

POSTGAME NOTES

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LOS ANGELES CHARGERS at LAS VEGAS RAIDERS



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CHARGERS FALL IN SEASON FINALE

The Los Angeles Chargers fell in Week 18 in overtime to the Las Vegas Raiders, 35-32. The Bolts finished 2021 with a 9-8 record.

TEAM	1	2	3	4	OT	F
L.A. Chargers	0	14	0	15	3	32
Las Vegas	10	7	3	9	6	35

TEAM NOTES

The offense converted six-of-seven attempts on fourth down (85.7 pct.). According to the Elias Sports Bureau, the six fourth-down conversions were the most in a single game in the last 40 years. Los Angeles set single-season team records for first downs (401) and passing touchdowns (38).

The Bolts came back from a 15-point deficit in the fourth quarter to force overtime. The team scored 181 points this year in the fourth quarter, good for the second-most ever in a single season. Los Angeles' 24 touchdowns in the fourth quarter were the most in a season since at least 1991.

FOURTH QUARTER POINTS, SINGLE SEASONS, NFL HISTORY

Rank	Season	Team	Fourth Quarter Points
1.	2013	Broncos	183
2.	2021	Chargers	181
3.	2013	Patriots	178
4.	2006	Chargers	176

Los Angeles led the NFL with 11 strip-sacks on the year and ranked No. 3 with a conference-best 19 forced fumbles.

STRIP SACKS, NFL, 2021

Rank	Team	Strip Sacks
1.	Los Angeles Chargers	11
2.	Arizona Cardinals	10
3.	Chicago Bears	8
4.	Four Other Teams	7

A RECORD-SETTING SOPHOMORE SEASON

QB Justin Herbert finished with 383 yards and three touchdowns with an interception on 34-of-64 passing (53.1 pct.) for an 80.4 passer rating. The performance marked his team-record ninth with 300-plus passing yards on the season, tying Tampa Bay QB Tom Brady for the most in the NFL.

The second-year quarterback became the first player in team history to reach 5,000 passing yards in a single season, finishing with a conference-best 5,014 yards this year. At 23 years, 305 days old, he became the third-youngest player ever to throw for 5,000 yards in a season.

YOUNGEST PLAYERS TO THROW FOR 5,000 PASSING YARDS, SINGLE SEASON, NFL HISTORY

Rank	Season	Team	Player	Age (Years-Days)
1.	1984	Mia.	QB Dan Marino	23-93
2.	2018	K.C.	QB Patrick Mahomes	23-104
3.	2021	LAC	QB Justin Herbert	23-305
4.	2011	Det.	QB Matthew Stafford	23-328

Already the team's record-holder for passing touchdowns in a single season, Herbert set the team's single-season passing yards and completions records on Sunday night.

MOST PASSING YARDS, SINGLE SEASON, CHARGERS HISTORY

Rank	Season	Player	Passing Yards
1.	2021	QB Justin Herbert	5,014
2.	1981	QB Dan Fouts	4,802
3.	2015	QB Philip Rivers	4,792

MOST COMPLETIONS, SINGLE SEASON, CHARGERS HISTORY

Rank	Season	Player	Completions
1.	2021	QB Justin Herbert	443
2.	2015	QB Philip Rivers	437
3.	2020	QB Justin Herbert	396

HERBERT SETS MORE RECORDS

QB Justin Herbert's three passing touchdowns gave him 69 for his career, setting the all-time record for passing scores in a player's first two career seasons.

His 77 career combined rushing and passing scores are also the most in history in the first two years of a career.

MOST TOUCHDOWN PASSES, FIRST TWO PROFESSIONAL SEASONS, NFL HISTORY

Rank	Team	Player	Passing Touchdowns
1.	LAC	QB Justin Herbert	69
2.	Mia.	QB Dan Marino	68
3.	Oak.	QB Derek Carr	53

MOST COMBINED RUSHING AND PASSING TOUCHDOWNS, FIRST TWO PROFESSIONAL SEASONS, NFL HISTORY

Rank	Team	Player	Total Touchdowns
1.	LAC	QB Justin Herbert	77
2.	Mia.	QB Dan Marino	70
3.	Car.	QB Cam Newton	62

QB Justin Herbert eclipsed 9,000 for his career on Sunday night, doing so in the 32nd game of his career. He tied Hall of Fame QB Kurt Warner as the second-fastest player to do so in NFL history.

At 23 years, 305 days old, he is the third-youngest player ever to reach 9,000 passing yards.

FEWEST GAMES TO 9,000 PASSING YARDS, NFL HISTORY

Rank	Team	Player	Games
1.	K.C.	QB Patrick Mahomes	30
2.	LAC	QB Justin Herbert	32
	StL	QB Kurt Warner	32
4.	Det.	QB Matthew Stafford	33
5.	Mia.	QB Dan Marino	34

YOUNGEST PLAYERS TO 9,000 PASSING YARDS, NFL HISTORY

Rank	Team	Player	Age (Years-Days)
1.	N.E.	QB Drew Bledsoe	23-264
2.	T.B.	QB Jameis Winston	23-272
3.	LAC	QB Justin Herbert	23-305
4.	Mia.	QB Dan Marino	24-35

EKELER — THE NFL'S TOUCHDOWN LEADER

RB Austin Ekeler scored two touchdowns (one rushing and one receiving), tying Colts RB Jonathan Taylor for the most in the NFL in 2021. He joined RB Priest Holmes (2002 and 2003) as the only undrafted players ever to have 20 or more touchdowns in a single season.

The fifth-year back finished the game with 99 scrimmage yards (64 rushing, 35 receiving), good for a career-high 1,558 on the year. The performance marked his fourth of the year with a rushing and a receiving score, tying for the second-most in a season in NFL history.

Ekeler became the third Charger ever to have a share of the league lead in touchdowns for a season. The 20 scrimmage scores tie for the second-most by a Charger in a season.

SCRIMMAGE TOUCHDOWNS LEADERS, NFL, 2021

Rank	Team	Player	Scrimmage TDs
1.	LAC	RB Austin Ekeler	20
	Ind.	RB Jonathan Taylor	20
3.	Ari.	RB James Conner	18

MOST TOUCHDOWNS, SINGLE SEASON, CHARGERS HISTORY

Rank	Season	Player	Total TDs
1.	2006	RB LaDainian Tomlinson	31
2.	2021	RB Austin Ekeler	20
	2005	RB LaDainian Tomlinson	20
4.	1981	RB Chuck Muncie	19

In four prime-time games this season, Ekeler scored nine scrimmage touchdowns, tying for the second-most in a single season in NFL history. His six scrimmage scores on *Sunday Night Football* in 2021 tied for the most in a season ever (Dez Bryant in 2014, Randy Moss in 2007, LaDainian Tomlinson in 2006).

MOST PRIME-TIME SCRIMMAGE TDs, SINGLE SEASON, NFL HISTORY

Rank	Season	Team	Player	Scrimmage TDs
1.	2007	N.E.	WR Randy Moss	11
2.	2021	LAC	RB Austin Ekeler	9
	1995	Dal.	RB Emmitt Smith	9

EKELER: A TOUCHDOWN MACHINE

With 12 rushing touchdowns and eight receiving scores on the season, **RB Austin Ekeler** registered the sixth season in NFL history with at least eight rushing scores and eight touchdown catches. He's the only AFC player ever to do so.

Ekeler hauled in eight receiving scores for the second season in his career, joining Hall of Fame RB Marshall Faulk (2000 and '01) as the only running backs in the common draft era (since 1967) with multiple seasons on eight-plus touchdown grabs.

PLAYERS WITH EIGHT RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS AND EIGHT TOUCHDOWN CATCHES, SINGLE SEASONS, NFL HISTORY

Season	Team	Player	Rush TDs	Rec. TDs
2021	LAC	RB Austin Ekeler	12	8
2001	StL	RB Marshall Faulk	12	9
2000	StL	RB Marshall Faulk	18	8
1975	Min.	RB Chuck Foreman	13	9
1966	Dal.	RB Dan Reeves	8	8
1949	NYG	RB Gene Roberts	9	8

The rushing score in the second quarter extended his streak of games with a touchdown to eight consecutive. It's tied for the fifth-longest streak by a Charger in history and is the longest by a Bolt in a decade. Ekeler's 124 points on the year are tied for No. 7 in a season in Chargers history, including the second-most by a Charger in a season among non-kickers.

MOST CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITH A TOUCHDOWN, CHARGERS HISTORY

Rk.	Player	Dates	Consec. Games
1.	RB LaDainian Tomlinson	Oct. 3, 2004-Oct. 16, 2005	18
2.	RB LaDainian Tomlinson	Oct. 15, 2005-Dec. 17, 2006	10
3.	TE Antonio Gates	Dec. 13, 2009-Oct. 10, 2010	9
	RB Natrone Means	Dec. 19, 1993-Oct. 16, 1994	9
5.	RB Austin Ekeler	Nov. 14, 2021-Present	8
	RB LaDainian Tomlinson	Nov. 23, 2003-Sept. 19, 2004	8

BOSA KEEPS FORCING FUMBLES

In the fourth quarter, **OLB Joey Bosa** knocked the ball free from Raiders QB Derek Carr for his NFL-best seventh strip-sack of the season. Bosa's seven forced fumbles ranked No. 2 in the NFL this year. The four-time Pro Bowler has sacked Carr eight times in his career, the most of any quarterback.

STRIP-SACKS LEADERS, NFL, 2021

Rank	Team	Player	Strip Sacks
1.	LAC	OLB Joey Bosa	7
2.	Ari.	OLB Chandler Jones	5
3.	Chi.	LB Robert Quinn	4
	Pit.	LB T.J. Watt	4

FORCED FUMBLES LEADERS, NFL, 2021

Rank	Team	Player	Forced Fumbles
1.	Ind.	LB Darius Leonard	8
2.	LAC	OLB Joey Bosa	7
3.	S.F.	CB Josh Norman	6

PUTTING THE TEAM IN FRONT

WR Mike Williams recorded his eighth career 100-yard game, finishing with 119 yards and a touchdown on nine receptions (13.2 avg.). His touchdown came on fourth down in the fourth quarter to send the game to overtime, marking his sixth game-tying or go-ahead touchdown in the fourth quarter or overtime this season — good for the most in a single-season in NFL history.

Williams seven touchdown grabs in the fourth quarter on the year — tying for the most in a season since at least 1991.

With a 47-yard catch in overtime, Williams led the AFC and tied for most in the NFL with nine 40-plus yard receptions this year.

GAME-TYING OR GO-AHEAD TOUCHDOWNS IN FOURTH QUARTER OR OVERTIME, SINGLE SEASONS, NFL HISTORY

Rank	Season	Team	Player	Go-Ahead TDs
1.	2021	LAC	WR Mike Williams	6
2.	1989	G.B.	WR Sterling Sharpe	5
2.	—	—	14 Other Players	4

FOURTH QUARTER RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS, SINGLE SEASONS, NFL, SINCE 1991

Rank	Season	Team	Player	Receiving TDs
1.	2021	LAC	WR Mike Williams	7
	2020	Min.	WR Adam Thielen	7
	2004	Car.	WR Mushin Muhammad	7
	2002	Ind.	WR Marvin Harrison	7
	2000	S.F.	WR Terrell Owens	7
	1995	Cin.	WR Carl Pickens	7

RECEPTIONS OF 40-PLUS YARDS, NFL, 2021

Rank	Team	Player	40-Yard Receptions
1.	LAC	WR Mike Williams	9
	LAR	WR Cooper Kupp	9
	S.F.	WR Deebo Samuel	9
4.	Cin.	WR Ja'Marr Chase	8
5.	Sea.	WR Tyler Lockett	6

KEENAN SETS THE MARK

WR Keenan Allen finished the game with six catches for 52 yards (8.7 avg.), giving him a team-record 106 receptions on the year.

MOST RECEPTIONS, SINGLE SEASON, CHARGERS HISTORY

Rank	Season	Player	Receptions
1.	2021	WR Keenan Allen	106
2.	2019	WR Keenan Allen	104
3.	2017	WR Keenan Allen	102
4.	2020	WR Keenan Allen	100
	2003	RB LaDainian Tomlinson	100