

## **Oakland Raiders Head Coach Jon Gruden, 11.24**

### **Opening remarks ...**

I want to congratulate the Jets, they did a heck of a job. They did a heck of a job and that's a real credit to Adam Gase, the Jets' coaches and their players. I would be happy to answer any questions I can.

### **On if the drops and missed tackles were due to the weather and conditions...**

Obviously, that was a big part of it (but) I'm not going to use that as an excuse. They don't call games off in this league. There's not a dome here (that) they can put over the field. We dropped passes. Hell, we dropped four center quarterback exchanges in the second half. We missed tackles. We missed field goals. We missed an opportunity to show our fans that came out today what kind of football team we are. (I'm) really disappointed in it. I take credit for all of the things that went wrong.

### **On if he was surprised with the flatness of the first half...**

I'm not going to say we were flat. We had a beautiful opening drive. We go down the field. We mishandle the ball. We make a field goal. We're hanging around. We have another key drop. We might score on the next possession. The next possession we miss a field goal. Credit the Jets, man. They're part of the story today. It's not all how poorly we played, although we didn't play very (well).

### **On the defense...**

We had a lot of new faces back there playing. Obviously, Lamarcus (Joyner) didn't play. We got a couple new safeties, we had some changes at linebacker. They did a nice job protecting (Sam) Darnold. He bought time at times. We did not play good enough in any phase of the game to win today. The weather was poor but it was poor for them as well.

### **On if this game was an example that anything can happen on any given Sunday...**

It's the NFL. They have good players and really good coaches. They're playing for their life too, they're not out of this thing. You have to give them some credit. But you're right, if you're not on your game, especially us, if you're not on your game, you're in for trouble.

### **On if today's game can be a teaching opportunity...**

I hope so. I hope the players listen after the game. We have a tight group of players. We have some very good veterans. We're 6-5. We have a Thanksgiving week. It's a long trip out here to New Jersey. We have a long trip back to California. We have a long trip next week and we're going to be ready to play. Hopefully we can play a lot better.

### **On if the Jets ability to tackle surprised him...**

No, that's not a surprise at all. That's why they're in there, that's why they're in green. I think the big thing they do is that they do a great job with (Jamal) Adams and their disguise package. They have a good nucleus of players. They're a lot better than people think on defense, let me tell you.

### **On if it was a difficult decision to pull Derek Carr...**

It's always hard. He didn't want to come out and I didn't want to take him out, but I'm doing what I think was right. I'm sure I'll be second guessed for that. I think I'm doing what's right for our football team.

**On next week's game...**

We're not the '85 Bears. We're a developing football team. We're developing our roster. We're making strides. Today was a setback. We're going to give our preparation every ounce of diligence that we can. We know what we're up against in Arrowhead. They're coming off a bye week so it's not going to be easy.

**On if he has confidence the team can rebound next week...**

I like our team. I'm going to go see what injuries we had today. Hopefully, we can get (Lamarcus) Joyner back next week. He's a difference maker for us. I'm not going to make any predictions. We get what we deserve. We will do everything we can to get our guys ready to play.

**On if the roughing the passer call was a turning point...**

What happens is, you drop a couple of passes, you miss a field goal and then that happens. It is a sinking feeling. You ever been on a boat that's sinking? It's not happy, it's not pleasant. Its adversity, its football. You have to respond to adversity. We didn't do a good enough job as coaches rallying our troops today. Like I said, I'm not going to say much more. I'm emotional about it. I'm really anxious to get on to the next game. (I) apologize to Raiders fans that came out today, it wasn't good enough.

**On Daniel Carlson's missed field goal...**

I'm not going to say much about it until I talk to all parties included, the holder, the snapper. I'll talk to our guys. I believe in Carlson. It's a tough place to kick if you've never kicked here and I don't know that he has. I've seen a lot of kickers struggle in this place.

## Oakland Raiders QB Derek Carr, 11.24

### **On if this game can be a learning experience...**

I hope so. We got our butts kicked and there is no other way around that. They got after us from start to finish and hopefully it's an eye-opener. Hopefully, we take it and learn from it kind of like earlier in the season against the Vikings. We got our face kicked in a little bit. You try to look forward and hopefully it wakes everybody up.

### **On everything going wrong...**

Oh yeah, top to bottom in all phases. Give praise to the Jets. They showed up better than we did. It's unacceptable. It's my fault. I take full responsibility.

### **On if the loss is because the team is still young...**

For the team aspect, I'll let Coach (Jon Gruden) hit on where we're at. I always fully expect for us to win and to come out and play well. There are some facts and some truths that I'll let Coach talk about. In my sixth year, I'm 28 with three kids. I want to win now. They're going to be growing up soon and wanting me to come home. I'd rather win while they're still in school and young.

### **On the mood of the team during the game...**

You can look in some people's eyes and some people react differently to getting punched in the mouth. Sadly enough, I've been on some teams where we've had our fair share of getting hit in the mouth. As frustrating as it is, let's be honest, these six games that we've won, no one thought we could do that with who we have. We're still good at football. We're still a good football team, but it is what it is. We're still building that foundation. Hopefully today is one of those moments that wakes everybody up and we rally back together like we have this season and we keep playing.

### **On if the Vikings game gives them an example of how to play after a bad loss...**

Yeah, it's similar. The way you go out there, you fully expect (to win). We love the plan, you feel good about it and you get punched in the mouth. The same thing happened today. You feel good about it, you're excited, you're ready to go and it's the NFL. People don't really realize the margin of error, the little detail here and there that has to go right or this happens. You definitely go back and, I can only speak for myself, hone in on all the details. You don't want to miss one thing that coach says or one thing in a meeting or one thing on the practice field. You can't miss anything. Hopefully our guys will do the same and I'm pretty sure that they will.

### **On if he had a sinking feeling after not converting on third down in the second half and missing the field goal...**

Not for me. We had a good look at it. It was a bang-bang play, especially against that coverage. We're trying to get the ball there for the first down. We had a bang-bang play. When it comes to getting points or missing kicks, that has nothing to do with me. Daniel (Carlson) is a great kicker and has been doing a great job for us for a long time now. I'm not worried about him. It wasn't like, "Oh, man". It was our guy missed one, we'll get them back down there kind of feeling. It's never a hopeless feeling. Every time I touch the football, I don't feel hopeless. I promise you that.

### **On playing the Chiefs next week...**

We better show up or they're going to beat us by 50. They're a really good football team, one of the best in the NFL. Hopefully, our guys, myself included, when we show up in Arrowhead a week from now, we're ready to go. I believe we will be.

### **On what he saw in the locker room after the loss...**

(I saw) a group of guys (where) no one was hanging their heads. I'll just say it was different than times past. I've been around guys where stuff like that would happen and it's kind of miserable to be around some people for reasons that aren't good. That wasn't the case this time. If we're being honest, this was the first time this group of guys has dealt with something like that. We all know how quickly these things change in the NFL. We were just on a how many games win streak and came out and get our butts kicked. I hate to say it, but it's not going to be the last time that you come out and just get beat up. I mean

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that for the course of football. Teams are going to show up and get punched in the mouth. It happens. It's this game. As long as you trust your process, trust the plan the coaches are putting together like these guys do, we're going to bounce back. We're going to be just fine.

### **On if he's ever been pulled from a game...**

It was for other reasons than you're ptrying to make it seem.

## **Oakland Raiders DE Maxx Crosby, 11.24**

### **On the loss...**

We didn't play well. We didn't show up. We didn't play well in any phase and that's the result you're going to get no matter who you're playing. So yeah, it was disappointing, but we just have to bounce back.

### **On not being able to get Sam Darnold out of his rhythm...**

We just didn't execute well enough. We were thinking too much. We didn't bring enough energy. It's unacceptable. So, we have to bounce back and learn from it.

### **On what things will play through his mind on the plane ride back...**

We're going to watch the film and get better from it. That's all we can do. We can't look back and think about, 'oh, I should've done this, that, blah, blah blah.' You've got to learn and translate it to next week.

### **On whether this game was a learning experience for the team...**

Yeah, you can't take anybody lightly. They've been playing well, and we didn't play well at all. We played bad on every phase. We've got to learn from it and bounce back real fast. Kansas City is going to be more than ready. We've just got to keep doing the right things and executing.

## **Oakland Raiders DT Jonathan Hankins, 11.24**

### **On if the rain impacted them today...**

We just didn't show up today. It had nothing to do with the weather. They came out and did what they had to do and we lost. There's not much to say.

### **On if he was surprised by their performance today...**

Yes. It was tough to start the game the way we did and then the way we started the second half. It's not characteristic of us, but we have to fix it and move on.

### **On the roughing the passer call on Maurice Hurst...**

I don't know what roughing the passer is anymore. It's what the ref called and it is what it is.

### **On playing the Kansas City Chiefs next week...**

We have to lock in. It's a big game and a lot (is) on the line. We are going to prepare the best we can and try to get a win.

## **Oakland Raiders WR Tyrell Williams, 11.24**

### **On letting playmaking chances get away...**

When you get those opportunities, you have to take advantage of it. It's going to be tough no matter who you're playing on the road, so you have to take advantage of opportunities.

### **On what he saw on a third and long situation in the first half when the ball bounced off him...**

I think I just had my eyes up the field a little too quickly.

### **On if this game is a learning experience for a young team...**

Yes, I think this will be good for us. We have a stretch of five games left, and we're going to make a playoff push. So I think this was a good test for us. We have to look at ourselves and get right back to where we want to be.

### **On if he thinks that test will be answered...**

Yes. We have great character guys who work hard. No matter the circumstances the week before, we come in and work hard. I have a lot of confidence in us.

### **On if it helps that they've bounced back before this season...**

Yes, for sure. We've got some experience doing that.



## **New York Jets Head Coach Adam Gase, 11.24**

### **Opening statement...**

Injuries. Really only one, Chuma (Edoga) had a knee. He'll have an MRI and all that stuff tomorrow. We'll have a lot more information after that.

### **On playing a complete game on offense, defense, and special teams...**

That was a big point of emphasis this week. We talked about it as a group, that it had to be really good complementary football. We knew what we were dealing with as far as their offense, which meant our offense had to do a good job staying on the field. Putting ourselves in good position on third down if it got to that point. Making sure we put the ball in the endzone if we were in the red zone. And then, we wanted to make sure we stopped the run early. I thought our guys did a really good job. I know that first series didn't go exactly as planned. We had them in a tough spot and they got out of it, but I thought they (Jets defense) bounced back and did a really good job the entire game.

### **On if this is what he envisioned the offense looking like...**

Yeah. Close to it. I still think there are a lot of things we need to improve on. We need to be more consistent in the running game.

### **On if he gets in a rhythm as a playcaller...**

Yeah. When you're not three-and-out. When you get first down, second down, first down, third-and-short. It makes it a lot easier.

### **On how much confidence a win like this gives them...**

I don't think these guys have been lacking confidence to begin with. They've done a good job of sticking with it and starting the week over on Wednesday, just trying to make sure they do everything right on Sunday. Early on, it wasn't really going that way, but guys stuck with it and now they're seeing how it should look.

### **On the play of the defense, particularly their communication...**

Those guys are always well-prepared. That's why it was important for us to do everything we could to take them out of their rhythm and what they are comfortable doing, which is running the ball, which they have done very well to this point. If we can keep our defense to where they can be aggressive and get those guys off the field, then we can stay on the field and put pressure on them. That's why it was important for all three phases to play well.

### **On the play of Braxton Berrios after a special teams miscue...**

If he makes a mistake, he's able to put it behind him and move on to the next thing. That's part of football. It happens. All of us make mistakes. It's whether or not we can move onto the next part of the game.

### **On the flea flicker to Robby Anderson...**

I was a little disappointed we didn't score on it, but at least we completed it. We've got that going for us.

### **On the scoring drive capped with a Ryan Griffin touchdown reception...**

The way our guys executed all of those play – especially on those touchdown drives – was impressive. It's what we needed. If we could just keep that first and second down rhythm going, because their third down defense...I know ranking-wise, no one ever talks about it, but the complexity they do with all of the double mugs and different kind of fronts and pressures. You don't know if its coverage or pressure. Just for us to try to stay out of that area was big for us.

### **On how important it was to get Le'Veon (Bell) involved...**

We try to do the same thing most weeks as far as just trying to get him going in a rhythm. I thought the line did a good job of creating some holes for him. He did a good job of getting through some of those tackles around his legs because that's how most people are trying to tackle him. They try and go low on him. He stepped out of quite a few of them. It felt like we got him going a little bit today.



**On how the improved play of the offensive line has allowed for the use of Bell on the outside...**

I think the line has really done a good job, especially the last two or three weeks. They are getting their guys covered up. They are opening up holes big enough that he can hit it and get through there and try to step through any kind of arm tackles or anybody going after his legs. Those guys are just going to keep getting better every week. Hopefully, we can keep staying healthy.

**On the play of Robby Anderson and what allowed him to make plays today...**

Before, it wasn't really anything he was doing. He was doing a good job of getting open. For whatever reason – we couldn't get the throw to him or the read took him (Sam Darnold) somewhere else first – I just think it worked out right for him today. He really has been doing a good job of staying with it. Today, it finally paid off.

**On what being 4-7 and on a three-game winning streak means to the team...**

It just shows the kind of character in that locker room and what kind of guys we have, especially with the amount of movement we've had in and out of there with guys going down, whether it be IR or just out for multiple weeks. It shows the 'Next Man' mentality these guys have developed. I really think the way these guys practice and prepare hasn't changed. It just keeps getting better. We'll have to go back to work Wednesday and get ready for the next one.



## **New York Jets QB Sam Darnold, 11.24**

### **On the confidence level of the team...**

It's high. I think it started in practice. It starts with the week of preparation. We had a lot of confidence at the beginning of the season even though the record didn't show it. We still had a ton of confidence going into all of those games. For us, especially as an offense, it's about executing and we've been doing that lately.

### **On it being a shame the team dug a hole early in the season only to play well lately...**

It is what it is. For us, it's one week at a time and that's the way we look at it.

### **On if he can tell when Coach Gase is in a rhythm as a play caller...**

Yeah, I think that's fair. I think we can feel when he's in a rhythm. But I think it's fair to say that it's up to us to make sure that we keep him in that rhythm and that we stay in rhythm with ourselves, too, because it's up to us to continue to get first downs and keep the chains moving. When we do that, everyone's rolling.

### **On the play design on his touchdown to Ryan Griffin...**

Yeah, it was awesome. Great play design.

### **On if his confidence has increased lately...**

No, I think I've just been preparing the same as I usually do and I've just got to keep going to work.

### **On why it was the perfect time to call the flea flicker...**

I don't know. You'll have to ask Coach Gase on that one.

### **On the flea flicker...**

(Coach Gase) asked me if I wanted to do it and I felt like it was a good time for whatever reason. I just felt it in my gut and we went out there and if I put the ball out a little further I think Robby (Anderson) scores, but he made a heck of a catch and we finished the drive.

### **On his touchdown run...**

I had someone in my way at the goal line and I just did what I could to get in the end zone. It was fun out there just to be able to run one in there like that because it doesn't happen often.

### **On how important it was to get Le'Veon Bell involved early...**

Yeah, it was huge. Whenever we can get a great player like him involved early it makes a difference and it gets us in a rhythm.

### **On the team playing as a whole...**

It's huge to be able to have a great defense going out there and making plays for us, I can't say enough about them. And also our offensive line has battled through some things this year and they've been lights out just the way that they've dealt with everything. Those guys are special over there.

### **On how the team can keep it going...**

We've just got to stay consistent with how we come to work and if we do that I think anything's possible.

### **On his completion to Anderson when he could have run for the first down...**

Just my eyes were downfield. I felt like there was a big play to be made. I think, looking at the film, I think the smart decision would have been to run the football, but I'm never going to apologize for going out there and playing football, but I think looking back on it that's a play where I would rather run, get the first down, get down. But it was a great play by Robby.



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### **On how important a playoff-focused mindset has been to maintaining success...**

I think that mindset, it really starts by thinking one week at a time. With that mindset comes one day at a time. So we've just got to keep putting our heads down. We'll come in tomorrow, have a great lift, watch the tape and get better.

### **On what it's meant to have Kelvin Beachum back...**

Yeah, Beach is awesome, the way that everyone communicates when he's in there. He's a really good leader and a really good pass protector and a great offensive lineman.

### **On if he'll allow himself to think about making the playoffs...**

You think about a lot of things during the day. That's definitely in the back of my head but I think where we're at right now, we've just got to keep taking it one week at a time and if we do that I think we'll be alright.

### **On if the vibe in the locker room has felt different recently...**

Whenever you win it's always going to feel a little bit different than when you lose. The vibe, it's a lot better for sure. But we've just got to keep putting in the work during the week and if we do that then this vibe's going to continue.

### **On this game being a good litmus test for the team...**

I think for us we knew what we were dealing with. The Raiders are a really good team, great quarterback, (Jon) Gruden is a legendary football coach, and they have a really good defense as well, and a really good defensive coordinator. So, we knew we had our hands full. I thought our guys did a really good job throughout the week of preparing. It was just nice to come out here, execute the game plan and get a win.

### **On why the pass to Braxton Berrios worked so well...**

It was the exact coverage we wanted, to be quite honest with you. Once I put it in his hands he did a really good job of getting down there. I thought he could have scored on it, but, Braxton, he's the first one to tell you that. It was really fun to see Braxton out there making plays for us.

### **On if Anderson was his first read on his touchdown catch...**

At that point I was just trying to go out there and make a play.

### **On if he can beat Berrios in a footrace...**

No, definitely not. Braxton's a lot faster than I am. We'll leave it at that.

### **On the offense all coming together...**

I think, again, it's just us coming to work every single day. I know I've been saying it a lot, but it's true. When we come to work and we put really good days together throughout the week, we see results like this on Sundays. For us, it doesn't get old.

### **On what it means to have Ryan Griffin locked up long term...**

Like I said before, he's a great player. But more than that, he's a great person, great leader for this team. He's not going to say a ton, but he just come to work every single day. The more guys we get like him in this locker room, the better we'll be.

### **On starting strong despite having the opening drive touchdown called back...**

I think for us, like I've been saying, we got in a rhythm early and I don't think we really stopped. It was a bummer it got called back, but Sam (Ficken) when out there and nailed a field goal and did his job.



## **New York Jets S Jamal Adams, 11.24**

### **On holding Oakland to three points...**

Honestly, we didn't want to give up three points, but that did happen. That was a great finish. Not only just the defense finishing, the offense did really good as well. We played complimentary football and we fed off one another.

### **On what it means to get three straight wins...**

We understand all the adversity, guys that went down. We went through a lot early on and we just kept our head down no matter who came into the building, we welcomed them as another brother on the team, another teammate. We just stick together, keep the group tight and continue to do what we do. So, we're just going to continue to work hard.

### **On shutting down the run...**

We're just doing our job. It's simple. It's not rocket science, nothing like that. We're just flying around the ball. We do need to tackle better, thought we missed some key tackles in some moments to where we're giving first downs up or whatever it is. We've got to get off the field on certain things like that and we've got to pride ourselves (on things like that).

### **On seeing the offense put up a lot of points...**

Like I said, it's complimentary football. Any time you have an offense that's rolling, it just gives us more juice to go back out there. When we get turnovers, when we score, get in the end zone, get the ball back, whatever it is, we're just feeding off one another. That's what it was and that's what we've been doing.



## **New York Jets RB Le'Veon Bell, 11.24**

### **On his patience and seeing it all come together...**

It feels amazing. They are joking with me all day because I feel good right now, I feel crazy. I'm just glad everything is coming together, guys are playing well, we didn't turn the ball over, got a couple turnovers, got some hits on the quarterback, offensive line doing well. I can't complain. We're playing good football right now.

### **On the first possession coming out of the half...**

Right, we understood that they (Oakland) weren't going to roll over and let us have the game, so we understood that we had to ball coming out and we wanted to make a statement, so we drove the ball right down the field, got points and that kind of put the game away, a little bit because I think we ended up getting a turnover right after that and another touchdown. That's what kind of solidified the game and that first drive after the half, I'm glad we did it like that.

### **On Sam Darnold's leadership...**

I think he keeps on growing and growing, I continue to keep having to (reflect on) the fact that I've never played with a younger guy so for me it's amazing seeing him, each and every day, every rep. The amount of plays he ran out of pocket today, didn't force anything and just getting rid of the ball, throwing it out of bounds, that's growth. So, him as a player, him as a leader, he can only get better from here.

### **On a three-game win streak...**

It feels good, like I said, guys are feeling good, more confident as we keep rolling on, we come in, watch the film tomorrow, come back on Wednesday. Guys are going to be ready and they just want to just taste that fourth win. We want to make sure we continue to strive for it and continue to stack wins.

### **On the gratification of winning these games...**

It means everything in the world to me just because I knew what this group could do. We're not done, I hope we still get better, we played good enough today to win the game but we didn't play a perfect game so, we're going to watch the film and clean up a lot of things, and continue to get better, I think we have the Bengals next week so that's me knowing we should go in there and feel confident about ourselves to go in there and play well in Cincinnati and try and stack another win.



## **New York Jets WR Braxton Berrios, 11.24**

### **On his 69-yard reception in the third quarter...**

When [the big plays] come your way, you try to make the most of them. It honestly felt good to be able to something on the offensive side of the ball today.

### **On why his big offensive play worked so well...**

A lot of things. It's a culmination of the offense giving Sam [Darnold] time, Sam made a very catchable (pass) and then I did the rest.

### **On the team going in the right direction the last few weeks...**

We're clicking right now. I think it's a culmination of things, but the main thing is, we've been very cohesive as a group and haven't listen to much outside of our building. I think everything is just starting to really head in the right direction right now.

### **On contributing to the offense this week...**

Obviously; I want to contribute. That's why I'm here. That's why I suit up every day and that's the same thing for everybody around this locker room. I've obviously been waiting and football is a game of opportunities and when you get your opportunity, you have to do something with it. I think I did that today.



## **New York Jets TE Ryan Griffin, 11.24**

### **On his contract extension...**

It happened really quick. Joe [Douglas] extended a great offer that I couldn't pass up and it's a testament to the front office making me feel welcome here. I signed late here, on the eve of camp, and I knew we had something real good here, so I'm happy to be here and I'm looking forward to a couple (of) years here.

### **On how the offense has changed over the last few weeks...**

You saw today guys made plays, but also, guys were open. Guys were in the right spot. Coach Gase has done a great job getting us ready and prepared to play and I think Sam [Darnold] coming around and getting reps on the practice field has really helped him out. He's learning a lot, he's getting better week to week, and I'm really proud of him and the whole offense.

### **On his touchdown catch...**

I knew it was six (points). We ran it in practice and it didn't work out, but I was hoping Coach Gase would still pull the trigger on it because it's a winner. What a play call. The design was great. It was tough for me to get in the end zone between Beach (Kelvin Beachum) and Jonotthan [Harrison], so it was fun.

### **On the team playing a complete game...**

That's what we talked about coming into this week. We played well last week, but at the end of the game, we kind of let up a little bit, so we wanted to improve that and just play kickoff to the end of the game. We haven't watched the film yet, but it's feeling good right now, so I think we did a pretty good job of that.



## **New York Jets OL Jonotthan Harrison, 11.24**

### **On driving out the noise...**

...He just kept telling us, just drive out the noise. Our locker room, we do a great job of just drowning out the noise and ignoring all that extra that goes on outside the locker room because you read too much into that and that can get into your head. Got a lot of leadership going on as a team and even the young guys have bought into the leadership realizing that, "Hey, don't listen to the outside noise, it's us inside in here, don't splinter. Keep it tight, keep it together. Let's go out there and keep battling."

### **On what he attributes the offensive lines turnaround over the last couple of weeks to...**

Kind of like what I was saying, enough's enough and we need to establish our dominance. We need to come together as one unit and not five individual players. As offensive line we have to be a chain link, we have to be able to work together. The group of guys we have in the O-line room is a great group of guys that are willing to go to work and put in whatever it takes to go out there and win a game.

### **On if this season's team seems like it's doing a better job staying even keeled...**

Oh yeah, 100 percent, 100 percent. Just keep doing a great job staying poised, staying cool, calm and collected. Enjoy a victory for one night or deal with a loss for one night and then move onto the next week. And, keep doing a great job not looking too far forward and not looking behind, that's what's keeping everyone levelheaded and that's what's helping this production.