

# POSTGAME NOTES

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## LOS ANGELES CHARGERS vs. MIAMI DOLPHINS



Sunday, Dec. 11, 2022 | 5:20 p.m. PT | Inglewood, Calif.

### CHARGERS DEFEAT DOLPHINS AT HOME

The Los Angeles Chargers defeated the Miami Dolphins, 23-17, on *Sunday Night Football* to improve to 7-6 on the season. **WR Keenan Allen**, and **OLB Khalil Mack** were the game captains for the Chargers. The Bolts won the toss and deferred to the second half.

TEAM	1	2	3	4	OT	F
Miami	0	7	7	3	—	17
L.A. Chargers	0	17	3	3	—	23

On offense, Los Angeles totaled 432 net yards, 24 first downs and converted 50 percent of its third-down attempts (nine-of-18). **QB Justin Herbert** completed a career-high 39 passes on 51 attempts (76.5 pct.) for 367 yards and a touchdown with zero interceptions for a 102.3 passer rating. He completed 24 passes for 222 yards in the first half, setting a career high and franchise record for completions in a single opening half.

**WR Mike Williams** hauled in six catches for 116 yards (19.3 avg.) and a touchdown, giving him 30 receiving scores for his career. Sunday marked his fourth 100-yard game of the season. **WR Keenan Allen** had a team-high 12 receptions, giving him an NFL-record 10 career games of 12-plus catches. **RB Austin Ekeler** registered his sixth game of the season with 100-plus yards from scrimmage. Ekeler posted 104 scrimmage yards (45 rushing, 59 receiving), ran in a touchdown and caught eight passes.

Defensively, Los Angeles forced three three-and-out drives and allowed just three third-down conversions on 11 attempts (27.3 pct.), the best defensive third down percent allowed by the Bolts this season. **OLB Kyle Van Noy** registered his first sack of the season for a four-yard loss in the second quarter to force Miami's third punt of the night. **DL Morgan Fox** added a 12-yard sack in the third quarter, giving him 3.5 takedowns on the season.

The Bolts held Miami to a three-and-out on the game's opening possession and allowed just three completions in the first half, tying for the fewest completions allowed in a single opening half by any defense this season. Los Angeles allowed just 19 net passing yards in the opening half, the fewest allowed by a Bolts defense in a single first half in the last decade.

### HERBERT STACKS MORE MILESTONES

With 367 passing yards on Sunday night, **QB Justin Herbert** became the only player ever to eclipse 13,000 passing yards through their first three career seasons. He topped that mark in his 45th game, doing so in the second-fewest games played in history.

Per Elias, Sunday night marked Herbert's 10th career game with 300-plus passing yards and zero interceptions, the most ever by a player before turning 25 years old.

#### PASSING YARDS, FIRST THREE SEASONS, NFL HISTORY

Rank	Team	Player	Passing Yards
1.	LAC	<b>QB Justin Herbert</b>	<b>13,056</b>
2.	Ind.	QB Andrew Luck	12,957
3.	Ind.	QB Peyton Manning*	12,287
4.	T.B.	QB Jameis Winston	11,636
5.	Ari.	QB Kyler Murray	11,480
6.	Mia.	QB Dan Marino*	11,431

#### FEWEST GAMES TO 13,000 PASSING YARDS, NFL HISTORY

Rank	Team	Player	Games
1.	K.C.	QB Patrick Mahomes	43
2.	LAC	<b>QB Justin Herbert</b>	<b>45</b>
3.	Det.	QB Matthew Stafford	46
	StL	QB Kurt Warner*	46

\*Pro Football Hall of Famer

Herbert tossed a 10-yard touchdown to WR Mike Williams, giving him 90 career touchdown passes. He joined Hall of Famer Dan Marino as the only players to top 90 passing touchdowns in the first three seasons of a career.

#### TOUCHDOWN PASSES, FIRST THREE SEASONS, NFL HISTORY

Rank	Team	Player	Passing Touchdowns
1.	Mia.	QB Dan Marino*	98
2.	LAC	<b>QB Justin Herbert</b>	<b>90</b>
3.	Ind.	QB Andrew Luck	86
4.	Ind.	QB Peyton Manning*	85

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## EKELER CONTINUES TO SET RECEIVING RECORDS

In his 50th career start, **RB Austin Ekeler** caught eight passes for 59 yards (7.4 avg.), giving him 375 receptions in his career for the most catches by an undrafted running back in the common draft era (since 1967). His 93 receptions on the year are a single-season career high and also set an NFL record by a running back through the first 13 games of a season.

### RECEPTIONS, TEAM'S FIRST 13 GAMES OF A SEASON, RUNNING BACKS, NFL HISTORY

Rank	Season	Team	Player	Receptions
1.	2022	LAC	<b>RB Austin Ekeler</b>	93
2.	2019	Car.	RB Christian McCaffrey*†	86
	2018	Car.	RB Christian McCaffrey	86
	2014	Chi.	RB Matt Forte	86
5.	2006	StL	RB Steven Jackson*	82
	1996	Ari.	RB Larry Centers*†	82

\*Pro Bowl Selection

†Associated Press First-Team All-Pro

## HERBERT CONTINUES TO COMPLETE

**QB Justin Herbert** completed a career-high 39 passes on Sunday night, the second-highest in a single game in franchise history.

### COMPLETIONS, SINGLE GAME, CHARGERS HISTORY

Rank	Game	Player	Completions
1.	Oct. 18, 2015 at G.B.	QB Philip Rivers	43
2.	<b>Dec. 11, 2022 vs. Mia.</b>	<b>QB Justin Herbert</b>	39
3.	Oct. 25, 2015 vs. Oak.	QB Philip Rivers	38
4.	Oct. 17, 2022 vs. Den.	QB Justin Herbert	37
	Nov. 22, 2020 vs. NYJ	QB Justin Herbert	37
	Dec. 22, 1985 at K.C.	QB Mark Herrmann	37
	Nov. 18, 1984 vs. Mia.	QB Dan Fouts	37

## ALLEN LEADS THE WAY

With 12 receptions for 92 yards (7.7 avg.), **WR Keenan Allen** logged the 10th game of his career of 12-plus receptions, setting the all-time NFL record. Five of Allen's catches came on third down, moving the chains on three of those receptions.

### MOST GAMES WITH 12-PLUS RECEPTIONS, NFL HISTORY

Rank	Team/s	Player	Games
1.	LAC	<b>WR Keenan Allen</b>	10
2.	S.D./Mia./N.E./Den./StL	WR Wes Welker	9
3.	Ind.	WR Marvin Harrison*	8
4.	S.F./Oak./Sea.	WR Jerry Rice*	7
	Hou./Ind./Ten.	WR Andre Johnson	7
	Pit./N.E./T.B.	WR Antonio Brown	7

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## EKELER LEADS THE AFC

**RB Austin Ekeler** ran in a touchdown on fourth-and-goal at the one-yard line in the waning seconds of the first half. It marked his conference-leading 13th scrimmage touchdown of the season.

### SCRIMMAGE TOUCHDOWNS, NFL, 2022

Rank	Team	Player	Scrimmage TDs
1.	Det.	RB Jamaal Williams	14
2.	LAC	<b>RB Austin Ekeler</b>	13
3.	Cle.	RB Nick Chubb	12
	Dal.	RB Tony Pollard	12
	K.C.	TE Travis Kelce	12
	L.V.	WR Davante Adams	12
7.	L.V.	RB Josh Jacobs	11
	Phi.	RB Miles Sanders	11
	Ten.	RB Derrick Henry	11