

# POSTGAME NOTES

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## LOS ANGELES CHARGERS vs. PITTSBURGH STEELERS



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### CHARGERS COME BACK ON SNF

The Los Angeles Chargers topped the Pittsburgh Steelers on *Sunday Night Football*, 41-37. Each of the last three games in the series between the teams has been on Sunday night, with the Chargers winning two of those contests.

The offense was led by **RB Austin Ekeler's** four scrimmage touchdowns as he became the first running back since 2011 (Maurice Jones-Drew) with multiple rushing scores and multiple receiving touchdowns. Meanwhile, **QB Justin Herbert** became the first player in NFL history to post 350 passing yards and 90 rushing yards in a single game.

Los Angeles scored on each of its first five possessions, the first time a Chargers offense did so since the 2017 home victory over Washington.

TEAM	1	2	3	4	OT	F
Pittsburgh	3	7	0	27	—	37
L.A. Chargers	7	10	10	14	—	41

### ALLEN A DAY'S WORK

With nine receptions for 112 yards (12.4 avg.) on the day, **WR Keenan Allen** tied a team record with his third-consecutive game of eight or more catches. He finished the day with 698 career receptions and can tie Antonio Brown as the fastest to reach 700 catches in his next appearance (111 games).

### MOST CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITH EIGHT OR MORE RECEPTIONS, CHARGERS HISTORY

Rk.	Player	Dates	Consec. Games
1.	<b>WR Keenan Allen</b>	<b>Nov. 7, 2021-Present</b>	<b>3</b>
	WR Keenan Allen	Oct. 25, 2020-Nov. 8, 2020	3
	WR Keenan Allen	Sept. 8, 2019-Sept. 22, 2019	3
	WR Keenan Allen	Nov. 18, 2017-Dec. 3, 2017	3
	TE Antonio Gates	Oct. 23, 2005-Nov. 6, 2005	3

### HERBERT LEADS ANOTHER COMEBACK

**QB Justin Herbert** threw for 382 yards and three touchdowns with an interception on 30-of-41 passing (73.2 pct.) for a 116.1 passer rating. He added 90 rushing yards on nine attempts (10.0 avg.), setting the all-time Chargers record for single-game rushing yards by a quarterback.

Justin Herbert is the only player in NFL history to record 350 passing yards and 90 rushing yards in a single game.

The Oregon product orchestrated his sixth career come-from-behind victory in the fourth quarter or overtime. The six comeback wins is tied for the sixth-most by a quarterback within the first two seasons of a career. The victory was capped by the eighth game-winning drive of his career, tying for the fourth-most by a player ever through their first two seasons.

### 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
Nov. 7, 2021	at Philadelphia	16-17	W, 27-24
Nov. 21, 2021	vs. Pittsburgh	34-37	W, 37-34

### JUSTIN HERBERT'S CAREER GAME-WINNING DRIVES

Game	Drive Length	Game-Winning Score
Dec. 13, 2020 vs. Atl.	6 plays, 49 yds (0:31)	Badgley 43-yd FG
Dec. 17, 2020 at L.V.	5 plays, 75 yds (1:49)	Herbert 1-yd TD run*
Dec. 27, 2020 vs. Den.	7 plays, 56 yds (2:01)	Badgley 37-yd FG
Sept. 12, 2021 at Was.	3 plays, 3 yds (0:45)	M.Williams 3-yd TD rec.
Sept. 26, 2021 at K.C.	8 plays, 59 yds (1:10)	M.Williams 4-yd TD rec.
Oct. 10, 2021 vs. Cle.	5 plays, 48 yds (0:31)	Ekeler 3-yd TD run
Nov. 7, 2021 at Phi.	15 plays, 64 yds (6:05)	Hopkins 29-yd FG
Nov. 21, 2021 vs. Pit.	3 plays, 75 yards (1:15)	M.Williams 53-yd TD rec.

\*Game-winning drive was in overtime

## HERBERT GREAT THROUGH 25 STARTS

In the first 25 games of his career, **QB Justin Herbert** has been among the best in NFL history. He eclipsed 7,000 passing yards in his 25th career game, tying Hall of Fame QB Kurt Warner for the second-fastest in history. His 7,263 passing yards were the third-most in history through a player's first 25 career starts.

Herbert's three passing touchdowns gave him 53 for his career, passing Tony Romo for the third-most by a player in history through their first 25 career starts.

### FEWEST GAMES TO 7,000 PASSING YARDS, SINCE 1970

Rank	Team	Player	Games
1.	K.C.	QB Patrick Mahomes	21
2.	LAC	<b>QB Justin Herbert</b>	<b>25</b>
	StL	QB Kurt Warner	25

### PASSING YARDS LEADERS, FIRST 25 CAREER STARTS, NFL HISTORY

Rank	Team	Player	Passing Yards
1.	K.C.	QB Patrick Mahomes	8,007
2.	StL	QB Kurt Warner	7,333
3.	LAC	<b>QB Justin Herbert</b>	<b>7,263</b>
4.	Mia.	QB Dan Marino	7,054

### PASSING TOUCHDOWNS LEADERS, FIRST 25 CAREER STARTS, NFL HISTORY

Rank	Team	Player	Passing TDs
1.	K.C.	QB Patrick Mahomes	68
2.	Mia.	QB Dan Marino	65
3.	LAC	<b>QB Justin Herbert</b>	<b>53</b>
4.	Dal.	QB Tony Romo	52

## FIRST HALF OFFENSE

The Los Angeles offense had an effective first half, putting up 17 points and 240 net yards on three drive. The Bolts scored touchdowns on each of their first two drives, doing so for the first time since a 2018 win against Cincinnati.

Pittsburgh had not allowed a touchdown on an opening drive this season until the Chargers had a 12-play, 73-yard drive capped off by a six-yard touchdown run by RB Austin Ekeler. On the next possession, the Bolts went 98 yards in 12 plays, ending the drive with a 10-yard scoring grab by Ekeler. The 98-yard drive was the longest scoring drive by a Chargers offense since the *Sunday Night Football* victory at Pittsburgh in 2018.

On the 98-yard scoring drive, **QB Justin Herbert** ran for 40 yards. It was the third-most rushing yards by a quarterback during a single drive this season.

### MOST RUSHING YARDS BY A QB, SINGLE DRIVES, NFL, 2021

Rk.	Game	Quarterback	Rushing Yds
1.	Week 2 (NYG at Was.)	Daniel Jones	51
2.	Week 5 (Buf. at K.C.)	Josh Allen	42
3.	<b>Week 11 (Pit. at LAC)</b>	<b>Justin Herbert</b>	<b>40</b>
4.	Week 7 (Was. at G.B.)	Taylor Heinicke	38

## END ZONE EKELER

**RB Austin Ekeler** found the end zone twice in the first half, one on a six-yard run and the other a 10-yard reception. The performance on Sunday night marked Ekeler's NFL-best third game of the year with a touchdown catch and a rushing score.

He added a 17-yard touchdown catch in the third quarter and a five-yard rushing score in the fourth quarter. The four-touchdown performance is the first by a Charger running back since Danny Woodhead in 2015. Ekeler now has 12 scrimmage scores on the year, setting a career high and ranking tied for No. 2 in the NFL this season among running backs.

The performance made Ekeler the first running back to have multiple rushing scores and multiple receiving touchdowns in a single game since 2011 (Maurice Jones-Drew). He is also just the third running back in the last 30 seasons with at least five touchdowns on the ground and five receiving scores within his team's first 10 games of a season (Kareem Hunt in 2018 and Marshall Faulk in 2000). Ekeler's 22 receiving touchdowns are the most by a running back through their first five pro seasons in the common draft era (since 1967).

Ekeler ended the game with 115 yards from scrimmage (50 rushing, 65 receiving) and four touchdowns (two rushing, two receiving). The 50 rushing yards brought him to 573 on the season, setting a single-season career high.

### SCRIMMAGE TOUCHDOWNS LEADERS, RBs, NFL, 2021

Rank	Team	Player	Scrimmage TDs
1.	Ind.	Jonathan Taylor	15
2.	LAC	<b>Austin Ekeler</b>	<b>13</b>
	Ari.	James Conner	13
4.	Cin.	Joe Mixon	11
5.	Ten.	Derrick Henry	10

### GAMES WITH A RUSHING TD AND A TD CATCH, NFL, 2021

Rank	Team	Player	Games
1.	LAC	<b>RB Austin Ekeler</b>	<b>3</b>
2.	Ind.	RB Jonathan Taylor	2
	LAR	RB Darrell Henderson	2
4.	—	14 Other Players	1

### RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS THROUGH FIRST FIVE SEASONS, RBs, NFL, COMMON DRAFT ERA (SINCE 1967)

Rank	Team	Player	Receiving TDs
1.	LAC	<b>Austin Ekeler</b>	<b>22</b>
2.	Min.	Chuck Foreman	21
3.	N.E.	James White	19
	N.O.	Alvin Kamara	19
5.	Phi.	Brian Westbrook	18