

# POSTGAME NOTES

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## LOS ANGELES CHARGERS at CINCINNATI BENGALS



Sunday, Dec. 5, 2021 | 1:00 p.m. PT | Cincinnati, Ohio

### CHARGERS WIN IN CINCINNATI

The Los Angeles Chargers defeated the Bengals in Cincinnati, 41-22. The game marked the team's third with 40-plus points scored this year, becoming the ninth Chargers team with at least three 40-point games in a single season and the first since 2008.

TEAM	1	2	3	4	OT	F
L.A. Chargers	16	8	0	17	—	41
Cincinnati	0	13	6	0	—	22

The Los Angeles defense recorded six sacks on the day, the first six-sack performance by a Chargers defense since 2016. The Bolts forced four turnovers by the Bengals, including two fumbles. One of the forced fumbles was a strip-sack, giving the Chargers a conference-best eight strip sacks on the year.

#### STRIP SACKS, NFL, 2021

Rank	Team	Strip Sacks
1.	Los Angeles Chargers	8
	Arizona Cardinals	8
3.	Five Other Teams	5

### ELUSIVE EKELER

With 104 scrimmage yards (59 rushing, 45 receiving) and a rushing touchdown, **RB Austin Ekeler** ranks second in the NFL entering the afternoon slate with 15 scrimmage touchdowns on the season. He is the first Charger with at least 15 scrimmage scores in a season since Hall of Fame **RB LaDainian Tomlinson** had 18 in 2007.

His seven games of 100-plus scrimmage yards rank tied for second in the NFL this season.

#### SCRIMMAGE TOUCHDOWNS LEADERS, NFL, 2021

Rank	Team	Player	Scrimmage TDs
1.	Ind.	RB Jonathan Taylor	18
2.	LAC	RB Austin Ekeler	15
3.	Ari.	RB James Conner	13
	Cin.	RB Joe Mixon	13

### HERBERT FASTEST TO 700 COMPLETIONS

**QB Justin Herbert** completed 26 passes on 35 attempts (74.3 pct.) for 317 yards and three touchdowns with an interception (118.4 rating). His 15th completion of the day put him over 700 for his career, eclipsing that mark faster than any player in NFL history (27 games).

The 300-yard performance was Herbert's 15th of his career, adding to his NFL record through a player's first two seasons. He also now has 11 games with at least three touchdown passes, good for the second most through a player's first two seasons.

#### FEWEST GAMES TO 700 COMPLETIONS, NFL HISTORY

Rank	Team	Player	Games
1.	LAC	QB Justin Herbert	27
2.	Det.	QB Matthew Stafford	30
	K.C.	QB Patrick Mahomes	30

#### GAMES WITH THREE-PLUS PASSING TOUCHDOWNS, FIRST TWO PROFESSIONAL SEASONS, NFL HISTORY

Rank	Team	Player	Games
1.	Mia.	QB Dan Marino	13
2.	LAC	QB Justin Herbert	11
3.	K.C.	QB Patrick Mahomes	10

### BIG-PLAY MIKE WILLIAMS

With 110 receiving yards on five catches (22.0 avg.), **WR Mike Williams** recorded his third 100-yard game of the season. He caught a pair of passes for at least 40 yards, giving him an NFL-best seven receptions of 40-plus yards.

#### RECEPTIONS OF 40-PLUS YARDS, NFL, 2021

Rank	Team	Player	40-Yard Receptions
1.	LAC	WR Mike Williams	7
2.	Cin.	WR Ja'Marr Chase	6
	S.F.	WR Deebo Samuel	6

## FAST TIMES AT PAUL BROWN STADIUM

The Chargers forced two takeaways in the first quarter, helping the team jump out to a 16-point lead. On the first defensive possession, **OLB Uchenna Nwosu** had strip-sack and recovery while **CB Michael Davis** had an interception on the next possession. Sunday marked the fourth time in the NFL this year that a defense took the ball away on each of their first two possessions.

The Bolts now have five strip-sacks in the first quarter this season, good for the most in the NFL. The team's six takeaways and six forced fumbles in the first quarter this season are tied for the most in the NFL in 2021.

### STRIP SACKS, FIRST QUARTER, NFL, 2021

Rank	Team	Strip Sacks
1.	Los Angeles Chargers	5
2.	Carolina Panthers	3

### FORCED FUMBLES, FIRST QUARTER, NFL, 2021

Rank	Team	Forced Fumbles
1.	Los Angeles Chargers	6
	Carolina Panthers	6
3.	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	5

**QB Justin Herbert** completed 10-of-12 passes (83.3 pct.) for 128 yards and two touchdowns in the opening quarter, registering a 150.7 passer rating in the process. The 150.7 rating was the best by a Chargers quarterback in the first quarter since at least 1991 (min. 10 attempts).

### PASSER RATING LEADERS, FIRST QUARTER, MIN. 10 ATT., CHARGERS QUARTERBACKS, SINCE 1991

Rank	Game	Quarterback	Passer Rtg.
1.	Dec. 5, 2021 at Cin.	Justin Herbert	150.7
2.	Oct. 31, 2004 vs. Oak.	Drew Brees	146.7
3.	Dec. 30, 2001 vs. Sea.	Doug Flutie	146.2

Meanwhile, **WR Mike Williams** posted 92 receiving yards in the quarter, the most by a Charger in the first quarter in a decade. **WR Keenan Allen** was the first Bolts player with multiple touchdown grabs in the first quarter since 2012.

## CAMPBELL SCOOPS AND SCORES

**CB Tevaughn Campbell** scooped up a fumble of Bengals RB Joe Mixon that was forced by DL Christian Covington. Campbell returned the fumble for a 61-yard touchdown, tying for the sixth-longest fumble return by a single player in team history.

### LONGEST FUMBLE RETURNS, SINGLE PLAYERS, CHARGERS HISTORY

Rk.	Game	Player	Play Length
1.	Nov. 30, 2008 vs. Atl.	S Eric Weddle	86-Yard TD
2.	Nov. 10, 2002 at StL	LB Donnie Edwards	82-Yard TD
3.	Oct. 22, 1989 vs. NYG	FS Vencie Glenn	81-Yard TD
4.	Oct. 29, 2006 vs. StL	S Marlon McCree	79-Yard TD
5.	Nov. 23, 1997 at S.F.	CB Paul Bradford	78-Yard TD
6.	Dec. 5, 2021 at Cin.	CB Tevaughn Campbell	61-Yard TD
	Sept. 25, 2016 at Ind.	DT Caraun Reid	61-Yard TD

## BACK WITH A VENGEANCE

After appearing in just five games in the 2019-20 seasons, **Derwin James Jr.**, has 100 tackles this season. He is the eighth player and first defensive back since at least 2000 with 100 tackles in a season after missing the entire previous due to injury.

There are seven players (all linebackers) since 2000 who posted 100 tackles after missing the entire previous season due to injury. Two of those players — Sean Lee and NaVorro Bowman in 2015 — were selected to the Pro Bowl for their efforts while Bowman was also recognized by *The Associated Press* as a first-team All-Pro.

### PLAYERS WITH 100 TACKLES AFTER MISSING ENTIRE PREVIOUS SEASON DUE TO INJURY, NFL, SINCE 2000

Season	Team/s	Player	Tackles
2021	LAC	S Derwin James Jr.	100
2020	NYJ/Pit.	LB Avery Williamson	111
2018	Mia.	LB Raekwon McMillan	105
2015	Dal.	LB Sean Lee*	128
	S.F.	LB NaVorro Bowman**	154
2014	K.C.	LB Josh Mauga	103
	Was.	LB Keenan Robinson	108
2011	Cle.	LB D'Qwell Jackson	158

\*Pro Bowl Selection

†Associated Press First-Team All-Pro