

POSTGAME NOTES

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LOS ANGELES CHARGERS vs. CLEVELAND BROWNS



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BOLTS OFFENSE LIGHTS IT UP IN WIN

The Los Angeles Chargers won their third-straight game on Sunday, defeating the Cleveland Browns, 47-42. The Bolts posted nearly 500 yards of offense, while **Mike Williams** set a single-game career high with 165 yards and two touchdowns on eight catches (20.6 avg.). Williams hauled in 72-yard and 42-yard scores, becoming the first player this season with two touchdown grabs of 40-plus yards in the same game. Los Angeles and Cleveland combined for 41 points scored in the fourth quarter, the most points in a single quarter between two teams in Chargers history.

TEAM	1	2	3	4	OT	F
Cleveland	3	17	7	15	—	42
L.A. Chargers	7	6	8	26	—	47

CHARGERS REGULAR-SEASON RECORD WHEN ...

	2021 Season		Since 2000	
	Home	Overall	Home	Overall
Overall	2-1	4-1	97-74	173-168
On Artificial Surfaces	2-1	2-1	6-5	27-33
In Open-Air Stadiums	2-1	4-1	97-74	165-157
When Losing the Coin Toss	2-0	4-0	42-41	80-91
When Receiving the Opening Kick	2-0	4-0	51-38	86-87
vs. AFC	2-0	3-0	72-56	130-125
In October	2-0	2-0	25-14	41-43
During Day Games	1-1	3-1	80-59	143-140
On Sunday/Late Afternoon	1-1	1-1	79-58	104-91
When Opponent Scores First	1-1	1-1	25-44	58-112
When Leading after the First Quarter	2-0	3-0	69-20	102-41
When Trailing at Halftime	1-1	1-1	13-46	33-109
When Trailing after the Third Quarter	1-0	3-0	10-55	30-118

CHARGERS RECORD BY UNIFORM, PANTS AND COMBINATION

	2021 Season		Since 1970	
	Home	Overall	Home	Overall
Powder Uniform	2-0	2-0	29-34-2	33-40-3
White Pants	1-1	3-1	130-113	176-181
Powder/White Combo	1-0	1-0	22-20	25-22

CLUTCH IN CRUNCH-TIME

Justin Herbert threw for a career-best 398 yards and four touchdowns on 26-of-43 passing (60.5 pct.) for a 122.0 passer rating in the victory. He added a rushing score in the third quarter to total five touchdowns on the day. One of Herbert's touchdown passes was on third down, giving him an NFL-best 18 passing scores on third down since entering the NFL in 2020.

The 398 yards marked the 11th 300-yard performance of Herbert's career, good for the most by any player in NFL history in their first two seasons of a career. The game was also the third of Herbert's career with three passing touchdowns and a rushing score in the same game, tying for the second-most performances over the last two seasons.

GAMES WITH 300-PLUS PASSING YARDS, FIRST TWO PROFESSIONAL SEASONS, NFL HISTORY

Rank	Team	Player	Games
1.	LAC	QB Justin Herbert	11
2.	K.C.	QB Patrick Mahomes	10
	Mia.	QB Dan Marino	10

Herbert orchestrated his third come-from-behind win this season and the fourth of his career. He led the team to four-straight touchdown drives to close out the game, with the exception of a kneel-down as the game's final play. Sunday marked the first time he led the Bolts to a comeback win in the fourth quarter or overtime at SoFi Stadium. Below is a look at all four of Herbert's fourth quarter comeback wins:

HERBERT'S FOURTH QUARTER/OVERTIME COMEBACK WINS

Date	Opponent	4Q/OT Deficit	Result
Dec. 17, 2020	at Las Vegas	24-27	W, 30-27 (OT)
Sept. 12, 2021	at Washington	13-16	W, 20-16
Sept. 26, 2021	at Kansas City	21-24	W, 30-24
Oct. 10, 2021	vs. Cleveland	35-42	W, 47-42

EKELER CONTINUES TO EXCEL

Austin Ekeler totaled 119 yards from scrimmage (66 rushing, 53 receiving on the day, finding the end zone on the ground twice and through the air once). He extended his streak of games with 100-plus scrimmage yards to four consecutive, tying Titans RB Derrick Henry for the longest active streak in football.

The receiving score gave Ekeler 19 for his career, tying for the second-most in the common draft era (since 1967) by any running back through the first five seasons of a career. He's now just one touchdown catch shy of becoming the youngest running back to reach 20 career touchdown grabs over that span.

RECEIVING TDs THROUGH FIRST FIVE SEASONS, RBs, NFL, SINCE 1967

Rank	Team	Player	Receiving TDs
1.	Min.	Chuck Foreman	21
2.	LAC	Austin Ekeler	19
	N.E.	James White	19
4.	N.O.	Alvin Kamara	18
	Phi.	Brian Westbrook	18

Through the afternoon slate of games in Week 5, Ekeler's seven total touchdowns through the first five games tie for the most in the NFL, while teammate **Mike Williams** is tied for third.

SCRIMMAGE TOUCHDOWNS, NFL, 2021

Rank	Team	Player	Scrimmage TDs
1.	LAC	RB Austin Ekeler	7
	Ten.	RB Derrick Henry	7
3.	LAC	WR Mike Williams	6
	Dal.	RB Ezekiel Elliott	6

HERBERT DIALS IT UP DEEP

On his second touchdown pass of the day, **Justin Herbert** hit **Mike Williams** on a the 72-yard score, marking the quarterback's third career passing touchdown of 70-plus yards and fifth of 50 or more – both of which pace the league since he entered the NFL in 2020.

MOST TOUCHDOWN PASSES OF 70-PLUS YARDS, FIRST TWO SEASONS, NFL, SINCE 1991

Seasons	Team	Player	Passing TDs
2020-21	LAC	QB Justin Herbert	3
2018-19	K.C.	QB Patrick Mahomes	3
2016-17	Dal.	QB Dak Prescott	3
2008-09	Bal.	QB Joe Flacco	3

PASSING TOUCHDOWNS OF 70-PLUS YARDS, NFL, SINCE 2020

Rank	Team	Player	Passing TDs
1.	LAC	QB Justin Herbert	3
2.	—	Seven Other Players	2

PASSING TOUCHDOWNS OF 50-PLUS YARDS, NFL, SINCE 2020

Rank	Team	Player	Passing TDs
1.	LAC	QB Justin Herbert	5
	Sea.	QB Russell Wilson	5
3.	—	Four Other Players	4

A NOSE FOR THE BALL

Derwin James Jr., posted 17 tackles (nine solo) and a sack on the day, including 14 tackles (press box totals) in the first half. It was the most tackles by any NFL player in a half of a regular or postseason game in the last 15 seasons and the second-most since 2000. James' 17 tackles were the most by a Charger in a single game since Donnie Edwards posted 19 in 2006.

MOST TACKLES IN A HALF, REGULAR AND POSTSEASON, NFL, SINCE 2000

Rk.	Team	Player	Season	Week	Tackles
1.	Buf.	LB London Fletcher	2004	5	15
2.	LAC	S Derwin James Jr.	2021	5	14
	Cin.	LB Armegis Spearman	2000	4	14