

# POSTGAME NOTES

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## LOS ANGELES CHARGERS at CAROLINA PANTHERS



Sunday, Sept. 15, 2024 | 10:00 a.m. PT | Charlotte, N.C.

### CHARGERS OPEN SEASON AT 2-0

The Los Angeles Chargers defeated the Carolina Panthers, 26-3, at Bank of America Stadium.

TEAM	1	2	3	4	OT	F
L.A. Chargers	6	14	3	3	—	26
Carolina Panthers	0	0	3	0	—	3

In his second game as a Charger, **RB J.K. Dobbins** ran for 131 yards and one touchdown on 17 carries (7.7 avg.). He became the first Chargers running back ever to have back-to-back 100-yard rushing performances to begin a season and is the first AFC player since RB Arian Foster did so in 2014. Dobbins scored on a 43-yard carry in the second quarter — his third carry of 40-plus yards, making him the first to accomplish the feat in the first two games of a season since RB Jamal Lewis did so in 2003.

**QB Justin Herbert** completed 14-of-20 passes (70 pct.) for 130 yards, two touchdowns and an interception (100.0 rating). He connected with **WR Quentin Johnston**, for both of his touchdowns. Johnston led the Chargers in receiving with 51 yards and two touchdowns on five receptions (10.2 avg.), marking his first career multi-touchdown game.

The defense was dominant in Carolina, limiting the Panthers to 159 total net yards. Los Angeles limited Carolina to just 69 net passing yards, the eighth time since 2000 that the Chargers have limited an opponent to under 70 net passing yards and first since the Bolts held the New York Jets to 60 net passing yards in Week 5 of the 2014 season.

**LB Dayian Henley** paced the defense with nine tackles (five solo) and one tackle for loss with one special teams tackle. **LB Denzel Perryman** added seven tackles (five solo), 1.0 sack, 1.0 tackle for loss and one quarterback hit. **DB Elijah Molden**, playing in his second game with the Bolts, totaled six tackles (three solo), an interception and a pass defended.

### DOBBINS HITS CENTURY MARK, AGAIN

**RB J.K. Dobbins** ran for 131 yards and a touchdown on 17 carries (7.7 avg.). He is the seventh player since 1948, first since 2006 to run for 130-plus yards in his team's first two games of a season,

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Dobbins scored on a 43-yard touchdown run in the second quarter, his third run of at least 43 yards this season. He is the first player since Jamal Lewis (2003) with three runs of 43 yards to open a season and leads the NFL in 40-plus yard carries at the conclusion of the 1 p.m. ET games.

### CONSECUTIVE 130-YARD RUSHING GAMES WEEKS 1-2, SINCE 1970

Season	Team	Player	Rush Yards
2024	LAC	<b>RB J.K. Dobbins</b>	266
2006	Atl.	RB Warrick Dunn	266
1998	S.F.	RB Garrison Hearst	325
1980	Det.	RB Billy Simms	287
1975	Buf.	RB O.J. Simpson*	400
1963	Cle.	RB Jim Brown*	394
1955	Bal.	RB Alan Ameche	347

\*Pro Football Hall Of Fame

### DOMINANT DEFENSE

Los Angeles limited Carolina to 159 scrimmage yards on the day, marking the sixth time since 2000 that the Chargers have limited an opponent to under 175 scrimmage yards in a single game.

The Chargers defense held the Panthers to 12 total net yards and did not allow a first down in the first quarter.

## HERBERT FINDS JOHNSTON ON THIRD DOWN

**QB Justin Herbert** and **WR Quentin Johnston** connected five times on Sunday for 51 yards and two touchdowns. Three-of-five receptions came on third down, including both of Johnston's scores. Herbert's two third-down touchdown passes on Sunday marked the eighth time he has thrown multiple third-down scores in a single game.

Since 2020, Herbert has been one of the most effective passers on third down ranking in the top-two in completions (396), passing yards (4,749) and passing touchdowns (45) at the conclusion of the 1 pm ET games.

### THIRD DOWN COMPLETIONS, NFL, SINCE 2020

Rank	Team/s	Player	Completions
1.	LAC	<b>QB Justin Herbert</b>	<b>396</b>
2.	LAR/Det.	QB Jared Goff	272
3.	K.C.	QB Patrick Mahomes	260
4.	L.V./N.O.	QB Derek Carr	349
5.	Min./Atl.	QB Kirk Cousins	340

### THIRD DOWN PASSING YARDS, NFL, SINCE 2020

Rank	Team	Player	Passing Yards
1.	K.C.	QB Patrick Mahomes	4,979
2.	LAC	<b>QB Justin Herbert</b>	<b>4,749</b>
3.	L.V./N.O.	QB Derek Carr	4,672
4.	LAR/Det.	QB Jared Goff	4,231
5.	Det./LAR	QB Matthew Stafford	4,174

### THIRD DOWN PASSING TOUCHDOWNS, NFL, SINCE 2020

Rank	Team/s	Player	Passing Touchdowns
1.	K.C.	QB Patrick Mahomes	52
2.	LAC	<b>QB Justin Herbert</b>	<b>45</b>
3.	Min./Atl.	QB Kirk Cousins	41
4.	Buf.	QB Josh Allen	39
	T.B.	QB Tom Brady	39

## CHARGERS RUN WILD

Los Angeles has rushed for at least 175 yards for the second-straight game, marking the first time since 2006 and sixth time in team history that they have eclipsed that mark.