

POSTGAME NOTES

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LOS ANGELES CHARGERS at INDIANAPOLIS COLTS



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CHARGERS CLINCH PLAYOFF BERTH

The Los Angeles Chargers defeated the Indianapolis Colts, 20-3, on *Monday Night Football* to improve to 9-6 on the season and clinch a playoff berth. **WR Keenan Allen**, **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.

TEAM	1	2	3	4	OT	F
L.A. Chargers	0	10	3	7	—	20
Indianapolis	0	3	0	0	—	3

The Los Angeles offense totaled 314 net yards (213 passing, 101 rushing). **QB Justin Herbert** threw for 235 yards and completed 77.4 percent of his passes (24-of-31). Meanwhile, **RB Austin Ekeler** had two touchdowns to give him a league-leading 16 this year and **WR Keenan Allen** registered his 13th career game with 11-plus catches, tying for the most in NFL history.

Defensively, Los Angeles had a season-high seven sacks, three interceptions and allowed zero third-down conversions on 10 attempts. It's the eighth performance by any defense with at least seven sacks and zero third-down conversions allowed in the last 30 seasons. The Bolts allowed zero touchdowns for the first time in a single game since 2018. Over the last four weeks, Los Angeles' 21.4 defensive third-down percentage (nine-of-42) leads the NFL.

CB Michael Davis and **S Derwin James Jr.**, picked off passes in the first quarter, while **CB Asante Samuel Jr.**, had another in the third quarter. Davis returned his 30 yards, the longest return by a Charger this season. It marked the first time a Chargers defense picked off multiple passes in the first quarter since Week 11 of the 2017 season.

Six different players registered sacks, including **DL Morgan Fox's** team-high two sacks. Meanwhile, Michael Davis had three passes defended, giving him 13 on the season and a league-high 11 over the last five weeks. He has two games this year with three breakups.

The Bolts didn't allow a point or a third-down conversion in the first quarter. It marked the fourth-straight game with zero points allowed in the first quarter, the longest streak by a Chargers team since 2011.

EKELER REACHES 16 SCRIMMAGE SCORES

RB Austin Ekeler punched in a pair of one-yard touchdown runs, giving him an NFL-high 16 on the season, including 11 on the ground. He's the first Charger to have 10 rushing touchdowns in consecutive seasons since Hall of Fame RB LaDainian Tomlinson (2008-09).

SCRIMMAGE TOUCHDOWNS, NFL, 2022

Rank	Team/s	Player	Scrimmage TDs
1.	LAC	RB Austin Ekeler	16
2.	Det.	RB Jamaal Williams	14
3.	Phi.	QB Jalen Hurts	13
	Ten.	RB Derrick Henry	13
5.	Cle.	RB Nick Chubb	12
	Dal.	RB Tony Pollard	12
	K.C.	TE Travis Kelce	12
	L.V.	WR Davante Adams	12

Ekeler became the fourth NFL player in the last 15 years to have consecutive seasons with 15-plus scrimmage touchdowns. He now has 11 rushing scores and five receiving touchdowns this year, joining Hall of Fame RB Marshall Faulk (2000-01) as the only players to have consecutive seasons with 10-plus rushing touchdowns and at least five touchdown catches.

CONSECUTIVE SEASONS WITH 15-PLUS SCRIMMAGE TOUCHDOWNS, NFL, SINCE 2006

Rank	Team	Player	No. of Seasons
1.	Chargers	RB Austin Ekeler	2 (2021-22)
	Titans	RB Derrick Henry	2 (2019-20)
	Rams	RB Todd Gurley II	2 (2017-18)
	Chargers	RB LaDainian Tomlinson	2 (2005-06)

With 12 fourth-quarter touchdowns over the past two seasons, Ekeler is tied for the fifth-most fourth-quarter scores in any two-year stretch over the last 30 seasons. It's also the most in any two-season span in the last decade.

ALLEN HAS ANOTHER PERFORMANCE

WR Keenan Allen hauled in 11 passes for 104 yards (9.5 avg.). It marked his 15th career game with 10 catches and 100 yards and his 32nd career 100-yard game. Allen now has 13 career games with at least 11 catches, tying for the most 11-catch performances in NFL history.

MOST GAMES WITH 11-PLUS RECEPTIONS, NFL HISTORY

Rank	Team/s	Player	Games
1.	LAC	WR Keenan Allen	13
	Hou./Ind./Ten.	WR Andre Johnson	13
3.	S.D./Mia./N.E./Den./StL	WR Wes Welker	12
	Ind.	WR Marvin Harrsion	12
	Pit./N.E./T.B.	WR Antonio Brown	12

He now has fourth straight games with at least six receptions and 80 receiving yards, tying for the longest streak in Chargers history.

CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITH SIX RECEPTIONS AND 80 RECEIVING YARDS, CHARGERS HISTORY

Rank	Player	Dates	Consecutive Games
1.	WR Keenan Allen	Dec. 4, 2022-Present	4
	WR Keenan Allen	Nov. 7, 2021-Nov. 28, 2021	4
	WR Mike Williams	Jan. 3, 2021-Sept. 26, 2021	4
	WR Keenan Allen	Nov. 19, 2017-Dec. 10, 2017	4
	TE Kellen Winslow	Sept. 16, 1984-Oct. 7, 1984	4
6.	WR Keenan Allen	Sept. 8, 2019-Sept. 22, 2019	3
	TE Antonio Gates	Nov. 26, 2006-Dec. 10, 2006	3
	TE Antonio Gates	Sept. 18, 2005-Oct. 2, 2005	3
	WR Anthony Miller	Oct. 13, 1991-Oct. 27, 1991	3
	TE Kellen Winslow	Dec. 11, 1982-Dec. 26, 1982	3
	WR Charlie Joiner	Nov. 28, 1982-Dec. 22, 1982	3
	WR Charlie Joiner	Dec. 6, 1981-Dec. 21, 1981	3
	TE Kellen Winslow	Sept. 20, 1981-Oct. 4, 1981	3
	FL Lance Alworth	Nov. 27, 1969-Dec. 14, 1969	3
	FL Lance Alworth	Nov. 14, 1965-Dec. 4, 1965	3

DEFENSE CONTINUES THIRD-DOWN DOMINANCE

The Chargers defense was suffocating on third down, allowing zero third-down conversions for the first time since 2010 and just the second time since at least 2000. The Bolts put forth the eighth performance by any defense in the last 30 years with seven-plus sacks and zero third-down conversions allowed.

THIRD-DOWN CONV. ALLOWED, SINGLE GAME, SINCE 2000

Season	Game	Def. 3rd Down Conv.
2022	Dec. 26, 2022 at Indianapolis	0
2010	Dec. 12, 2010 vs. Kansas City	0
2014	Oct. 5, 2014 vs. N.Y. Jets	1
2012	Sept. 16, 2012 vs. Tennessee	1
2010	Nov. 22, 2010 vs. Denver	1
2010	Sept. 13, 2010 at Kansas City	1
2009	Dec. 13, 2009 at Dallas	1
2008	Sept. 22, 2008 vs. N.Y. Jets	1
2002	Oct. 20, 2002 at Oakland	1
2002	Sept. 15, 2002 vs. Houston	1
2001	Dec. 30, 2001 vs. Seattle	1
2000	Nov. 12, 2000 vs. Miami	1

DEFENSIVE PERFORMANCES WITH ZERO THIRD-DOWN CONVERSIONS ALLOWED AND SEVEN-PLUS SACKS, SINGLE GAME, NFL, SINCE 1991

Season	Team	Game	Sacks	3D Conv.
2022	LAC	Dec. 26, 2022 at Ind.	7.0	0
2022	N.E.	Nov. 6, 2022 vs. Ind.	9.0	0
2021	Mia.	Dec. 27, 2021 at N.O.	8.0	0
2012	Den.	Nov. 11, 2012 at Car.	7.0	0
2011	K.C.	Dec. 4, 2011 at Chi.	7.0	0
2010	NYG	Oct. 3, 2010 vs. Chi.	10.0	0
2005	Ten.	Oct. 9, 2005 at Hou.	7.0	0
2002	Phi.	Dec. 21, 2002 at Dal.	7.0	0