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LOS ANGELES CHARGERS HEAD COACH ANTHONY LYNN

Opening Statement:

"I guess that you guys heard that [NT] Brandon [Mebane] is not with us today. [Controlling Owner and Chairman of the Board] Dean [Spanos] put him on a plane and sent him back to Nebraska to be with his family. I don't want to get into what's going on with his baby, but if you pray, keep Mebane and his family in your prayers."

On RB Melvin Gordon III:

"We didn't feel like he was ready this week. He did some things and looked better, but we're going to keep him out."

On slow starts the past couple of weeks:

"You know, give our opponents some credit. They're a major reason why we started slow, but last week it was third downs. Each week it's something different. We just have to make quicker adjustments and play with a little more urgency."

On how to prevent slow starts:

"It's the way you practice. It's your focus to detail. Like I said, last week we started a little slow, but there have been plenty of times where we have started fast. We start fast when we make explosive plays, so it's getting back to what we do best."

On splitting the carries between RBs Austin Ekeler and Justin Jackson:

"The hot man rolls. Both of those guys will play and even [RB] Detrez [Newsome] will play. Whoever is playing the best will stay in."

On Gordon's recovery:

"Like I said, he's getting better every day. We looked at him. He did some change-of-direction stuff today on the side. He's improving and getting better. I'm really encouraged with his rehab right now."

On if Gordon could play next week:

"You know, we play on Thursday. He'll do some work through the weekend. If he's able to play and is healthy enough, then he'll probably play. He wouldn't play all of the snaps, but he could help us."

On if pregame work on Sunday could help with Gordon's availability for Thursday:

"Absolutely, but he would do some full-speed stuff before we go there. Right now, to be honest with you, I can't even think that far down the road. I have something else coming here in a couple of days."