

## Chargers Week 10 Media Availability

Thursday, November 9, 2023 ⚡ Hoag Performance Center ⚡ Costa Mesa, Calif.

### OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR KELLEN MOORE

#### On QB Justin Herbert's finger:

"I thought that he's done a nice job. I think he's been progressing well. I'm not concerned."

#### On the Jets defense:

"Sometimes games happen that way. We didn't convert and create extended drives. They did a nice job. They've done a nice job week-in and week-out, the Jets have. Justin [Herbert] protected the football. That was a big point in that game. That was going to have a huge impact on that game. Obviously, you'd love to throw for more yards and move the ball downfield more, but we have to continue to work on that."

#### On the offense:

"I think it's a work in progress. That's how most teams are. You go through the ebbs and flows of the season. You have a few guys go down, you navigate some different roles and stuff. Would we love to play better? Absolutely. It'll happen over time. We'll get better. Week-in and week-out you just keep on moving and improving."

#### On Lions DL Aidan Hutchinson:

"Effort and football awareness. Obviously, we see the physical component, but his effort is phenomenal. Then, I think he has really extremely high-level awareness on the field. You've seen the turnovers that he's created. The plays, he's aware of what's going on around him and he makes a lot of highlight-reel plays. It's kind of scary when you watch him."

#### On the Detroit defense:

"I think they're a really diverse team. I think the thing that jumps out is their play-style. I think they play really fast, really aggressive. They're certainly playing confident. They have a lot of things that they can do. I think you have to hone in, focus in on yourself and being aware of all the contingency plans and the things they could potentially present. They've done a really nice job this year."

#### On working with Herbert:

"Justin has been awesome. I've really enjoyed working with him. He's done a phenomenal job this year. He's been really good."

#### On WR Derius Davis:

"Derius has done awesome. That was such a cool moment, to see him get that return. He's been close on a few of them. Everyone was fired up for him."

## **DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR DERRICK ANSLEY**

### **On the challenges presented by the Lions' offense:**

"They're balanced — a really good run game, a really good offensive line, the quarterback is operating at a high level. A very balanced attack. [Lions WR Amon-Ra] St. Brown and the receiving corps are very talented. We have our hands full."

### **On Lions QB Jared Goff:**

"Poised. Experienced. He knows exactly where to go with the ball. He understands run structures. He gets them out of the bad plays. He doesn't run them to places where they don't need to run to; he'll change the play at the line of scrimmage. We have to do a really good job of disguising and making it hard for him."

### **On Goff currently 'compared to two or three years ago':**

"He really is the same quarterback. He has a really good run game around him, like he did with the Rams. They're running some of the same pass concepts that he is familiar with. He is very poised and very comfortable in what they are doing. They have a really good defense that complements what they do on offense. They're playing good ball all of the way around."

### **On preparing for the Lions' running backs:**

"I think that it starts with the front. You have to take care of their offensive line. No matter who is running the ball, those guys are big and strong up front, and they're athletic. We have to do a good job of attacking blocks, staying connected and knowing where our help is at in the run game, but we have to be aware of which back is in the game because [Lions RB] David [Montgomery] and [Lions RB] Jahmyr [Gibbs] are really different in their styles. Jahmyr is more of a home-run threat and Davis is more of a hammerhead, move-the-chains type of guy with enough speed to take it to the house, as well. We have our work cut out for us, but we're looking forward to the challenge."

### **On the defensive front aiding the secondary with their pass rush:**

"We always talk about the rush and cover working together. Those guys are rushing the passer at a really high rate. Give credit to [Outside Linebackers Coach] Giff [Smith] and [Defensive Run Game Coordinator/Defensive Line Coach] Jay [Rodgers] coming alive with those guys and getting a good scheme ready every week. K9 [LB Kenneth Murray Jr.] is really doing a good job in the mix with that, along with D.J. [S Derwin James Jr.]. We have a lot of guys that can go forward and attack the quarterback. We have to keep that going to continue to help us on the back end and keep the explosive plays out of the air."

### **On the play of CB Asante Samuel Jr. and CB Michael Davis through the first eight games:**

"I think that their best ball is ahead of them. The last couple of weeks, they've been more steady, but they have a whole another level that they can get to. I'm heavily involved in their development, so it's a work-in-progress every day. The good news is that both of those guys are really good people and they have really good work ethics about getting better. We look forward to them getting better toward the end of the season."

### **On WR Keenan Allen:**

"Keenan [Allen] is a handful [*laughter*]. He is a leader, for one, you feel him every day at practice. He is one of those guys that is always talking, in a good way, positively. He brings the energy. His route-running skills, the football stuff, you guys see that, but the intangibles that he brings to the meeting room, in the locker room, just walking up and down the hall, he is the same guy every day. Getting 10,000 [receiving] yards, you can understand why, because he is a solid human being."

### **On what will be the 'difference-maker' in Sunday's game against the Lions:**

"I think that we have to do a good job of slowing them down on defense. They're balanced. Their run game is really good. They marry it together with the pass. The play-action pass and screen game is really working at a high level. As a defense, we look forward to that challenge. We have a good defense, too, so we have to make sure that we go out there and do our part."

**On Murray Jr. and 'how he matches up against the Lions':**

"This is Kenneth's type of game. He is a downhill type of player, so I'm thinking that he is looking forward to the challenge of seeing some of those backs. I think that he is going to be excited to go play."