



ARIZONA CARDINALS VS. LOS ANGELES CHARGERS
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Cardinals Head Coach Jonathan Gannon

Opening statement:

“On the injury front, (LB Dennis) Gardeck had a knee and (CB) Sean(Murphy-Bunting) had a neck. Both guys couldn't return. I thought (it was a) big time, physical game. (I) knew that's what kind of game it was going to be. Defense held them out of the end zone, which was huge those stops there. I thought we did a good job controlling line scrimmage (and) stopping the run. I thought our offense made some timely plays and ran it extremely well. I thought (RB) James Conner was lights out at 150-something yards of offense I think. The run game looked good to start and made plays when we needed to. I thought (P) Blake Gilligan was lights out. A couple punts changed field position a couple times. Obviously (K) Chad (Ryland) hit the walk off. What will go unnoticed—so I'm going to point it out because it shouldn't go unnoticed - is we throw a pick, James Conner strips the guy and we recover. Now we punted, but it's different for the offense. Their offense starting on the 30 or so to their first possession. That goes into our mode of play, and then I thought when James made a good play on the screen and they stripped him and were chasing the ball and retained possession. Then I know (CB) 'Star' (Starling Thomas) had the one down there inside the five on that long pass. I thought it was a great play by him, but those are huge plays that are going to get overlooked. Where those guys, man, they care, their efforts there and they want to win. On to next week.”

On if the forced fumble play speaks to the ferociousness which RB James Conner plays with:

“Yeah, it does. It really does. We talk about that and we educate him, but it's another thing that in real time that he chases the ball and strips the guy. Huge play.”

On if this was Conner's kind of physical game:

“Yeah, I thought he was lights out. I mean there were a lot of times he's getting four yards and it should be probably one or two. Obviously, some explosives he had the way he was running the football forced them out of shell, which no one's really been able to do that truthfully on tape at least, so I thought that was good. That opened up some things in the past game, I thought. He put the team on his back today and carried us home.”

On if Conner's effort is contagious:

“Yeah, his energy is, his attention to detail. He talked to the team last night. He's lights out, man.”

On what the defense did to keep Chargers QB Justin Herbert out of the end zone:

“I thought we pressured him okay a couple times. I have to look at the tape, but our coverage structures. We have to do a better job winning leverage. That stood out to me as the game was going on, and that's on coaching. That's on me. Like, 'Come on, man. Win your leverage'. That's 101 a DB play, so we have to do a better job there. I have to do a better job there. I thought we did a really good job in the run game and then we had some timely pressures. We sacked them a couple times. That third down stop in the red zone, I thought we played the coverages good down there. I like the calls by (Defensive Coordinator) Nick (Rallis). Held them to a field goal. Those were some big time plays (to) keep points off the board. We knew it was going to be kind of a game like that. They don't give up a lot of points. That's kind of where it was today.”

On what details made the run game so effective:

“Our guys are getting aligned right, they're looking at the right people, they're playing with good technique and they're playing with motor and violence. It's the consistency of doing that. We talked about it at halftime. You have to keep doing it, and then I think they kind of made an effort to try to throw it a little bit more. That's what I mean (when I say) we have to win our leverages and do a better job in pass downs, second-and-pass, third-and-pass, or we're getting off and not giving up field goals because drives are extended. We have to do a better job there.”

On specific plays where the Chargers were in shell defense:

“Off the top of my head, I know he killed a couple run-kill runs and got us. It's hard to see because they do a good job disguising, especially with (Chargers S) Derwin (James Jr.) being the big nickel. When is he covered down? When is he coming? When are they run pressuring? I thought (QB) Kyler (Murray) did a really good job of operating today and got us into some ideal looks, because if you just call the normal run there it gets, as I would say, killed at the line of scrimmage.”

On Murray's long TD run and if they discuss ball security:

“We do, we do. That was a pretty spectacular play.”

On Conner's message to the team last night:

“It was really good. It was (to) maximize your opportunity. You're 2-4, that's a moment in time that passes. You know his story (and) it hits home with me. Maximize your opportunity, (and put) all our effort and energy in the 60 minutes of this game. No external factors. Together on all three phases and that's what happened, man.”

On WR Michael Wilson staying involved in the forced fumble play:

“Unreal. Mike plays with extreme effort all the time. Love the guy. (He) makes plays when the ball comes to him. He blocks his ass off. That play was awesome to see.”

On the offense as a whole staying involved in the fumble recovery:

“We always talk about the 10 guys have to get them on the ground and give the defense a chance to play the defense, but what goes into that is when we're on offense. We talk about if we turn it over and tackle it but on offense I put a lot on those guys because not everybody plays that way. That's why our mode of play is good. Those guys care. That goes into ball security because that was a good play by that guy coming from behind, and Mike's chasing the ball. There were more guys chasing the ball. I always say we have to have one more hat than they have. If the ball is on the ground we have to recover it that, and was unbelievable by Mike.”

If the team controlled the controllables tonight:

“Yeah, I think so. I thought we had a good week of practice. It was highly competitive. I don't know, I didn't tell you guys. Thursday reminded me of like—I know OTA's not in pads—but an OTA training camp practice going against each other. It got chippy, honestly. Guys are a touch frustrated, but trying to sharpen their sword. You have to practice the right way, and it was violent and physical so I'm seeing that. Then Friday was kind of the same and our focus was there on Saturday. The mock game was really good. We had a walkthrough this morning because it was a night game. I was in with the offense. They were on point. There were no blunders. Those guys are locked in. I knew we were going to play well. I knew it was going to be a good game versus a good team, but I think the main thing is you just have to control your day, and just keep stacking good days. Our behavior is right, but now we have to keep it going. It has to translate because we're good enough where it can translate. I know that.”

On if he's confident the receivers will improve:

“Yeah, 1000%. It's attention to detail, playmaking, all that. (WR Greg) Dortch I think he had the one drop on third down, then comes back (and) catches the touchdown pass. That'll come. I'm not worried about that. We did enough today. That's how the game had to be played, and that's how you score one more point than them. You feel good.”



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Cardinals QB Kyler Murray

On how nice it was to be able to run down the clock and kick at the end of the game:

“You’d rather score with like zero seconds left, you know what I mean? But I have full faith in (K) Chad (Ryland). He knocked it down. Just getting down there. I think we can execute a little better, but we won the game. That’s really all that matters.”

On if he knew he was scoring when he turned the corner on the touchdown run:

“Yeah, I knew I was. If I beat him (the last man down field), I knew I would be good.”

On if anything RB James Conner does surprises him anymore:

“No, he’s a safety valve. I’ve been telling people. Since I’ve been playing with James I’ve known what type of back he is. Obviously, he’s underrated around the world in the league and how he’s viewed, but I know there’s nothing he can’t do in my eyes.”

On what it feels like to know you are going to score from 30 yards out:

“Yeah, it is a good feeling. Just to be able to put the ball into the end zone. I wish we could’ve done it more tonight, but a win is a win.”

On what is in his head when he kneels in the end zone and celebrates:

“Oh man, just saying a prayer.”

On the two-minute drill tonight:

“Yeah, executing what’s called, trying to move the chains, trying to go down and get in field goal position or put the ball in the end zone. First play didn’t go our way then the second play when (WR) Marv (Harrison Jr.) got hit in the head, but then James (Conner) made a play on the check down. At that point, we were in field goal range, so it was good.”

On what he saw on Conner’s big play on the check down:

“All night it felt like they made me kind of take the underneath stuff. They did a good job taking the deep routes away and stuff like that. Again, I had full faith James would go make a play and that’s what he did.”

On what it feels like when the process pays off and you end up with a victory:

“Yeah, a win is a win and it’s great to feel like this right now, but at the same time the work is what matters, the process is what matters. We can’t be result driven. Obviously, we got the result we wanted tonight. Last week we got beat, but we went back to work, had a great plan, and put in a great week of practice. I felt like we could’ve come out here and played a little bit better, but at the end of the day we got it done. That’s the exciting part, it is about the work that we put in throughout the week. It is a great feeling to come out here and get the result, but the work’s done throughout the week.”

On the defense’s performance:

“The defense did a great job tonight, holding them to five field goals. Defense did a great job tonight, had our back the whole day.”

On his running style and if any of his coaches have tried to change it:

“Usually when I’m in traffic I’m going down anyway, so there’s not many opportunities for me to fumble the ball—knock on wood. I just know I’m in space, spatial awareness, and if it allows me to run a little faster then I feel like in game JG’ (Head Coach Jonathan Gannon) really can’t tell me what to do on that one.”

On what Thursday’s practice felt like and how much it set the tone for the week:

“It was definitely a competitive practice. It felt like a camp practice, I’m not saying every practice is laid back, but the juices were flowing and guys were flying around. It was a little chippy. It was a lot of competition and competitive, so yeah it was a good week. I think we had a great week and we have to go do it again.”

On RB James Conner's message to the team last night:

"I just think anytime a guy that doesn't say too much, but when he gets up there and speaks it means something. Not a lot of volume, but the substance behind it and what he's preaching. When you get up there and you pour your heart out, guys feel it."

On if there were plays where he felt he could take advantage of the coverage of the Chargers defense:

"I felt like it was perfect timing every time I dropped back and they were guessing right. That's what it felt like the whole day, so it was tough but at the end of the day we got the job done, we moved the ball when we needed to, and we put up points. We put up more points than the other team."

On potentially going against Dolphins QB Tua Tagovailoa next Sunday:

"Obviously, his situation is different. It's something everybody likes to talk about and give their opinions on, but I don't really know much about what he's going through or anything like that. Not in his shoes. I don't really know what he's feeling or anything like that so I can't really speak on it, but I hope he is safe and I hope it all works out for him."

On his point of view on the interception:

"You're mad as hell and then you're like, 'OK, good.'. I'm glad James has the awareness. He's a great football player. To have the awareness to go strip the guy. Dude was probably like 340. I was about to try to go tackle him and then something in the back of my head was like, Nah. Let James do that.' Getting picked off by a lineman is never fun. I'm just glad we got the ball back."

On if this was a must win:

"Yeah to go 3-4 instead of 2-5 and be right there in the division. Just one game at a time and one day at a time. We know where this puts us, but at the same time we can't look too far ahead. We've got to stay locked into the process."



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Cardinals RB James Conner

On how his forced fumble contributed to the rest of the game:

"I just think it says effort and energy plays, and that's our team playing with high effort, high energy. It happened really early, but we got the swing-first mindset. So to see that he came down with the interception, he held it a little loose. I just tried to make a play so we could keep possession."

On if he thought he had a physical game tonight:

"I try to bring the physicality. So every time I step on the field, my mind is ready for it to be a physical one, that's just my makeup. So, Sunday night, Sunday morning, Monday night, Thursday, I'm gonna be physical."

On what went through his head punching out the ball after the interception:

"We coach that. We see it happen around the league. We know the defensive line, they're not ball carriers. Like I said, I saw it a little loose and I was just trying to make a play. I got a little linebacker in me too from back in the day."

On what sprung him for the 33-yard run to eventually lead to the game-winning field goal:

"That's just playing ball, truthfully. Just a simple check down. 'K1' (QB Kyler Murray) found me, just checked it down and then the rest is just playing ball after that."

On what his message was to the team last night:

"I was just telling them to push all their chips in for this week. That we're still on a mission. Just tell the guys don't take anything for granted and just play good football. Push all your chips into this week, give it all you got. We have some guys on the team who are out for the season, who wish they could be out there. Just play hard. I just told them to play hard and push all their chips in and just get a victory for this week."

On how big of a win it is coming off of last week's game:

"We love it anytime we get a win, we're going to celebrate it. A win is a win. It's nice to be back in the win column and we've got to do it again."

On why he feels it was the right moment to send a message to the team about seizing the moment:

"It's just the season has been going. As a captain on this team, that's the job description and that's to battle the truths. It's just that time for it."

On what clicked for the offense:

"Things like that don't click, you put in the work. We know we're a talented group. At practice, at meetings, the weight room, everything. Things just don't click. It's a process and we're process driven. It's just executing and it's not that something clicks. It's just that's the team we want to be and when we execute that happens."

On how much his football career has inspired his message to the team:

"I hope it inspires them. We all got journeys, and we all got different stories. Mine was cancer and all that type of stuff. But just because mine was that doesn't mean somebody else, it's more significant that somebody else's story. Everybody on our team has a story. We're all an inspiration to each other."

On Murray's TD run and his thoughts:

"I knew he was going. He had that good angle and then you can tell it just meant a lot to him. You see his celebration and you just kind of take a moment. He's back to balling, playing his game, doing what he does. So, once I saw him shake a defender off and head for the sideline, I started to go to the sideline for his touchdown."

On forcing 11 missed tackles tonight:

“That’s got to be me week after week. Just week after week.”

On having a short week with how physical tonight was:

“Yes, but not looking too far ahead. I know this schedule well and everything got pushed back a day. We just won on Monday night so I told the team the reward for getting through this challenge is another one, so we’ve got to be ready.”



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Cardinals LB Kyzir White

On keeping the Chargers out of the end zone:

"It means everything. I feel like we had a great defensive performance. It still could be a lot better but we played bend but don't break defense tonight and came out with the victory so can't be mad about that."

On the process of improving on defense:

"It feels great. After the loss last week we were eager to get back out here on the field and prove ourselves. We did that tonight so it definitely felt great. Just have to keep building upon it and don't get complacent and try to go on the road."

On not allowing Chargers QB Justin Herbert to throw for a touchdown despite his high passing yards tonight:

"Justin Herbert is a great quarterback so he's definitely going to get his fair share but like I said it's bend but don't break defense. Every time they got down there in the red zone we just told each other "Let's keep them out of the endzone. (We've got to) really bite down and make a stop."

On RB James Conner's performance:

"I love watching James (Conner). He's a great player. a workhorse. I was joking with him after and I told him, 'Man, it looks like you're getting younger out there. You don't get tired, no nothing.' It's definitely great to see and watch all his hard work pay off."

On Conner's message to the team yesterday:

"It was great. He had a great message. I feel like it touched everybody in the room and it translated to the field and we came out here and got a W ."

On the intensity of preparation coming into tonight's game:

"It was definitely more of a sense of urgency. When you have a loss like that it doesn't feel good and it kind of messes with your sleep a bit. We were definitely eager to get back out here and just prove ourselves."

On QB Kyler Murray's rushing touchdown tonight:

"It's wild. He's got great speed. I remember in college going against him he had a read option the first play of the game and he took it 80 (yards). He got caught though but he took it 80 on us."

On the forced fumble recovery by the defense:

"We just preach motor a lot so with the offensive guys fumbling, you had guys trailing that were running to the ball. A lot of it is effort and it panned out for us tonight. Now we've got to continue to do that."

On what it means to hold a team to five field goals:

"It means everything. It's a great defensive performance. When you've got a caliber quarterback like that and keep him out of the endzone, you've definitely got to tip your hat to us tonight. We've just got to keep building on it."

On how the defense has been able to string great performances together despite injuries:

"It's just a mentality, (Defensive Coordinator Nick) Rallis talks about it all the time. Next man up mentality. After the performance last week, we got a lot of naysayers and stuff like that but as long as we keep on believing in each other and just following Rallis's lead, I think we'll be fine."

On shutting down the Chargers run game:

"It was great because they really like to run it and have a lot of success. (Chargers RB) JK Dobbins is a great back, so it definitely felt good, I think we held them under sixty yards, something like that. We've just got to keep building on it."

On if the win tonight affirms the teams belief in themselves:

"It means everything. We know we can do it, we've just got to stay consistent. After we go beat the Niners, we come back to the Packers and kind of laid an egg. We got a good win tonight. I don't even know who we play next week but we can't go lay an egg. We've just got to keep building and keep getting better."

On how the team can find consistency:

"We just got to keep reminding each other, keep working hard in practice, keep going the extra mile, keep watching more film, keep taking care of your body (because) we're getting later and later in the season and just not get complacent."

On preparing for Dolphins QB Tua Tagovailoa without much film from this season :

"You see that big contract he signed? The proof is in the pudding. He's a great player. We've just got to be prepared and ready to go for him."



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Cardinals TE Trey McBride

On recovering RB James Conner's fumble:

"That's the least I can do for him. He's a tremendous player. He makes a lot of plays for us, so I just have to follow the ball and pick up those ones when he doesn't make the play."

On his sideline catch and how tough of a catch it was:

"It's a really tough catch, honestly (Cardinals QB) Kyler (Murray) just threw a great ball. It wasn't me. Honestly, it was all him. We ran a play, it didn't really work out. I came back to Kyler, he threw a great ball and I made the catch. I really put that on him. I didn't do anything he made that play for me."

On the atmosphere in the locker room after the victory:

"Great win. That's a really good team we just beat, so I'm excited for that. We just have to stack it. We have to get a couple in a row now and I'm excited for these guys. Short week this week, so we have to bounce back."



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Cardinals WR Marvin Harrison Jr.

On the team's performance tonight:

"The win is the most important part of the whole process here, so I'm happy we got that."

On if he knew the hit would be called for unnecessary roughness:

"No, I knew I was going to get hit though, that's probably why I dropped the ball there. I felt the hit coming."

On the wide receivers' production the last few weeks:

"It's all part of the game. Sometimes we run the ball well and you have to stick with what's going well throughout the game. That's all I can really say. We got the win."



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Cardinals CB Starling Thomas V

On his punch out forced fumble and if it helped set the tone of the game:

"It kind of set the tone for the defense knowing that we are coming to play regardless of what happens. We have a next play mentality and we are not stopping for anything. Every play that we had out there, we were fighting until the end and never gave up on anything. As you can see, they didn't score a touchdown."

On being able to hold the Chargers to 59 rushing yards:

"We knew that was an area that we had to work on. Coming into this game, it was an emphasis all week. Stopping the run, stopping the run. Every level, from the front all the way to the back end, we were planning on stopping the run, setting edges and being physical in the run game."

On what this win can do for the team:

"It's going to give the team a whole lot of confidence and we're just excited to continue to grow as a team and as a unit. I can feel that we're getting closer together day-by-day and game-by-game. I think the sky is the limit for us."



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Cardinals S Jalen Thompson

On the defense allowing only 15 points:

"It's one of those things that we say on defense, 'Bend but don't break.' They can get as many yards as they want but we leave them to three every time and we'll be good."

On the hustle plays and how that mentality is instilled into the team:

"That's key. That's key for us. They instill it in us every day to run to the ball and try to punch at the ball. I feel like we did a really good job at that today of just trying to make plays on the ball."

On if the defense needed this type of performance tonight:

"One hundred percent. We definitely needed this performance right here. I think it's a building block. We can get better next week off this win and like I said just keep trying to punch at the ball, run to the ball and do the little things right."



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Cardinals DL Roy Lopez

On the defensive effort to stop the Chargers run game:

"I think everybody (is) leaning on one another. Everybody knows they can play. I said that during the week, because everybody's here for a reason. Everybody's excited to show it. We all love one another, and we lean on each other. We really do. We talk to each other all day long, and then all game long. All four quarters. All 60 minutes we're talking to each other confidently. As a unit we're happy today, and we're ready for another opportunity next week."

On how the defense is able to stay in sync despite injuries:

"People are in and out you can say that, but thankfully there's a lot of guys that were here last year as well. Then the communication. We talk all day long in meetings and at practice. If anybody ever gets to see our practice we've got juice, we're flying around, talking smack to each other and laughing about it because we care and we love one another. I need them. They need me. It's awesome and it's a blessing to be a part of it."



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Cardinals K Chad Ryland

On the team's energy:

"It's really a lot of fun to be somewhere where the guys attack each day with positivity. The coaching staff attacks it with positivity. We're really trending in the right direction, and it is fun to be a part of."

On his game winning kick:

"Same pre-kick routine as I always do. Get out there, we take our line. I obviously felt pretty good hitting the ball inside on that grass then just good contact, get downfield and the ball usually goes where we want it to."

On his time with the Cardinals thus far:

"I think it's a blessing, it really is. I'm very fortunate to be surrounded by good people here, and it makes kicking a lot of fun. I have a ton of joy. I thank God, and give all the glory to Him because there were certainly some lows after coming out of New England and everything that went down last year and whatnot. I'm happy to trust my faith, and he carried me out of it."



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Chargers Head Coach Jim Harbaugh

On what he saw on the unnecessary roughness call:

"I don't know. I saw what I saw, but I have no comment about it."

On how crushing the penalty was:

"It was a game of a lot of near misses or close calls. I thought both teams played well. It came down to a lot of details and a lot of things. I'm not putting it on one play."

On Chargers K Cameron Dicker:

"Incredible. He is incredible. The 59-yarder, that was huge. You can see the kind of confidence we have in him, the snapper, holder and protection, but especially in Cameron. You understand if that's not made, that ball is sitting at the 49-yard line and you give them very good field position. We have the utmost confidence in Cameron. Incredible player."

On how he felt the offense played:

"Eight drives, five of them were scoring drives and one of them should have been. We fumbled inside the five-yard line there. I thought we moved the ball very effectively through the air. We kept waiting for the running game to pop, but we weren't able to."

On what he attributed the running game struggles to:

"I thought they tackled well. We had some free hitters in the hole. I have to look at it, but my impression from the game is we weren't covering up guys enough. Had some people in the hole. Fee hitters in the hole."

On fumbles and missed opportunities:

"Yeah, we would have loved to not have that happen. There are the details of locking it up, whether it is an offensive player or a defensive player. We will just continue to emphasize it. On the fumble near the goal line, the ball needs to be in the other arm. Can't lighten up, so that's what we're going to do. Not lighten up, tighten up. The experience of these kinds of games puts the steel in the spine. That's what we need to do. Give credit to the Cardinals. Their (running) back (James Conner) had a great game. We've been a very good tackling team, and some was the detail of our angles, but I gave him a lot of credit too. He was making us miss and doing the things that make a guy have a big night like that."

On how his heart health is:

"It was good. Thanks for asking. No issues."

On the rescinded penalty on the final offensive drive and what the referees told him:

"I saw a receiver get held and wrapped around. They did the uncatchable sign. We had a double move on and he got grabbed. I'll let them explain how they officiated that play."

On what his tight ends added to the offense tonight:

"It was good to see. (Chargers TE) Will (Dissly) was balling. Keep going. I thought he played really well. It was good to see (Chargers TE) Stone (Smartt) get in there and make some plays as well. I thought a lot of people played well. We just came up short. I thought (Chargers QB) Justin (Herbert) had a great game as well. Cameron Dicker, Will Dissly, Stone Smartt, a lot of guys. We're all sitting there, what could we have done better? Go back and look at the tape, put the steel in the spine and get ready for this next ball game."

On what he attributes Justin Herbert's success tonight to:

"He's an incredible player. Uncomparable. I think where the ankle was, where it is now, a lot better. He'd been playing on one good ankle. The other first game back was like 20 percent maybe. I was estimating. Next game, maybe 30 percent. An ankle and a half at best. I think he's got two now. It is hard to imagine. A quarterback, right-hander, pushing off that right side that's where you generate the force off the ground

and for him to be able to do what he's done and have the quarterback rating in the hundreds is pretty incredible. He doesn't cease to amaze me."

On if the healthier Herbert gets the more extensive the play calling is and if that was the case tonight:

"Yeah."

On his confidence in Herbert's arm:

"The utmost."

On "putting the steel in the spine":

"The stuff that builds a callus. There is a taste in the mouth. You have to just suck it up. I really don't have much to talk about, but we will go back and look where we can get better. Like Nelson Mandela said, 'I don't lose either win or I learn.' To me what that means is let's make sure we learn from things that happen and let that make us better. As opposed to any kind of deflecting or anything other than that, so that's we do."

On what he learned about his team tonight:

"They battle. One thing I know is our guys are going to be fighting. In a football fight way. The competitors they are, it fuels guys like that. That's what I count on. I saw it again tonight, but everything wasn't going all the way like we wanted it to. Put yourselves in the shoes of the players, a thing here, a thing there, but that's the kind of stuff you use as fuel and learn from it."

On having seven different players with a catch of 14+ yards:

"The quarterback can put the ball anywhere on the field. Our guys already know this, but on every play everybody should be running and be alert because everybody knows the ball can go to anybody."



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Chargers QB Justin Herbert

On the offense's performance:

"I thought we did a lot of good things, but we have to score points in the red zone. That's the biggest takeaway from tonight's game. We have an amazing kicker, but we have to do a better job for our defense and for our special teams. We have to score points in the red zone."

On how to improve the offense's red zone execution:

"It's just execution. It's to lock in and focus. We have the right plays, we have the right guys out there. It just didn't go our way tonight and we need to do a better job of executing those red zone plays."

On what Chargers TE Will Dissly and Chargers TE Stone Smartt add to the offense:

"They've done such a great job all year. They're so versatile and they do such a great job in the run blocking and pass blocking. And then we go ask them to catch passes and they've done a great job. I liked what I saw from the tight ends. I thought we moved the ball well. We have to be able to execute and finish drives off in the red zone."

On the importance of having pass catchers that understand how to attack leverage:

"I think it's huge to be able to have guys that understand leverage in defensive structures like that, and to be able to sit in the zone and run away from man coverage. I think they did a great job. It makes my job a lot easier when they run good routes."

On seven different Chargers receivers catching passes of 14 yards or more:

"I think it's just about moving the ball. It's about executing on third down, converting those third downs, being able to score touchdowns in the red zone, and limiting turnovers. If we're spreading the ball around and controlling all aspects of the field, I think that's huge for our offense. But there's a lot to improve and we're looking forward to the challenge of this week."

On the double move that the officials didn't call a penalty on:

"No, I didn't. I have to do a better job and I have to put the ball closer to him. He ran the right route. He's fighting and he's doing everything he can. That's on me. They brought cover zero. I thought a throwaway was better than taking a sack in that situation. We were in field goal range and I just have to do a better job of putting it on him."

On if the offense was close in red zone situations:

"It's a razor thin margin in this league. And we're a couple of plays away from putting up a lot of points. It didn't go our way. Unfortunately, we didn't execute on those red zone plays. We were able to get down there. But at the end of the day, it's about executing those tiny details and keeping the main thing the main thing."

On the frustration of not finishing drives:

"It's just the way the game played out. We have to do a good job of playing the way the game needs to be played, not the way we want to play. We moved the ball well. We did everything we could. We executed on some third downs. But when it matters most, we have to be able to go out there and execute and score on those drives."

On how Chargers K Cameron Dicker gives the offense confidence:

"He's been automatic. He's been so steady. And especially when you get in the red zone like that and know that you got points in your back pocket, you're able to be more aggressive. It didn't go our way unfortunately tonight and he came up with some big field goals, but we got to do a better job as an offense."

On encouraging Chargers WR Jalen Reagor after his fumble:

"It's all about the next play. I've thrown interceptions. I've thrown incompletions. And it's all about the next one. You can't let the previous play affect your next one. He's done such a great job since he showed up here. He's a talented player and it happens. It's a tough league and it's a tough game. He will make the next one and I know that I'm going to go back to him. I'm going to throw him the next ball and he's gonna make a play."



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Chargers S Derwin James Jr.

On what Chargers Head Coach Jim Harbaugh told players after the game:

“Basically to just stay together, bro. Just stay together.”

On if the Chargers’ inability to recover fumbles was bad luck:

“I don’t like to say bad luck or good luck. I just feel like we didn’t capitalize on it. It wasn’t about luck. (Chargers DL Teair) Tart got the ball out we’ve just got to hold it in. Then (Chargers CB) Cam (Hart) made a good punch out and we’ve just got to recover it. That was our plus two for the day that we needed to be able to win this game. You see how close it was. A field goal game, two points, so I feel like those two turnovers would have been big for us along with the missed tackles.”

On his message to Hart after the loss:

“Get better. He’s a young player. He’s a rookie, and lot is thrown at him right now. I told him not to get discouraged. Keep working. We’ve got his back. He’s been playing a lot of good ball. Just clean up a little technique stuff. Everybody can be better. It’s not just on Cam. We’ll like what we see at the end of the year with his defense. Just keep going.”



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Chargers K Cameron Dicker

On if he practices 70-yard field goals:

"Not very often. Maybe in the offseason once or twice, getting back into it to see like 'do I still got it?', but during the season it's do what you do. And max you go back is like 60 (yards) because realistically you're not hitting further than that, often. So, yeah that's it."

On if he feels good about the game because of his performance despite the loss:

"It's nice for me to continue this and kind of keep rolling with it. But, it's always a bummer when we lose after games like that."

On how he balances his emotions when the team loses despite a positive performance:

"It's obviously a bummer. The first thing I want is for the team (is) to win. I don't really care about how I do. If we are winning games, it's a lot more fun for me and for everybody. So, that comes first, but, at the end of the day, I am happy about what I do. I am happy about the operation. They make my job easier. So, (I) just continue to keep going with it."

On if prepares for games that he anticipates being more featured differently:

"I don't really think about it. It's just if they come up, they come up. I trust the offense. No matter how they've been doing all game, it's the same offense. So, I think momentum is alive and you just let those guys go out and go back and execute again like they know how to."

On the keys to effective kicking:

"Obviously, a good snap and hold help a lot. These two (Chargers LS John Harris and H John Scott) are some of the best I have ever been around. They are the best that I have ever been around. And so, it's nice to have that. And then, just being smooth and being confident and trusting what you can do."

On how he handles high-pressure kicking situations:

"I don't think there's pressure in them because it's the same kick as every other one. I need to go out there and execute it the same way I needed to in the very first kick of the day. So, for me, it's go out there and do your job."



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Chargers WR Simi Fehoko

On if the team presses more in missed TD opportunities:

"I think for us, it's just about being consistent. At the end of the day, we just got to go out and do the plays that's called 'execute'. And as long as we are consistent, I don't think anybody can beat us."

On if it is common for the Chargers receivers to have meetings after games:

"I think, all of us, we hold each other accountable and we just wanted to talk about how the game went, and hold ourselves accountable."

On what aspects of the game the wide receivers held themselves accountable for:

"I think, just for us, just being able to be consistent and be a friendly receiver core. Or just any sort of receiving option for (Chargers QB) Justin (Herbert) is huge for us. And making sure that we can be on the same page for 24/7, go out and execute."

On the connection between the wide receivers and Herbert:

"It's been good. So, I think our connection between just the receivers in general, and Justin is huge. We work on it day in and day out after practice, during practice, things like that. We are trying to build that rapport with him. I think it's huge, and it's paying out on the field. You can see it. We are getting better each and every day, each and every game. Unfortunately, it just didn't fall our way."

On if he believes the Chargers were close to win the game:

"For sure. There were so many times that we feel like we were in the low red zone. We just got to execute. Those are the types of plays we can go out and play, and make. We know we can make it. Just as a whole, we just got to execute."



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On how the offense feels when the kicker plays well and bails them out:

"It's great. Points are a premium in this league, so walking off the field with points is always a good thing. We're growing. It's a new staff, a new year, a new mesh of guys. So, every week we're just going to build and get better. It's right in front of our face what we need to improve. We're going to go back, look at the tape, and get better. It's what we do."

On what the Cardinals were doing defensively to make things tougher for the offense:

"I'm going to have to go look at the tape. You can only pick up so much information from the images that we get on the sideline. I think we've just got to stick to who we are and play good football. Like I said, we'll get better one week at a time."