

# RAIDERS HEAD COACH JON GRUDEN

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JG: Happy to answer any questions I can.

**Q. Jon, three turnovers, six penalties. Just some trips to the red zone that didn't come away with points. Seemed like that seemed to be the big part of the game, it seemed like, from where we were, sir?**

JG: I don't know about all that. There's no question we fumbled the ball in the red zone. We missed a field goal that we should make. You know, we can't stop the run in the second half. There are some issues that add up to a loss. Proud of our team for fighting. We're missing a lot of key players, lost some more today. I do like the effort, and looking forward to getting out of here and going back to Vegas. Congratulations to New England.

**Q. Can you talk about the run defense? How much of that is focused so much on Cam that their running backs maybe had some more room to run than usual?**

JG: You know, when you hand the ball off and there's nobody there, it's a lot more than that. I give Cam credit, give the Patriots credit. We gotta take a good look at what happened on those plays. Obviously we did some tackles and we had a couple players out of their gap, and not against the New England Patriots, not against anybody.

**Q. That field goal that you had late in the game right around the 11-minute mark, I think it was, was there any consideration about maybe going for it on that one?**

JG: We made it 23-13. We pinned them back. We had them second and long. We have a penalty in our secondary. No, there wasn't. It was a two-possession game, and I don't regret it.

**Q. You just talked about the effort. Is there anything about this team compared to the last two that you're confident they'll bounce back and show resilience next week and put this behind them?**

JG: Yeah. We gotta get a good-looking medical report, see who's going to be able to play. But I like our team.

Showed at times today. I wasn't perfect either. I made plenty of mistakes, but I do like the team. I like the way they hustle; I like the way they finish. We just gotta play better in some key situations.

**Q. What were the Patriots doing against Darren Waller that made it difficult for him to make plays this week after the big week that he had last week?**

JG: We have a lot of good receivers. We didn't come in here today to target Waller every play. Credit New England; they had a nice game plan. They got pressure on the quarterback a few times. We had Waller open. The film was out there for everybody to look at, but New England did a nice job. They did a better job than we did today.

**Q. With so many injuries coming into this game and then during the game, can you make too much of a loss? Don't you have to keep it in perspective with a 16-game season?**

JG: Yeah, I mean it's hard, no doubt. We lose Brian Edwards today. We've already lost Tyrell Williams. We've lost Ruggs, two right tackles and our left guard, our middle linebacker. We're in our second game. You start to wonder what the hell is going on, but this is the National Football League. It's for mentally tough men. We're all professionals. We're all getting paid. We if we need some young guys to step up, so be it.

**Q. You guys don't get a first down until early on in the fourth quarter. What was the biggest issue on your guys' third down efficiency?**

JG: I think we were one for seven. I think a lot of that had to do with their third and eights. We got pressure on the quarterback, I believe. Credit New England. You know, you get behind in the sticks. You have a lot of third downs against the Patriots, they've proven over the years they're pretty good. They got a lot of talented secondary people.

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