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## LOS ANGELES CHARGERS HEAD COACH ANTHONY LYNN

## On S Derwin James Jr.:

"I thought DJ looked good his first game back. He played probably more snaps than we wanted him to, but it was that type of game.

"We couldn't get him out of the game. He's a competitor."

## **On S Adrian Phillips:**

"I thought Adrian played well. He had a couple of nice hits — legal hits in the secondary. He looked good moving around. He helped us."

## On Broncos QB Drew Lock:

"I thought he did a good job of getting rid of the ball. He's a guy that we gave some running lanes and he took off with it a few times. They moved him around in the pocket and he got the ball out quickly."

## On getting no sacks on Sunday:

"Yeah, it's disappointing. It's disappointing and frustrating — just the game in general. I think Lock is a good quarterback. I liked him coming out of Missouri. He did what I've seen him do in the past. Yeah, we did not get to him. He got rid of the ball, they moved the pocket and used block-em-up protections and kept us away from him."

## On the defensive pass interference call:

"We talked about it. We can agree to disagree. I didn't see it the way they saw it. It's the way it fell. I never put a loss on one play. There were too many other plays in that game that could have made a difference. It never should have come down to that play, to be honest with you."

## On losing one-score games:

"Hell, if there's something that I could do to avoid being in close games, I would have done it by now. These guys, they fight. There are sometimes that we've dug ourselves in a hole and had to fight back, and games are closer than they probably should have been. It's just been frustrating this year because we've found a way over the last couple of years, after an 0-4 start [in 2017], to win some of these close games. If you would've told me that we would be in eight one-score games and lose all eight of them, I would have told you that you were crazy, but that's where we are right now. We have to figure out why. We can't turn the ball over. We made critical mistakes in situations before the end of the half and the game. We know all of that. We have to execute.

"We haven't forgotten how to win, but we need to win because I do believe that winning close games can become a habit and losing close games can become a habit. We need to remember how to win. We have one more quarter [of the season] to figure that out."

## On third down sacks:

"You would love to see him get rid of the ball in those situations because we had an opportunity to put points on the board. Then, we missed a field goal that hit the upright. If it's five-yards closer, would that make a difference? I don't know. The pressure, the pocket collapsed and he was trying to protect the football — which I understand that, and it resulted in a sack."



#### On QB Philip Rivers:

"I thought after the first three drives, he settled in, started making plays and helped put us in the position to win the game at the end. The first three drives were pretty slow. He started pretty slow, for sure."

#### **On TE Hunter Henry:**

"We ran the ball. We stayed balanced yesterday. We knew we could run the football. Our backs were running well. Our line was blocking well. We ran the football more. You only have so many targets. You have [WR] Keenan [Allen], [WR] Mike [Williams] and you have Hunter and [WR] Andre [Patton] — and we get [RB] Austin [Ekeler] the ball a lot out of the backfield."

#### On the message the final four weeks:

"We're going to finish. We're going to fight. Football is like life. We've been knocked down, but we're going to get the hell up. It's very important how we finish this season. It says a lot about our character as a coaching staff and a team."

#### On potentially playing younger players down the stretch to get them experience:

"No, we're here to win. We're going to try to win every single one of these suckers. If a young guy can come up and help us, then, of course, we'll let them play. Right now, no. We're not sitting any veterans."

#### On Offensive Coordinator Shane Steichen:

"I think Shane has done a good job overall. I think the offense has moved the ball up and down the field. We just had, like I've said over and over again, too many turnovers. That stalls drives and is taking points off the board. I think, overall, his play-calling has been fine. Not perfect, but it's been fine."

#### On trick plays:

"It didn't work last night because [QB] Tyrod [Taylor] threw the ball, the guy knocked the hell out of him. Those are always out-of-house plays. When they work, you're a genius. When they don't work, you're an idiot."

