



Oakland Raiders Transcript

Head Coach Jack Del Rio

Q: What did you learn about Cory James from last week's game?

Coach Del Rio: "It really went, really, the way we hoped. He went in. Don't feel like the moment is too big for him. We feel like he settled in and competed. We'll clean a few things up with technique and making sure the eyes are exactly where they belong, all those kinds of things, but he plays hard. He's got a little ruggedness to him. So yeah, he did a good job."

Q: Do you ever see James getting the green dot or do you expect to keep it with Malcolm Smith?

Coach Del Rio: "Yeah, whoever has the majority of the play calling gets the green dot. That's what's behind the green dot. So if it's ever him that's getting the lead share, then he'd have the green dot; whoever's involved in the most packages. They'd make it a lot simpler if they just let us talk to everybody." *(laughing)*

Q: What kind of progression do you expect to see out of Karl Joseph?

Coach Del Rio: "As a team, that's what we need to do; keep progressing. Use last week's secondary as the floor. We can do more, but that's the standard that should be set and what we should expect. Karl was a big part of that. There's room for growth, but it was a good start."

Q: What have you seen in Vadal Alexander's preparation this week?

Coach Del Rio: "[Matt] McCants and Vadal both took a lot of reps at that spot and some other guys did as well just in case. I think all of our guys are ready to go whichever way we end up going. I think our football team feels confident that we've got good players and they know what they're doing. We know we have a great challenge with their front and [Elvis] Dumervil coming back, so we're excited about going up there and competing."

Q: How do you think the team has handled the challenges of playing three of the last four games on the road?

Coach Del Rio: "I mean we'll find out. How well you recover this week going back and forth from West to East, the demands that are there. We'll see. We addressed it. We worked hard at it. We understand it's a challenge, but I feel like our guys have worked hard at it. We understand the things we need to be doing to recover properly and now we want to travel real well and go compete."