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## Chargers Week 12 Media Availability

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### HEAD COACH BRANDON STALEY

**On CB Michael Davis' questionable game status:**

"He had something happen at practice yesterday. He was covering a play down the sideline and came up banged up, so we had to list it on the injury report."

**On if he 'thinks' that Davis will play on Sunday:**

"Yes."

**On S Nasir Adderley's doubtful game status:**

"Coming out of the game, he had a thumb injury that also impacts the middle of his hand. What we wanted to do was practice him Wednesday and Thursday, then see how it felt and see where it's at. He is going to be doubtful for this game because I don't think that he can grip his hand the right way to be able to tackle and get guys on the ground."

**On which players will 'replace' Adderley at safety if he does not play:**

"[S] Alohi [Gilman], [S] JT [Woods] and [S] Raheem Layne."

**On WR Mike Williams' injury status:**

"He is progressing. He's going to be out for the game. Showed up Wednesday, was at the walk-through. We felt like resting him this week would be the best course of action. He's still day-to-day, but he will be out for this game."

**On if Williams' injury was caused by how he landed on his reception last Sunday:**

"He did. It happened on that catch."

**On RB Joshua Kelley:**

"Josh [Kelley] has had a good week of practice. We're going to make our final determinations, but he has practiced full all week long."

**On what the team 'has missed' with Kelley on Reserve/Injured:**

"We miss his production because he was playing at a really high level, and doing a good job for us in the kicking game, too. It's going to be good to have him back. He's been working really hard. Looking forward to getting him back out there."

**On WR Joshua Palmers' development 'over the last couple of weeks':**

"Josh [Palmer] has had a lot more opportunities. That's why we feel the way that we do about him. We feel like he's really earning the confidence of [QB] Justin [Herbert] more and more every day. He is really carving out a nice role for himself, on our team and within the league. That is what he has to continue to do, establish that consistency in performance. He's a versatile player. We can line him up in different places. He has shown that he can do a lot of good jobs for us. It's been good to get that emergence. Sometimes, when you have the attrition that we have had, it just really creates opportunities for young players to develop more than they would if everybody was healthy. He's one of those guys that is doing a really good job for us. We're going to need for him to continue to improve down the stretch. When we do get to full strength, that will make us that more dangerous."

**On the team's performance in road games thus far this season:**

"Our mindset has been good the whole time, really since I've been here. We have a really good mindset. I think that it starts with the leadership of your team, with guys who have been there and done that. We have a lot of guys who have accomplished a lot in this league. Now, they're doing it together with this team. When your quarterback can operate at a high level, your center — just that operation, you know how important that is on the road. I think those two guys on offense are doing a great job. Our guys just really play together on the road and do what it takes. We've had a lot of tough, close games on the road. I expect us to continue to play well."

**On preparing for Cardinals QB Kyler Murray:**

"Kyler [Murray] is a rare player in the league. He's one of those guys that has difficult speed to replicate because there aren't very many quarterbacks that run as fast as he does — [Ravens QB] Lamar Jackson and [Bears QB] Justin Fields and some of those guys that have that true, elite, sub-4.4 [40-yard dash] speed — but we've [QB] Easton [Stick] do a great job for us this week. You just try to simulate the plays the best that you can, and then the locations that you are going to need to be at, but until you get to the game, it's very difficult to simulate someone that is as good as Kyler is. It will be a team operation, for sure."

## **QUARTERBACK JUSTIN HERBERT**

### **On RB Joshua Kelley:**

“He’s just an energetic guy and he brings the juice. He’s such a great locker room teammate. To have a guy like that out there, he’s a huge addition to our offense. He’s able to run the ball, catch the ball, and so he adds a whole lot to our offense.”

### **On ‘if he has ever seen Kelley in a bad mood’:**

“It doesn’t exist with Josh [Kelley]. He’s always in a good mood. I respect that so much about him because there is so much going on in the world. To have an attitude that he does, it’s really tough to beat.”

### **On if Kelley’s mood is ‘infectious’:**

“For sure. That is what is so special about him. He’s such a great guy, such a great teammate and everyone he comes in contact with is going to have a better day because of him.”

### **On WR Keenan Allen:**

“He’s a leader. He’s such a tough competitor. To have a guy like that out there helps the offense a ton. He has seen so much and has eight-plus years of [NFL] football, and he has had so much experience and success in this league that he has such a great head on his shoulders. He has done a great job for the younger receivers of just getting them up to speed. Anything he has to offer advice-wise, he’s been able to do that and he’s been a huge help to our offense.”

### **On the offense allowing five sacks against the Chiefs:**

“I think that is just a really good team that we went up against. Sometimes, that is going to happen. We do our best of trying to avoid that all year and I think we have done an incredible job so far this year of having plenty of time to get the ball off. Sometimes, I wasn’t able to get back to line of scrimmage. I am super thankful for our offensive line of putting in so much work and we have such a great protection plan each week. They have done a great job of protecting me.”

### **On WR Joshua Palmer producing the past few weeks:**

“That’s a great point. With a couple of injuries, we really needed him to step up and he’s done a great job of that. We knew during camp that he was going to be a special player and a couple injuries go down and he’s got to step up and he answered the call. He’s out here after practice catching passes. He’s doing everything. He is doing all the right things, and so I am not surprised one bit about all of his success.”

### **On the Arizona defense:**

“That’s always a tough concern going up against a team like that. They are really athletic. They are fast on defense, and so when you pair that with a really good coach [Cardinals Defensive Coordinator Vance Joseph] who gets after it in terms of pressure, they are going to be able to disrupt the passer. We have to have a great protection plan. We have to have our answers, especially when they are bringing more than we have to block, so we have to have answers for that, and just a good week of practice, preparation, so we have any chance on Sunday.”

### **On Cardinals LB Isaiah Simmons:**

“He’s very athletic, is able to play so many different positions, whether it is nickel, linebacker. Sometimes they have him dropping back into the middle of the field. For a guy to be able to do that, you have to be really smart. He’s a savvy football player. Very athletic, very fast, and you have to be aware of him on the field.”