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LOS ANGELES CHARGERS HEAD COACH ANTHONY LYNN

Opening statement:

“Well, I don’t have much to say that I didn’t say already last night. We watched the tape. Hopefully, we made the corrections, learned from it and we’re moving on to Pittsburgh.”

On his frustration:

“That was frustrating. I mean, it really was. To go out and have a divisional game at your place, and to not win. Any time we don’t win, we’re frustrated. We’re looking for answers. I know we have what it takes. It’s just a matter of getting on the right track, being consistent and doing it every single week.”

On C Mike Pouncey:

“[No update] yet. I know that the doctors are taking a look at him. We’ll see.”

On the offensive line after Pouncey’s injury:

“You know, fortunately, [G Dan] Feeney played there in the preseason a lot, so it wasn’t new to him. I thought he did a good job coming in and filling in for Pouncey.”

On the team’s health:

“For the most part, we came through this one pretty healthy. I’m a little concerned about Mike [Pouncey], but I’m waiting to hear what’s going on with him.”

On TE Hunter Henry:

“He was moving around pretty well last week. We’ll see if we can try to work him in. I know he was on the side last week. We may try to work him in some this week. There are no guarantees with that one.”

On K Chase McLaughlin:

“I thought the kicker was fine. The one kick that he did miss, it was actually tipped. I thought it was a little low. He could have gotten it up a little higher, but other than that, I thought he was fine.

“We will see how [K Michael] Mike [Badgley] feels [this week].”

On DE Melvin Ingram III:

“If you ask Melvin, he was really close, but we knew that he would miss a game or two. This week, he may be able to make it back, but we’ll have to wait and see. I’ll know more about Melvin on Wednesday.”

On the offensive miscues:

“I think a lot of us had ‘one of those games.’ We did not play our best game on the offensive side of the ball yesterday. Yes, Denver did have something to do with it.”

On LB Drue Tranquill:

“[LB] Denzel [Perryman] went out, he was limping off the field with the ankle again, but Denzel came back. He’s fine as far as I know. We will work Drue in when we get a chance. He’s working hard. He deserves some playing time. He’s a good player.”



On considering making any changes:

“Nope. I’m not considering anything right now. Right now, I think we just need to take a step back and look at ourselves — every single one of us — and see what we can do better, make those corrections and just go back to work. We have a lot of football left. I’m not in any type of panic mode right now. I’m not flinching. We’re going to stay the course because I believe we’re all committed to the process.”

On RB Austin Ekeler:

“Austin was very involved in the passing game. Austin probably touched the ball more than anybody on the field yesterday. I think Austin was very involved. To me, I couldn’t care less about carries — it’s touches [that matter].”

On RB Melvin Gordon III:

“You wanted to get him lathered up a little bit and get him going because these are his reps. He missed a lot of time, so we have to get him back up-to-date.”

On slow defensive starts:

“Our defense did start slow, but if you look at what they did after those first two drives, they gave the offense seven possessions in the second half and created some turnovers. We kept them to 20 points. I think any time our defense can hold anybody to 19 or 20 points, then we should win the football game. When you go 0-4 in the red zone, you’re not going to beat anybody. It’s just that simple.”

On self-scouting:

“We do that a lot right now, from day one. I know that’s kind of old school when you used to wait to the bye week to do that, but with all of the technology that we have now, we can do a lot of that as we go.”

On LB Uchenna Nwosu:

“I thought Uchenna played really well. That was one of the bright spots that I saw on the football field yesterday, was Uchenna.”

On the run defense:

“The run defense wasn’t very good yesterday. It’s just that simple. Like you said, we were better against the Texans and Detroit, but yesterday, we were not that good. That hurt us. That team played more physical than us, without a doubt. They blocked a kick, they ran the ball better and they stopped our run. That’s physical football.”

On WR Keenan Allen:

“They were doubling Keenan. They knew the guy that they had to stop, but there were times that we didn’t get the ball to him, as well. That’s play-calling, that’s execution, that’s all of us.”

On WR Andre Patton:

“He’s a good, young prospect. He has stepped up the last couple of weeks. He was on our practice squad for the last couple of years. We have a lot of confidence in him and what he’s doing right now. He’s also a good special teams player.”

On Patton drawing pass interference penalties:

“He did a good job of fighting back toward the ball and creating that pass interference. It’s just a smart move by him. I liked the way he played, and I like some of the things that he’s doing.”

On cornerback depth:

“Guys get released all the time. It just happened to be [CB] Trevor [Williams from injured reserve] this time. I am comfortable with my depth at corner. I’m comfortable with the guys that we have on practice squad that we can promote to corner, as well.”

On Offensive Line Coach Pat Meyer:

“Pat is an excellent teacher. Those guys play hard for Pat. Last year, this was one of the best teams in the league in sacks. We started out a little slower this year, but that’s getting better with [T Trent Scott] on the left side and [T] Sam Tevi on the right side. That’s getting better. I like what Pat’s doing.

“Pat and I worked together. We have some similar philosophies and concepts. He had a relationship with [QB Philip] Phil [Rivers] back at N.C. State. It was kind of like a perfect marriage.”



On the play with QB Tyrod Taylor:

"You're just trying to catch them off-guard a little bit. It's a play where you're going to run a belly. With Tyrod in there, sometimes you have to defend him, so you can't stack the box as much. We're just trying to create an advantage there in the blocking scheme, that's all. I thought the exchange was a little sloppy. It could have been the backup quarterback being in the game. It could have been from a new runner. Other than that, there's nothing wrong with the concept."

On the fourth-and-goal at the end of the first half:

"Hell, I called it, so I guess I was okay with it. I look back at that play. Should I have kicked the field goal there? Maybe so, but I wanted a touchdown and I wanted to give this team some momentum going into the locker room knowing that we would get the ball back. We've been in that situation before and we've had success. I wanted to do it again."

On goal-to-go situations:

"I don't think that there is anything wrong with the plays, I think we just have to do a better job of executing the plays."

On Gordon:

"We have to get him involved. He's our starting running back. He's missed a lot of time. This is the only time that we have to get him involved. We don't have the preseason anymore. He's going to get his game reps right now. He's a good football player. It won't take him long."

On the high number of check-down passes:

"That's one of the things that [Philip] Phil [Rivers] will do. Phil will take what the defense gets you."

"The coverage was a lot tighter."

On DB Desmond King II's punt return touchdown:

"The special teams, they did a good job on that play. They blocked it well and Des has great vision — great field vision. He's a former high school running back. It's not his first time running the football. When he gets the ball in his hands, he can find the soft spots in the defense and he did yesterday."

On the flag that was picked up during the return:

"The thought crossed my mind, but I'm glad they picked it up. I wish it would have helped us win the game."

On the punt return touchdown creating momentum:

"Oh, no doubt about it. It put us on the board. I really thought after that — a lot of times you get the momentum back and then you start rolling. We just didn't finish."

