

## Chargers Running Back Isaiah Spiller Introductory Media Availability Saturday, April 30, 2022 ⚡ Hoag Performance Center ⚡ Costa Mesa, Calif.

### On being selected by the Chargers:

"It's just a blessing. I'm ready to work. Grateful for the opportunity that they gave me. The Chargers are a great team, they have a great organization over there, so I'm just ready to get down there and get ready to work."

### On how he would describe himself as a running back:

"I would describe myself as an all-around back. I feel like I can do it all; run, catch, and blocking, as well. So, just going in and improving on those things and getting to the next level to showcase what I can do."

### On what he learned the most from Texas A&M Head Coach Jimbo Fisher:

"Just how to approach the game. He really taught me how to practice, how to watch film. It made me become a better player mentally and physically. So, I feel like he really helped me be pro-ready and I'm grateful for that opportunity that he gave me at [Texas] A&M. So, that's why I feel like A&M is a good organization and it really helped me get to this point."

### On if he can be a short-yardage running back:

"Yes, sir. I think I can do that in all types of ways. Just grateful for the opportunity that they gave me."

### On his receiving skills:

"Really good. My receiving skills are really good. I've always caught the ball. Even on film, I catch the ball, so it's not a problem for me."

### On pass-protection:

"I feel like I really can still improve on that. Just learning the system and the technique that they like to use. So, I feel like I could really improve on that as well."

### On if he pass-protected at Texas A&M:

"Yes, sir. I did that a lot at A&M. We did a lot of pass-protections. So, I kind of have the concept down, a just need to learn the system and improve on my technique."

### On if he has any connections at the Chargers:

"No, sir. Not as of right now *[laughter]*."

### On how much he has watched RB Austin Ekeler:

"I watched [RB Austin] Ekeler a lot. I watched the Chargers a lot, they throw the ball a lot. [QB] Justin Herbert's a great quarterback. Ekeler is a great player as well. He's strong, too. So, he's been doing great for them. It's going to be fun getting to know him and getting to work with him."

**On where he credits his receiving skills and if he ever played wide receiver:**

“Just when I was growing up, that was the first position I ever played; receiver. My dad always taught me how to catch the ball first, so it’s just always been kind of natural to me. Just grateful for that.”

**On if his dad played tight end:**

“Yes, sir, at Texas A&M.”

**On if he ever considered playing tight end:**

“No, I never considered that. Running back was my position.”

**On coming to the Chargers:**

“I feel like it’s a great opportunity for me to showcase my abilities. So, I’m grateful for the opportunity. Big city. I’m ready to make it happen.”

**On if he models his game after Vikings RB Dalvin Cook:**

“I watched [Vikings RB] Dalvin [Cook], but I really model my game after [RB] Adrian Peterson. He’s the reason I started playing. Just watching him grow up a lot. He’s really influenced my game a lot. So, just to get to this moment is a blessing and I’m going to continue doing me.”

**On if he was surprised it was the Chargers who drafted him:**

“Yes, ma’am. I was surprised. I’ve been waiting for a minute. So, just grateful that the Chargers decided to choose me and I’m ready to get to work and give it my all every day. I’m really just blessed and thankful for the opportunity.”

**On if he always carries a calm demeanor:**

“Yes, ma’am [*laughter*].”