



## ***Oakland Raiders Transcript***

### **Head Coach Jack Del Rio**

**Opening Statement:** "A good week's prep, a good football team coming in. It's our first time in the regular season here at home. We're excited to play in front of our home fans and looking forward to a tough game, looking forward to a good, hard fought battle come Sunday. So, we're 48 hours out and from here on really to the game, a lot of mental prep, but we had a good, solid week of practice. Questions?"

**Q: It seems like Austin Howard made the progress you were looking for throughout the week. How did he look?**

**Coach Del Rio:** "Yeah, he's ready to go."

**Q: When do you remember Jalen Richard standing out to you?**

**Coach Del Rio:** "It happened during camp, throughout the work during training camp. I think you just continue to see a guy that was hungry, that it didn't appear to be too big for him. He's got good vision, he runs hard, has good hands and day after day, kept impressing and earned his way. Started off great, the moment wasn't too big. You know, guy going home and everything last week, you worry about him getting overhyped and stuff, and it didn't show up. That was good. He settled in and just played good football for us."

**Q: Has Lee Smith had to take reps as an offensive tackle with the injuries to the offensive line?**

**Coach Del Rio:** "No, we're ready to adjust as we need to. We got good depth and have a good coach working the group and we'll be ready to roll."

**Q: Do you like only having 52 guys on the team?**

**Coach Del Rio:** "I'd like to have them all. *(laughter)* We're making it work. I'd defer to [General Manager] Reggie [McKenzie] on that, let him handle that one. But, we'll coach who we have."