

POSTGAME NOTES

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LOS ANGELES CHARGERS at CLEVELAND BROWNS



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CHARGERS ADVANCE TO 3-2 WITH ROAD WIN

The Los Angeles Chargers defeated the Cleveland Browns, 30-28, to win their second-straight road bout. **S Derwin James Jr.** and **DL Sebastian Joseph-Day** were the game captains for the Chargers. The Bolts won the toss and elected to defer.

TEAM	1	2	3	4	OT	F
L.A. Chargers	3	14	10	3	—	30
Cleveland	14	7	7	0	—	28

The Bolts offense posted 238 rushing yards on the day, the most by a Chargers offense since putting up 246 at Cleveland in 2018. As a unit, the offense amassed 465 net yards of total offense, the most in a single game this season. The Bolts offense has now eclipsed 400 yards of total offense on three occasions through the early window of Week 5, the second-most by any AFC club.

RB Austin Ekeler set a single-game career high with 173 yards and a touchdown on 16 attempts (10.8 avg.). He became the first running back to top 170 yards on the ground since 2016 (Melvin Gordon, 196). With his two scores, Ekeler reached 50 career total touchdowns and marked his eighth career game with a touchdown on the ground and through the air. His eight such performances are the most in the NFL since 2019 and are the most ever by an undrafted player and he is the only running back since the 1970 NFL-AFL Merger to record multiple receiving touchdowns in each of the first six seasons of a career.

WR Mike Williams' 134 yards on 10 grabs (13.4 avg.) helped gather his fifth-straight road game with 100-plus receiving yards, tying for the longest streak by an AFC player in history.

Ekeler (173) and Williams (134) helped the offensive unit register the first performance of 100 yards rushing and 100 yards receiving in the same game since 2019 (Week 14 at Jax.).

Defensively, **S Derwin James Jr.** led the charge with a career-best 10 solo stops in the game, securing a game-high 14 total tackles to pace the unit.

In the second quarter, the Bolts went 99 yards on 12 plays for the team's longest offensive drive since Week 17 of the 2017 season.

EXCELLENT EKELER

RB Austin Ekeler rushed for a career-high 173 yards on 16 carries (10.8 avg.) with one rushing score. Adding four catches for 26 yards (6.5 avg.) and a touchdown through the air, Ekeler totaled 199 yards and two touchdowns from scrimmage on the afternoon.

GAMES WITH A RUSHING TOUCHDOWN AND RECEIVING TOUCHDOWN, NFL, SINCE 2019

Rank	Team	Player	Games
1.	LAC	RB Austin Ekeler	8
2.	Car.	RB Christian McCaffrey	5
	Dal.	RB Ezekiel Elliott	5

With 106 yards in the first half, Ekeler was the first Charger to top 100 rushing yards in an opening half since Week 8 of the 2017 season (Melvin Gordon, 113 yards). With a 10.81 rushing average, he secured the second-highest rate of yards per attempt (min. 15 att.) in team annals.

HIGHEST RUSHING AVERAGE, SINGLE GAME, RUNNING BACKS, MIN. 15 ATT., CHARGERS HISTORY

Rk.	Player	Game	Rush Avg.
1.	Brad Hubert	Dec. 24, 1967 vs. NYJ	12.60
2.	Austin Ekeler	Oct. 9, 2022 at Cle.	10.81
3.	Paul Lowe	Dec. 22, 1963 vs. Den.	10.76
4.	LaDainian Tomlinson	Nov. 9, 2003 vs. Min.	10.13
5.	Paul Lowe	Oct. 13, 1963 vs. NYJ	10.06

Ekeler set up the team's first points in the first quarter by breaking off a career-long 71-yard run. It marks the fourth-longest non-scoring run in franchise history.

LONGEST NON-SCORING RUNS, CHARGERS HISTORY

Game	Player	Play Length
Dec. 1, 2002 vs. Den.	RB LaDainian Tomlinson	76 Yards
Oct. 31, 2021 vs. N.E.	RB Justin Jackson	75 Yards
Sept. 17, 2006 vs. Ten.	RB Michael Turner	73 Yards
Oct. 9, 2022 at Cle.	RB Austin Ekeler	71 Yards
Dec. 24, 2006 at Sea.	RB LaDainian Tomlinson	62 Yards
Sept. 25, 2005 vs. NYG	RB LaDainian Tomlinson	62 Yards

PRODUCTION ON THE RECEIVING END

RB Austin Ekeler hauled in four grabs for 26 yards (6.5 avg.), including a 12-yard touchdown in the second quarter. With the score, Ekeler became the only running back since the 1970 NFL-AFL Merger to haul in multiple receiving scores in each of the first six seasons of a career.

Ekeler now has 26 career touchdown catches, good for the seventh-most by a running back in the common draft era (since 1967). His 26 scoring grabs are the fourth-most over that span with a single team.

The dynamic running back's 25 scrimmage scores since the start of the 2021 season lead the NFL over that span.

CAREER RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS, RUNNING BACKS, NFL, COMMON DRAFT ERA (SINCE 1967)

Rank	Team/s	Player	Receiving TDs
1.	Ind./StL	Marshall Faulk	36
2.	S.D./N.O./Phi.	Darren Sproles	32
3.	Phi./S.F.	Brian Westbrook	30
	S.D./Cin./T.B./Cle.	James Brooks	30
5.	Ari./Was./Buf./N.E.	Larry Centers	28
6.	Phi./Mia./N.E./NYJ	Keith Byars	27
7.	LAC	Austin Ekeler	26
8.	N.E.	James White	25

RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS WITH A SINGLE TEAM, RBs, NFL, COMMON DRAFT ERA (SINCE 1967)

Rank	Team	Player	Receiving TDs
1.	Eagles	Brian Westbrook	29
2.	Bengals	James Brooks	27
	Rams	Marshall Faulk	27
4.	Chargers	Austin Ekeler	26
5.	Patriots	James White	25

SCRIMMAGE TOUCHDOWNS LEADERS, NFL, SINCE 2021

Rank	Team	Player	Scrimmage TDs
1.	LAC	RB Austin Ekeler	25
2.	Ind.	RB Jonathan Taylor	21
3.	LAR	WR Cooper Kupp	20
4.	Ari.	RB James Conner	19
5.	N.E.	RB Damien Harris	18

JUSTIN TIME TO CONTINUE THE STREAK

QB Justin Herbert completed 22-of-34 passes (64.7 pct.) for 228 yards and one touchdown with zero interceptions. The game marked his 26th consecutive with a touchdown pass, good for the third-best in team history and the second-longest active streak in the NFL.

MOST CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITH A PASSING TOUCHDOWN, CHARGERS HISTORY

Rank	Quarterback	Dates	Consec. Games
1.	Philip Rivers	Dec. 9, 2012-Oct. 23, 2014	28
2.	Philip Rivers	Oct. 1, 2017-Dec. 13, 2018	27
3.	Justin Herbert	Dec. 13, 2020-Present	26
4.	Philip Rivers	Oct. 4, 2009-Nov. 22, 2010	23
5.	Dan Fouts	Oct. 14, 1979-Nov. 9, 1980	20

AT HOME ON THE ROAD

WR Mike Williams hauled in 10 passes for 134 yards (13.4 avg.) to secure his sixth-straight road game with 100-plus receiving yards. The 100-yard performance marked his sixth consecutive on the road, tying for the fifth-longest streak of road games in NFL history and the longest ever by an AFC player.

MOST CONSECUTIVE ROAD GAMES WITH 100-PLUS RECEIVING YARDS, NFL HISTORY

Rk.	Player	Dates	Consec. Games
1.	WR Calvin Johnson	Nov. 4, 2012-Sept. 22, 2013	6
	WR Jerry Rice	Nov. 12, 1995-Oct. 6, 1996	6
	WR Michael Irvin	Sept. 4, 1995-Nov. 19, 1995	6
	WR Jerry Rice	Oct. 14, 1990-Dec. 30, 1990	6
5.	WR Mike Williams	Dec. 5, 2021-Present	5
	WR Steve Smith	Sept. 25, 2005-Nov. 20, 2005	5
	WR Mushin Muhammad	Oct. 31, 2004-Dec. 26, 2004	5
	WR Chad Johnson	Nov. 10, 2002-Sept. 14, 2003	5
9.	20 Other Streaks		4

SUCCESSFUL DEBUT

In his NFL debut, **K Taylor Bertolet** connected on all three of his field goal attempts (28, 25, 27 yards) and adding three made PATs to total 12 points scored on the afternoon.

Bertolet's three made field goals were the most by a Chargers kicker in their debut with the team, and the most by any Chargers kicker in an NFL debut.

MADE FIELD GOALS IN A DEBUT, CHARGERS HISTORY

Rank	Player	Game	Made FGs
1.	Travis Coons	Dec. 3, 2017 vs. Cleveland	4
2.	Taylor Bertolet	Oct. 9, 2022 at Cleveland	3
	Wade Richey	Sept. 1, 2001 vs. Washington	3

Bertolet's 12 points scored with zero missed field goals marked the most by a Chargers kicker in their NFL debut.

MOST POINTS SCORED, KICKERS, NFL DEBUT, CHARGERS HISTORY

Rank	Player	Game	Points
1.	Taylor Bertolet	Oct. 9, 2022 at Cleveland	12
2.	Josh Lambo	Sept. 13, 2015 vs. Detroit	9
	Nate Kaeding	Sept. 12, 2004 at Houston	9
4.	Michael Badgley	Oct. 14, 2018 at Cleveland	8
	Steve DeLine	Nov. 20, 1988 at L.A. Rams	8