

Chargers Week 12 Media Availability

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SPECIAL TEAMS COORDINATOR RYAN FICKEN

Opening statement:

"I hope that you guys had a great Thanksgiving. I thought that we had a lot of energy out there in practice today. Obviously, the unfortunate loss last week, but we're ready to get back on track and get after this team. This is a really good team that we're about to face and we have to make sure that we're dialed in. I think that our guys are looking forward to this opportunity."

On Ravens K Justin Tucker:

"He's been doing it for a long time, but he has done it at a high level for a long time. His consistency, the way that he kicks, he's a weapon for that team, both as a kickoff specialist and, obviously, as a field goal kicker. He has a career-long of 66 yards, so that line is extended out there of where they need to get to get points on the board. He has done a great job with that. We just have to make sure that we're dialed in, in terms of those units and how we can impact the game. He has had great success. It's a testament to him."

On where K Cameron Dicker's target line was last week against the Packers on the final offensive drive:

"We were extending those lines, we were feeling confident anywhere from the 40, 42-yard line. With the situations, he's doing a great job. We have the most confidence in terms of that. A game-winner, when we have that opportunity, we have to go ahead and do it. That would have been nice to see. We'll have one of those opportunities at some point."

On if Dicker can make a kick from 60-plus yards:

"I imagine so, yeah. He has a strong leg. Absolutely."

On LB Tanner Muse being placed on Reserve/Injured and the 'plan for replacing' Muse:

"In weeks past, when we've lost a guy — that's an unfortunate part of this game — it's very difficult to replace a guy like Tanner [Muse], a guy like [OLB Chris] Rumph [II], [TE Nick] Vannett. It's difficult, but it isn't just one guy that can replace that, it's going to be by committee. We talk about being accountable to each other and next man up. It's going to be, maybe, a couple of guys taking over that one spot. But, that's what is great about this locker room and this group of guys, they take a lot of ownership and a lot of pride in what they do. They know that they have to go ahead and pick up that chain and keep moving forward with it."

On FB Zander Horvath returning to the team on the practice squad:

"It's great to get him back here on the West Coast. He's a versatile athlete, he can do a lot of things. Being able to get him back in here, back in the fold, and get going, it was good."

On this week's 'kicker matchup' between Dicker and Tucker:

"It's, obviously, a good matchup when people look at it kicker to kicker, but at the end of the day, it's about our units. It's tough to go and get excited about single matchups, but I know that's what we do in this profession. It's about all of the other 10 guys, giving them an opportunity to be successful, with our operation and with the guys protecting, the guys running down there. I know that our guys are prepared, ready to go and excited for the matchup for our unit against their unit. It will be a good contest."

On if Tucker is 'still the Gold Standard for kickers':

"He's been doing it a long time and he has been pretty consistent with it. I'd imagine that everyone is trying to chase that. He's done a great job and he has had a really good career."