

# POSTGAME NOTES

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## LOS ANGELES CHARGERS at DENVER BRONCOS



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### CHARGERS FALL TO BRONCOS

The Los Angeles Chargers fell to the Denver Broncos, 31-28, in the season finale. Los Angeles will head to Jacksonville to play the Jaguars next week in the AFC Wild Card.

**WR Keenan Allen, S Derwin James Jr., and DL Sebastian Joseph-Day** were the game captains for the Chargers. The Bolts lost the toss and received the game's opening kickoff.

TEAM	1	2	3	4	OT	F
L.A. Chargers	7	10	3	8	—	28
Denver	7	10	7	7	—	31

The Los Angeles offense totaled 293 net passing yards on the day, the fifth-most in a single game this season. **QB Justin Herbert** threw for two touchdowns and 275 yards with zero interceptions on 25-of-37 passing (67.6 pct.), registering a 107.4 passer rating. **QB Chase Daniel** came in the second half and completed five of seven passes (71.4 pct.) for 25 yards, including a three-yard touchdown pass to **WR Keenan Allen**.

**RB Austin Ekeler** caught four passes, giving him a single-season franchise record 107 on the year. It's also tied for the second-most ever in a single season by an NFL running back.

With **Keenan Allen** hauling in a touchdown and **WR DeAndre Carter** registering 43 receiving yards on the day, the 2022 Los Angeles Chargers became the first team in NFL history to have six different players eclipse 500 receiving yards and three touchdown catches in a single season.

In the second half, **OLB Kyle Van Noy** deflected a pass that was picked off by **DL Sebastian Joseph-Day**, his first career interception. Joseph-Day registered a tackle and the pick, giving him a career-best 56 on the season. He's first interior defensive lineman since 2010 to have 50 tackles, eight tackles for loss and an interception in a single season.

Van Noy added a sack in the third quarter, giving him five-straight games with a sack, the longest active streak in the NFL.

OLB Joey Bosa had a sack in the first half, eclipsing 60 for his career.

### HERBERT TOSSES A PAIR OF TOUCHDOWNS

**QB Justin Herbert** posted 25 completions on 37 attempts (67.6 pct.) for 273 yards and two touchdowns with zero interceptions (107.2 rating). The performance marked his 27th-straight game with 20 completions, the third-longest streak in NFL history.

Herbert now has 102 career combined touchdowns, the most in NFL history through the first three seasons of a career. He also has topped 25 passing touchdowns in each of his pro seasons, joining Hall of Famer Peyton Manning as the only players to do so in each of their first three seasons.

The game also marked Herbert's 30th with multiple touchdown passes, joining Hall of Famer Dan Marino as the only players to do so 30 times in the first three seasons of a career.

#### COMBINED TOUCHDOWNS, FIRST THREE SEASONS, NFL HISTORY

Rank	Team	Player	Combined Touchdowns
1.	LAC	<b>QB Justin Herbert</b>	<b>102</b>
2.	Mia.	QB Dan Marino*	100
3.	Ind.	QB Andrew Luck	98
4.	Buf.	QB Josh Allen	92
	Car.	QB Cam Newton	92

#### CONSECUTIVE SEASONS WITH 25 TOUCHDOWN PASSES TO START A CAREER, NFL HISTORY

Rank	Team	Player	Consecutive Seasons
1.	LAC	<b>QB Justin Herbert</b>	<b>3 (2020-22)</b>
	Ind.	QB Peyton Manning	3 (1998-2000)
3.	Sea.	QB Russell Wilson	2 (2012-13)
4.	Cle.	QB Baker Mayfield	1 (2018)

#### MOST GAMES WITH MULTIPLE TOUCHDOWN PASSES, FIRST THREE SEASONS, NFL HISTORY

Rank	Team	Player	Games
1.	Mia.	QB Dan Marino*	32
2.	LAC	<b>QB Justin Herbert</b>	<b>30</b>
3.	Ind.	QB Andrew Luck	28
4.	Ind.	QB Peyton Manning*	26
	Cin.	QB Joe Burrow	26

\*Pro Football Hall of Famer

## HERBERT STACKS MORE MILESTONES

Sunday marked the 45th game by **QB Justin Herbert** with a touchdown pass, the most in NFL history in the first three seasons of a career. He also now has 49 career touchdown passes in road games, tied for the most by any player in their first three seasons.

### MOST GAMES WITH A TOUCHDOWN PASS, FIRST THREE SEASONS, NFL HISTORY

Rank	Team	Player	Games
1.	LAC	<b>QB Justin Herbert</b>	45
2.	Ind.	QB Peyton Manning*	44
3.	Ind.	QB Andrew Luck	40
	Sea.	QB Russell Wilson	40
	Cin.	QB Andy Dalton	40

### PASSING TOUCHDOWNS, ROAD GAMES, FIRST THREE SEASONS, NFL HISTORY

Rank	Team	Player	Passing Touchdowns
1.	LAC	<b>QB Justin Herbert</b>	49
	Mia.	QB Dan Marino*	49
3.	K.C.	QB Patrick Mahomes	46
4.	S.F.	QB Jeff Garcia	44
5.	Cle.	QB Baker Mayfield	43

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With 25 completions, Herbert has 1,309 for his career, the second-most ever by any player before turning 25 years old. His 273 passing yards on the day made him the third player ever to top 14,000 yards through the air before turning 25. Herbert is also the first player in NFL history to eclipse 4,500 passing yards in two of his first three pro seasons.

### COMPLETIONS BEFORE TURNING 25 YEARS OLD, NFL HISTORY

Rank	Team	Player	Completions
1.	LAC	<b>QB Justin Herbert</b>	1,316
2.	N.E.	QB Drew Bledsoe	1,310
3.	T.B.	QB Jameis Winston	1,183

### PASSING YARDS BEFORE TURNING 25 YEARS OLD, NFL HISTORY

Rank	Team	Player	Passing Yards
1.	N.E.	QB Drew Bledsoe	14,462
2.	T.B.	QB Jameis Winston	14,628
3.	LAC	<b>QB Justin Herbert</b>	14,091
4.	T.B.	QB Josh Freeman	12,963
5.	Det.	QB Matthew Stafford	12,807

Herbert now has 477 completions this season, good for the most in NFL history by an AFC quarterback in a single season.

### PASSING COMPLETIONS, SINGLE SEASON, NFL HISTORY

Rank	Season	Team	Player	Completions
1.	2022	T.B.	QB Tom Brady	490
2.	2021	T.B.	QB Tom Brady	485
3.	2022	LAC	<b>QB Justin Herbert</b>	477
4.	2016	N.O.	QB Drew Brees	471
5.	2011	N.O.	QB Drew Brees	468

## EKELER SCORES TWICE AGAIN

**RB Austin Ekeler** hauled in four passes, setting the single-season franchise record with 107 catches on the year. He's tied for the second-most in a single season ever by a running back.

### RECEPTIONS, RUNNING BACKS, SINGLE SEASON, NFL HISTORY

Rank	Season	Team	Player	Receptions
1.	2019	Panthers	RB Christian McCaffrey	116
2.	2022	<b>Chargers</b>	<b>RB Austin Ekeler</b>	107
	2018	Panthers	RB Christian McCaffrey	107
4.	2014	Bears	RB Matt Forte	102
5.	1995	Cardinals	RB Larry Centers	101
6.	2003	Chargers	RB LaDainian Tomlinson	100

### RECEPTIONS, SINGLE SEASON, CHARGERS HISTORY

Rank	Season	Player	Receptions
1.	2022	<b>RB Austin Ekeler</b>	107
2.	2021	WR Keenan Allen	106
3.	2019	WR Keenan Allen	104
4.	2017	WR Keenan Allen	102
5.	2020	WR Keenan Allen	100
	2003	RB LaDainian Tomlinson	100

## DYNAMIC PASS CATCHERS MAKE HISTORY

The Bolts have six players this season that have topped 500 receiving yards and three touchdown catches on the year — **WR Keenan Allen**, **WR DeAndre Carter**, **RB Austin Ekeler**, **TE Gerald Everett**, **WR Joshua Palmer** and **WR Mike Williams**. It's the most players to do so on the same team in a single season in NFL history.

### MOST PLAYERS WITH 500-PLUS RECEIVING YARDS AND THREE TOUCHDOWN CATCHES, SINGLE SEASON, NFL HISTORY

Rank	Season	Team	Players
1.	2022	<b>L.A. Chargers</b>	6
2.	2018	New England	5
	2018	Tampa Bay	5
	2017	Washington	5
	2016	New England	5
	2013	Denver	5
	2011	New Orleans	5
	2000	Indianapolis	5
	1993	Miami	5

## ALLEN SURPASSES JOINER

**WR Keenan Allen** hauled in eight passes for 102 yards (12.8 avg.) and two touchdowns on the day. Allen's performance gave him 9,287 receiving yards in his career to pass Hall of Famer Charlie Joiner for the third-most receiving yards in team history.

### CAREER RECEIVING YARDS, CHARGERS HISTORY

Rank	Seasons	Player	Receiving Yards
1.	2003-18	TE Antonio Gates	11,841
2.	1962-70	FL Lance Alworth*	9,584
3.	2013-Present	<b>WR Keenan Allen</b>	9,287
4.	1976-86	WR Charlie Joiner*	9,203
5.	1966-76	WR Gary Garrison	7,533

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