

POSTGAME NOTES

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LOS ANGELES CHARGERS vs. MIAMI DOLPHINS



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CHARGERS FALL IN SEASON OPENER

The Los Angeles Chargers lost to the Miami Dolphins, 36-34, in Week 1. **WR Keenan Allen** and **S Derwin James Jr.**, 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
Miami	7	13	7	9	—	36
L.A. Chargers	7	10	7	10	—	34

DL Nick Williams recovered a fumble on the first drive of the 2023 season, marking the first time since 2012 the Chargers defense recovered a fumble on the opening defensive series of a season. The Bolts took the ensuing possession 94 yards in 14 plays, finishing with a one-yard touchdown run by **RB Austin Ekeler**.

On offense, Los Angeles totaled 433 net yards, 30 first downs and converted 60 percent of its third-down attempts (nine-of-15). The Bolts became the fourth team since 2000 to run for over 230 rushing yards and three touchdowns on Kickoff Weekend, and the first since 2010. Ekeler totaled 164 yards from scrimmage (117 rushing, 47 receiving), the fifth 100-yard rushing performance of his career and fifth with at least 150 scrimmage yards. **RB Joshua Kelley** added 91 yards on the ground, marking the first game for the Chargers with a pair of 90-yard rushers since 2008.

OFFENSIVE PERFORMANCES WITH 230 RUSHING YARDS AND THREE RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS, SINGLE GAME, KICKOFF WEEKEND, NFL, SINCE 2000

Season	Team	Game	Rush Yds	Rush TDs
2023	LAC	Sept. 10, 2023 vs. Mia.	234	3
2010	Hou.	Sept. 12, 2010 vs. Ind.	257	3
2008	Atl.	Sept. 7, 2008 vs. Det.	318	3
2000	Phi.	Sept. 3, 2000 at Dal.	306	3

Defensively, Los Angeles broke up a total of 10 passes on the day, tying for the second-most in Week 1 across the NFL and the most by any Chargers defense during Kickoff Weekend since at least 1991. The Bolts also registered a pair of takeaways in the game — Nick Williams' fumble recovery and an interception by **CB J.C. Jackson**.

HERBERT KEEPS COMPLETING

QB Justin Herbert completed 23 passes on the day, extending his streak of games with 20-plus completions to 28 consecutive games. It's the third-longest streak in NFL history. He also had a 21-game streak earlier in his career.

CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITH 20-PLUS COMPLETIONS, NFL HISTORY

Rk.	Team/s	Quarterback	Dates	Consec. Games
1.	N.O.	Drew Brees	Dec. 6, 2009-Oct. 6, 2013	57
2.	N.O.	Drew Brees	Nov. 29, 2015-Nov. 5, 2017	30
3.	LAC	Justin Herbert	Nov. 7, 2021-Present	28
4.	LAC	Justin Herbert	Sept. 20, 2020-Oct. 17, 2021	21
	Bal./Den.	Joe Flacco	Nov. 5, 2017-Sept. 29, 2019	21
	N.O.	Drew Brees	Oct. 27, 2013-Nov. 24, 2014	21

KEENAN CATCHES 800

WR Keenan Allen hauled in his fourth pass of the day late in the first half, eclipsing 800 career catches on the play. He tied as the second-fastest player in NFL history to reach that mark.

FEWEST GAMES TO 800 RECEPTIONS, NFL HISTORY

Rank	Team	Player	Games
1.	Pit.	WR Antonio Brown	126
2.	LAC	WR Keenan Allen	127
	Atl.	WR Julio Jones	127
4.	Ind.	WR Marvin Harrison	131

DAVIS EXTENDS LEAGUE-BEST STREAK

CB Michael Davis broke up two passes in the season opener, extending his NFL-best streak of games with a pass breakup to eight consecutive. It's the longest streak by a Chargers defender since Casey Hayward Jr., did so in eight-straight contests in 2017.

CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITH A PASS DEFENSED, ACTIVE NFL STREAKS

Rk.	Team/s	Player	Consec. Games (Dates)
1.	LAC	CB Michael Davis	8 (Nov. 27, 2022-Present)
2.	Cle.	CB Denzel Ward	7 (Dec. 4, 2022-Present)