

POSTGAME NOTES

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LOS ANGELES CHARGERS vs. LOS ANGELES RAMS



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BOLTS REACH 10 WINS ON SEASON

The Los Angeles Chargers defeated the Los Angeles Rams, 31-10, for their fourth consecutive win, improving to 10-6 on the season. The 21-point win was the largest margin of victory for the Bolts in 2022.

WR Keenan Allen 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. Rams	3	7	0	0	—	10
L.A. Chargers	0	17	7	7	—	31

The Los Angeles offense totaled 431 net yards (239 passing, 192 rushing), the team's third-highest total in a game this season. **QB Justin Herbert** threw for two touchdowns and 212 yards with zero interceptions on 21-of-28 passing (75.0 pct.), registering a 119.9 passer rating.

RB Austin Ekeler totaled 161 yards from scrimmage (122 rushing, 39 receiving) behind his fourth career 100-yard rushing performance. He ran for a pair of touchdowns, reaching an NFL-best 18 this season. **WR Mike Williams** led the team with seven receptions and 94 receiving yards.

Defensively, the Chargers allowed 111 net passing yards, the second-fewest in a single game this season (104 allowed at Indianapolis in Week 16). The defense held the Rams to four third-down conversions on the day, meaning the Bolts have allowed 13 conversions on third down in the team's last five games. In the second half, the Bolts allowed a season-low 56 total net yards (35 rushing, 21 passing). Sunday marked the second-straight game the Bolts defense allowed just three first downs in the second half.

OLB Kyle Van Noy had a strip-sack in the third quarter and recovered the fumble to give the Bolts the ball. It marked his fourth-straight game with a sack, the longest streak of his career and longest active streak among AFC players. **DL Morgan Fox** added a sack in the first quarter, giving him a career-best 6.5 sacks on the season.

EKELER SCORES TWICE AGAIN

RB Austin Ekeler ran for a pair of touchdowns for the second-straight week, giving him a league-leading 18 on the season, including 13 on the ground. He's set a single-season career high with his 13 rushing scores on the year.

He broke off a career-long 72-yard touchdown run in the second quarter, the sixth-longest run in the NFL this season and the longest by a Charger since 2017. Ekeler is the only player this season to have multiple carries of 70-plus yards and the first Bolt to do so in a single season since LaDainian Tomlinson in 2003.

SCRIMMAGE TOUCHDOWNS, NFL, 2022			
Rank	Team/s	Player	Scrimmage TDs
1.	LAC	RB Austin Ekeler	18
2.	Det.	RB Jamaal Williams	15
3.	L.V.	WR Davante Adams	14
4.	Phi.	QB Jalen Hurts	13
	Ten.	RB Derrick Henry	13

With four receptions, Ekeler reached 103 for the season, becoming the fifth running back ever to top 100 receptions in a single season. He broke Tomlinson's team record for single-season catches by a running back. Ekeler's 103 catches are the third-most in a single season by a running back in NFL history.

RECEPTIONS, RUNNING BACKS, SINGLE SEASON, NFL HISTORY				
Rank	Season	Team	Player	Receptions
1.	2019	Panthers	RB Christian McCaffrey [†]	116
2.	2018	Panthers	RB Christian McCaffrey	107
3.	2022	Chargers	RB Austin Ekeler	103
4.	2014	Bears	RB Matt Forte	102
6.	1995	Cardinals	RB Larry Centers*	101
6.	2003	Chargers	RB LaDainian Tomlinson	100

*Pro Bowl Selection

†Associated Press First-Team All-Pro

HERBERT TOSSES A PAIR OF TOUCHDOWNS

QB Justin Herbert threw for two touchdowns in the victory, giving him 100 combined touchdowns in his career. The 100 combined scores tied Hall of Famer Dan Marino for the most ever by any player through their first three seasons.

The game also marked Herbert's 29th with multiple touchdown passes, good for the second-most through the first three seasons of a career in NFL history.

COMBINED TOUCHDOWNS, FIRST THREE SEASONS, NFL HISTORY

Rank	Team	Player	Combined Touchdowns
1.	LAC	QB Justin Herbert	100
	Mia.	QB Dan Marino*	100
3.	Ind.	QB Andrew Luck	98
4.	Buf.	QB Josh Allen	92
	Car.	QB Cam Newton	92

MOST GAMES WITH MULTIPLE TOUCHDOWN PASSES, FIRST THREE SEASONS, NFL HISTORY

Rank	Team	Player	Games
1.	Mia.	QB Dan Marino*	32
2.	LAC	QB Justin Herbert	29
3.	Ind.	QB Andrew Luck	28
4.	Ind.	QB Peyton Manning*	26
	Cin.	QB Joe Burrow	26

*Pro Football Hall of Famer

DEFENSE CONTINUES THIRD-DOWN DOMINANCE

The Chargers defense continued to perform on third down, allowing four conversions on 11 attempts (36.4 pct.).

Over the past five weeks, the Los Angeles defense leads the league in defensive third down percentage (24.5) by allowing a league-low 13 third-down conversions. The Bolts are the only NFL team over that span to allow less than 30 percent of its defensive third down attempts.

THIRD DOWN DEFENSE, NFL, WEEKS 13-17, 2022

Rank	Team	Conv.	Att.	Conv. Pct.
1.	L.A. Chargers	13	53	24.5
2.	Washington	14	45	31.1
3.	N.Y. Giants	19	60	31.7
4.	Las Vegas	20	63	31.7
5.	San Francisco	19	59	32.2

SCOTT PINS THEM DEEP

P JK Scott placed punts inside of the Rams' 20-yard line a three times on Sunday, marking his fifth game this season with at least three punts placed deep in opponent's territory. It's tied for the best in the AFC and ranks tied for No. 2 in the NFL this season.

MOST GAMES WITH THREE-PLUS PUNTS INSIDE THE 20-YARD LINE, AFC, 2022

Rank	Team	Player	Games
1.	LAC	P JK Scott	5
	Ind.	P Matt Haack	5
	Mia.	P Thomas Morstead	5
	Ten.	P Ryan Stonehouse	5
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