

# POSTGAME NOTES

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## LOS ANGELES CHARGERS at WASHINGTON FOOTBALL TEAM



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### CHARGERS WIN AT WASHINGTON, 20-16

In his first-ever game as an NFL head coach, Brandon Staley led the Chargers to a four-point win at Washington. The Bolts kicked off the season with a 10-play, 75-yard drive capped off by a three-yard rushing touchdown from Austin Ekeler. It was the fourth time since 2000, and the first since 2016 at Kansas City, that the Chargers scored a touchdown on their first offensive drive of the season.

The team converted 14 third-down attempts, good for the most by any team in a game since 2011.

TEAM	1	2	3	4	OT	F
L.A. Chargers	7	6	0	7	-	20
Washington	3	6	7	0	-	16

#### CHARGERS REGULAR-SEASON RECORD WHEN ...

	2021 Season		Since 2000	
	Road	Overall	Road	Overall
Overall	1-0	1-0	75-94	170-167
On Grass	1-0	1-0	54-66	145-135
In Open-Air Stadiums	1-0	1-0	67-83	162-156
When Losing the Coin Toss	1-0	1-0	37-50	77-91
When Receiving the Opening Kick	1-0	1-0	34-49	83-87
vs. NFC	1-0	1-0	18-25	43-42
In August/September	1-0	1-0	15-21	35-38
During Day Games	1-0	1-0	62-81	141-139
Outdoor Games w/ Temp > 80°F	1-0	1-0	6-5	16-15
On Sunday/Early Games*	1-0	1-0	37-45	38-45
When Scoring First	1-0	1-0	42-26	113-56
When Leading after First Quarter	1-0	1-0	33-21	100-41
When Leading at Halftime	1-0	1-0	51-26	124-48
When Trailing after Third Quarter	1-0	1-0	19-63	28-118

#### CHARGERS RECORD BY UNIFORM, PANTS AND COMBINATION

	2021 Season		Since 2010	
	Road	Overall	Road	Overall
White Uniform	1-0	1-0	34-40	47-50
White Pants	1-0	1-0	14-16	43-49
White/White Combo	1-0	1-0	9-9	16-13

### HERBERT KEEPS ROLLING

Second-year **QB Justin Herbert** totaled 337 yards and a touchdown on 31-of-47 passing (65.9 pct.). In the first half, he joined Chiefs QB Patrick Mahomes as the only players ever to total at least 4,500 passing yards in the first 16 starts to a career. The 300-yard performance was the ninth of Herbert's career, leaving him one 300-yard game shy of tying Mahomes for the most by any player in their first two pro seasons.

After completing his first four passes of the game, Herbert became the first player ever to top 400 completions through the first 16 starts of a career. Herbert also threw for 12 third-down conversions on the day, the most passing first downs in a single game on third down since Andrew Luck did so in 2012.

#### PASSING YARDS LEADERS, FIRST 16 CAREER STARTS, PRO FOOTBALL HISTORY

Rank	Team	Player	Passing Yards
1.	K.C.	QB Patrick Mahomes	5,100
2.	LAC	QB Justin Herbert	4,673

Herbert registered his second career fourth quarter come-from-behind win as a starting quarterback. He recorded the ninth comeback win in a season opener for the Chargers and became the seventh quarterback to do so for the Bolts.

#### QB FOURTH QUARTER COMEBACK WINS, SEASON OPENERS, CHARGERS HISTORY

Date	Opp.	Player	4Q Deficit	Result
Sept. 12, 2021	at Was.	Justin Herbert	13-16	W, 20-16
Sept. 13, 2020	at Cin.	Tyrod Taylor	6-13	W, 16-13
Sept. 13, 2015	vs. Det.	Philip Rivers	20-21	W, 33-28
Sept. 11, 2011	vs. Min.	Philip Rivers	14-17	W, 24-17
Sept. 14, 2009	at Oak.	Philip Rivers	17-20	W, 24-20
Sept. 6, 1998	vs. Buf.	Ryan Leaf	13-14	W, 16-14
Sept. 4, 1994	at Den.	Stan Humphries	30-34	W, 37-34
Sept. 19, 1971	vs. K.C.	John Hadl	7-14	W, 21-14
Sept. 10, 1960	vs. Dal*	Jack Kemp	7-20	W, 21-20

\*Dallas Texans

## EKELER FINDS THE END ZONE

With a three-yard touchdown run to cap off the team's opening drive, **RB Austin Ekeler** reached 10 career rushing scores. He joined former Chargers RB Danny Woodhead as the only two undrafted players in history to have 10-plus rushing scores and 15-plus receiving touchdowns in a career.

### UNDRAFTED PLAYERS WITH 10-PLUS RUSHING TDs AND 15-PLUS RECEIVING TDs, NFL HISTORY

Team/s	Player	Rush TDs	Rec. TDs
NYJ/N.E./S.D.	RB Danny Woodhead	15	17
<b>LAC</b>	<b>RB Austin Ekeler</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>15</b>

## CAREER-BESTS

In the fourth quarter, **LB Kyzir White** forced the first fumble of his career, which was deep in Washington territory. **LB Kenneth Murray Jr.**, made the recovery, also a career-first.

On the ensuing possession, **WR Mike Williams** tied a career high with his seventh catch of the day on a three-yard touchdown grab to help the Bolts regain the lead. Williams converted a third-and-seven later in the fourth quarter to set his single-game career high for receptions.

## ALLEN KEEPS IT 100

**WR Keenan Allen** topped 100 receiving yards for the 28th time in his career. Sunday marked his fourth 100-yard performance in a season opener, tying for the second-most in season openers since he entered the NFL in 2013.

### GAMES WITH 100-PLUS RECEIVING YARDS, SEASON OPENERS, NFL, SINCE 2013

Rank	Team/s	Player	Games
1.	Pit./T.B.	WR Antonio Brown	5
<b>2.</b>	<b>LAC</b>	<b>WR Keenan Allen</b>	<b>4</b>
	Phi./Was./T.B./LAR*	WR DeSean Jackson	4
	Atl./Ten.	WR Julio Jones	4

\*L.A. Rams host Chicago on Sunday Night Football

## STARTING NODS

With the start on Sunday, **C Corey Linsley** has started all 100 games he has played in.

Meanwhile, two rookie draft picks started in their NFL debut — **T Rashawn Slater** and **CB Asante Samuel Jr.** The second-rounder, Samuel, became the first Chargers rookie cornerback to start in his NFL debut since Sammy Davis did so in 2003 at Kansas City.

## BOSA'S SACKS BY QUARTERBACK

In the first half, **OLB Joey Bosa** recorded a strip-sack for his first career sack of Washington QB Ryan Fitzpatrick. Bosa now sits 1.5 sacks away from being the fourth Charger to post 50 sacks with the team. Below is a look at his career regular-season sacks by quarterback:

### BOSA'S REGULAR-SEASON CAREER SACKS BY QB (48.5)

Sacks	Player	Most Recent Sack
6.0	Derek Carr	Dec. 22, 2019 vs. Oak.
3.5	Trevor Siemian	Oct. 22, 2017 vs. Den.
2.5	Gardner Minshew II	Oct. 25, 2020 vs. Jax.
	Josh Rosen	Sept. 29, 2019 at Mia.
2.0	Josh Allen	Nov. 29, 2020 at Buf.
	Robert Griffin III	Dec. 24, 2016 at Cle.
	Eli Manning	Oct. 8, 2015 at NYG
	Matt Ryan	Oct. 23, 2016 at Atl.
	Alex Smith	Sept. 24, 2017 vs. K.C.
	Ryan Tannehill	Oct. 20, 2019 at Ten.
	Mitchell Trubisky	Oct. 27, 2019 at Chi.
1.5	Aaron Rodgers	Nov. 3, 2019 vs. G.B.
<b>1.0</b>	Matt Barkley	Nov. 29, 2020 at Buf.
	Blake Bortles	Nov. 12, 2017 at Jax.
	Tom Brady	Oct. 29, 2017 at N.E.
	Drew Brees	Oct. 12, 2020 at N.O.
	Teddy Bridgewater	Sept. 27, 2020 vs. Car.
	Jacoby Brissett	Sept. 8, 2019 vs. Ind.
	Joe Burrow	Sept. 13, 2020 at Cin.
	Jeff Driskel	Dec. 9, 2018 vs. Cin.
	Joe Flacco	Oct. 6, 2019 vs. Den.
	<b>Ryan Fitzpatrick</b>	<b>Sept. 12, 2021 at Was.</b>
	Case Keenum	Dec. 30, 2017 at Den.
	DeShone Kizer	Dec. 3, 2017 vs. Cle.
	Patrick Mahomes	Sept. 20, 2020 vs. K.C.
	Cam Newton	Dec. 11, 2016 at Car.
	Ben Roethlisberger	Dec. 2, 2018 at Pit.
	Tyrod Taylor	Nov. 19, 2017 vs. Buf.
	Jameis Winston	Dec. 4, 2016 vs. T.B.
0.5	Lamar Jackson	Dec. 22, 2018 vs. Bal.
	Brock Osweiler	Nov. 27, 2016 at Hou.
	Deshaun Watson	Sept. 22, 2019 vs. Hou.