# **POSTGAME NOTES**

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# LOS ANGELES CHARGERS vs. TENNESSEE TITANS



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#### GERS IMPROVE TO 8-6

The Los Angeles Chargers defeated the Tennessee Titans, 17-14 to improve to 8-6 on the season. WR Keenan Allen and DL Sebastian Joseph-Day were the game captains for the Chargers. The Bolts won the toss and deferred to the second half.

TEAM	1	2	3	4	ОТ	F
Tennessee	0	7	0	7	-	14
L.A. Chargers	7	0	0	10	-	17

On the team's opening possession, the Bolts went 68 yards on 14 plays, taking 8:11 off the clock and scoring on a one-yard touchdown run by RB Joshua Kelley. It was the fourth openingdrive touchdown of the season for Los Angeles and marked the team's 28th scoring drive of at least 10 plays, the second-most 10-play scoring drives in the NFL in 2022.

The offense converted both fourth-down attempts and scored on both red zone and goal-to-goal possessions in the game.

**QB Justin Herbert** topped 300 yards for the fifth time this season and registered his fifth game-winning drive of the year, while WR Keenan Allen led the team with eight receptions and 86 receiving yards. RB Austin Ekeler scored his 14th scrimmage touchdown of the season on a three-yard run in the fourth guarter. He has nine rushing scores on the year and 30 for his career.

Defensively, the Chargers allowed just three conversions on 11 third-down attempts, tying for the best defensive third-down performance by the Bolts this season. Over the last two weeks, Los Angeles' six third-down conversions allowed ranks tied for fourth-fewest in the NFL.

S Nasir Adderley registered an interception in the third guarter. marking his second pick of the year and third of his career. DL Joe Gaziano, who ended his collegiate career as Northwestern's all-time sacks leader, registered the first sack of his NFL career to close out the third guarter. In the fourth guarter, OLB Chris Rumph II, OLB Kyle Van Noy and LB Drue Tranquill got in on the action and had sacks. Tranquill led the team with 10 tackles and had a forced fumble, becoming the seventh player in 2022 to have 10 tackles, a sack and forced fumble in a single game.

## HERBERT SETS TWO MORE

In his 46th career game, **QB Justin Herbert** threw for 313 passing yards on 28-of-42 passing (66.7 pct.). He orchestrated the six-play 52-yard game-winning drive in 44 seconds, marking the 13th gamewinning drive of his career and his 10th over the past two seasons.

Herbert eclipsed 4,000 passing yards for the third-straight season, making him the only player ever to top 4,000 yards in each of the first three seasons of a career. His 1,246 career completions are the most ever by a player within the first 50 games of a career.

#### **CONSECUTIVE SEASONS WITH 4,000 PASSING YARDS TO START A CAREER. NFL HISTORY**

Rank	Team	Player	No. of Seasons
1.	LAC	<b>QB</b> Justin Herbert	3 (2020-22)
2.	Т.В.	<b>QB</b> Jameis Winston	2 (2015-16)
3.	Ind.	QB Andrew Luck	1 (2012)
	Car.	QB Cam Newton	1 (2011)

#### **COMPLETIONS, FIRST 50 CAREER GAMES, NFL HISTORY**

Rank	Team	Player	<b>Completions</b>
1.	LAC	<b>QB Justin Herbert</b>	1,246
2.	Det.	QB Matthew Stafford	1,239
3.	K.C.	QB Patrick Mahomes	1,216
4.	Ari.	QB Kyler Murray	1,170

#### DICKER KICKS TRUE

K Cameron Dicker made a 43-yard game-winning field goal with four seconds remaining. He's the fourth kicker in the last 20 seasons to have three or more game-winning field goals with less than two minutes remaining in regulation or overtime.

#### **ROOKIE KICKERS WITH THREE-PLUS GAME-WINNING** FIELD GOALS WITH LESS THAN TWO MINUTES **REMAINING, NFL, SINCE 2000**

Rank	Season	Team/s	Player Game-Winni	ing FG
1.	2011	Dal.	K Dan Bailey	4
2.	2022	Phi./LAC	K Cameron Dicker	3
	2021	Cin.	K Evan McPherson	3
	2021	N.O./Was.	K Brian Johnson	3

### **EKELER HAULS IN TWO MORE**

**RB Austin Ekeler** caught a pair of passes for 12 yards (6.0 avg.), giving him 95 receptions on the year, setting the NFL record by a running back through the first 14 games of a season.

#### RECEPTIONS, TEAM'S FIRST 14 GAMES OF A SEASON, RUNNING BACKS, NFL HISTORY

Rank	Season	Team	Player Recept	<u>ions</u>
1.	2022	Chargers	RB Austin Ekeler	95
2.	2019	Panthers	RB Christian McCaffrey*†	94
	2018	Panthers	RB Christian McCaffrey	94
4.	2014	Bears	RB Matt Forte	88
5.	2003	Chargers	RB LaDainian Tomlinson	86
	1995	Cardinals	RB Larry Centers*	86
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\*Pro Bowl Selection

<sup>†</sup>Associated Press First-Team All-Pro

#### **BREAK 'EM UP**

**CB Michael Davis** broke up a pass in his fourth-straight game, giving him 10 on the season. It marks his third consecutive year with at least 10 passes defensed, making him one of six players to do so over each of the last three seasons. **CB Asante Samuel Jr.**, has also registered at least 10 passes defensed in each of the last two seasons.

#### CONSECUTIVE SEASONS WITH 10-PLUS PASSES DEFENSED, ACTIVE STREAKS, NFL, SINCE 2020

Rank	Team/s	Player	<b>Consecutive Seasons</b>
1.	LAC	<b>CB Michael Davis</b>	3 (2020-22)
	Cle.	CB Denzel Ward	3 (2020-22)
	Dal.	CB Trevon Diggs	3 (2020-22)
	NYG/Phi.	CB James Bradber	ry 3 (2020-22)
	Т.В.	CB Carlton Davis	3 (2020-22)
	Was.	CB Kendall Fuller	3 (2020-22)
7.	LAC	CB Asante Samuel	Jr. 2 (2021-22)
	_	Seven Other Player	rs 2 (2021-22)