

## ***POST-GAME NOTES***

**Detroit Lions at Oakland Raiders**

**Sunday, December 18, 2011**

**O.co Coliseum**

### **LIONS 9-5 RECORD**

- With the Lions 28-27 comeback win at Oakland, the team moved their record to 9-5 on the season. It is the most wins by the Lions since 2000, and it is the first time the Lions have reached 9 wins through 14 games since 1991.
- The Lions registered their fourth come-from-behind victory of 13+ points this year, marking the first time in NFL history that a team has registered four 13+ point comebacks in a season. They were trailing 27-14 with 7:47 left to play in the fourth quarter.
- On the road this season, the Lions have now registered 5 road wins, the most for the team since 2000 when they finished 5-3 on the road.

### **FOR STARTERS**

- By playing in today's game, C **Dominic Raiola** has appeared in 170 career games with the Lions. He is the 10th player in Lions history to play 170 games for the club. He joins K Jason Hanson (309) and T Jeff Backus (174) as players on the Lions current roster who have each played 170 career games for the club.
- Backus has now started in 174 consecutive games.

### **HANSON REACHES 2,000**

- With 4 PATs in today's game (4 points), K **Jason Hanson** became the sixth player in NFL history to score 2,000 career points. He now has 2,001 points in his 20-year career.
- Hanson became the first player in NFL history to register 2,000 career points with one team.
- With 4 PATs, Hanson has now connected on 45 PATs for the season, which is the third-highest single-season tally in team history

### **JOHNSON'S CAREER DAY**

- WR **Calvin Johnson** had a career day registering 214 receiving yards (career high) on 9 catches and 2 two touchdowns, including a 6-yard pass from QB Matthew Stafford with :39 seconds left in the fourth quarter to give the Lions a 28-27 come-from-behind win at Oakland and to improve the team's record to 9-5
- On the game-winning 98-yard drive for the Lions that began with 2:14 left to play and no timeouts, Johnson had receptions of 21 and 48 yards to go along with the 6-yard touchdown.
- Johnson also helped spark the previous touchdown drive in the fourth quarter that brought the Lions within 6 points, 27-21, of Oakland when he registered a 24-yard reception.
- In the first quarter, Johnson tied the game when he caught a 51-yard pass from QB Matthew Stafford. It was his 13th of the season which tied him for the third-most in team history with WR Terry Barr (13 in 1963).
- The 51-yarder was Johnson 50th career reception of 25+ yards. He finished the game with 2 with receptions over 25+ yards, giving him 51 for his career.
- Johnson garnered a total of 5 receptions of 20+ yards in the game, including catches of 51, 24, 24, 21 and 48 yards.
- His 214 yards in the game rank third all-time in team history for receiving yards in a game, and that tally is the highest by a Lions receiver since WR Richard Johnson had 248 vs. New Orleans December 3, 1989.
- The 214 receiving yards is the second-most in the League this season and the most by an NFC receiver.
- It was Johnson's first career 200-yard effort and his 19th career 100-yard receiving game. He moved past WR Johnnie Morton (18, 1994-2001) for the second most in team history.
- Johnson's 2 touchdown receptions give him a career high with 14 and he is now tied with WR Herman Moore (14 in 1995) for the second-most single-season touchdown receptions in team history.
- He now has 9 career games with 2+ touchdowns, which tied Moore for most in team history. He also has registered 5 games this year with 2+ receiving touchdowns.
- By catching 9 passes at Oakland, Johnson now has a career-high 81 pass receptions for the season.
- His 1,335 yards are a career-high for receiving yards in a season, surpassing his previous high of 1,331 in 2008. Johnson moved into fourth place on the team's single-season receiving yards list. He now is the first player in team history with two 1,300-yard seasons.
- By registering 80 receptions, 1,300 yards and 10 TDs (season totals are 81 for 1,335 yards and 13 TDs), Johnson has joined WR Herman Moore (123 for 1,686 and 14 TDs) as the only players in team history to tally those numbers in a single season.

- Johnson has moved his career total touchdown total to 48, and he moved past RB Billy Sims (47, 1980-84) for third all-time in team history,

### COMEBACK KID

- QB **Matthew Stafford** engineered his sixth career game-winning drive when the team has trailed or was tied in the fourth quarter or OT with a 28-27 win at Oakland. The win improved the team's record to 9-5 on the year and is now one win away from earning the Lions a playoff berth for the first time since 1999.
- He now has brought the Lions back from 13+-point deficit four times this season, which is the most in NFL history.
- Stafford was 29-of-52 (55.8 pct.) for 391 yards and threw for 4 touchdowns in the win as he garnered a 105.5 passer rating.
- Stafford led the Lions on a 7-play, 98-yard drive with 2:14 left and no timeouts that resulted in a 6-yard pass to WR Calvin Johnson with :39 seconds to play in the game to capture the lead at 28-27.
- On the previous fourth quarter drive, Stafford led the Lions on a 7-play, 71-yard drive to culminated with a 3-yard pass to rookie WR Titus Young with 4:49 left to play that moved the Lions within six points at 27-21.
- He threw for 143 yards on the Lions final two drives that resulted in touchdowns, including 91 on the game-winning drive.
- Stafford also converted perhaps the biggest fourth-down conversion of the season with the Lions facing 4th-and-2 at the Oakland 8-yards line with 5:36 left to play and trailing 27-14. He took the snap in shotgun formation and ran a quarterback draw that was originally called a pass play. Stafford ran for the first down when the rest of the offense was playing the pass play called. He gave the team a first down and on the next play Stafford converted the touchdown on the next play.
- With four touchdowns at Oakland, he broke the Lions single-season touchdown record with 33 this season. He passed QB Scott Mitchell who threw for 32 in 1995.
- It was his fifth career game (27 starts) with 4+ touchdown passes and seventh game throwing 3+ touchdown passes. In 27 career starts, he has 14 games with 2+ TDs, and he has thrown a touchdown in 16-straight games.
- With 300 yards, it was his seventh career game with 300 passing yards and the sixth time this season.
- Stafford now has 4,145 yards and 33 touchdowns this season. He is the second youngest quarterback in NFL history to throw for 4,000 yards and 30 touchdown passes in a season. He is second only to QB Dan Marino in 1984. Stafford his so at the age of 23 years, 23 months and 10 days, and Marino accomplished it at 23 years, 2 months and 17 days.
- His 4,145 yards now ranks third all-time in team history for single-season passing.
- He now has the most completions (356), yards (4,145) and touchdowns (33) by a Lions quarterback through the team's first 14 games of the season.
- Stafford's 356 completions this season rank second all-time among single-season tallies in team history.

### DE CLIFF AVRIL

- DE **Cliff Avril** registered 2 sacks and 4 tackles in the Lions 28-27 win at Oakland. His two sacks gives him 11 sacks on the season. Avril's 11 sacks this season are the most by a Lions defensive player since DE James Hall had 11.5 in 2004.
- Avril's second sack of the game occurred at a crucial point late in the game when he dropped the Raiders on a 3-yard loss with :21 second left. The Raiders had the ball at the 50-yard line and was creeping closer to field goal range.

### SUH'S BLOCK

- With the Raiders lining up for a 65-yard game-winning kick with :4 seconds to play, DT **Ndamukong Suh** got his right thumb on the attempt by Raiders strong-legged K Sebastian Janikowski. It was the Lions first block kick since DT Grady Jackson blocked a kick at San Francisco December 27, 2009.