

POSTGAME NOTES

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LOS ANGELES CHARGERS vs. LAS VEGAS RAIDERS



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CHARGERS START SEASON 1-0

The Los Angeles Chargers defeated the Las Vegas Raiders to start the 2022 season, 24-19.

Game captains for the Los Angeles Chargers were **WR Keenan Allen** and **S Derwin James Jr.** Las Vegas won the coin toss and elected to defer. The Bolts took their first drive of the season 50 yards on 12 plays and got on the board first from a 43-yard field goal by **K Dustin Hopkins**. It's the second-straight year the Chargers scored on the season's opening possession.

TEAM	1	2	3	4	OT	F
Las Vegas	3	0	10	6	—	19
L.A. Chargers	3	14	7	0	—	24

The Bolts defense totaled six sacks on the day, the most in Week 1 since the team also recorded six sacks to open the 2006 season. The defense also picked off three passes, marking the first defensive performance for the Chargers with at least six sacks and three interceptions since 2007.

With a seven-yard sack in the first quarter, **S Derwin James Jr.**, who appeared in his 32nd career NFL game on Sunday, reached 6.5 career sacks. He has the second-most sacks among safeties since he entered the NFL in 2018 with less than 50 games played.

DEFENSIVE SACKS, SAFETIES, FEWER THAN 50 GAMES PLAYED, NFL, SINCE 2018

Rank	Team	Player	GP	Sacks
1.	Mia.	S Brandon Jones	32	7.0
2.	LAC	S Derwin James Jr.	32	6.5
3.	NYG/Was.	S Landon Collins	47	6.0
4.	Car.	S Eric Reid	29	5.0
	T.B.	S Antoine Winfield Jr.*	29	5.0

*Had 5.0 career sacks entering his 30th career game in Week 1

In the second half, **OLB Joey Bosa** blew up a trick play to bring down Raiders WR Davante Adams as he attempted to pass for a 10-yard sack. The takedown marked the 59th of Bosa's career and the 37th different passer he's sacked.

HERBERT PICKS UP WHERE HE LEFT OFF

QB Justin Herbert finished with 279 yards and three touchdowns on 26-of-34 passing (76.5 pct.) for a 129.4 passer rating. His passer rating of 129.4 ranks as the fourth-best by a quarterback in Week 1 in Chargers history.

The performance marked the 14th of his career with three-plus passing touchdowns, passing Hall of Fame QB Peyton Manning for the third-most by a player in his first three pro seasons in NFL history. Herbert eclipsed 80 total touchdowns (rushing and passing combined) for his career in his 33rd professional game, becoming the second-fastest player to do so in NFL history.

FEWEST GAMES TO 80 TOTAL TOUCHDOWNS, NFL HISTORY

Rank	Team	Player	Games
1.	K.C.	QB Patrick Mahomes	31
2.	LAC	QB Justin Herbert	33
3.	Mia.	QB Dan Marino	34

With his first touchdown pass, Herbert extended his streak of games with a touchdown pass to 22 consecutive. It's the second-longest active streak in the NFL and the fourth-longest streak in team history. The score gave Herbert 70 career touchdown passes in his 33rd career game, making him the fourth-fastest player to do so in NFL history.

MOST CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITH A PASSING TOUCHDOWN, CHARGERS HISTORY

Rank	Quarterback	Dates	Consec. Games
1.	Philip Rivers	Dec. 9, 2012-Oct. 23, 2014	28
2.	Philip Rivers	Oct. 1, 2017-Dec. 13, 2018	27
3.	Philip Rivers	Oct. 4, 2009-Nov. 22, 2010	23
4.	Justin Herbert	Dec. 13, 2020-Present	22
5.	Dan Fouts	Oct. 14, 1979-Nov. 9, 1980	20

FIRST-HALF FRENZY

The Los Angeles defense clamped down in the second quarter, allowing just one first down and 18 net yards as **LB Drue Tranquill** registered his first career interception to set up a 23-yard touchdown pass from **QB Justin Herbert** to **WR DeAndre Carter**.

In the first half, Herbert totaled 204 passing yards and two touchdowns on 17-of-20 passing (85.0 pct.) for a 142.5 passer rating. The 142.5 passer rating was good for the second-best first-half passer rating by a Chargers quarterback with at least 20 attempts in the first half. It marked the fourth time that Herbert topped 200 passing yards in the first half.

FIRST HALF PASSER RATING, MIN. 20 ATT., CHARGERS HISTORY

Rank	Game	Player	Passer Rating
1.	Nov. 20, 2005 vs. Buf.	QB Drew Brees	152.3
2.	Sept. 11, 2022 vs. L.V.	QB Justin Herbert	142.5
3.	Sept. 29, 2019 at Mia.	QB Philip Rivers	141.0
	Nov. 11, 1996 vs. Det.	QB Stan Humphries	141.0
5.	Dec. 17, 2020 at L.V.	QB Justin Herbert	140.4

GO FOR THE BALL

The defensive effort for the day was led by **OLB Khalil Mack** and his three sacks, including one that was a strip-sack. He now has 19 career strip-sacks and 24 forced fumbles in his career, good for the second-most in the NFL since he entered the professional ranks in 2014. **OLB Joey Bosa** added 1.5 sacks, including his 13th career strip-sack, after leading the NFL with seven strip-sacks last season. The two strip-sacks tie the Chargers for the most in the NFL in 2022.

Additionally, the Bolts picked off three passes courtesy of **CB Bryce Callahan**, **CB Asante Samuel Jr.**, and **LB Drue Tranquill**. Tranquill's was the first of his career, while Samuel recorded career pick No. 3 to prevent a touchdown. In his Chargers debut, Callahan registered the seventh interception of his career. Sunday marked the first time the Bolts had three different players pick off a pass in a Week 1 contest since 1966.

MAKING DEBUTS

In his Chargers debut, **OLB Khalil Mack** totaled three sacks on the day, including a pair of sacks in the first half. The three sacks were the second-most in a single game of his career. It also marked his second career game with two sacks in a single first half. Mack became the first Charger to post two sacks in a first half since OLB Joey Bosa did so in 2020 at Buffalo.

Meanwhile, **FB Zander Horvath** caught his first career touchdown in his first NFL game. The 2022 seventh-round selection is the fifth Chargers draft pick since the 1970 NFL-AFL Merger to catch a touchdown in his NFL debut. He's also just the fourth NFL fullback over that span to score in his first career game.

RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS, NFL DEBUT, CHARGERS DRAFT PICK, SINCE 1970

Season	Game	Player	Receiving TDs
2022	Week 1 vs. L.V.	FB Zander Horvath	1
1997	Week 1 at Cin.	TE Freddie Jones	1
1981	Week 1 at Cle.	RB James Brooks	1
1978	Week 1 at Sea.	WR John Jefferson	2
1971	Week 1 vs. K.C.	WR Mike Montgomery	1

TOUCHDOWNS, NFL DEBUT, FULLBACKS, SINCE 1970

Game	Team	Player	Touchdowns
Sept. 1, 2022 vs. L.V.	LAC	Zander Horvath	1
Sept. 8, 2016 vs. Car.	Den.	Andy Janovich	1
Sept. 13, 1999 at Den.	Mia.	Rob Konrad	1
Sept. 9, 1990 at Det.	T.B.	Reggie Cobb	1

SCOTT FLIPS THE FIELD

On four punts, **P JK Scott** totaled a 49.0 gross average (196 punting yards) and a 48.0-yard net average. His net average of 48.0 yards per punt ranks as the second-best in a season-opener in team history (min. three punts).

NET PUNTING AVERAGE, WEEK 1 GAMES, MIN. 3 PUNTS, CHARGERS HISTORY

Rank	Game	Player	Net Punt Avg.
1.	Sept. 10, 2012 at Oak.	P Mike Scifres	49.3
2.	Sept. 11, 2022 vs. L.V.	P JK Scott	48.0
3.	Sept. 14, 2009 at Oak.	P Mike Scifres	45.8
4.	Sept. 9, 2013 vs. Hou.	P Mike Scifres	44.3
5.	Sept. 11, 2006 vs. Oak.	P Mike Scifres	43.6