



## POSTGAME TRANSCRIPTS

### Los Angeles Chargers vs. Philadelphia Eagles

Monday, December 8, 2025 ⚡ SoFi Stadium ⚡ Inglewood, Calif.

#### LOS ANGELES CHARGERS HEAD COACH JIM HARBAUGH

##### **On the reaction to the overtime win:**

"What a team we have! That's my reaction. What a team we have. They refuse to lose. Just a great, great feeling of winning, [a] wonderful, wonderful feeling of victory, a great thrill of victory. The defense was incredible and [DL] Da'Shawn Hand, [CB] Cam Hart, [CB] Donte Jackson, [S] Tony Jefferson – Tony Jefferson may have to delay his coaching career or front office career for a while, just so happy for him. Clutch [K] Cameron Dicker. What a great kicker and the whole operation, good thanks to [P] JK Scott and [LS] Josh Harris and the protection, and [QB] Justin Herbert. He's a superhero. He's a competitive maniac. He was even stiff-arming guys with a broken hand, and he had surgery a week ago [and] out her tonight. It felt like we were in a movie where the quarterback's doing these things and you get to a point where you go, 'Okay, this is getting a little unrealistic,' you know? That's what it felt like to me. He refuses to lose [and] he's as tough as they get. He's a superhero quarterback."

##### **On being a part of a game of this caliber:**

"There have been a lot of teams, and this is definitely maybe the best feeling. Just a wonderful, wonderful feeling of winning and thrill of victory. It's certainly in the discussion – I'd put it in the discussion of the birth of my seven children, my marriage, you know? In the conversation. Just joyful, joyous and the Biblical definition of that is just overflowing with joy. Just all the great things that our team did [and] our players did. It was beautiful. It was like a heavyweight fight. You know how I feel about [Eagles Defensive Coordinator] Vic Fangio and the Philadelphia Eagles. Great team. It was a great game. Competitors everywhere just playing their best, and I felt like our team played our best when our best was needed and competed right from the opening 'ding-ding' right to the finish."

##### **On QB Justin Herbert's stiff arm using his left hand:**

"I winced. I'll let you guys [the media] write it, you're better. [Los Angeles Times writer] Sam [Farmer], you're the modern-day Grantland Rice and all the other – just people that are good at words and good at talking. I'll let you describe it. All the adjectives for competitor, grit, toughness, I'm going to leave that to you to describe it aptly to give it the due that it deserves."

##### **On if there was any doubt during the week on QB Justin Herbert's game status:**

"The only thing was just – I guess with any kind of surgery is just how the wound heals that way, but from a standpoint of – the pain tolerance that he has is off the charts. I asked him a couple times during the week how it was feeling and he would say, 'It was better today than yesterday,' and that's what we were going for – better tomorrow than today. Later in the week it was: How is he? How's the pain? When he took a snap, he took it real light. We reminded him yesterday, but [asked], 'How did that feel?' and he said, 'The pain of that was nothing compared to the mental pain,' which was that

he wasn't practicing. He didn't practice on Wednesday. He's wired in a way that is superhero. He's a superhero quarterback."

**On what it does to the team to see QB Justin Herbert keep getting up after being hit so often:**

"It's inspiring, you know? I know I feel [like] I wish I could just throw my body on the line. I wish I could take those hits for him. I wish I could do something to [help], and I know that's the way - I think if you talk to them, the guys, I think it inspires everybody to give it their best."

**On RB Omarion Hampton returning:**

"[RB] Omarion [Hampton] [and RB] Kimani [Vidal] both I thought really played great. It was great to have them both out there and they made the plays. It was tough. I mean, you can compare it to a heavyweight fight. I mean, what they were going through and what everybody was going through on both sides of the ball. There were blows and there were very, very, very tough men out there, plus faith on both sides. You could see it and it was football. The football gods I think would be really pleased about watching that game."

**On what stats mean in a game like this:**

"You know, I think both sides. Both sides were feeling that. It got to a point where it got to, and when it got there, I couldn't exactly tell you, but yeah stats are irrelevant. Everybody is just playing ball and giving it their all and giving it their very best. I think that's what you saw. The respect that I have for the very tough men who play this game is the highest."

**On the defensive plan for Eagles QB Jalen Hurts:**

"Every single guy on the defense got a game ball, plus [Defensive Coordinator] Jesse Minter [and] the coaches. I mean, Jesse is a phenomenal coach. I've been around some defensive masterpieces, but yeah, he coordinated that, called that, prepared us for this and put the guys in position, and the guys in position. The way we were breaking on the ball in the secondary, that really stands out. How about [S] Tony Jefferson? I think when you really look at some of the breaks that they were getting, [CB] Cam Hart, and the way they were reacting to the ball. I mean, they had been well prepared, and it was great. I'm going to let you get the other adjectives by command of the English language. Great with a capital G. The schematics, the playcalling, the play, the heart, the grit, and all of those things."

**On what a win like this does to galvanize the team:**

"It's a connected team. Already it's connected. Our fates are intertwined, and we know that. It's a tight-knit team and certainly it doesn't hurt, I can tell you that. It certainly doesn't hurt. We're pretty darn close as it is, you know? If it brings us closer, I sure wouldn't be surprised."

**On this game being the ultimate 'Whatever It Takes to Win' game:**

"Yeah, yeah I think so."

**On S Tony Jefferson saying that every game from here on out is like a playoff game:**

"It is the season. It's the competitive season. Yeah, our guys and their guys - everybody out there, you could tell all these games. It's the NFL though; I feel like every game has been that way, you know? It's like that, so yeah. Onward."

## **LOS ANGELES CHARGERS QUARTERBACK JUSTIN HERBERT**

### **On playing through hand injury:**

"I think first off, it was just awesome to see the guys battle today. It was a great environment out there. It was a lot of fun. The way the defense just kept on battling and forcing those turnovers. And then special teams came through, and to see that, all three phases come together and fight for one another. I thought that was really cool.

### **On when playing status was known for Monday's game:**

"Probably some day last week. I tried to be as upfront about it as possible. They were really hopeful that it was a procedure that you were going to get done and be good to go by Monday. The first couple days were kind of tough figuring out, getting the swelling down and being able to grip and do things like that. I thought the trainers and doctors all worked really well together."

### **On if it was painful to play in Monday night's game:**

"Yeah, It was a broken hand so."

### **On navigating through the pain:**

"At that point it was probably just instinctual. Obviously, I'd love a couple plays back. Dropped a couple on the ground. I did everything I could to hold on to the ball and I just got to be smarter with it and use two hands and be able to grip it as best as I can."

### **On ability to play through injuries throughout career:**

"Honestly, I just think about the guys in that locker room. They'd do it for us. There have been multiple guys, [LB] Troy Dye and [DB] Elijah Molden both broke their hands, and I think that they were playing the next week too. They probably don't get enough credit for that. Just because I'm the quarterback I get the talk about that but those guys, they battle. There's definitely guys in that locker room that are fighting through so many different injuries and things worse than what I'm going through so it's the least that I can do to show up and give my best.

### **On not being able to brace for falls with left hand due to injury:**

"I think for the most part I try to do a good job of bracing for the falls. I got a couple slides in there, so I was able to avoid a couple hits. I just try to play as fast as I can and try not to think about it as much as I could out there."

### **On decision making when choosing to run:**

"I think it's more so play-to-play. We're going to watch the film and there's going to be a bunch of throws that I missed today and plays that I'd love to have back but if the pocket breaks down and there's a chance to go get the first down running the ball, it's tough on the defense because they do a really good job of covering everyone and then quarterback breaks out and has to make something happen. I think a lot to learn from and definitely plays I'd love to have back but I thought it was good for us to just be able to go fight and get us in position where [K] Cam[eron Dicker] can bail us out."

### **On reputation as "toughest quarterback":**

"I think we just want to make Coach Harbaugh proud. The way he coaches us and the way he leads us and the respect I have for our teammates, our locker room, our coaching staff. I owe it to them to go out there and give my best effort. I've dealt with worse things, worse injuries and it's part of the game. Week 14 or 15, I don't know exactly what it is, a lot of guys are hurting and it's part of the NFL. It's about going out there, competing and doing your best on and off the field to get yourself ready to go on Sunday or Monday."

### **On team feeding off each other's energy in tough games:**

"It's really cool for us to play for each other. It's a great locker room. The amount of respect and love that we have for each other. We go play for each other and it makes it so much better for us as a team when you enjoy playing with the guys that you're with. A lot of guys are going through a lot of things and so like you said, I draw a lot of inspiration from

those guys and hopefully I can have an impact on them and I think we're able to do that when we're playing our best football."

**On navigating under center when taking the direct snap:**

"Just like any other week of going out there and getting the job done. We took a couple snaps yesterday and today and felt like it was good to go so it was part of the game plan."

**On Chargers RB Omarion Hampton's performance:**

"He's very tough. We're so glad to have him back and he made a bunch of big plays for us. It was just good to see him back out there on the field. The energy and the juice he brings to our offense. You can never have enough weapons like him."

**On importance of stats in Monday night's win:**

"It's all about winning and that's our job number one. For us to go out there, obviously there are a lot of things that I'd love to clean up. A couple plays that I'd love to have back and that's why I'm going to watch the film. We're going to watch it tomorrow. We're going to be critical of ourselves. It was just really cool the way we saw the defense battle, the special teams. It's a tough game. They're a really good opponent and for us to be able to walk away with a win there, we're all really happy with it."

**On Monday night's game being the ultimate whatever it takes kind of a win:**

"It's going out there and competing and doing your best by any means and making sure that we're walking away with a win. I think all three phases did their best today."

**On the 2025 Chargers being the toughest team Chargers QB Justin Herbert has been on:**

"I'd like to think so. I think it's definitely one of the tougher. I've seen a lot of guys battle through a lot of injuries and the way they're fighting for each other and fighting for the team, I've got a lot of respect for them."

**On Chargers S Tony Jefferson's game ending interception:**

"I couldn't really see it but just the way everyone was reacting and running, I assumed it was good for us. Those guys, they're around the ball. They make so many good plays. I've seen it firsthand, going against them this off-season. There's not enough that can be said about [Chargers Defensive Coordinator], Coach [Jesse] Minter and that defense and the way they battle and fight and just keep playing. I'm so proud to be able to play for them."

**On if it was a first seeing three turnovers on one play:**

"I can't say that I have. I think I've seen two but three might be new for me."

**On where Monday night's game ranks for Chargers Head Coach Jim Harbaugh:**

"I think he just loves football. You can definitely tell when he gets up here and talks about it and he wants nothing more than to win and to compete. That's why the guys love him and they love playing for him and how passionate he is about this team and everything that goes along with it. It's definitely fun to play for him."

**On if anyone loves football more than Chargers Head Coach Jim Harbaugh:**

"I think as soon as I met him I knew that he was a special coach, and I was going to have a lot of fun playing for him. It's every week. It's just fun to play for him and see how much he cares about this team."

**On what maintenance needed to be done on injured hand during the game:**

"Not much. I felt like I braced it up well. Did everything I could. Covered it to the point where I felt like I was safe going out there."

## **PHILDELPHIA EAGLES HEAD COACH NICK SIRIANNI**

### **On what sticks out as the main reason for the loss:**

"I think that that one stinks. That one stinks, and I think at the end of the day we had some turnovers in this game, uncharacteristic of ourselves, and every time it's going to come down to coaching well enough and executing well enough. I thought the defense did a lot of good things. I thought the offense moved the ball on a really good defense, but we didn't finish. Kicked a lot of field goals and had some turnovers, so hard to beat a team on the road when you're not finishing drives and getting three points and I got to take that on myself."

### **On the decision to throw the ball at the end of the game instead of running:**

"It's heavy boxes right there. I think you saw us get down in there with a heavy box with a slant route to [WR] A.J. [Brown] and at that time we were kind of bleeding one or two yards in there because of some of the pressures that they were bringing. I thought that was our best plan of attack and it didn't work, so you got to put that on me. Anytime we don't come out here with a win or something like that happens, I'll always take that. I'll always take that blame."

### **On the final interception:**

"They made a really good play. They made a really good play. They did a good job of matching it. The corner [CB Cam Hart] did a really good job getting his hand on it and [S Tony] Jefferson did a good job finishing it so hats off to them. Made a good play right there. Obviously, you think back at it and then I think to myself, how do I do better with that? [Offensive Coordinator] Kevin [Patullo] and I are going to be very critical of ourselves, and I know [QB] Jalen [Hurts] will be critical with himself as well but hats off to them. That was a pretty good play they made."

### **On having the same confidence in the 'tush push':**

"We've still succeeded at that. I know the last couple games we haven't, but obviously we got the big play off of the 'tush push' today with a pitch to [RB] Saquon [Barkley] on third-and-one. You know, the ball on the two [yard line], we don't think into that as much, not to get too much into that. [We] would like to have been a little more successful on that first down play and then we had the hole that put us behind the sticks. That one hurt. That one hurt that we were only able to get three points out of that. We've been pretty good in the red zone and they stopped us there. So yeah, again, got to do a better job as coaches to put them in positions to succeed and then we got to go execute, so it always comes down to that and I'll put that on me."

### **On QB Jalen Hurts' performance:**

"Obviously, this game is the ultimate team game, so it's never just on one person. Now ultimately, he always has the ball in his hands, and I know he'll wear a lot of that and own that and I got to do a better job of helping him in those scenarios. Again, it's never just on execution, right? It's always that we look at ourselves as coaches first. Did we help him be in position to succeed and then execute, right? So obviously, [you] never want to turn the ball over. We've been pretty good at that, and tonight was a little uncharacteristic of ourselves."

### **On the interception off WR A.J. Brown's hands:**

"That's again some uncharacteristic stuff. I don't know if A.J.'s [Brown] had a drop in the last two years, just had an uncharacteristic one today. I don't know how many the stat sheet said he had but a little uncharacteristic there. Again, that's why I'm saying it's the ultimate team game and you win together, you lose together and you pick yourselves up together and lock arms and try to get back at it."

### **On what provides confidence that the team will turn the season around:**

"Yeah, the people that we have. The people we have in there. We've won a lot of football games. Right now, we've lost three in a row, so you know, again, I saw a great week of preparation and I am confident in the coaches that we have, the players that we have, the owner that we have, the front office that we have that we are built to overcome. We know how to do that, but it's going to start with this week, getting back late tonight or tomorrow and get back at it. We'll drag ourselves through the mud on the plane ride home. I look forward to watching the tape [and] see what we need to fix,

and then you don't have a lot of time to feel sorry for yourself. You got to have that same confidence, that same joy that you come in [with] every single day and I'm looking forward to getting back to work."

**On getting more involved with the offense this past week:**

"Yeah, you know, again, I'm the head coach. My attention goes to places that I feel like it needs to go. This week was with the offense, and I will continue to go in there with those guys and grind it out through the weeds with them and continue to move forward with that. Again, I thought we moved the ball and did a lot of good things today, but you know, again, we didn't finish drives and we didn't for multiple reasons and had some turnovers for multiple reasons. You always look to improve the process, and we'll get back to work and grind out through it again and I anticipate being in there still."

**On the thought process going into overtime:**

"Yeah, you play to win. I won't get into exactly what, obviously, I thought about all that before overtime even started. I thought about that. You know, you prepare yourself before so you don't do anything in the moment but always going to play to win football games. There are situations late in the season where you may play differently but always was going to play to win. Like I said, I won't get into the specifics there, just don't think that's good for business."

**On staying the course with the same personnel:**

"Yeah, we'll stay the course. We'll just keep grinding it out and get ourselves out of this little hole that we are in."

**On turnovers in recent games:**

"Yeah, a lot of different reasons. We know how important it is for us – we know good things happen when we win the turnover battle, so we'll be hard and critical on ourselves throughout that. I'll be critical on myself and then look to correct everybody else there as well. That's my job obviously as head coach. But yeah, we beat ourselves up over any turnover because we know how successful we've been when we do win that turnover battle."

## **PHILADELPHIA EAGLES QUARTERBACK JALEN HURTS**

### **On overall assessment of the game:**

"I didn't play well enough. Too many turnovers. Lots of opportunities especially when we get on the other side of the 50 [yard line] and I wasn't able to get us in the box."

### **On breakdown of the final play of the game:**

"I knew it was going to be a tight window throw. I have to watch the film to see it from the eyes of film's point of view. Ultimately, it's a play that I didn't make. I got to handle the ball and I didn't make the play."

### **On the final play of the game:**

"That's a play that's supposed to be made a million times. In that scenario versus a cloud corner, I didn't make that play this time around."

### **On if there were too many attempts of tight window throws:**

"No."

### **On point of pride in Monday night's game:**

"I think winning is a point of pride to me. That's why we play the game and I got to find ways to lead our team to victories. It's not something that is foreign to us. We're just not able to do it at the moment and it starts with me and how I play, how I lead and how I go out there and do my job. So when I look at it at any point it's about how I respond to a test and how I respond to it and what level of resilience and resolve I have to push forward and figure things out."

### **On the feeling amongst the team in the huddle prior to the final drive:**

"Well I think it's a ton of confidence in those moments in the game. You live for those opportunities. You live for those moments and everything was trending forward in terms of our execution and us taking advantage of our opportunities going down the field. Ultimately, I was one play off and credit to that defense being able to be as disruptive as they were. Ultimately, it's a test and it's a challenge that I accept, and I look at it and I have the focus to learn from it."

### **On if tonight's performance will be viewed as an outlier:**

"That's for everyone else to determine. For me, we lost the game and I didn't play well enough to help us win the game and so I look at it as I look at every game in terms of win or loss, how I respond to what the game presented itself. That's my mentality."

### **On Monday night's offense performance:**

"I mean we got to go out there and put it together. At the end of the day, I look at it as I. It starts with me and how I play, how I lead, and it's my ability to go out there and figure it out. There's no excuses. I know being all subjective in terms of how you look at it. Obviously, we always feel like we got a chance but we just got to come together and find ways to win and I have to find the way to win."

### **On connecting with Eagles WR A.J. Brown tonight:**

"I know that there are definitely some that he [WR A.J. Brown] want back. There's some that we all want back. It's something that we'll all learn from and be better from. I think that's in hindsight what's great about this opportunity is to find out what's really inside and go back to work, band together and respond."

### **On the frustration in Monday night's game:**

"As frustrating as the night was, we had an opportunity win the game in the end. I had the ball in my hands, driving down the field, having everything on our terms to a sense and I didn't bring it home. So that's how I look at it."

**On what needs to be done moving forward to turn around current performance:**

"I have to find a way to win and we all have to have that same mentality. But it starts with me."

**On Eagles QB Jaylen Hurts carrying the weight of the loss on shoulders:**

"All encompassing. It's that way when we have success and it's that way when we have these tough times but at the end of the day it's all about how you respond to it. So it definitely it stings but how do you respond? And that's the only way I know how to look at it. Again, you're going to see what type of resolve does this team have within. What's in us to respond the way we want to and so we just got to dig."

**On if the changes to the offensive game plan benefited the offense in Monday night's game:**

"I think we had a lot of opportunity out there. We had a lot of opportunity out there. [Eagles Head Coach] Nick [Sirianni] stepped in. I think he played a very good role this week, provided some structure and organized some things for us. Obviously, we still have ways and room for improvement, but I look at myself first. I look at the man in the mirror first and say, 'how can I respond to all those things'. So, the mentality as I've said is to execute everything that's called and try to bring the strategy that we're taking into that game to life as best as I can. I just want to find ways to continue to improve that."

**On takeaways from positives in pass-game:**

"Too soon for me to answer. Honestly too soon for me to answer. I'm going to watch the film. I feel like we had a lot of opportunities out there. I had a lot of opportunities out there to go out there and go up in the game and put points on the board, win the game. Ultimately, bearing everything that has happened or has unfolded throughout the game, it's me asking myself, 'how do I respond from it, how do I respond to it, how do I improve, how do I work, how do I dig deeper.' I'll find a way to figure it out and that's my mentality."