

POSTGAME NOTES

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LOS ANGELES CHARGERS at ATLANTA FALCONS

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BOLTS SECURE THIRD-STRAIGHT ROAD WIN

The Los Angeles Chargers defeated the Atlanta Falcons, 20-17, to improve to 5-3 on the season. **S Derwin James Jr.** and **DL Sebastian Joseph-Day** were the game captains for the Chargers. The Bolts won the toss and deferred to the second half.

The Bolts overcame a first-quarter deficit of 10 or more points to win for the third time this season, the most comebacks from a double-digit first-quarter deficit in a single-season in NFL history.

TEAM	1	2	3	4	OT	F
L.A. Chargers	0	14	0	6	—	20
Atlanta	10	0	7	0	—	17

Rookie **K Cameron Dicker**, in his first game as a member of the Bolts, secured the win with a 37-yard field goal as time expired.

The Chargers collected four drives of 10-plus plays on the afternoon. In the second quarter, the Chargers posted back-to-back touchdown drives of 10-plus plays. The Bolts tied a season high with a 15-play touchdown drive for the team's first points of the day. Along with two second-half series of at least 10 plays, Los Angeles now has 20 drives of at least 10 plays this season, ranking first in the NFL this season.

DRIVES OF 10-PLUS PLAYS, NFL, 2022

Rank	Team	Drives of 10-Plus Plays
1.	Los Angeles Chargers	20
2.	Indianapolis Colts	19
	New Orleans Saints	19
	New York Giants	19
	Pittsburgh Steelers	19
6.	Arizona Cardinals	18

Defensively, the Bolts totaled two sacks and saw **OLB Khalil Mack** rip the ball and return it 43 yards in the third quarter for a forced fumble and a recovery. It marked the longest fumble return by a Charger that was also credited with forcing the fumble in the last 30 years. Mack notched his second-straight game with a fumble recovery, his first such stretch since 2016 (Weeks 11 to 12).

HERBERT SETS COMPLETIONS RECORD

With 30 completions on the day, **QB Justin Herbert** reached 1,072 for his career to set the all-time record for the most passing completions through a player's first three seasons.

COMPLETIONS, FIRST THREE SEASONS, NFL HISTORY

Rank	Team	Player	Completions
1.	LAC	QB Justin Herbert	1,072
2.	Ind.	QB Andrew Luck	1,062
3.	Ari.	QB Kyler Murray	1,057
4.	L.V.	QB Derek Carr	1,055
5.	Mia.	QB Ryan Tannehill	1,029
6.	Ind.	QB Peyton Manning*	1,014

In helping set up Dicker's game-winning field goal, Herbert notched the 11th game-winning drive of his career and eighth such performance since the start of last season, registering the most game-winning drives by any NFL signal-caller since the start of the 2021 season.

Overcoming a three-point deficit entering the fourth quarter, Herbert also collected his ninth career fourth-quarter comeback, which is tied for the second-most by any QB over their first three seasons in league annals.

The third-year pro eclipsed 90 career combined touchdowns with his second-quarter touchdown pass to RB Austin Ekeler. He did so in his 40th career game, tying Hall of Fame QB Dan Marino for the second-most through 40 career games in NFL history.

FEWEST GAMES TO 90 COMBINED TOUCHDOWNS, NFL HISTORY

Rank	Team	Player	Games
1.	K.C.	QB Patrick Mahomes	34
2.	LAC	QB Justin Herbert	40
	Mia.	QB Dan Marino*	40
4.	StL	QB Kurt Warner*	41
	Hou.	QB Deshaun Watson	41

*Pro Football Hall of Famer

END ZONE EKELER

RB Austin Ekeler totaled two touchdowns on the day, giving him 10 on the season (six rushing, four receiving) to rank tied for second in the NFL this year. He has 10 career games with at least one touchdown run and touchdown catch, tying for fifth in NFL history and tied with Alvin Kamara and Christian McCaffrey for the most ever by a player within the first six seasons of a career.

MOST GAMES WITH A RUSHING TOUCHDOWN AND RECEIVING TOUCHDOWN, NFL HISTORY

Rank	Team/s	Player	Games
1.	Ind./StL	RB Marshall Faulk*	15
2.	Phi./S.F.	RB Brian Westbrook	12
	BalC^	RB Lenny Moore*	12
4.	Cle.	RB Jim Brown*	11
5.	LAC	RB Austin Ekeler	10
	Car./S.F.	RB Christian McCaffrey	10
	N.O.	RB Alvin Kamara	10

*Pro Football Hall of Famer
^Baltimore Colts

Both of Ekeler's touchdowns occurred in the first half, as his seven scrimmage scores in the opening half of games are tied for the most in the NFL this season and are tied for the third-most through the first eight games of a season in Chargers history.

SCRIMMAGE TOUCHDOWNS, FIRST HALF OF GAMES, FIRST EIGHT GAMES, CHARGERS HISTORY

Rank	Year	Player	1H Scrimmage TDs
1.	2006	RB LaDainian Tomlinson	8
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3.	2022	RB Austin Ekeler	7
	2018	RB Melvin Gordon	7
	1994	RB Natrone Means	7

Ekeler has now scored in five-straight games, the longest streak in the NFL this season. The five-game stretch ties his own career-long mark.

MOST CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITH A TOUCHDOWN, ACTIVE NFL STREAKS

Rk.	Team	Player	Dates	Games
1.	LAC	RB Austin Ekeler	Oct. 2, 2022-Present	5
2.	Cin.	QB Joe Burrow	Oct. 9, 2022-Present	4
	Min.	RB Dalvin Cook	Oct. 9, 2022-Present	4
	NYJ	RB Breece Hall	Oct. 2, 2022-Present	4
	Sea.	RB Kenneth Walker III	Oct. 9, 2022-Present	4
6.	Buf.	WR Stefon Diggs	Oct. 9, 2022-Present	3

RECORD-SETTING RECEIVING BACK

RB Austin Ekeler hauled in seven passes for 24 yards (3.4 avg.) and a touchdown. He now has 60 receptions on the season, leading all running backs and tying Saints RB Alvin Kamara (2020) for the most receptions by a running back through a team's first eight games of a season.

RECEPTIONS, TEAM'S FIRST EIGHT GAMES OF A SEASON, RUNNING BACKS, NFL HISTORY

Rank	Season	Team	Player	Receptions
1.	2022	LAC	RB Austin Ekeler	60
	2020	N.O.	RB Alvin Kamara	60
2.	2018	NYG	RB Saquon Barkley	58
	2014	Chi.	RB Matt Forte	58
4.	2018	N.E.	RB James White	55
	2002	StL	RB Marshall Faulk	54
	1996	Ari.	RB Larry Centers	53
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DERWIN SACKS AGAIN

S Derwin James Jr., brought down Atlanta QB Marcus Mariota for the first time in his career in the first half, giving James Jr. three sacks for the season to rank tied for second in the NFL among all defensive backs.

SACKS, DEFENSIVE BACKS, NFL, 2022

Rank	Team	Player	Sacks
1.	K.C.	CB L'Jarius Sneed	3.5
2.	LAC	S Derwin James Jr.	3.0
	Chi.	DB Jaquan Brisker	3.0
	Dal.	S Donovan Wilson	3.0
	T.B.	S Antoine Winfield Jr.	3.0
6.	LAR	CB Jalen Ramsey	2.0
	Mia.	S Brandon Jones	2.0

TRANQUILL STANDS ALONE

LB Drue Tranquill led the defensive attack with 10 tackles (eight solo), including a first-half third-down sack of Falcons QB Marcus Mariota to take his career sack total 4.5 quarterback takedowns. The double-digit tackle performance marked the sixth of his career and third of the season.

Tranquill's 10 total tackles on the afternoon took his season total to 65, becoming the lone NFL defender to total at least 65 tackles, three sacks and an interception this season.