

POSTGAME NOTES

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LOS ANGELES CHARGERS at JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS



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CHARGERS FALL IN AFC WILD CARD ROUND

The Los Angeles Chargers fell to the Jacksonville Jaguars, 31-30, in the AFC Wild Card Round on Saturday evening. **WR Keenan Allen**, **S Derwin James Jr.**, and **DL Sebastian Joseph-Day** were the game captains for the Chargers. The Bolts won the toss and deferred to the second half.

TEAM	1	2	3	4	OT	F
L.A. Chargers	17	10	3	0	—	30
Jacksonville	0	7	13	11	—	31

On the game's opening possession, **OLB Joey Bosa** deflected a pass that was intercepted by **LB Drue Tranquill**. On the following possession, **CB Asante Samuel Jr.**, picked off a pass and added another later in the first quarter. The Chargers are the only team in the last 30 years to have three interceptions in the first quarter of a postseason game. It's the fifth time over that span that a team has picked off three passes in any quarter of a postseason game.

As a unit, the defense finished with 13 passes defended in the game, the second-most all-time in a single postseason game by a Chargers defensive unit, and the most by any team in the league in a postseason outing since the 2016 postseason. (Houston, 13),

Offensively, the 17 points scored in the first quarter tied for the third-most in a single quarter of a postseason game in team history. The 27 first-half points were the second-most ever in a postseason game by a Chargers team. **QB Justin Herbert** completed 25-of-43 pass attempts (58.1 pct.) for 273 yards and one touchdown with zero interceptions, as **TE Gerald Everett** led the receiving output with six receptions for 109 yards (18.2 avg.).

S Derwin James led the unit with nine tackles (six solo), as **OLB Khalil Mack** registered a nine-yard sack in the fourth quarter, his first career sack in a postseason game. **DL Sebastian Joseph-Day** and **LB Kenneth Murray Jr.**, also split a first-quarter sack.

K Cameron Dicker made three of his four field goal tries (22, 23, 50 yards), tying for the third-most made field goals in a single postseason game in the club's history, as **P JK Scott** placed three punts inside of Jacksonville's 20-yard line, tied for the third-most ever in a postseason outing in franchise history.

A POSTSEASON DEBUT FOR THE AGES

CB Asante Samuel Jr., picked off a three passes and registered six passes defended, including two interceptions and four passes defended in the first quarter. His three interceptions are tied for the second-most in a single postseason game in NFL history and the most since Hall of Fame CB Ty Law in the 2003 AFC Championship.

Samuel is the first player in NFL history to pick off three passes in a postseason debut. He's also the only player in the last 30 seasons to have multiple interceptions in the first quarter of a postseason game and the only player over that span to have three interceptions in a single first half of a postseason game.

The second-year cornerback broke up six passes on the day, ranking tied for third-most all-time in a single postseason game. He joins Troy Vincent as the only players in the last 30 seasons to have five passes defended in the first half of a postseason game.

INTERCEPTIONS, SINGLE POSTSEASON GAMES, NFL HISTORY

Rk.	Team	Player	Game	INTs
1.	Hou.^	DB Vernon Perry	Dec. 29, 1979 at S.D.	4
2.	LAC	CB Asante Samuel Jr.	Jan. 14, 2023 at Jax.	3
	N.E.	CB Ty Law	Jan. 18, 2004 vs. Ind.	3
	Car.	CB Ricky Manning	Jan. 18, 2004 at Phi.	3
	Mia.	LB A.J. Duhe	Jan. 23, 1983 vs. NYJ	3
	Dal.	DB Dennis Thurman	Jan. 16, 1983 vs. G.B.	3
	Oak.	LB Rod Martin	Jan. 25, 1981 vs. Phi.	3
	Dal.	DB Charlie Waters	Dec. 26, 1977 vs. Chi.	3

PASSES DEFENSED, SINGLE POSTSEASON GAMES, NFL, SINCE 1991

Rk.	Team	Player	Game	PDs
1.	Ari.	DB Corey Chavous	Jan. 2, 1999 vs. Dal.	7
	Hou.^	CB Steve Jackson	Jan. 16, 1994 vs. K.C.	7
3.	LAC	CB Asante Samuel Jr.	Jan. 14, 2023 at Jax.	6
	G.B.	CB Mike McKenzie	Jan. 11, 2004 at Phi.	6
	Dal.	DB Kevin Mathis	Jan. 2, 1999 vs. Ari.	6
6.	—	Nine Other Players		5

^Houston Oilers

THIRD-DOWN DEFENSE

In the opening half, the Chargers did not allow a single third-down conversion on seven attempts, marking the first time the Chargers have held an opponent to zero third-down conversions in the first half of a postseason game since 2000.

The Bolts finished the game holding the Jaguars to 2-of-10 on third down (20.0 pct.), the fewest amount of third-down conversions allowed in a single postseason game by the Chargers over the last 30 years.

THIRD DOWN DEFENSE, CHARGERS POSTSEASON GAMES, SINCE 1991

Rk.	Game	Conv.	Att.	Pct.
1.	Jan. 14, 2023 at Jax.	2	10	20.0
2.	Jan. 14, 2007 vs. N.E.	4	17	23.5
3.	Jan. 5, 2014 at Cin.	3	12	25.0
4.	Jan. 13, 2008 at Ind.	3	11	27.3
5.	Jan. 2, 1993 vs. JK.C.	4	14	28.6

BOLTS FORCE FIVE FIRST-HALF TURNOVERS

Los Angeles forced five first-half turnovers and had zero giveaways, giving the team a plus-five turnover differential. It's tied for the best differential in a single first half of a postseason game in the last 30 years. The team's five takeaways in the first half are also tied for the most in a single first half of a postseason game since 1991.

FIRST-HALF TURNOVER DIFFERENTIAL, NFL POSTSEASON GAMES, SINCE 1991

Rank	Team	Game	TO Diff.
1.	L.A. Chargers	Jan. 14, 2023 at Jax.	+5
	Dallas	Jan. 31, 1993 vs. Buf.	+5
3.	Cleveland	Jan. 10, 2021 at Pit.	+4
	Jacksonville	Jan. 15, 2000 vs. Mia.	+4
	Dallas	Dec. 28, 1996 vs. Min.	+4
	San Francisco	Jan. 15, 1995 vs. Dal.	+4

FIRST-HALF TAKEAWAYS, NFL POSTSEASON GAMES, SINCE 1991

Rk.	Team	Game	TA
1.	L.A. Chargers	Jan. 14, 2023 at Jax.	5
	Dallas	Jan. 31, 1993 vs. Buf.	5
	Jacksonville	Jan. 15, 2000 vs. Mia.	5
4.	Cleveland	Jan. 10, 2021 at Pit.	4
	Carolina	Jan. 24, 2016 vs. Ari.	4
	Kansas City	Jan. 9, 2016 vs. Hou.	4
	Green Bay	Jan. 18, 2015 at Sea.	4
	San Francisco	Jan. 14, 2012 vs. N.O.	4
	San Francisco	Jan. 15, 1995 vs. Dal.	4
	Washington	Jan. 4, 1992 vs. Atl.	4

EKELER IN ELITE COMPANY

RB Austin Ekeler ran in a pair of touchdowns in the first quarter, giving him 20 touchdowns in the regular and postseason combined. He's just the seventh player in NFL history to have 20 touchdowns in consecutive seasons (regular and postseason combined).

Ekeler is the first Bolt with multiple touchdown runs in a single postseason game since Darren Sproles in the 2008 AFC Wild Card vs. Indianapolis on Jan. 3, 2009.

CONSECUTIVE SEASONS WITH 20-PLUS SCRIMMAGE TOUCHDOWNS, REGULAR AND POSTSEASON COMBINED, NFL HISTORY

Rank	Team/s	Player	No. of Seasons
1.	Chargers	RB Austin Ekeler	2 (2021-22)
	Chargers	RB LaDainian Tomlinson*	2 (2005-06)
	Seahawks	RB Shaun Alexander	2 (2004-05)
	Chiefs	RB Priest Holmes	2 (2002-03)
	Rams	RB Marshall Faulk*	2 (2000-01)
	Broncos	RB Terrell Davis*	2 (1997-98)
	Cowboys	RB Emmitt Smith*	2 (1994-95)

*Pro Football Hall of Famer

BOLTS PICK OFF THREE IN FIRST QUARTER

With interceptions by LB Drue Tranquill and CB Asante Samuel Jr., on each of the first two defensive possessions and another by Samuel later in the quarter, the Bolts became the only team in the last 30 years to pick off three passes in the first quarter of a postseason game.

Los Angeles is the fifth team to pick off three passes in a single quarter of any postseason game over the last 30 seasons.

FIRST QUARTER INTERCEPTIONS, NFL POSTSEASON GAMES, SINCE 1991

Team	Game	Round	INTs
L.A. Chargers	Jan. 14, 2023 at Jax.	AFC Wild Card	3
Cleveland	Jan. 10, 2021 at Pit.	AFC Wild Card	2
Baltimore	Jan. 10, 2010 at N.E.	AFC Wild Card	2
Seattle	Jan. 22, 2006 vs. Car.	NFC Championship	2
Pittsburgh	Jan. 20, 2002 vs. Bal.	AFC Divisional	2
Minnesota	Jan. 14, 2001 at NYG	NFC Championship	2

INTERCEPTIONS IN A SINGLE QUARTER, NFL POSTSEASON GAMES, SINCE 1991

Team	Game	Round	Qtr	INTs
LAC	Jan. 14, 2023 at Jax.	AFC Wild Card	1	3
Car.	Jan. 24, 2016 vs. Ari.	NFC Championship	4	3
Jax.	Jan. 5, 2008 at Pit.	AFC Wild Card	2	3
StL	Jan. 20, 2002 vs. G.B.	NFC Divisional	4	3
Mia.	Jan. 10, 1993 vs. S.D.	AFC Divisional	2	3