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Head Coach Jon Gruden

Opening Statement: "We got a new kicker, Matt McCrane, out of Kansas State. Good kicker. Kicked with Arizona in the preseason. Has a good leg. Had a number of kickers in here yesterday. He'll be the man this week. Cleveland is a much-improved team. Very easily could be 3-0. Playing inspired football. Got a lot of young, emerging players. I'll answer any questions I can."

Q: Was Mike Nugent injured pregame last week?

Gruden: "He felt something in his hip. You could tell by his approach on kickoffs. He wasn't running through the kickoffs. He was able to kick field goals. Amazing he was able to kick a 52-yard field goal to give us a chance at the end. That hip was a problem, don't know for how long. He did a nice job for us."

Q: This year feels different for Cleveland. What do you see from them?

Gruden: "The draft has obviously paid off. They've drafted good players at the top of the rounds and developed them. Really impressed with [Baker] Mayfield in the preseason. Impressed with Mayfield coming off the bench. They've added some veteran players, like Jarvis Landry. They have a very good, attacking style of defense under Gregg Williams. Second year in that system, so the men know what to do. Have a great, young corner from Ohio State. It'll be a challenge. They've been patient. I think they've drafted well, developed players and added some really good free agents."

Q: What's your read on the way they're calling roughing the passer?

Gruden: "It's a tough call. They're trying to protect the quarterbacks. Defensive linemen have it really hard right now. There was a call on us for roughing the passer that I didn't agree with. Could say that play cost us the game. I hate to see what happens any time a man gets hurt. We need more clarity. I think that's been a common theme around a lot of rules, honestly."

Q: Where is Donald Penn at in concussion protocol?

Gruden: "I think he's going to be OK. Honestly, just because you enter the protocol doesn't mean you have a concussion. Any time there is concern, you enter the protocol. We hope to have him available on Sunday."

Q: What jumps out about Baker Mayfield to you?

Gruden: "He just makes a lot of plays when nothing is there. He makes plays happen when there is something there, in the pocket when it's clean, he can hit the open receivers. When nobody is open and he has to move around, he has a lot of [Jeff] Garcia in him. He'll dive for first downs. He'll extend plays. He's got a really good, competitive spirit about him. I love the way he plays. I know he'll be very excited for his first career start. We have to do a great job giving him some looks and getting some pressure on him."

Q: What have you seen from the Browns pass rush?

Gruden: "It's not just a four-man rush. It's a six-man rush, it's a seven-man rush, it's a two-man rush. They have a lot of different blitzes. They have a lot of different fronts. Numerous coverages. Gregg Williams is one of the best. I call them 'muddy coverages.' You might pick up the blitz but you don't know what coverage it is. It might be man-to-man over there. It might be rotation over there. They do an excellent job. They have rushers that can get home now. They're getting some corners that can shut



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you down. Jabril Peppers, the young man out of Michigan, has become one of the best safeties in football.”

Q: How would you say Arden Key’s progress has been in the first three games?

Gruden: “Pretty good. He’s getting better. Obviously the heat and altitude in Denver was tough on any rookie. That’s an experience of a lifetime. Then, at Miami in that heat was a very good experience for him. He got some good pressure. I thought he made some good effort plays. We expect him to get home, hopefully soon.”

Q: How do you think TJ Clemmings settled in?

Gruden: “I think he did some good things. That’s about as hard as it gets. He’s only been here a couple weeks. To go out there against an opponent like that on the road that early was very tough on him. Credit to Tom Cable and TJ for stepping up and giving us some really good, quality snaps.”

Q: How well do you know [Browns Head Coach] Hue [Jackson]?

Coach Gruden: “Hue and I coached together right up the street at the University of Pacific back in the day, so I know Hue well. He’s a good friend, he’s a good coach and I look forward to seeing him.”

Q: What was that like in 1989 at University of Pacific?

Coach Gruden: “Well, it didn’t start off very well. We got beat I think 57-0 by Auburn, 37-0 I think by Pitt and we got clobbered by Arizona. It wasn’t very good. *(Laughter)* Then they dropped football. I could say it wasn’t the greatest, but it was a lot of fun.”

Q: Why are guys playing all those teams?

Coach Gruden: “I don’t know. Charles Davis was my roommate. We had a blast.”

Q: There seemed to be a lot of slipping on the field week one, what did you make of the field conditions that day?

Coach Gruden: “It’s night time. There is dew on the grass, there is dirt on the field. Some people have played on it for the very first time. We got to get out there early, check our cleats and hopefully have better footing.”

Q: Did kicker [Matt] McCrane win the competition yesterday?

Coach Gruden: “Yeah, pretty much. He also came in having kicked the ball well. We liked him coming out of Kansas State. We liked what he did in the preseason, he hit two 50-yard bombs and he can kick the ball out of the end zone. We are going to give him a shot. It’s our third kicker, we are on our second long snapper. We’ve had problems at punt returner so hopefully we can get him in here and get him healthy and have some success.”

Q: Your three specialists are entering Sunday with five combined games of NFL regular season experience. Is that at all a concern or is that something [Special Teams Coordinator] Rich [Bisaccia] is going to have to get them ready for?

Coach Gruden: “This is what we have right now. This is what we are going to rally around.”



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Q: Erik Harris has looked like he has made some positive plays so far, has he continued to build on that strong campaign he had?

Coach Gruden: "Yeah. He is. He's healthy now, I think. He's becoming a quarterback back there now. His communication is good. His range is good. Hopefully he can continue to improve."

Q: Martavis Bryant, what have you seen from him since he re-signed?

Coach Gruden: "Seen some good stuff. He's demanded coverage. I think he helps Amari have big days. I think he helps Jordy have big days and I think he made some big plays. Third down receptions the other day. We tried to get him the ball on a double reverse, or a gimmick play, we didn't execute it very well but his presence out there is a difference. Everybody knows who is and what he is capable of doing."

Q: At times, in all three games this season, your offensive tackles have employed cut blocks in protection. Why is that an effective way to mix it in over the course of the game?

Coach Gruden: "Everybody does that in a quick passing game. When you are going to throw a quick pass, you have to be aggressive and sometimes a cut block can knock your hands down so those passing lanes are clean. That's pretty common around football."

Q: With Hue coming back here, as a coach going up against your former team, does that move the needle at all?

Coach Gruden: "Oh, I don't know. There is a lot of water gone under the bridge. I'll let him answer that. I'm sure there is some deep, hidden motivation somewhere, but the Raiders have a lot of respect for Hue Jackson and rightfully so."

QB Derek Carr

Q: When you started 0-10 during your rookie year, you always sounded positive. What did you learn about yourself from that 0-10 start?

Carr: "Yes, absolutely. The number one thing that I learned is that if you're going to go up there, something like that, you might as well do it with the right attitude. Everyone, not only in football but in life, you deal with a lot of different stuff. It's all about your attitude and how you handle things. I don't really want to waste my family's time, my coach's time, my teammates time by walking around here and being sad and things like that. There's no point. We have a job to do, we have things to fix, we have things to continue to work on. Trust me, when I leave the NFL someday I'm going to know that I enjoyed my time. I don't want to sit there and waste it on being sad."

Q: Is there anything you have to tell the younger guys to make sure that everybody is still okay?

Carr: "It's mostly young guys, because they just don't know. They've never been in a situation like this, especially at this level, how intense it is and how much is always on the line just to get one win in the NFL. So, just talking to young guys. I had a great talk this morning with Arden Key just about some of those kinds of things. Obviously, the context of that we can keep to ourselves. Just shedding a little bit of light into the situation for some of those young guys. People did it for me, so I feel like I should do it for them."



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Q: You said you on Sunday that you would do the same thing on the fourth-quarter interception if you got to re-play it. After watching the film, what are your thoughts on that play now?

Carr: "Again, when I say that, it's one-on-one, giving my guy a chance. I think that, situationally, which is hard to say, just more conservative and more patient, kill some more time kind of a thing would be smarter. Every time we got down there they were playing two-high and I then I see a single-high look, that's always been a fault of mine – being too aggressive. I will live with that as long as my coaches continue to correct me and tell me, 'Hey, this is what we were thinking.' We grew from it, we had a great talk about the situation and those kinds of things and our communication together. But obviously, you never want that to happen. Trust me, when I did it, I didn't plan on that happening. Those are the kinds of things that we definitely talked about and learned from. Just the insight from all of our coaches talking about it, it helped us grow and get better from that."

Q: How do you keep the team's morale up after suffering tough losses?

Carr: "The same as I am every day. I think one thing about me is every single day I've tried to be the same guy for five years. I try to be the same guy every day for my teammates, whether we go out there and win by 20 or whether we lose in the ways that we have. Again, that's more of a character kind of thing. That's something you want to instill. Maybe one young guy is watching, maybe one veteran guy is watching and says, 'Man, he's literally the same all of the time.' That's really my goal, going through a football season, you plan on winning them all, but it's really hard to do obviously as we've seen in history. So, when you're going through it, I just try to be the same person every day for my teammates, bringing up the same conversations – these guys bring up these issues, let's talk about these. Or, 'Hey, these are the fronts they play. Let's talk about this, let's talk about this.' No matter what just happened days prior, I try to do that every single day just so that kind of culture will be instilled in this team for years to come. I've said this a whole bunch of times, [Charles Woodson] C-Wood said it to me, the Raiders are going to keep going when I leave. He used to tell me that all of the time, 'The Raiders will keep going when you leave, so leave your mark on the guys in the locker room, on those young guys. Even if someone goes somewhere else, leave a mark on their life.' So, that's what I've always tried to do."

Q: What have you seen from defensive coordinator Gregg Williams defense?

Carr: "He's so exotic in some of these looks and then sometimes he can just peel back on that kind of stuff and let his front four – because they're so talented – just go. I think that's where they can create a lot of problems, in different looks. He's been doing it for so long. He's a great, great coach."

Q: How effective is the pressure at pre-snap that you think is coming that you change to prepare for, and then it doesn't happen?

Carr: "It works both ways, it can work vice-versa too. You're always prepared for both, we'll say that. It's our job to always be prepared for a lot of pressure and not a lot of pressure. We're always making sure we're prepared for both."

Q: Coach Gruden wanted you to be a bit more aggressive early in the season, now he wants you to tone down the aggression. How do you find the right calibration?

Carr: "It's funny man. We're figuring that out together. I'm going to continue to play my tail off. Every time I walk off of that field I know I gave it everything that I had. As long as I keep doing that and just listening to my coaches, we'll be just fine."



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Q: How much adaptation do you see from the coaches to you? Obviously, you're adapting for what the coaches want, it's a new system and you have to work through some kinks, but how much change has happened in three weeks?

Carr: "I mean, we're still who we are. We're not changing who we are. I remember the first game there was one shot that I know he's talking about, but we picked up a first down. I think we talked about that one like 13 times now. Then this week on the last play it's one of those where, hey, situationally let's understand that we can kill the clock some more. That's on me. All of that falls on me. It's never my teammates, never his fault because I have the ball in my hands."

Q: Is it small things that seem like big things?

Carr: "Very fixable, that's the good part. You sit on the back side of it and it's a sucky feeling when you lose."

Q: As a quarterback, is the roughing the quarterback penalty clear in your mind or random?

Carr: "I said this, honestly I said this to my wife and a couple of teammates the other day. I wish the guy would've just landed on me besides tear his ACL. Honestly. I've been playing a while. I've been hit my fair share and guys land on you and things like that. It is what it is. On that play for him to try to protect me, which I'm thankful for. Thank you. But for him to tear his ACL, nobody wants that. I don't want that. When people were getting hit in the head well then safeties started hitting people in the knees and ankles. I'll take you hitting me in the head any day over that. It's that fine line of our league, trying to find that right balance. It's an imperfect game. We're trying to figure it out too. It's 22 guys full-speed chaos for four seconds and you're trying to make rules for it. It's tough. I definitely didn't want the guy to tear his ACL. I'm thankful he protected me and kept me safe, but if he was doing it again, man land on me so you don't hurt yourself."

Q: Did you get a sense that he was hurt right away?

Carr: "I could hear him. I heard him and I rolled over and looked at him to make sure he was alright. Obviously, he wasn't. That's a situation where you feel bad. You don't want the guys season to be over. Man, go ahead and land on me. I'll catch my breath eventually, and we'll move on."

Q: Have you reached out to Jimmy Garoppolo?

Carr: "No I haven't reached out to him, honestly, because we've been so busy. But I will. I definitely will because again, let's keep it in perspective, we're all humans. The guy just wants to play a game. We're playing a game for a living. He wants to be with his teammates. He's worked so hard. Got traded last year. Had a great start. I felt bad for the guy. You never want to see anyone hurt like that. Jimmy, we're praying for you, man. Me and my family. That's terrible."

Q: How much have you seen of Baker Mayfield?

Carr: "I think actually I heard coach say it, so I'm not copying him, but he reminds me a lot of Jeff Garcia. Just very athletic. Very competitive. Could make all the throws. He's a good player. He's a really good player. I think the sky is the limit for him as long as he just keeps his head down and keeps working. I think he can do a lot of great things for their organization."



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Q: What does a guy like Mayfield do for a team like the Browns? He's not a prototypical guy with a lot of energy on the field. Do you feel at the quarterback position you're not only leading to win but also to bring some people with you?

Carr: "I mean honestly I'm fiery. I know he is too. I bet he would say the same thing, maybe. For me, we're just being ourselves. I think that that's why when we were younger they told us, 'Hey you should play quarterback.' I'm glad that I had people around me that told me to because now they'll see you work. They'll see you play hard. I'm sure some coaches along the way said this guy will inspire somebody."

Q: Do you feel like that's an advantage for teams like the Raiders or the Browns? Getting a fiery guy at quarterback?

Carr: "Yeah, I think so. You just don't put up with below average things. I'll say it that way. You just don't put up with it. Mostly the way you can show it is by your work ethic. Being intense at practice. I mean the same way I pump my fist after a touchdown during the games is the same way I do it at practice. I don't change man. I'm going to give this organization, I'm going to give this city everything that I have. Every single day, not just on game day. I'm going to give them everything I have and we'll look at it 20 years from now and see what happened. I think Baker is the same way. He's giving that city and that organization everything that he has every time that he steps out on the field. It's good. I think it's a good thing for a team and for a city."

Q: Three games you've had three different receivers have a day. How much of that is game plan and how much of it is that's the way the game is going?

Carr: "Both, a little bit of both. Obviously, there's some plays that you know well this is built for somebody. But also you could have a play that's built for somebody and they take it away. Well you know the next matchup. Coach Gruden and the staff did a great job of putting that person in that spot to win that matchup. It works both hands. Really it just comes down to coaches putting together a plan and just relay that plan. 'Hey fellas, this is what we're going to do,' kind of a thing. Then depending on the defense, who they take away. That kind of stuff."

Q: What's it been like seeing the fans who stand outside the facility over your time here?

Carr: "It is consistent. Every time we leave and sometimes as players just being a human you're like, 'Oh man, I don't want to stop today.' But you stop and you just tell them thank you. Because this thing is going to go. Someday, these years go by fast, someday there's going to be someone else in here, some other quarterback. Hopefully they do the same thing because if I was standing out there, I'd want to see them too. I've always been thankful to our fans for being so supportive. Whenever I go to take my wife out to dinner and things like that. I've never had a time where a Raider fan...they may be sad sometimes, they may be let down, but they are always loyal. They always care about you. Like they say, once a Raider, always a Raider. That is true with our fans. Driving out, seeing our fans, they've been so loyal and supportive. That's what makes it fun to play here. Honestly. We know it's not a good time right now, but we know the good times are coming. Always. I always expect good times. I know that they do, too. Hopefully we'll get it right. We'll get back on track so we can start winning."



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Q: When you look at the film and just some of it is a concept that as coaches they're implementing and some of it is execution that you're doing as players. I know that the consistency hasn't been there for all four quarters, but there's a lot to be encouraged by.

Carr: "I mean it really is. That's the sucky part about that the way that we've lost. Losing, you look at all the bad stuff. If we go down there and we win that game, we kind of look over, you guys might kind of look over some stuff that I might have done before. The way that we're moving the ball, running it, throwing it, protecting, adjusting on the fly. The way that we're doing certain things, it's awesome. It really is. I think that's why you see our team here on a Monday after a loss lifting. It's not what we wanted, but everyone in there is energized. I've been 0-10 before. I know that feeling. I've seen the look on people's faces. It's not the same look that our team has. Maybe it has to do with our coaches or maybe it has to do with veteran players, I don't know. But we understand that we're doing some really good things on both sides. Now, we all need to correct here and there a little bit, but it's not drastic stuff where we're like, 'Man, we have no chance.' We're going out there against some good football teams and doing some good stuff."

Browns Head Coach Hue Jackson

Q: What would it mean to you to come back and get a win in this stadium?

Coach Jackson: "It means we got a chance to win another game. I've been back there since I've left so I've been through that process, not as the head coach, but it'd be fun to come back to Oakland to see a lot of great people that I have respect for. To lead our team to victory would be very good."

Q: Take us back to 1989, where you and Jon Gruden were on the same University of Pacific staff?

Coach Jackson: "That was a fun time, man. Probably more fun for me than it was for Jon. I went to school there and we became office mates. Honestly, Jon taught me football. I always tell that story and I'm always grateful and thankful for what he taught me. There is a lot of him that still runs through me as I coach, as I've made my stops. I appreciate the growth I've had from my time with him to where I am today."

Q: Jon said the Auburn game and a couple others that followed against tough opposition weren't too fun?

Coach Jackson: "No, some of those body bag games as they call it. *[Laughter]* We went and played them, and obviously some people took advantage of us, but we learned how to coach there. Obviously, we worked for University of Pacific Head Coach] Walt Harris and he's an outstanding man. We had a great time there. That's where a lot of coaches have cut their teeth at, right there at the University of Pacific."

Q: What did you take from your two years here as a coordinator and head coach that make you a better coach?

Coach Jackson: "It was my first true opportunity to be the coordinator and play caller, so designing an offense to fit the skill set of the players that were there was a lot of fun. Obviously, learning from Al Davis. Contrary from what anybody believes I had an unbelievable relationship with Al Davis and the other coaches that were on the staff. To be able to become the head coach there, which was a dream, to be a kid from South Central, Los Angeles and to be able to become the head coach of the Oakland



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Raiders that's what you dream about. When that opportunity was done I went back to Cincinnati and what I learned was, 'hey, look, I don't have all the answers.' There is some things I need to get better at, need to keep growing, need to keep finding ways to better myself and I was able to do that."

Q: Anything specific in that regard, that you can point at?

Coach Jackson: "Oh yeah, dealing with the media. *(Laughter)* I never forget, I can laugh about it now, my last press conference. I know exactly what I was trying to convey but obviously I did it in a wrong way, so you grow from that, you learn from that and you move forward."

Q: What was that experience like last Thursday night, obviously it was a big deal for the entire city?

Coach Jackson: "It was awesome. We think we have some of the best fans in all the world. They deserve to have an opportunity to watch our team play and win. They were able to do that. The players have worked extremely hard and obviously you don't do this for anything else other than winning. To have our team be close in the first two weeks and not be able to get over the hump but have a chance to do that and win last Thursday was very good."

Q: What did you learn about Baker [Mayfield] during that game?

Coach Jackson: "That he can really play. That he's got great poise and loves to play football. I mean that's why we drafted him as the number one overall pick. That's why the young man won the Heisman Trophy, I mean he's a talented player. Again, this is the National Football League, this is a humbling league for that position. I think we all get that he knows he has a lot to learn, a lot of growth that's got to happen. And it's going to be a huge growth spurt this week. It's going to be different for him. It's not going to be like coming off the bench. He's going to walk out there first, so that will be different."

Q: You were adamant at the beginning of the season that you weren't going to put him [Baker Mayfield] out there until he's ready and that Tyrod is going to be the quarterback. In retrospect were you thinking, 'hey, what was I waiting for' or are you happy with the way things went?

Coach Jackson: "I'm very happy with the way things went because I still think a young player needs time to understand the environment and the NFL somewhat. Through the preseason, the opening two games of the regular season, and a half. I think Baker was a real student. Some people don't take all that in. Some people get frustrated because they are not playing the way they should be. I think he took it as an opportunity to grow, to learn that so that when his time did come, nobody knew when it was coming, but when it did come that he would go out there and nail the opportunity and that's what he was able to do."

Q: With Baker, [DE] Myles Garrett and drafting [CB] Denzel Ward...do you see yourself as starting to have some cornerstone players to really get the Browns going?

Coach Jackson: "Yeah, we do. We felt like that's what the process has been for us. Obviously, Jon Dorsey coming over from the Chiefs has been outstanding. We are starting to really stack some talent on this team, it's starting to show. And we know we still got a way to go but we are very excited about our football team this year."

Q: What do you carry around with you pretty much every day that Al Davis instilled in you? What words come to mind that are not profane?

Coach Jackson: *(Laughter)* "That's a good one. The thing he instilled in me and that's been the toughest thing for me to deal with my last two years is, 'Just Win.' You know, everything you do is about winning."



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There is not anything in this sport of football that you take lightly because it's really about performance, it's about winning. He really instilled that in me and you always try to find a way just to do that, win the game."

Q: Did the timing of your rebuild kind of fall into place, in terms of having so many surrounding pieces at the point when you drafted Baker Mayfield?

Coach Jackson: "I think it does. We knew we needed to secure that position if we are going to be major players as a good football team in the NFL. We've been close, we didn't take the quarterback number one my first year here or my second year here. We knew that the decision we were making was really going to change the franchise in taking Baker, so that's why we did it. We feel really good about that, I feel really good about it. I think as we move forward, hopefully it will start bearing the fruit that we want, which is victories."

Q: You could have won all three of your games and can make the same case for the Raiders. What do you see when you look at them?

Coach Jackson: "A good football team that's well coached. I know Jon and [Defensive Coordinator] Paul Guenther. We worked together. I've spent more time around Paul than I did Jon, you know. My point is I know the coaching staff. I know what's there. They have a very talented team. Their offense has been up and down the field on everybody. Obviously, they've had turnovers at times when I'm sure they wouldn't like them. They are averaging 400 yards a game, they've scored on every opening drive, their defense has stopped everybody. Last week they shut the run down. That's a better team than people think. Their record is no indication of what I think is there. Again, we are going to have are hands full and we need to play well."

Q: Jon Gruden was talking about jet sweeps, in particular the defense's inability thus far to demonstrate it can stop them and how the league works, where if you can't show on film you can stop something you can expect to see it run against you. How much of that is what you see in the league?

Coach Jackson: "Yeah, there is a saying in the league, 'people are going to scratch where it itches.' If you have things that have been a problem, people are going to find out if you fixed them or not. Sometimes people don't fix them and sometimes they do. I just think however you make a decision for your team, how you want to handle that and how fast you fix it, that's how this league has been since the beginning of time."

Q: Does the Raiders defense look itchy?

Coach Jackson: "Uh, no. I knew you was going to ask me that over a certain play. I know this much, whatever their issues are, they will get sured up fast because I know the coaches. They don't want those things to happen, I know that. We got to find out if there are some things they haven't fixed, just like I'm sure they are going to be trying to find out things we haven't gotten fixed."

Q: I saw you say you are taking the guys to the Coliseum on Saturday. With that dirt still down, what do you think the challenges are for guys that have never played on that before?

Coach Jackson: "Well, I just think making sure you have the right shoes. How hard can I put my foot in the ground, if I need to stop and get out of a break? How hard is it when I'm chasing and having to stop and redirect and go in a different direction? I think all our players need to experience that because it's



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different and it feels different. They should feel different, it's dirt. That will be something we have to work through this weekend."

Q: What jumps out on film when you watch Derek Carr?

Coach Jackson: "He's throwing the ball all over the place. Obviously, the guy is throwing a 76 percent completion, throwing for a ton of yards. I don't think their issues are in the pass game. I know people say they are this, that and the other. Obviously, he's a good football player. He's good at what he does. He knows how to distribute the ball. So many of their receivers have had big games, week in and week out. So, it's not just one guy, the ball has been all over the place. I think Derek is playing well."

Q: [Defensive Coordinator] Gregg Williams dials up a lot of exotic things on defense, but what do you think about your defense's ability to generate pressure?

Coach Jackson: "Well, we will find out obviously. I think we are playing against a good offensive line. I think that's always better when you can rush with four, but we will do whatever we feel we need to do to create pressure. There's no way we can let Derek stand back there and be comfortable and throw the ball all over the yard like he has. It will be a good chess match between Gregg and Jon."

Q: Adam Gase last week was talking about Jon Gruden's offense...What do you see schematically in terms of what the Raiders are this year?

Coach Jackson: "I would second that. I think Jon has always been innovative and found ways to make sure that the offense moves in a rhythm and have an opportunity to play at a high level. I think you guys have seen that. Everybody keeps talking about how long he's been out of football and that hasn't been the case. The guy can coach. That's why the offense is where it is. I just think the things he is doing conceptually in the pass game, the things they are doing in the run game. I know coach [Tom] Cable is there. They've done a good job. They are on the verge of being a really, really good offensive football team. I just don't want them to be one this weekend."

Q: Do they evolve from week to week on how they attack opponents?

Coach Jackson: "No, absolutely. I think that's what makes Jon who he is. That's what makes any coordinator who he is. You got to look at the team you're playing and see what best fits that's going to give you an opportunity to have success. Obviously, everybody has their staple plays they are going to run but it's the hidden things, the things that another team has never seen that is going to give you chance to have success. Jon has always been one of the masters at doing that."