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LOS ANGELES CHARGERS at DENVER BRONCOS



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CHARGERS FALL TO BRONCOS

The Los Angeles Chargers fell to the Denver Broncos in Week 17, 16-6. **S Derwin James Jr.**, **OLB Khalil Mack**, **T Rashawn Slater** and **QB Easton Stick** were the game captains for the Chargers. The Bolts lost the toss and received the opening kickoff.

TEAM	1	2	3	4	OT	F
L.A. Chargers	0	3	3	0	—	6
Denver	3	10	0	3	—	16

OLB Khalil Mack recorded a nine-yard sack on third down in the second quarter. The play put him over 100 career sacks and gave him a career-high 16.0 sacks on the season. The defensive unit now has 29 third-down sacks on the year, which leads the NFL and is the most by any Chargers team in a single season in history.

The defense was led by **LB Eric Kendricks**, who finished with 14 tackles (five solo), eclipsing 100 tackles on the year. Kendricks now has topped 100 tackles in eight-straight seasons. **S Derwin James Jr.**, registered 12 tackles (seven solo), a sack and two passes defended, becoming the first Chargers defender since at least 2000 to reach at least 12 tackles, one sack and two passes defended in a single game. James Jr. owns a team-best 117 tackles on the season, which ties his career high.

Offensively, **QB Easton Stick** completed a single-game career-high 24 passes on 38 attempts for 220 yards and zero interceptions, adding 31 yards on five carries (6.2 avg.). Stick connected with **WR Alex Erickson** on a team-best seven occasions for a game-high 98 yards (14.0 avg.), Erickson's largest receiving output since Week 7 of 2019. **WR Keelan Doss** hauled-in a career-high five receptions for the Bolts offense.

On special teams, **K Cameron Dicker** made three field goals on the day, including two from 50 yards. He has 27 made field goals this season, the most by a Charger since 2013. Dicker's seven made field goals of 50-plus yards is the most by a Bolts kicker in at least 30 years. **P JK Scott** posted a pair of punts inside the 20, giving him 28 on the season.

MACK TOPS 100 CAREER SACKS

In the 150th regular-season game of his career, **OLB Khalil Mack** eclipsed 100 career sacks in the second quarter on a nine-yard takedown. He's the fifth active player and 43rd in NFL history since sacks began being tracked in 1982 to reach that mark.

SACKS, ACTIVE NFL PLAYERS

Rank	Team/s	Player	Sacks
1.	Den./LAR/Buf.	OLB Von Miller	123.5
2.	N.O.	DE Cameron Jordan	117.5
3.	LAR	DT Aaron Donald	111.0
4.	Ari./Jax./Bal./Atl.	DL Calais Campbell	104.5
5.	Oak./Chi./LAC	OLB Khalil Mack	100.5
6.	Pit.	LB T.J. Watt	94.5

Mack's sack gave the veteran 16.0 quarterback takedowns on the season, ranking fourth in the NFL through the afternoon window of Week 17. With 16.0 sacks on the year, Mack ranks third all-time in franchise annals for sacks in a single season.

SACKS, NFL, 2023

Rank	Team	Player	Sacks
1.	Pit.	LB T.J. Watt	17.0
	Cin.	DE Trey Hendrickson	17.0
3.	Jax.	OLB Josh Allen	16.5
4.	LAC	OLB Khalil Mack	16.0
5.	Min.	OLB Danielle Hunter	15.5
6.	Cle.	DE Myles Garrett	14.0

SACKS, SINGLE SEASON, CHARGERS, SINCE 1982

Rank	Season	Player	Sacks
1.	2006	LB Shawne Merriman	17.0
	1992	DE Leslie O'Neal	17.0
3.	2023	OLB Khalil Mack	16.0
4.	1986	DE Lee Williams	15.0
5.	1989	DE Lee Williams	14.0

MACK ENJOYS MILE-HIGH SUCCESS

Since entering the NFL in 2014, **OLB Khalil Mack** has recorded 13.0 sacks against Denver, tying for the most against the Broncos over that span. He has posted nine of those in Denver, the most in the Mile High City over that span.

SACKS LEADERS, AGAINST DENVER, NFL, SINCE 2014

Rank	Team/s	Player	Sacks
1.	Oak./Chi./LAC	OLB Khalil Mack	13.0
	K.C./Ind./Bal.	OLB Justin Houston	13.0
3.	L.V.	DE Maxx Crosby	12.5
4.	LAC	OLB Joey Bosa	7.5
5.	LAC/Pit./Mia.	DE Melvin Ingram III	7.0
	Cin./Sea./K.C.	DE Carlos Dunlap II	7.0

SACKS LEADERS, AT DENVER, NFL, SINCE 2014

Rank	Team/s	Player	Sacks
1.	Oak./Chi./LAC	OLB Khalil Mack	9.0
2.	L.V.	DE Maxx Crosby	8.5
3.	K.C./Ind./Bal.	OLB Justin Houston	7.0
4.	Cin./Sea./K.C.	DE Carlos Dunlap II	5.0
5.	LAC	OLB Joey Bosa	4.5

KENDRICKS HITS THE CENTURY MARK

LB Eric Kendricks finished the game with 14 tackles (five solo), giving him 110. He now has topped 100 total defensive tackles in eight-straight seasons, good for the second-longest active streak and tied for the fourth-longest streak since the turn of the century.

CONSECUTIVE SEASONS WITH 100 TOTAL TACKLES, ACTIVE NFL STREAKS

Rank	Team/s	Player	Consecutive Seasons
1.	Sea./LAR	LB Bobby Wagner	12 (2012-23)
2.	Min./LAC	LB Eric Kendricks	8 (2016-23)
3.	NYJ/N.O.	LB Demario Davis	7 (2017-23)
4.	Buf./Chi.	LB Tremaine Edmunds	6 (2018-23)
	Chi./Bal.	LB Roquan Smith	6 (2018-23)
	S.F.	LB Fred Warner	6 (2018-23)