

## Chargers Week 16 Media Availability

Wednesday, December 20, 2023 ⚡ Hoag Performance Center ⚡ Costa Mesa, Calif.

### OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR KELLEN MOORE

#### **On recent organizational changes:**

"It's obviously been an interesting time of year for us with changes and adjustments. We're continuing to navigate the best we can. Again, like [Interim Head Coach] Giff [Smith] has kind of emphasized, we have three weeks to just go for it here. We'll see what happens.

#### **On his reaction to the changes transpiring:**

"We were in the element of the disappointment of the game. You're kind of in that aspect of it. A lot of emotions. A lot of moving pieces with that. Obviously, people that you care a lot [about] and had an impact all of us. Those things are never easy. I don't think they're easy for anyone associated with this thing."

#### **On QB Easton Stick:**

"I thought he did some nice things. Obviously, the turnovers ultimately had a huge impact on the game. I really respected the heck out of him for continuing to battle. I thought he started moving the ball as the game went on. The turnovers kind of got us early. Again, it's a great opportunity for him to continue to keep building on this thing. I'm excited for him this week. He has these three weeks. I'm excited for what he's going to present."

#### **On QB Will Grier:**

"Obviously, when you lose [QB] Justin [Herbert], we're down to two in the room. To get back up to three — Will [Grier] was with us for two years in Dallas, so a lot of familiarity there. It certainly gives us the depth just to handle the last few weeks the right way."

#### **On OL Brenden Jaimes:**

"It's something that he's waited on for a while here. He's earned this opportunity just from continuing to be patient, continuing to develop as a center. He hopped in there this past game. He'll finish this season off the right way. I think it's going to be a huge opportunity for him. We have a lot of guys like him, like [Easton] Stick. Sometimes you wait a long time for opportunities. These are opportunities that you have to take advantage of. They have huge impacts on your future. I'm excited for him."

#### **On recent organizational changes:**

"I think it's something where we all get to go through this. I think it would be an awesome postseason thing to dig in on and try to grow from. Again, not the success necessarily that we all aspired to have. You grow from each and every situation. It shows how small the margins are in this league. We've been close in a lot of games. We just weren't ever able to get those finishers at the end of the games. It certainly recognizes how competitive this league is. It's something that, definitely, we'll all have to process as the season finishes up."

**On the message to the players:**

"I think [Interim Head Coach] Giff [Smith] was awesome. Three weeks. Just go for it. Go for it as a group. Be there for each other together. Giff has obviously handled it from a leadership standpoint really well. We've tried to echo his message from a coordinator perspective. I thought our guys have responded well."

## **DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR DERRICK ANSLEY**

### **On recent organizational changes:**

"A lot of mixed emotions, but we're pushing through it and we're going to put the best product that we can on the field and make sure that our players are ready to go play."

### **On what 'caused' his 'mixed emotions':**

"With the changes — roles changing, people leaving and people moving around. Just making the best of the opportunities that we have in front of us."

### **On if he has 'had time to reflect on the last couple of seasons':**

"No, I wouldn't say that I've reflected over the last two years. We haven't really had time to unpack those kinds of emotions. That will probably happen after the season. The Thursday night game kind of got away from us early. We flushed that game. We didn't do enough as coaches to get our guys ready to play. It was unfortunate that the outcome happened the way it did."

### **On recent organizational changes:**

"I don't want to be pointing fingers at anybody. We didn't get it done as a collective. We all had a hand in that. [former Head Coach] Brandon [Staley] did a tremendous job of leading this program. We believed in him. The players believed in him. We just, ultimately, came up short. There's no one situation that caused us to be where we are now. A lot of people had a hand in that."

### **On if he will call the defense:**

"Yes, sir."

### **On calling the defense:**

"Under the circumstance, there's mixed emotions there. Obviously, we don't want this to be me calling plays in this situation where Brandon [Staley] is no longer here. But I am excited about the opportunity to lead our players. It's very similar to what I've been doing. Now, I just get a chance to call the plays on [Saturday]. I'm excited about that, but definitely am disappointed in the outcome of why I'm calling the plays."

### **On potential changes to the defense:**

"I don't know that. We're two different minds. We have similar philosophies. We're going to call the things that our players can execute well. We're not going to wholesale change anything. We're going to do what our 11 guys out there can do at a high level. Whatever that looks like, that's what it looks like. We have to slow down one of the best guys in the league coming in here [Bills QB Josh Allen]. He's a big engine. Run, hit. He can run you over. He can throw it past you. He's smart. We have to put together a good plan, which we have, that our guys can go digest and play fast."