

# POSTGAME NOTES

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## LOS ANGELES CHARGERS vs. DENVER BRONCOS



Sunday, Jan. 2, 2022 | 1:05 p.m. PT | Inglewood, Calif.

### BOLTS WIN REGULAR-SEASON HOME FINALE

The Los Angeles Chargers closed out their regular-season home slate with a 34-13 victory over the Denver Broncos. The team improved to 9-8 on the year and controls its own postseason destiny in the season finale at Las Vegas.

The defense allowed Denver to convert just three third downs on 11 attempts in the game (27.2 pct.), the best by a Bolts defense in a game since Week 3 against Carolina last season.

TEAM	1	2	3	4	OT	F
Denver	0	3	0	10	—	13
L.A. Chargers	7	10	3	14	—	34

### ROBERTS RUNS ONE BACK

WR **Andre Roberts** ran back a 101-yard kickoff return for a touchdown in the fourth quarter. It was the first by a Charger since 2012 and the fourth-longest kickoff return in team history.

He opened the game with a 47-yard kickoff return, giving him a league-leading four kickoff returns of 45-plus yards this year — all of which came with the Chargers.

### LONGEST KICKOFF RETURNS, CHARGERS HISTORY

Date	Opp.	Player	Play Length
Jan. 1, 2012	at Oak.	WR Richard Goodman	105-Yard TD
Sapt. 14, 2008	at Den.	RB/KR Darren Sproles	103-Yard TD
Sept. 16, 1962	vs. NYT*	RB Keith Lincoln	103-Yard TD
<b>Jan. 2, 2022</b>	<b>vs. Den.</b>	<b>WR Andre Roberts</b>	<b>101-Yard TD</b>
Dec. 30, 2012	vs. Oak.	WR/KR Micheal Spurlock	99-Yard TD

*\*Titans of New York*

### MOST KICKOFF RETURNS OF 45-PLUS YARDS, NFL, 2021

Rank	Team	Player	45-Yard KO Returns
1.	LAC	WR Andre Roberts	4
2.	Buf.	WR/KR Isaiah McKenzie	2
	Dal.	RB Tony Pollard	2
	Min.	RB Kene Nwangwu	2
	NYJ	WR Braxton Berrios	2

### HERBERT SETS MORE RECORDS

With 22 completions on 31 attempts (71.0 pct.) for 237 yards and two touchdowns (114.6 rating) on the day, **QB Justin Herbert** reached 800 for his career in the 31st game of his career, doing so faster than any player in NFL history. At 23 years, 298 days old, he became the third-youngest player to reach 800 completions.

Herbert now has 35 touchdowns on the year, setting the team's single-season passing touchdowns record. He became the sixth player ever to throw for 35 touchdowns before turning 24 years old and the second-youngest player to reach 65 career passing touchdowns (Dan Marino did so at 23 years, 93 days old).

### FEWEST GAMES TO 800 COMPLETIONS, NFL HISTORY

Rank	Team	Player	Games
1.	LAC	QB Justin Herbert	31
2.	Det.	QB Matthew Stafford	34
	K.C.	QB Patrick Mahomes	34

### YOUNGEST PLAYERS TO 800 COMPLETIONS, NFL HISTORY

Rank	Team	Player	Age (Years-Days)
1.	N.E.	QB Drew Bledsoe	23-271
2.	T.B.	QB Jameis Winston	23-296
3.	LAC	QB Justin Herbert	23-298
4.	Ari.	QB Kyler Murray	24-50
5.	Mia.	QB Dan Marino	24-78

### PASSING TOUCHDOWN LEADERS, SINGLE SEASON, CHARGERS HISTORY

Rank	Season	Player	Passing TDs
1.	2021	QB Justin Herbert	35
2.	2008	QB Philip Rivers	34
3.	2016	QB Philip Rivers	33
	1981	QB Dan Fouts	33

## ALLEN KEEPS HAULING THEM IN

With four catches for 44 yards (11.0 avg.), **WR Keenan Allen** reached 503 catches over the last five seasons. He is the ninth player in NFL history to have 500 catches over any five-year span.

The five-time Pro Bowler also has 100 receptions this season, marking his fourth 100-catch season. Allen is one of 10 players ever to have four seasons with at least 100 receptions.

### RECEPTIONS LEADERS, NFL, SINCE 2017

Rank	Team/s	Player	Receptions
1.	LAC	<b>WR Keenan Allen</b>	<b>503</b>
2.	G.B.	WR Davante Adams	489
3.	Hou./Ari.	WR DeAndre Hopkins	472

### PLAYERS WITH 500 CATCHES IN A FIVE-YEAR SPAN, NFL HISTORY

Seasons	Team/s	Player	Receptions
<b>2017-21</b>	<b>LAC</b>	<b>WR Keenan Allen</b>	<b>503</b>
2016-20	N.O.	WR Michael Thomas	510
	Hou./Ari.	WR DeAndre Hopkins	508
2015-19	Atl.	WR Julio Jones	519
	Hou.	WR DeAndre Hopkins	504
2014-18	Pit.	WR Antonio Brown	576
	Atl.	WR Julio Jones	524
2013-17	Pit.	WR Antonio Brown	582
2012-16	Pit.	WR Antonio Brown	547
2011-15	Pit.	WR Antonio Brown	510
2009-13	N.E./Den.	WR Wes Welker	522
2008-12	N.E.	WR Wes Welker	560
2007-11	N.E.	WR Wes Welker	554
2002-06	Ind.	WR Marvin Harrison	500
2001-05	Ind.	WR Marvin Harrison	514
2000-04	Ind.	WR Marvin Harrison	534
1999-2003	Ind.	WR Marvin Harrison	563
1998-2002	Ind.	WR Marvin Harrison	528
1994-98	Min.	WR Cris Carter	507
1993-97	Min.	WR Cris Carter	515
1992-96	S.F.	WR Jerry Rice	524

### MOST 100-CATCH SEASONS, NFL HISTORY

Rank	Team/s	Player	No. of Seasons
1.	Pit.	WR Antonio Brown	6
	Den./Chi./NYJ	WR Brandon Marshall	6
3.	Ari.	WR Larry Fitzgerald	5
	Hou.	WR Andre Johnson	5
	N.E.	WR Wes Welker	5
<b>6.</b>	<b>LAC</b>	<b>WR Keenan Allen</b>	<b>4</b>
	Hou./Ari.	WR DeAndre Hopkins	4
	Ind.	WR Marvin Harrison	4
	Ind.	WR Reggie Wayne	4
	S.F.	WR Jerry Rice	4

## EKELER SCORES AGAIN

**RB Austin Ekeler** scored a touchdown in his seventh-straight game, tying for the longest streak by a Charger in the last decade. He now has 18 scrimmage scores on the year, good for No. 2 in the NFL this season.

He finished with 112 scrimmage yards on the day, giving him eight games of 100-plus scrimmage yards this season. Ekeler ran for 58 yards and a touchdown on 17 attempts (3.4 avg.) and added three receptions for 54 yards (18.0 avg.).

### SCRIMMAGE TOUCHDOWNS LEADERS, NFL, 2021

Rank	Team	Player	Scrimmage TDs
1.	Ind.	RB Jonathan Taylor	20
<b>2.</b>	<b>LAC</b>	<b>RB Austin Ekeler</b>	<b>18</b>
3.	Ari.	RB James Conner	16
	Cin.	RB Joe Mixon	16
5.	LAR	WR Cooper Kupp	14

## HOPKINS SETTLES THE KICKING GAME

With two made field goals in Week 17, **K Dustin Hopkins** has made 17-of-18 field goals (94.4 pct.) in his 10 games with the team. The 94.4 field goal percentage is the best in a season by a Charger with at least 15 attempts.

### FIELD GOAL PCT., MIN. 15 ATTEMPTS, SINGLE SEASONS, CHARGERS HISTORY

Rank	Season	Player	Made FG	FG Att.	Pct.
<b>1.</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>Dustin Hopkins</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>94.4</b>
2.	2018	Michael Badgley	15	16	93.8
3.	2013	Nick Novak	34	37	91.9
4.	2009	Nate Kaeding	32	35	91.4
6.	2012	Nick Novak	18	20	90.0

## BIG-PLAY MIKE WILLIAMS

**WR Mike Williams** eclipsed 1,000 receiving yards on the season behind a three-catch, 63-yard performance that included a 45-yard touchdowns. The score was his league-leading eighth reception of 40-plus yards.

### RECEPTIONS OF 40-PLUS YARDS, NFL, 2021

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