

OAKLAND RAIDERS POST-GAME NOTES OAKLAND RAIDERS (1-1) VS. MINNESOTA VIKING

PRESEASON WEEK 2 | AUGUST 22, 2015 | 5:00 P.M. PT | TCF BANK STADIUM

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Carr Looks Deep for Cooper

- In the first quarter, **QB Derek Carr** found rookie **WR Amari Cooper** deep down the right sideline for a 40-yard gain, a career preseason long for Carr, for the duo's fourth connection of the preseason.
- **Carr** was 2-for-2 for 52 yards on the 6-play, 75-yard touchdown drive (2:24), also hitting **FB Marcel Reece** for 12 yards and a first down.
- **Carr** finished the game 4-for-8 for 78 yards, bringing his 2015 preseason total to 10-of-17 for 121 yards.
- **Cooper** improves his preseason total to four receptions for 66 yards (16.5 avg.).

"Tay Train" Gets Rolling

- **RB Latavius Murray** had an impressive second drive, rushing three times for 17 yards including a 2-yard rushing touchdown, his second career preseason score and first of the year.
- **Murray** totaled 20 yards on four carries in the game (5.0 avg.), bringing his 2015 preseason total to 10 carries for 55 yards (5.5 avg.) with one touchdown.

Edwards Jr. and Heeney Force a Fumble

- Rookie **DE Mario Edwards Jr.** and rookie **LB Ben Heeney** combined for a sack of Vikings QB Taylor Heinicke, forcing a fumble which was recovered by **DE Shelby Harris** for the Raiders' second takeaway of the game.
- **Heeney** led the team in tackling for the second straight game, posting seven tackles (three solo) with 0.5 sacks and one forced fumble. Heeney now has 15 tackles (nine), 1.5 sacks and a forced fumble this preseason.
- Fellow fifth-round pick LB Neiron Ball added four stops (three) with two quarterback hits.

Dowling Picks One Off

• **S Jonathan Dowling** tracked down a deep pass from Vikings QB Shaun Hill in the second quarter for his first NFL interception in either the regular season or preseason. It marks the Raiders' first interception of the 2015 preseason.

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Roberts Breaks Out

• WR Seth Roberts put his speed on display in the second quarter, catching a pass from QB Christian Ponder on a crossing pattern and racing up the sideline for a 39-yard gain. Roberts also had one rushing attempt for six yards, setting up Murray's 2-yard touchdown rush.

Dyer Leads Rushing Attack

- **RB Michael Dyer** led the team in both carries and rushing yards with 12 attempts for 45 yards (3.8 avg.).
- **RB George Atkinson III** showed some speed with two rushes for 14 yards (7.0 avg.), and **RB Taiwan Jones** added a pair of productive runs for 12 yards (6.0 avg.), including a 10-yard long.

Butler Posts Team-High Three Receptions

• WR Brice Butler led the Raiders in receptions for the second straight game, posting three catches for 26 yards (8.7 avg.). His postseason total improves to nine receptions for 83 yards (9.2 avg.) with one touchdown.

Tavecchio 2-for-2

• **K Giorgio Tavecchio** handled most of the kicking duties in the game, going 2-for-2 on field goal attempts from 26 and 37 yards. Tavecchio is now 3-for-3 in the preseason.

Lightning Strikes Cause Delay

• Action was suspended with 6:45 remaining in the second quarter due to lightning strikes in the proximity of TCF Bank Stadium. Play resumed following a 1-hour and 5-minute delay, and halftime was shortened as a result.