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### LOS ANGELES CHARGERS HEAD COACH ANTHONY LYNN

#### **Opening statement:**

"I think that might have been the first game that I've played in or coached in where all 46 guys actually played. We said it was going to take every man on the roster and it did. I was pleased with the way we played yesterday. They were prepared and they went out and played like for the most part."

#### **On G Forrest Lamp:**

"He played more than one series. He had a couple series' that he was in there in our jumbo package. He did his job."

"He was fine. Like I've said, I trust Forrest. Normally, you don't like to rotate offensive linemen, but I want to get him in. I want him to get some meaningful reps during this season. That's what we're going to do."

"You don't want to disrupt the chemistry up front, but I don't think Forrest is going to disrupt that chemistry. He has been here for three years. He hasn't been in games, but he's been in the meeting rooms. He understands the communication and, like I said, I trust the young man. I just want him to get some meaningful reps."

#### **On DE Melvin Ingram III:**

"I really don't [have an idea of his status] right now. These guys, they have to rehab today and tomorrow. Usually around Wednesday we have a better idea of who we're going to have."

#### **On if the status of WR Dontrelle Inman is similar to Ingram:**

"Yeah, absolutely."

#### **On K Michael Badgley:**

"I guess it's just lingering a little bit. He's a tough guy. He didn't really say how bad it was in the beginning. I was thinking it would be any day now, but it was something that probably was a few weeks any way."

#### **On the tight ends:**

"We would love to have Virgil [Green] back this week, but I'll know more about Virgil on Wednesday as well. We also have Stephen Anderson on our practice squad that's developing and doing a good job every day in practice. He's a possibility as well."

#### **On TE Sean Culkin:**

"He's doing fine, emotionally. He's going to miss playing. This kid works as hard as anybody on our football team. He's prepared. You just feel bad for him. I know how much effort and work he has put into this. When he went in as the starter, we didn't blink because he was ready for this. It just didn't last very long."

#### **On LB Denzel Perryman:**

"Denzel is fine as far as I know."

#### **On FB Derek Watt as a tight end:**

"Derek has done a nice job of playing full back and tight end. I tell him all the time, 'You're going to be our Dallas Clark,' because he reminds me of Dallas Clark. He can block on the line of scrimmage. He's a good receiver out of the backfield. We can use Derek in a number of ways."



**On possibly having two tight ends:**

“Well, like I said, we have Stephen Anderson that’s on our practice squad. I can activate Stephen if I need to.”

**On WR Jeremy Davis:**

“He was ready for it. Jeremy is another guy that works hard on this football team. It’s a hard-working squad, don’t get me wrong, but these guys are out there every day. Jeremy, I have to kick him out of the building sometimes. Him stepping in, doing what he’s doing, lining up at all three different positions at wide receiver, catching a couple of balls that helped us in the game yesterday — that’s what he has been preparing for. When he got his opportunity, he stepped up.”

**On Miami’s touchdown pass:**

“[DB Desmond King II] has to carry that. They did a good job of scheming it. They ran a flat-and-up, and Des just backed off it a little bit. He probably should have carried that.”

**On DB Desmond King II:**

“When Des is on top of his game, he’s very valuable. We love him in a three-deep zone coverage. He’s a good blitzer, he’s a good tackler. Yesterday, he actually had a strip-fumble on the quarterback. He makes plays.

“That’s just part of the job when you’re a cornerback. Des is more of a nickel than a corner, but a lot of times those guys are evaluated on how they recover how they get beat because they’re going to get beat. It just comes with the territory. That’s why they’re all wired a little differently, if you ask me.”

**On LB Drue Tranquill:**

“We just wanted to get Drue involved. We like Drue. [LB Thomas] TD [Davis Sr.] could have been out of the game. [Tranquill] might have been in the game for TD. Denzel [Perryman] came out with some helmet issues as well, so we had to get another guy in the game.”

**On frustration with officials holding the ball when in tempo:**

“Well, we have a play where we like to go, ‘Attack, attack,’ and go to the line of scrimmage if it’s a third-and-short or maybe it’s a play they might want to challenge and we want to run another play before they can challenge it. We had no substitutions, so we went to the line of scrimmage to run the play and the referee held the ball. They had to get in position, that’s what they said. We didn’t get to run our attack play and I had to burn a timeout on that one.

“You should be able to go, and most people do.”

**On monitoring LB Thomas Davis Sr.’s workload:**

“TD, we want him for the long haul. You’re talking about a 36-year old linebacker. I’ll tell you, he’s a good one. We want him for all 16 games. Whenever we can share his load with someone else, we’ll do it.”

**On LB Jatavis Brown:**

“Jatavis is good in coverage. He knows the defense very well. He can help guys around him. We get into these situations where we may have to move [S] Rayshawn [Jenkins] down to dime, put [S] Nasir [Adderley] at the free or you have a guy like Jatavis — [S Adrian] AP [Phillips] used to be there — who can tell everybody exactly what to do and make all of the adjustments. He’s very valuable.”

**On the delay of game on the field goal:**

“The responsibility was on [T] Trent Scott, who had run off the field. That’s who the responsibility was on. We had to get him back on the field before they could do anything. It cost us the delay of game.”

**On S Nasir Adderley:**

“He did fine. He didn’t have the opportunity to make a lot of plays, but he did fine.

“Just like Forrest [Lamp] working in there, we want to work Nas in there because you never know when you’re going to have to lean on those guys full-time. I want them to be ready.”

**On TE Hunter Henry:**

“I don’t want to put a timetable on Hunter, but I hope to have him back soon. Sooner than later.

“I don’t think it will be this week, but you never know.”



**On using timeouts early in the second half:**

"It's not good to do that. I don't like to do that. I think timeouts are gold and I like to hold on to those suckers, but I had to use them because I didn't want to lose field position. We had a few guys go down yesterday. It's kind of been the theme of the season so far, but we called some personnel groupings that we didn't really have. We had to just call timeout and change the play.

"Yes, that happened a couple of times yesterday."

**On QB Philip Rivers completing 80 percent of his passes:**

"Philip is an excellent quarterback, but the other guys, they all stepped up. I think it's going to make us a better team in the long run. More these guys can play now and get these meaningful snaps, we'll get guys coming back healthy. At some point, they may have to come in and play and they've had this time to do that. Yesterday, nine different receivers touched the football and I think that's a heck of a job by Phil trusting his teammates and spreading the wealth."

**On WR Mike Williams:**

"I'll know more on Wednesday."

**On using running backs as receivers:**

"You can use those two tailback packages based on the personnel you get on defense. If you feel like you haven't had advantageous personnel group you can take advantage of it with two backs, but if they go nickel or something like that in passing plays then it's really not advantageous — you'd like to have three [wide receivers] in there, but when you're short on receivers those packages come in handy. I thought [Offensive Coordinator] Ken [Whisenhunt] did a good job of using that package yesterday.

"I've had [RB] Shonn Greene, [RB] Chris Johnson, [Hall of Fame RB LaDainian] LT [Tomlinson], [RB] Joe McKnight — a lot of times you want to get your best players on the field and that's a good way to do it because a lot of times those players are running backs."

**On opposing kickers:**

"I tell you what, [Special Teams Coordinator/Assistant Head] Coach [George] Stewart and [Assistant Special Teams] Coach [Keith] Burns, they do a heck of a job just getting pressure on those guys, coming off the edge and even up the middle a little bit. I've been very pleased with the way our field goal block team has pressured the opposing kicker."

**On pressuring the opposing kicker:**

"Well, I mean, whatever side we are rushing from, they are missing the other way. That says something."

**On meaningful snaps early on in the year:**

"I like it because — well, I don't like that my other guys are out — but I like the fact that these guys are playing now and they're stepping up because later in the year, you have to depend on these guys anyway. A lot of times, your rookie class will play a lot the second half of the season and your reserves as well, so getting these snaps now can be very important for us later. Right now, we've got to weather the storm, we've got to win with what we have and hopefully we are in it at the end of the season."

**On extra points not being automatic anymore:**

"That's what makes this game so exciting. There's so much parity in this league it's ridiculous and forget what the records are. This is the week-to-week league. If you don't get ready to play, you will get your butt kicked. That's the National Football League."

