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### **MEDIA RELEASE**

#### **EIGHT YEAR NFL VETERAN KIRK MORRISON TO SPEAK AT 40TH ANNUAL CIF-SS PRESS CONFERENCE AND LUNCHEON**

LOS ALAMITOS — Former National Football League linebacker with the Oakland Raiders, Kirk Morrison will be the keynote speaker at the 40th Annual CIF Southern Section-Ford Football Championship Press Conference and Luncheon on Monday, November 30.

The luncheon will be held at The Grand in Long Beach (4101 E. Willow St.) beginning at 11:00 a.m. and will feature the 26 remaining finals teams in 11-man football as well as the two championship schools in 8-man football.

It is only open to the media and those interested media members must RSVP via email to Mrs. Anita Fopma ([anitaf@cifss.org](mailto:anitaf@cifss.org)) in the CIF Southern Section office no later than Noon Saturday, November 28.

Morrison is currently an analyst teamed up with Dick Stockton calling one of the Sunday games on the *NFL on Fox*.

“We are excited to have Kirk Morrison as our guest speaker for the 40th Annual CIF Southern Section Football Championships Press Conference Luncheon,” said CIF Southern Section Commissioner of Athletics Rob Wigod.

“I am sure our audience will enjoy hearing about his experiences as an NFL player, as well as his memories of his college days as a student-athlete at San Diego State University,” added Wigod.

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**KIRK MORRISON** (Cont.):

"We appreciate his willingness to spend some time with the student-athletes, coaches and administrators from our member schools who have earned invitations to this prestigious event. We look forward to kicking off Championship Week next Monday."

Morrison, 33, is no stranger to the CIF having played high school football at Bishop O'Dowd in Oakland. There he won varsity letters in football and track & field. In football, he led his team to two Heyward Area Athletic League (HAAL) Championships and two Northern Coast Section (NCS) 3A Championships. He was as a two-time All-HAAL honoree, and as a senior, was the HAAL Defensive Player of the Year.

Morrison attended college at San Diego State University and while at SDSU, he was two-time Mountain West Defensive Player of the Year. Morrison is among the most decorated Aztecs of all time. He is one of only 13 two-time All-Americans, and one of only 11 first-team All-Americans in SDSU history. As a senior in 2004, Morrison was a team captain, awarded the John Simcox Memorial Trophy (Team MVP) and a Butkus Award semifinalist.

Morrison is currently San Diego State's career leader in unassisted tackles (241) and fumble recoveries (10), and ranks second in career total tackles (396), third in career assisted tackles (155) and fourth in forced fumbles (7).

In 2014 Morrison was inducted into the San Diego State University Athletics Hall of Fame.

A third-round pick by the Oakland Raiders in 2005, Morrison played in all 16 games as a rookie, ending the season with 116 tackles and two pass deflections. He finished the 2006 season with a team leading 128 tackles, a sack, a defensive touchdown, and two interceptions. Morrison started the 2007 season with an interception in each of his first three games, joining Thomas Howard who had an interception through each of his first 4 games. He led the Oakland Raiders with 120 tackles, and tacked on 10 passes defended and a quarterback sack to his totals. In 2008, Morrison ranked fifth in the NFL with 135 tackles. He also forced two fumbles and had one sack. He finished the 2009 season tied 6th in the NFL with 133 tackles. He forced three fumbles, recovering one, and had two sacks while playing most of the season with a dislocated elbow.

Morrison was traded to the Jacksonville Jaguars along with a fifth-round pick in the 2010 NFL Draft for the 108th pick in the same draft. Morrison's first game against his hometown and former team, the Oakland Raiders, was held in Jacksonville on December 12, 2010, the Jaguars won 38-31.

On August 24, 2011, he signed with the Buffalo Bills. On December 3, 2012 he was released by the Bills. He was signed again by the Bills on December 20, 2012.

It was announced in March 2011 that Kirk Morrison along with Rob Dibble would be part of Fox Overtime on FoxSportsRadio. In 2013 Morrison worked as a color analyst for San Diego State football games on the "*Mighty 1090*" radio (*XX SPORTS RADIO*) in San Diego and surrounding areas, teaming with play-by-play announcer Ted Leitner.

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