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The Raiders are a simple ½ competition away from the head of the AFC West, only before they take their week of rest.

As the Oakland raiders poured out onto the grass to celebrate Sebastian Janikowski's overtime kick, the 13 penalties, three turnovers and prolonged stretches of offensive ineptitude were just a footnote. The Oakland Raiders won their largest game in nearly eight years and are one time again a contender in the AFC West. Jason Campbell tossed a 47-yard pass to rookie Jacoby Ford in overtime to put together Janikowski's profitable 33-yard field goal that capped Oakland's 23-20 victory over the division-leading Chiefs on Sunday at the [sports book](#).

Campbell and Ford hooked up on a 29-yard pass in the ending seconds of regulation to established up Janikowski's tying 41-yard field goal. The Raiders (5-4) then won it in overtime for their most sizeable victory since profitable the 2002 AFC championship. Oakland has not had a successful record any time since being 2-1 in 2004 and not this late since '02. By taking their 3rd straight match for the first time since that season, Oakland goes into its bye week just a half-game behind Kansas City (5-3) when [betting football](#).

The Kansas City Chiefs won the ot toss but were unable to produce a first down. Campbell then hit Ford on a diving catch on the 1st play for Oakland. Ford, a 4th-round pick, caught 6 passes for 148 yards and returned the beginning kick of the 2nd half for a touchdown. After a limited run and a timeout by the Kansas City Chiefs, Janikowski came on for the successful kick. The moment it sailed through the uprights, the Raiders celebrated with the first sellout crowd in Oakland since last year's starter.

The talk all week concerned the revival of a rivalry that had been one of the sport's top for 10 years starting in the 1960s. Whilst the play was slack at times with 5 turnovers, 27 penalties and two blown artificial punts, the toughness was top-notch. The Raiders trailed 20-17 when they took control at their 25 with 2:06 to play. The major play came when Ford yanked a ball away from a defender for a 29-yard gain to the 22. Oakland rushed to the line and slammed down the ball with 7 seconds left, making the way for Janikowski's tying field goal.

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