



# OAKLAND RAIDERS

## POST-GAME NOTES

### OAKLAND RAIDERS (1-0) VS. ST. LOUIS RAMS (0-1)

PRESEASON WEEK 1 | AUGUST 14, 2015 | 7:00 P.M. PT | O.CO COLISEUM

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Oakland, California

	1	2	3	4	Total
St. Louis Rams	3	0	0	0	3
Oakland Raiders	3	6	3	6	18

#### Disciplined Football

- The Raiders played clean football in the first half, committing only one penalty for 10 yards. The team finished the contest with two penalties for 22 yards, marking the team's first preseason game with fewer than five penalties since Aug. 9, 2013 vs. Dallas (four penalties, 35 yards).

#### Stout Defense, Clutch Offense

- After allowing an opening-drive Rams FG, the **Raiders defense** held St. Louis scoreless for the remainder of the game including three straight punts in the first half.
- The **Raiders offense** moved the chains when it counted, converting on 7-of-11 third downs (63.6 percent). As a result, **P Marquette King** was only called into action one time, in the fourth quarter.

#### Carr Connects with Cooper and Crabtree

- **WR Amari Cooper**, the Raiders' fourth-overall pick in the 2015 NFL Draft, hauled in three catches for 22 yards (7.3 avg.) in his first NFL appearance, all from **QB Derek Carr**, and had four total touches on the team's first offensive possession.
- **WR Michael Crabtree's** first reception as a Raider was an impressive catch-and-run for 15 yards and a first down. Crabtree added a second reception for no gain.

#### Rushing Attack

- **RB Latavius Murray** got the start and turned in an impressive performance in the preseason opener, breaking off a 17-yard run in first quarter. Murray finished the contest as the team's leading rusher with six carries for 35 yards (5.8 avg.).
- **RB Trent Richardson** entered the game in the second quarter to make his Silver and Black debut. He finished second on the team in rushing with five carries for 18 yards (3.6 avg.).

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#### McGloin Posts a 136.4 Passer Rating

- **QB Matt McGloin** finished the game as the contest's leading passer, going 10-for-11 (90.9 percent) for 104 yards with one TD and a passer rating of 136.4.
- **McGloin** took over in the third quarter and quickly began picking up big chunks of yardage through the air, throwing three passes of 10-plus yards on his first drive, which culminated in a 39-yard FG. McGloin finished the scoring drive 5-of-6 passing with 55 yards.
- On his next drive, **McGloin** orchestrated a nine-play, 62-yard TD drive (4:52), which he capped off with a 16-yard scoring strike to **WR Brice Butler**.

#### Butler and Roberts Erupt in Second Half

- **WR Brice Butler** emerged as one of McGloin's favorite targets in the second half, finishing the contest as the game's leading receiver with six receptions for 57 yards with a 16-yard TD.
- **WR Seth Roberts** also saw significant action in the offense, hauling in all four passes thrown his way for 42 yards (10.5 avg.), including receptions of 17 and 18 yards.

#### Walford's First Action

- Rookie **TE Clive Walford**, the Raiders' third-round draft pick in the 2015 NFL Draft, saw his first NFL action and immediately made an impact. After a 6-yard reception, his first, **Walford** caught a 22-yard seam pass from **QB Christian Ponder** in the second quarter to put the Raiders in the red zone.

#### Ponder and Holmes Connect for Six

- **QB Christian Ponder** capped off a 10-play, 80-yard drive (4:37) with a 3-yard TD pass to **WR Andre Holmes**. Ponder was a perfect 4-for-4 for 47 yards on the drive and also had a 10-yard rush. The 3-yard TD reception marks **Holmes'** first career preseason TD to go along with five regular season scores.

#### Rookie Linebackers Flash Skills

- Rookie **LBs Ben Heeney** and **Neiron Ball**, the Raiders' two fifth-round draft picks in 2015, worked together to force a sack (credited to Heeney) of Rams QB Case Keenum in the second quarter when the pair chased the passer out of bounds.
- **Heeney** finished his debut as the game's leading tackler, notching eight tackles (six solo) with one sack and quarterback hit, according to unofficial press box statistics.
- **Ball** contributed three solo tackles, while fellow rookie **LB Josh Shirley** posted a 4-yard sack.

#### The Return Game

- **WR/RS Trindon Holliday** recorded his first punt return as a Raider in the first quarter, a 22-yard return.
- **RB Taiwan Jones** got into the action on special teams, returning the opening kickoff of the second half 27 yards to the Raiders' 23-yard line.