weapons all around the board."



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NY JETS HEAD COACH TODD BOWLES

Q: The effort by the team was there. It seemed like nothing went right after that fumble right before halftime.

Bowles: "Well, the effort was there, and we fought. Too many plays in the second half. Too many big plays. The fumble can't happen. Can't turn the ball over in your territory right before the half. We still had momentum. We might have grown as a team with this loss, so the guys start believing in each other, and they played hard. We can't just have mistakes here and there."

Q: After you guys gave up so many big plays and struggled against the run in Buffalo. How was it to have a repeat of that in this game?

Bowles: "Oh, it was different this time. They were jumping out of gaps in Buffalo. I was more pleased with the front seven this time. There were some things on the perimeter that got out and that we got to correct. Some of the young guys played young at time, and gave up some plays, but for the most part, the interior lines up front. I thought they were where they were supposed to be."

Q: What about the Raider's [WR] Cordarrelle Patterson touchdown? Can you give us a breakdown there?

Bowles: "Oh, we missed tackles. We missed tackles. It should have been a 40-yard gain, but we missed a tackle and it went for six."

Q: On the punt return, was it just a fundamental thing for [PR] Kalif Raymond?

Bowles: "It's always fundamental when you drop the ball."

Q: Raymond had two last week in Buffalo. Is there any concern this week about him?

Bowles: "There wasn't at that point. There is starting to be."

Q: Can that have a ripple effect? They started to run it up on you guys in the second half. Did that one play have a tangible effect?

Bowles: "No, it actually didn't obviously. Things are going to happen in the game in a bad way. You have to respond and react. We were fine at halftime. We came out with some fight in the third quarter, fourth quarter. We just made some blunders."

Q: How would you evaluate the way your defense has played through two weeks?

Bowles: "Consistently, not very good at all."

Q: Do you have any injury updates?

Bowles: "[RG] Brian Winter has an abdomen and [LB] Freddie Bishop has an ankle."

Q: Does [DL] Steve McLendon have a concussion?

Bowles: "No, Steve is fine as far as I know."

Q: As far as the running game, why use [RB] Bilal Powell and the rookie, and not use [RB] Matt Forté as much at the start?

Bowles: "Well, we are mixing them in and out. Obviously, we wanted to give [RB] Elijah McGuire some touches because he gives us some juice as well. When you've got three running backs that do certain things, you try to get them as many reps as possible. It seemed to work out today."

Q: Do you have confidence that the defense can correct these issues from the last two weeks?

Bowles: "I am absolutely confident. It is a different guy here and there. Sometimes, the young guys played young and they have got to get better, but we were in the game and we had a fighting chance and we can't afford. We



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are not good enough to correct our mistakes and win the game. We got to play pretty good and sound football. At times, we didn't."

Q: Do you believe you need more from [ILB] Darron Lee on defense?

Bowles: "I will watch the film on Darron, but he played hard like everybody else. I need more from everybody. We lost. I need more from everybody on the field."

Q: You didn't have any sacks. How much did you blitz in this game? It didn't seem like [QB] Derek Carr got touched hardly at all.

Bowles: "We knew. If you watched any film from last year, he is hardly touched. He gets rid of the ball very well. He throws people open. He does have a good mix where he does get rid of the ball. He got some pressure, and we hurried some throws, but at the same time we got to make plays covering the guy. You know it is a double-edged sword when you got some great receivers out there as well, so you kind of pick and choose, but he gets rid of the ball very fast."

Q: How did you feel like your Offensive Line performed?

Bowles: "I will look at the film. There were some holes in that. We ran the ball a little better than we have. We just have to keep grinding that. We made some progress, but not enough to win, so we have to keep working at it."

Q: How small is the margin of error with this team?

Bowles: "It's very small. Obviously, it is very small. We have new guys. We got young guys. We have got guys that are here. It's very small. As we come together, we have got to make sure that we are on point on everything. We can't afford to give games away and give plays away and try to make up for them."

Q: Are you encouraged by the chemistry that [QB] Josh McCown and [WR] Jermaine Kearse seem to be developing?

Bowles: "It's a start. After a loss, I am not encouraged by too much, but it's a start, and they made some plays. We just got to keep grinding out and make some more."

Q: Do you think guys on defense are trying to do too much?

Bowles: "No, they didn't try to do too much this week whether it was a guy here or a guy there. I thought that they got better from a certain standpoint. There were some things in the fourth quarter, two plays you would just like to have back and some missed tackles."

Q: How tough is it for you to swallow 45 points as a guy who made his name in this league on defense?

Bowles: "It's tough to swallow three points if you lose. It's tough to swallow a loss, so forty-five, three, ten...It doesn't matter. We have to win the ball game."

Q: Can you elaborate on how the team might have grown in some ways?

Bowles: "Oh, just the fight and the belief in each other. Obviously, the fight and the belief in each other were there in the second half and they starting to take over their own team and hold each other accountable. We just got to correct the mistakes, so we'll keep grinding."

Q: So, obviously [QB] Bryce Petty was two this week. What led to that to make him the two this week?

Bowles: "Bryce has been two. I just didn't feel like playing him the first week. He had a full week of practice. I didn't like the way it looked, so I held him out."

Q: Will [QB] Petty be the number two for the foreseeable future?

Bowles: "Yes, he will."



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JETS QB JOSH McCOWN

Q: How big of a blow was the fumble at the end of the first half?

Josh McCown: “Well I mean it hurts, but we gotta find a way to overcome it and I believe that’s what each step is about when you’re building a team. Sometimes you find yourself in different stages than other teams and we’re a young group coming together. That’s a lesson that we have to learn and we have to overcome. We’ll do that. It’s our first time experiencing something like that with this group and it’s disappointing because I feel like we had battled back after a slow start.”

Q: Do you think you need to get WR Robby Anderson more involved?

McCown: “Absolutely, I would like to. I had a couple go his way that we just didn’t get completed and we have to find a way to do that. You’re right on with that, we’ll continue with this unit with him moving as he has. It’s a new spot for him so as we grow together, we’re all figuring out everybody’s role. We understood that once we made the moves that we did at the 53, and brought this group together, that would be something we needed to figure out. We’ll do that each week and each rep is a learning opportunity for us to get better and to understand it better, but ultimately you’re right — we’d love to get the ball into his hands more.”

Q: What was your view of the first touchdown?

McCown: “It was just a matchup thing and something that we had talked about during the week that we wanted to take advantage of. That’s a credit to Coach John Morton because he talked about, they did man and zone, but we felt like we could, in a third and short situation, we could maybe take a shot and push the ball down field. It’s a credit to him and the staff, coming up with that design and just having the wherewithal to call it. Sometimes you talk about doing that, but then in the situation it’s easy to say, ‘Hey, let’s move the sticks.’ For us and where we’re at as a team and the way we need to get the ball down field, that was an opportunity for us to do that.”

Q: Was the last drive important from your standpoint in regards to how you guys finished?

Josh McCown: “Like I said, we’re a new group that’s coming together so every rep is good for us. Every rep is good work for us to learn one another and to get better and to learn about one another. More than anything, to show to our brothers on the sideline we’re not quitting. We’re gonna keep fighting and those are good things. I think we look at the running game, I believe we took a step there and we’ll keep drilling on that. I know it’s disappointing. You look at this kind of loss and the scoreboard and it doesn’t look like you can find a lot of good, but we’re going to do that because we want to keep establishing ourselves and the things that we’re good at. We want to build on those things and stay positive and so that drive was certainly part of that process. So it’ll be one that we can build on.”

Q: When you started running on that 3rd and 18 did you think you might get there and also is it weird that the whole field is pretty much on dirt?

Josh McCown: “No. I mean it was a little bit because I wasn’t much of a base stealer in Little League but there I was on dirt and I figured when you get on that dirt it’s a little bit different surface so something had to be up for me to be running that far. And then it was the decision as I got towards the end of the run. We’ve preached about sliding, sliding, sliding and it was the business decision to take it three more steps and maybe get hit but not have to slide in this dirt or slide in the dirt and I slid in the dirt and you get all scraped up but it’s part of it. It is what it is. It’s a cool part having played here and part of the history of this stadium. I don’t know how much longer that we’ll have that kind of dynamic in football so it’s part of it.”

Q: How did you feel like your offensive line played today? Early in the game they protected well.



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McCown: "I felt like they played, especially given their front and the guys and the pressure that they can create, I thought they played their tails off. Most importantly, how we ran the ball. That was something obviously we came away from last week very disappointed in our running game and man we took a step there and did some good things so again those are the things that we're going to look at. There's a ton of stuff to clean up obviously but when you go through that you want to find positives as well and the running game and the way the O-line played I think are two things we can get excited about."

Q: It seems to be your personality anyway but do you feel it's more important to stay positive given the young team and do you feel that even more than you would with a more experienced team?

McCown: "Yeah I think so, because this thing's hard. Every week you go in, you put everything you can into a game plan and you put everything out there on Sunday afternoon and when it doesn't go your way man that can be really deflating. For the guys to understand, especially the young guys, as they build their careers how you go about it regardless of what happens. If we were 2-0 we would be saying we got to enjoy this one and then move on and we got to let this sting a little bit and then move on with the loss. That's the mindset: look at the things in the tape where you physically screwed up, where you mentally screwed up, ask yourself why they happened. Mentally, why'd they happen? What can I do in the classroom staying later that I can avoid that from happening next week? And then continue to grow physically as you learn the game and that's the idea with the young guys, all of us. Hopefully over time when you trust that process and you keep building into that, you have a chance that you look up one day and you've put together a good team. You're starting to play better and better."

Q: What did you think of your passing game vertically, going deep? Did you think you made more plays this week?

McCown: "Yeah, obviously we got down there with Jermaine [Kearse] and wanted to push the ball a little bit more and we're getting there. We're committed to that. Once you get behind them or get deep, they start backing off of you. We want to continue to try to find a way to push the ball down the field that's for sure, but controlling the ball is also paramount, protecting it and running it. We have a lot that we can get better at. We feel like we did a lot today in a couple of those areas that we can build on."

Q: What did you see on the 34-yard touchdown to Jermaine Kearse?

McCown: "Just a matchup thing. Really cool during the week Coach [John] Morton, that was one of the things that we left last week. He said hey, let's push the ball downfield. A lot of times when you're playing a team that mixes man zone it's hard to find yourself the right look and so sometimes you know you'll get more tight man and third and 2-3 because they're protecting the sticks but you have to have the wherewithal to make that call and so it's a hats off to Coach Morton for dialing that up. He talked about it all week: let's push the ball downfield on this play. It's going to be third and 2, but we're not going to play scared, we're going to put it downfield. So it's hats off to him, hats off to Jermaine for making the play and the guys up front for protecting. There were a lot of moments like that where things that we talked about during the week, plays we came up with, came to fruition. That's what I mean, it's hard for you guys because you don't necessarily understand the whole game plan, but those things for us are things that we can build on as we put together this offensive unit."

JETS WR JERMAINE KEARSE

Q: You had a couple of touchdowns today; do you feel like your chemistry with Josh McCown is starting to get there?

Kearse: "It's getting there. But at the end of the day I'm here to win football games. So when you're not doing that, all the other stuff don't matter."

Q: What are the positives that you can take offensively from this game?



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Kearse: "We did come out and fight. I felt like we played a lot better. We had some drives, we converted on third down; I'm not sure what our third down was. But we made some strides. It's going to be tough, a tough season. But we are just going to have to keep fighting; we are going to have to keep working. We can't get down on ourselves we can't point the finger. We are going to have to just look at ourselves and figure out who we are as a team. And once we figure that out, we go from there."

Q: It seems like when you guys were close to them, you guys had a lot of mistakes. How do you guys clean that up?

Kearse: "You just have to do stuff right. And you know it starts in practice. We have to start there. I understand there's going to be mistakes, and you can't play a perfect game. But we just have to do stuff right."

Q: It seemed like you guys showed some resiliency tonight.

Kearse: "Yeah, like I said, we did some good things out there. I felt offensively we were kind of getting on the same page, and we were able to click and drive down the field. We just have to continue to build on that."

Q: Is this one of those games where you have to just tip your hat to the other team?

Kearse: "Yeah, I mean they played a good game. They won the game. We were in there; we were in the game. We were fighting. We just have to learn how to finish."

Q: Are you looking forward to your first home game?

Kearse: "Yeah definitely. I mean we have to win at home. That's the number one thing. I'm actually looking forward to Monday so that we can look at this film, correct our mistakes, and take our day off and get right back to work."

JETS CB BUSTER SKRINE

Q: You guys were competitive in the first two quarters, what happened in the third quarter?

Skrine: "They just executed better than we did. They got some big plays, and they just took advantage of what we gave them."

Q: [Michael] Crabtree scored three touchdowns, what happened on the touchdown against you?

Skrine: "They were running a fade. And he out-reached me for the fade. So I give it to him as a good play"

Q: Your defense gave up a few big plays. Was it miscommunication? What do you think it is?

Skrine: "We just have to tackle better as a unit. I mean we missed a lot of tackles on those big plays. So as a unit we have to tackle better. So that's one thing we have to focus on this week."

JETS DL KONY EALY

Q: You were saying in this league you cannot...?

Ealy: "Yeah in this league you cannot afford to have little mistakes and that's the only thing that's been beating us this week and last week. Just little things you know, we come out and have a good solid first and second and all the way into the third quarter and then right between that third and fourth we found some way to give the game away."

Q: Kony, how deflating were those two long runs in the second half?



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Ealy: "Well I mean as a defense our job is to stop the run. It's very frustrating when we don't do that and we have nobody to blame but ourselves. We have to look in the mirror and fix that problem ourselves."

Q: You gave up 190 and 180 rushing yards the last two games...

Ealy: "That's our fault. A couple passes and run plays you know, it's nothing. Pretty much we did a solid job on defense except for a few plays that magnified the game and obviously resulted in a touchdown and a long drive."

Q: How about the lack of pressure on Carr?

Ealy: "Lack of pressure? When he's turning and throwing the ball out, as a defensive line you know you can only try to get there. He's getting the ball out quick so at the end of the day when we're stopping the run more on a consistent basis and forcing third and longs, it will give us more time to get to the quarterback."

Q: What gives you confidence you can fix this?

Ealy: "Because we're professionals, we're a team, and our job is to try to fix things. Get back to the basics, going and seeing the things we did wrong and try to fix them going into the following week."

Q: What was the mood like at halftime?

Ealy: "We were fired up and ready to come out and play ball. Whatever the first half resulted in, we flushed it, came out fired up ready for the second half. We just have to compete on every down. We do a great job of coming out there and competing. We put up a good fight but we just have to compete on those little downs that magnify, obviously you got to compete every second you're out there because on play, you know, touchdown, that's how serious it is."

Q: Kony, how tough was the turnover at the end of the half? you just forced a three and out, forcing them to punt on two consecutive drives and then to have to go back out on to the field after the punt return?

Ealy: "I mean those things happen, that's why the national football league is so great. You know, like I said it's the little things, we'll get those things corrected, you know, it really hurts but at the end of the day as long as you learn from it, I feel like you don't take a big L in it."

JETS S MARCUS MAYE

Q: We always hear about how hostile this Raider crowd is, did you encounter that?

Maye: "It was a hostile crowd. I mean what you hear about this stadium and these fans, that's what you're going to get when you come in here. But I mean, it's a great football environment."

Q: What are you personally learning, since this is the second NFL game?

Maye: "You know, the small things are what matter the most. Making sure your keys are on point, your eyes are right. Each player is important. You can't take a play off. Things like that."

Q: Final score showed a 45-20 ball game. What did you see out there though?

Maye: "I mean, the scoreboard says what it says. But as far as what I seen from my guys, we fought hard. You know, we were a lot better than we were last year in certain areas. You know, we gave up a few plays that we shouldn't have gave up. We have to keep doing the small things."

Q: The reason I ask you that, we saw a lot of miscues. What is it going to take for you guys to keep that up, so that you can stay in these games and possibly win?

Maye: "It starts during the week, in practice. We have to focus on those things in practice. We have to tune in to certain situations in practice, so when they come up in a game we'll be ready for them. Just situations like that."



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Q: I know there are no moral victories out there, but you were able to make a lot of tackles. How did that feel to you?

Maye: "I'm just doing what I'm supposed to do. I'm just trying to make the best plays for my team that I can. Just fly around and be everywhere. We just gotta come together, keep practicing, and we'll get there."

Q: Can you talk about the experience that you have been able to gain with your fellow rookies?

Maye: "It's been a great experience. I mean, as soon as you step in the building, it's been going up ever since. Each day we just have to keep getting better and better."

Q: Are you looking forward to your first home game now?

Maye: "Yeah, it's going to be a big one at home. We just have to get back Monday, and get ready to go."

JETS WR KALIF RAYMOND

Q: Was the sun in your eyes on that missed catch on the punt return?

Raymond: "No, I mean I'm not going to give any excuses. You got to catch the ball. On a punt return, you got to do it. So I'm not going to make that excuse. Just got to stay focused man. That's one of the easier kicks of the game that I took for granted."

Q: Afterwards, were the coaches and teammates supportive?

Raymond: "I mean yeah, I think they're confident in my ability, take my back man. Like man just make up for it, go out here and do what you can do man. You know you got the speed, you got the quickness. They are very supportive but you can't make that mistake."

Q: You were walking on the sideline and looked up at the sky in frustration, what was going through your mind at that point?

Raymond: "I mean shoot man, up until this season I've never had a muffed punt before so more than anything I was just mad at myself man. It's definitely just a focus thing. You're back there, you just got to make it happen man."

JETS LB JORDAN JENKINS

Q: I know you're a guy who prides yourself on stopping the run. How do you explain these first two games and how frustrating has it been giving that much yardage on the ground?

Jenkins: "I mean there is no explanation for it. We shouldn't be allowing games like that to happen if we're supposed to be the run stopping defense that we are. We have to find ways to eliminate that. It's getting to the point where it's getting out of hand. We can't have those types of runs if you want to be successful as a defense and be known as a run stopping defense."

Q: How do you fix it?

Jenkins: "I mean you just get to the drawing board and you get physical and you just hit. You keep hitting everyday and you just keep working at it. You don't back away and you just keep going at it in practice. You don't just sit there and stop, you don't get soft, you just keep going at it."

Q: Do you feel like that's happening? Do you feel like guys are shying away?



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Jenkins: "No. I don't think guys aren't physical. We just have to be smart while we're physical. You can't just run down the middle of a guy and expect to be able to come off a block and make a tackle on a guy like Marshawn Lynch. You just have to be physical and smart at the same time."

Q: What was the defenses general reaction to the 43-yard touchdown on 3rd and 1 and how did that happen?

Jenkins: "I mean seeing a play like that, it's frustrating. It's something that should never happen to our defense. You try not to think about it much. You just have to respond at that time, come back and watch film, see what happened, see why it happened. Question the guy, what was going on in his head and get that thought erased from his mind for the future. You can't let things like that happen on third and one."

Q: When you see things like that, are guys pressing? Is it fundamental? Or is it a combination of things?

Jenkins: I mean we still have to look at the drawing board because I can't really see everything from the eye in the sky. We have to get back and see what exactly is happening and why it's happening.

JETS RB MATT FORTE

Q: Matt, you guys established the running game early on. What went into that progress?

Forte: "Just calling more runs. Last week we only ran I think 13 teams. This week we ran it a little bit more and stuck with it for the most part. It helped us out a little bit but you know it just wasn't enough."

Q: All three of you guys (RB's) were rotated. How did you like that? I know you're a veteran guy, a team guy but just being rotated like that, how did that feel?

Forte: "Something different. Usually you know you go a couple series or whatever or a series or two. This one was more whenever your number is called, you get in there. Still when you get in there, you still have to execute your play so it's not much different."

Q: You had a lot of carries in this game but what was it like to see rookie Eli McGuire get some time?

Forte: "Yeah it was good for him to get in there and get some work. He did well. When there was something there he got it. I'm not sure if he did any pass protection but he looked good when he was in there."

Q: Did you know going into the game it was going to be a rotation?

Forte: "Yeah we did that during the week."



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