

# POSTGAME NOTES

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## LOS ANGELES CHARGERS at NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS



Saturday, Dec. 28, 2024 | 10:00 a.m. PT | Foxborough, Mass.

### CHARGERS CLINCH PLAYOFF BERTH

The Los Angeles Chargers defeated the New England Patriots, 40-7, on Saturday to clinch a playoff berth for the first time since the 2022 season.

TEAM	1	2	3	4	OT	F
L.A. Chargers	7	13	10	10	—	40
New England	0	7	0	0	—	7

**QB Justin Herbert** completed 26-of-38 passes, distributing the ball to nine players in the first half, for 281 yards and three touchdowns for a passer rating of 116.2. He added 12 rushing yards on three carries (4.0 avg.).

**WR Ladd McConkey** led the Bolts in receiving with 94 yards and two touchdowns on eight receptions. The Georgia product passed WR Keenan Allen (2013) as the Chargers rookie receptions (77) and receiving yards (1,054) record holder.

**WR Derius Davis** added 29 yards and a touchdown on two receptions while **WR Quentin Johnston** totaled 48 yards on five receptions.

After being activated off injured reserve on Friday, **RB J.K. Dobbins** ran for 76 yards and a touchdown on 19 carries. The Comeback Player of the Year candidate has set single season career highs in scrimmage yards (983) and rushing yards (842) in his first season with the Bolts.

Defensively, the Charges limited the Patriots to 181 net yards (96 rushing, 85 passing). Los Angeles limited New England to -1 net passing yards in the first quarter, marking the second time this season they have allowed less than zero net passing yards in the first quarter (Week 2 at Carolina).

**S Derwin James Jr.** filled the stat sheet with two solo tackles, 2.0 sacks, a pair of quarterback hits and one fumble recovery. It is the first time in James' career that he has recorded multiple sacks in a single game.

**CB Kristian Fulton** and **LB Troy Dye** led the Chargers with five tackles each, with Fulton adding one tackle for loss. **OLB Khalil Mack** and **OLB Tuli Tuipulotu** each recorded a sack.

**K Cameron Dicker** was four-for-four from the field, marking the fourth time in his career that he has made at least four field goals. The kicker from Texas has set single season career highs in field goals (35) and points (133). His 35 made field goals in 2024 are a single-season franchise record.

### HERBERT PASSES MANNING

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Herbert now has 20,747 passing yards on career passing yards along with 135 touchdowns. He passed Pro Football Hall of Fame quarterback Peyton Manning for the most yards through a player's first five seasons. In addition, 2024 marks his fifth consecutive season with at least 3,000 passing yards and 20 touchdowns — tying Manning and Pittsburgh quarterback Russell Wilson for the most of such seasons to begin a career.

With three passing touchdowns on the day, Saturday marked Herbert's 20th career game with three touchdown passes, which tied Buffalo QB Josh Allen for the fifth most in a player's first five seasons.

#### PASSING YARDS, FIRST FIVE SEASONS, NFL HISTORY

Rank	Team	Player	Passing Yards
1.	LAC	QB Justin Herbert	20,747
2.	Ind.	QB Peyton Manning*	20,618
3.	T.B.	QB Jameis Winston	19,737
4.	Mia.	QB Dan Marino*	19,422
5.	Ind.	QB Andrew Luck	19,078

\*Pro Football Hall of Famer

#### CONSECUTIVE SEASONS WITH 3,000 PASSING YARDS AND 20 TOUCHDOWN PASSES TO START A CAREER, NFL HISTORY

Rank	Team	Player	Consecutive Seasons
1.	Sea.	QB Russell Wilson	5 (2012-16)
	Ind.	QB Peyton Manning*	5 (1998-2002)
	LAC	QB Justin Herbert	5 (2020-Present)
4.	Dal.	QB Dak Prescott	4 (2016-19)
	Oak.	QB Derek Carr	4 (2014-17)

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## McCONKEY MAKES HIS MARK

Rookie **WR Ladd McConkey** totaled 94 yards and two touchdowns on eight receptions. On the season, McConkey has totaled 77 receptions for 1,054 yards and seven touchdowns. His 77 receptions and 1,054 yards are both tops in Chargers history for a rookie, passing Keenan Allen (2013) in as the franchise record holder in receptions and receiving yards.

Saturday marked McConkey's second career multi-touchdown game, which ranks tied for second among Bolts rookies.

### RECEPTIONS, ROOKIES, CHARGERS HISTORY

Rank	Season	Player	Receptions
1.	2024	<b>WR Ladd McConkey</b>	<b>77</b>
2.	2013	WR Keenan Allen <sup>†</sup>	71
3.	2001	RB LaDainian Tomlinson <sup>†</sup>	59
4.	1978	WR John Jefferson <sup>**†</sup>	56
5.	1981	RB James Brooks	46

*\*Pro Bowl Selection*

*†Professional Football Writers of America All-Rookie*

### RECEIVING YARDS, ROOKIES, CHARGERS HISTORY

Rank	Season	Player	Receiving Yards
1.	2024	<b>WR Ladd McConkey</b>	<b>1,054</b>
2.	2013	WR Keenan Allen <sup>†</sup>	1,046
3.	1978	WR John Jefferson <sup>**†</sup>	1,001
4.	1988	WR Anthony Miller	526
5.	1996	WR Charlie Jones	524

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### GAMES MULTIPLE RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS, ROOKIES, CHARGERS HISTORY

Rank	Season	Player	Games
1.	1978	WR John Jefferson <sup>**†</sup>	5
2.	2013	WR Keenan Allen <sup>†</sup>	2
	2024	<b>WR Ladd McConkey</b>	<b>2</b>
4.	—	Six Other Players	1

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