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BOLTS ON THE ROAD FOR SECOND-STRAIGHT WEEK

The Los Angeles Chargers head back on the road for the second-straight week, this time to Minneapolis to play the Minnesota Vikings. Kickoff from U.S. Bank Stadium is at 10:00 a.m. PT on Sun., Sept. 24. Kevin Kugler, Mark Sanchez and Laura Okmin have the call on FOX, while Matt “Money” Smith, Daniel Jeremiah and Shannon Farren will broadcast on the Chargers Radio Network airwaves on ALT FM-98.7 as well as on SiriusXM 99 or 389 and on the SiriusXM app. Adrian Garcia-Marquez and Francisco Pinto will present the game in Spanish on Que Buena Los Angeles.

The Week 3 matchup will be Los Angeles’ first regular-season game at U.S. Bank Stadium, as the team hasn’t visited the Twin Cities since 2015. Typically high-scoring affairs, the winning team scored at least 24 points in all but two of the series’ 14 matchups.

Los Angeles sports a top-10 offense, ranking No. 4 in total offense (387.5 total net yards per game) and sixth in scoring offense (29.0 points per game). **Justin Herbert** found **Keenan Allen** for a touchdown twice last week, giving Allen back-to-back road games with multiple receiving scores. Allen leads all Chargers receivers in 2023 in receptions (14), yards (187) and touchdowns (two), while **Mike Williams** also has 12 catches for 128 yards in 2023. The Bolts totaled five sacks in Week 2, the most by a Chargers defense in a single game since Week 16 last season. The team was led by **Joey Bosa’s** pair of sacks, giving him 14 career multi-sack games.

The Minnesota offense features Kirk Cousins, who has thrown for 708 yards and six touchdowns in 2023. He has connected with wide receiver Justin Jefferson 20 times so far for 309 yards, while Cousins has also found tight end T.J. Hockenson and wide receiver Jordan Addison each twice for touchdowns. Defensive end Danielle Hunter leads the squad with four sacks, including three last week. Kicker Greg Joseph has made all six extra point attempts and his lone field goal try this season.

Los Angeles returns home for its first AFC West matchup in Week 4, hosting the Las Vegas Raiders. The teams kick off from SoFi Stadium at 1:05 p.m. PT on Sun., Oct. 1.

BY THE NUMBERS

23 QB Justin Herbert topped 300 passing yards last week for the 23rd time of his career, passing Hall of Fame QB Dan Marino for the third-most ever by a quarterback in their first four seasons.

387.5 The Bolts offense ranks No. 4 in the NFL, averaging 387.5 total net yards per game over the season’s first two weeks.

49 Los Angeles has moved the chains to convert for a first down 49 times in 2023, the third-most in the NFL.

ON THE CALL

TELEVISION: FOX
Play-by-play: Kevin Kugler
Analyst: Mark Sanchez
Sideline: Laura Okmin

CHARGERS RADIO: ALT FM-98.7
Play-by-play: Matt “Money” Smith
Analyst: Daniel Jeremiah
Sideline: Shannon Farren

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Play-by-play: Chris Carrino
Analyst: Brian Baldinger

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LOS ANGELES (FM-105.5/94.3)
Play-by-play: Adrian Garcia-Marquez
Analyst: Francisco Pinto

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2023 CHARGERS SCHEDULE

PRESEASON (2-1)

Wk	Date	Opponent	TV	Result
1	Sat., Aug. 12	at L.A. Rams	CBS LA	W, 34-17
2	Sun., Aug. 20	NEW ORLEANS	CBS LA	L, 22-17
3	Fri., Aug. 25	at San Francisco	CBS LA	W, 23-12

REGULAR SEASON (0-2)

Wk	Date	Opponent	TV	Time*/Res.
1	Sun., Sept. 10	MIAMI	CBS	L, 36-34
2	Sun., Sept. 17	at Tennessee	CBS	L, 27-24 (OT)
3	Sun., Sept. 24	at Minnesota	FOX	10:00 a.m.
4	Sun., Oct. 1	LAS VEGAS	CBS	1:05 p.m.
5	—	BYE	—	—
6	Mon., Oct. 16	DALLAS	ESPN	5:15 p.m.
7	Sun., Oct. 22	at Kansas City	CBS	1:25 p.m.
8	Sun., Oct. 29	CHICAGO	NBC	5:20 p.m.
9	Mon., Nov. 6	at N.Y. Jets	ESPN	5:15 p.m.
10	Sun., Nov. 12	DETROIT	CBS	1:05 p.m.
11	Sun., Nov. 19	at Green Bay	FOX	10:00 a.m.
12	Sun., Nov. 26	BALTIMORE	NBC	5:20 p.m.
13	Sun., Dec. 3	at New England	CBS	10:00 a.m.
14	Sun., Dec. 10	DENVER	CBS	1:25 p.m.
15	Thurs., Dec. 14	at Las Vegas	PRIME	5:15 p.m.
16	Sat., Dec. 23	BUFFALO	PEACOCK	5:00 p.m.
17	Sun., Dec. 31	at Denver	CBS	1:25 p.m.
18	Jan. 6/Jan. 7	KANSAS CITY	TBD	TBD

*All Times Pacific

HOME GAMES IN CAPS

2023 AFC WEST STANDINGS

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Las Vegas	1	1	0	.500	27	54
Kansas City	1	1	0	.500	37	30
L.A. Chargers	0	2	0	.000	58	63
Denver	0	2	0	.000	49	52

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BREAKING DOWN THE 2023 SCHEDULE

SERIES BREAKDOWN	2023 RECORD	NOTES
 <p>ALL-TIME: 15-18-0 HOME: 11-9-0 AWAY: 4-9-0 LAST: L, 36-34 — 2023 vs. Dolphins</p>	<p>OVERALL: 2-0-0 HOME: 0-0-0 AWAY: 2-0-0 STANDING: 1st AFC East</p>	<p>The Chargers host Miami for the 20th time ever in Week 1, with the Dolphins holding a 17-15 mark in the all-time series. Los Angeles topped Miami last season on <i>Sunday Night Football</i>, holding the Dolphins to 219 total net yards, the fewest allowed in the series by a Chargers defense in over 50 years.</p>
 <p>ALL-TIME: 28-16-1 HOME: 19-3-1 AWAY: 9-13-0 LAST: L, 27-24 (OT) — 2022 vs. Titans</p>	<p>OVERALL: 1-1-0 HOME: 1-0-0 AWAY: 0-1-0 STANDING: 3rd AFC South</p>	<p>The Chargers are 28-15-1 (0.651) against the former AFL West rival. Los Angeles have won 11 of the past 13 games overall, including three of the last five on the road. Four of the last five matchups in the series have been decided by one score.</p>
 <p>ALL-TIME: 6-8-0 HOME: 3-3-0 AWAY: 3-5-0 LAST: L, 27-20 — 2021 vs. Vikings</p>	<p>OVERALL: 0-2-0 HOME: 0-1-0 AWAY: 0-1-0 STANDING: 3rd NFC North</p>	<p>The Week 3 matchup will be Los Angeles' first regular-season game at U.S. Bank Stadium, as the team hasn't visited the Twin Cities since 2015. Typically high-scoring affairs, the winning team scored at least 24 points in all but two of the series' 14 matchups.</p>
 <p>ALL-TIME: 57-67-2 HOME: 29-33-1 AWAY: 28-34-1 LAST: L, 27-20 — 2022 at Raiders</p>	<p>OVERALL: 1-1-0 HOME: 0-0-0 AWAY: 1-1-0 STANDING: 1st AFC West</p>	<p>The Chargers have won 14 of the past 20 home contests against the Raiders, scoring 20-plus points in all but five of those matchups. Los Angeles has won 12 of the past 19 games against the Raiders on the road. 10 of the past 14 road games against the Raiders have been decided by one score, including three in overtime.</p>
 <p>ALL-TIME: 5-7-0 HOME: 2-5-0 AWAY: 3-2-0 LAST: L, 20-17 — 2021 vs. Cowboys</p>	<p>OVERALL: 2-0-0 HOME: 1-0-0 AWAY: 1-0-0 STANDING: 1st NFC East</p>	<p>The Bolts have won four of the last six games against the Cowboys, including a 22-point victory in Dallas on Thanksgiving in 2017. The Chargers have won three-straight games on <i>Monday Night Football</i>, while the contest marks the team's first-ever Monday night game against the Cowboys.</p>
 <p>ALL-TIME: 57-67-1 HOME: 31-30-1 AWAY: 26-37-0 LAST: L, 30-27 — 2022 vs. Chiefs</p>	<p>OVERALL: 1-1-0 HOME: 0-1-0 AWAY: 1-0-0 STANDING: 2nd AFC West</p>	<p>The Chargers have won two of the last three road games against the Chiefs, including back-to-back wins in 2020 and 2021. The Chargers have an all-time regular-season home record against the Chiefs of 31-30-1, with the last four matchups being decided by one score.</p>
 <p>ALL-TIME: 6-7-0 HOME: 4-3-0 AWAY: 2-4-0 LAST: W, 17-16 — 2019 at Bears</p>	<p>OVERALL: 0-2-0 HOME: 0-1-0 AWAY: 0-1-0 STANDING: 4th NFC North</p>	<p>Los Angeles plays against Chicago for the 14th time in history and the seventh at home, with the Bolts holding a 4-3 advantage in home games. The Bolts and Bears have played four prime-time games in history, including one on <i>Sunday Night Football</i> in 1993.</p>
 <p>ALL-TIME: 23-12-1 HOME: 14-6-0 AWAY: 9-6-1 LAST: W, 34-28 — 2020 vs. Jets</p>	<p>OVERALL: 1-1-0 HOME: 1-0-0 AWAY: 0-1-0 STANDING: 2nd AFC East</p>	<p>Los Angeles plays the Jets for the first time since 2020, when Justin Herbert threw for 366 yards and three scores in a victory at SoFi Stadium. The Chargers have won the last four matchups with the Jets. The Bolts have a 2-0 record in primetime against the Jets, both of which came on <i>Monday Night Football</i>.</p>
 <p>ALL-TIME: 7-5-0 HOME: 5-0-0 AWAY: 2-5-0 LAST: L, 13-10 — 2019 at Lions</p>	<p>OVERALL: 1-1-0 HOME: 0-1-0 AWAY: 1-0-0 STANDING: 2nd NFC North</p>	<p>The Chargers host Detroit for the first time since a five-point win in 2015 and have won seven of the last nine against the Lions. In the 33-28 home victory in season, Keenan Allen hauled in 15 receptions, the most by a player on Kickoff Weekend since the 1970 NFL-AFL merger.</p>
 <p>ALL-TIME: 2-10-0 HOME: 1-6-0 AWAY: 1-4-0 LAST: W, 26-11 — 2019 vs. Packers</p>	<p>OVERALL: 1-1-0 HOME: 0-0-0 AWAY: 1-1-0 STANDING: 1st NFC North</p>	<p>The Bolts square off against Green Bay for just the 13th time in history. In the most recent game of the series, Los Angeles defeated the Packers at home in 2019 by 15 points, as the defense allowed just 184 total net yards.</p>
 <p>ALL-TIME: 5-8-0 HOME: 4-4-0 AWAY: 1-4-0 LAST: L, 6-34 — 2021 at Ravens</p>	<p>OVERALL: 2-0-0 HOME: 1-0-0 AWAY: 1-0-0 STANDING: 1st AFC North</p>	<p>The Week 12 matchup against the Ravens will mark just the ninth game Los Angeles hosts Baltimore. The Chargers beat the Ravens in the 2018 AFC Wild Card matchup, 23-17. The Bolts won the lone <i>Sunday Night Football</i> matchup against Baltimore in 2011, 34-14.</p>
 <p>ALL-TIME: 14-24-2 HOME: 6-12-1 AWAY: 8-12-1 LAST: L, 27-24 — 2021 vs. Patriots</p>	<p>OVERALL: 0-2-0 HOME: 0-2-0 AWAY: 0-0-0 STANDING: 4th AFC East</p>	<p>Los Angeles heads to New England for first time since 2017. The Patriots hold a 24-14-2 advantage in the all-time series, while four of the last six matchups have been decided by less than 10 points.</p>
 <p>ALL-TIME: 55-70-1 HOME: 37-26-0 AWAY: 18-44-1 LAST: L, 31-28 — 2022 at Broncos</p>	<p>OVERALL: 0-2-0 HOME: 0-2-0 AWAY: 0-0-0 STANDING: 4th AFC West</p>	<p>The Bolts hold a 37-26 regular-season home record against the Broncos. In the 2022 home game on <i>Monday Night Football</i>, Los Angeles beat Denver in overtime, 19-16. 10 of the last 13 matchups in the Mile High City have been decided by one score, including six of them by less than seven points.</p>
 <p>ALL-TIME: 24-11-2 HOME: 13-5-1 AWAY: 11-6-1 LAST: L, 27-17 — 2020 at Bills</p>	<p>OVERALL: 1-1-0 HOME: 1-0-0 AWAY: 0-1-0 STANDING: 3rd AFC East</p>	<p>Los Angeles hosts Buffalo for the first time since a 30-point win in 2017, where the Chargers forced six turnovers. The Bolts have won the last six home games against the Bills and four of the last five games in the series overall. The Chargers played their first Saturday night game against the Bills, a 20-3 victory in 1971.</p>

CHARGERS-VIKINGS SERIES HISTORY

SERIES BREAKDOWN

All-Time Series Record	6-8 (.462)
Regular Season Series Record	6-8 (.462)
Chargers All-Time at Vikings	3-5 (.600)
Current Streak	L, Three (3) games
Last Meeting	Nov. 14, 2021 – L, 27-20
Longest Chargers Win Streak	One (1) game (Last: 2011)
Longest Vikings Win Streak	Three (3) games (2015-Pres.)
Head Coach Brandon Staley vs. Vikings	0-1 (.000)
Staley All-Time vs. Vikings*	2-4 (.333)
Most Career GP vs. Vikings	C Corey Linsley (14)

*Including years as assistant coach

TEAM SUPERLATIVES AGAINST VIKINGS

Most Points Scored	42 – Last: Nov. 9, 2003 vs. Min.
Fewest Points Allowed	7 – Nov. 19, 1978 at Min.
Average Points Scored	23.6
Average Points Allowed	24.6
Most Points (Combined)	70 – Nov. 9, 2003 vs. Min.
Fewest Points (Combined)	20 – Nov. 19, 1978 at Min.
Largest Margin of Victory	29 – Sept. 2, 1984 at Min.
Most Total Net Yards	526 – Sept. 2, 1984 at Min.
Fewest Total Net Yards Allowed	251 – Oct. 26, 1986 at Phi.
Most First Downs	31 – Sept. 11, 2011 vs. Min.
Fewest First Downs Allowed	10 – Sept. 11, 2011 vs. Min.
Most Net Passing Yards	396 – Sept. 2, 1984 at Min.
Fewest Net Passing Yards Allowed	28 – Nov. 11, 2011 vs. Min.
Most Rushing Yards	211 – Sept. 9, 2003 vs. Min.
Fewest Rushing Yards Allowed	20 – Nov. 7, 1993 at Min.
Most Takeaways	5 – Dec. 5, 1971 vs. Min.
Fewest Giveaways	0 – Nov. 9, 2003 vs. Min.

ALL-TIME GAMES AGAINST TITANS

Date	Opponent	Result	Venue
Dec. 5, 1971	vs. Minnesota	W, 30-14	San Diego Stadium
Nov. 23, 1975	at Minnesota	L, 28-13	Metropolitan Stadium
Nov. 19, 1978	at Minnesota	W, 13-7	Metropolitan Stadium
Oct. 11, 1981	vs. Minnesota	L, 33-31	Jack Murphy Stadium
Sept. 2, 1984	at Minnesota	W, 42-13	Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome
Oct. 20, 1985	at Minnesota	L, 21-17	Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome
Nov. 7, 1993	at Minnesota	W, 30-17	Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome
Nov. 28, 1999	at Minnesota	L, 35-27	Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome
Nov. 9, 2003	vs. Minnesota	W, 42-28	Qualcomm Stadium
Nov. 4, 2007	at Minnesota	L, 35-17	Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome
Sept. 11, 2011	vs. Minnesota	W, 24-17	Qualcomm Stadium
Sept. 27, 2015	at Minnesota	L, 31-14	TCF Bank Stadium
Dec. 15, 2019	vs. Minnesota	L, 39-10	Dignity Health Sports Park
Nov. 14, 2021	vs. Minnesota	L, 27-20	SoFi Stadium

MOST RECENT SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Category	Date	Opp./Loc.	Player	No.
Completions	Sept. 11, 2011	vs. Min.	P.Rivers	33
Comp. Pct.*	Sept. 2, 1984	at Min.	D.Fouts	75.0
Passing Yards	Nov. 28, 1999	at Min.	J.Harbaugh	404
Passing TDs	Sept. 11, 2011	vs. Min.	P.Rivers	2
Passer Rating*	Sept. 2, 1984	at Min.	D.Fouts	131.8
Rushing Yards	Nov. 9, 2003	vs. Min.	L.Tomlinson	162
Rushing TDs	Nov. 9, 2003	vs. Min.	Fouts/Tomlinson	2
Receptions	Sept. 27, 2015	at Min.	K.Allen	12
Receiving Yards	Nov. 7, 1993	at Min.	A.Miller	142
Receiving TDs	Sept. 27, 2015	at Min.	K.Allen	2
Scrim. Yards	Nov. 9, 2003	vs. Min.	L.Tomlinson	207
Scrim. TDs	Sept. 11, 2011	vs. Min.	M.Tolbert	3
Tackles	Nov. 4, 2007	at Min.	M.Wilhelm	14
Sacks	Nov. 7, 1993	at Min.	C.Mims	1.5
Interceptions	Sept. 2, 1984	at Min.	A.Young	2
FGs Made	Dec. 5, 1971	vs. Min.	D.Partee	3
Net Punt Avg.**	Nov. 4, 2007	at Min.	M.Scifres	54.8

*Min. 20 Pass Attempts

**Min. Three (3) Punts

THE MATCHUP

AT THE HELM



BRANDON STALEY

Chargers Head Coach

Overall Record: 19-18 (.514)
 Reg. Season Record: 19-17 (.528)
 Postseason Record: 0-1 (.000)
 Record vs. Vikings: 0-1 (.000)
 Road Record (Reg.): 9-9 (.500)

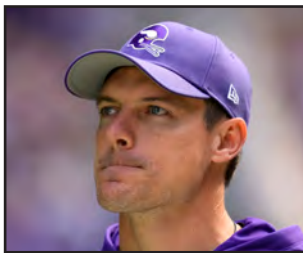
Hometown: Perry, Ohio
 College: Dayton ('04) / Mercyhurst ('05)

The Los Angeles Chargers hired Brandon Staley as the 17th head coach in franchise history, becoming the first Bolts head coach with a defensive background in over a decade. One of the most progressive minds in football, Staley brought an aggressive approach to the Chargers, leading the Bolts to a pair of winning seasons and a playoff berth in his first two years with the team. In those two seasons, Staley coached seven players to be selected to a combined eight Pro Bowls.

Staley served as the defensive coordinator for the Los Angeles Rams in 2020 after spending three seasons as the outside linebackers coach for Denver (2019) and Chicago (2017-18). As one of the most progressive defensive minds in football, Staley overhauled a Rams defense to become the best defense in football in 2020. The unit ranked No. 1 in total defense, passing defense and scoring defense while finishing as the third-best rushing defense.

Prior to coaching in the NFL, Staley spent three seasons (2013, '15-16) at John Carroll as defensive coordinator/secondary coach and the 2014 season as defensive coordinator/linebackers at James Madison. In his final season as a collegiate coach, Staley earned National Coordinator of the Year honors for Division III by leading his unit to rank third in the nation in total defense (218.0 ypg) and fourth in scoring defense (12.6 ppg).

Staley played quarterback at the University of Dayton, serving as a team captain and was a two-year starter. The Flyers posted a 16-5 record with Staley starting under center from 2003-04. Following his time at Dayton, Staley played one season with his twin brother, Jason, at Mercyhurst College, playing there in 2005. A native of Perry, Ohio, Staley and his wife, Amy, have three sons — Colin, Will and Grant.



KEVIN O'CONNELL

Vikings Head Coach

Overall Record: 13-7 (.650)
 Reg. Season Record: 13-6 (.684)
 Postseason Record: 0-1 (.000)
 Record vs. Chargers: 0-0 (.000)
 Home Record (Reg.): 8-2 (.800)

Hometown: Carlsbad, Calif.
 College: San Diego State ('07)

In his first season as head coach in 2022, Kevin O'Connell led the Vikings to 13 wins, the most by any first-year head coach in franchise history, earning the club's first division title since 2017.

O'Connell was named the 10th head coach in franchise history on Feb. 16, 2022, after serving as the offensive coordinator for the Los Angeles Rams. In 2021, he led the Rams to finish ninth in total offense (372.1 yards per game) last season, helped his unit rank second in plays of 50-plus yards (10), fourth in yards per play (5.98) and eighth in offensive touchdowns (51), as the Rams won Super Bowl LVI.

Prior to joining the Rams, O'Connell worked in Washington, serving as the quarterbacks coach in 2017-18 and the offensive coordinator in 2019. O'Connell worked on special projects with the San Francisco 49ers in 2016.

As a player, O'Connell was drafted in the third round (94th pick) of the 2008 NFL Draft by the New England Patriots out of San Diego State. As a four-year captain at San Diego State, O'Connell finished his career after appearing in 40 games while ranking third in completions (664), fourth in passing yards (7,689) and fifth in passing touchdowns (46) in school history.

The Carlsbad, California, native and his wife, Leah, have two sons, Kaden and Kolten, and two daughters, Quinn and Callie.

TEAM RANKINGS



0-2
T-3rd (AFC West)

0-2
T-3rd (NFC North)

OFFENSE (NFL RANK)

29.0 (6th) Points Per Game 22.5 (18th)
 387.5 (4th) Net Yds. Per Game 371.5 (8th)
 147.0 (5th) Net Rushing Yds. Per Game 34.5 (32nd)
 240.5 (11th) Net Passing Yds. Per Game 337.0 (2nd)
 5.50 (6th) Scrimmage Yds. Per Play 6.30 (3rd)
 0/0 Opp. Interceptions/Return Yds. 1/14
 6/-53 (T-17th) Sacks Allowed/Yds. 4/-34 (T-12th)
 0/0 Fumbles/Lost 6/6
 37.9% (17th) Third Down Pct. 50.0% (3rd)
 60.0% (17th) Red Zone TD Pct. 66.7% (T-7th)
 29:12 (T-21st) Time of Possession Avg. 24:57 (29th)
 0 (T-1st) Giveaways 7 (32nd)

DEFENSE (NFL RANK)

31.5 (30th) Points Per Game 27.0 (T-25th)
 438.5 (32nd) Net Yds. Per Game 336.0 (17th)
 105.5 (15th) Net Rushing Yds. Per Game 166.0 (29th)
 333.0 (32nd) Net Passing Yds. Per Game 170.0 (8th)
 6.85 (32nd) Scrimmage Yds. Per Play 4.70 (9th)
 1/9 Interceptions/Return Yds. 1/0
 5/-46 (T-14th) Sacks/Yds. 5/-26 (T-14th)
 2/1 Opp. Fumbles/Lost 1/0
 45.5% (24th) Third Down Pct. 38.7% (T-15th)
 66.7% (T-19th) Red Zone TD Pct. 66.7% (T-19th)
 2 (T-16th) Takeaways 1 (T-25th)

+2 (T-8th) TURNOVER MARGIN -6 (32nd)

SPECIAL TEAMS (NFL RANK)

42.1 (31st) Punts-Avg. Yds. (Gross) 51.8 (4th)
 38.7 (23rd) Punts-Avg. Yds. (Net) 47.9 (4th)
 13.2 (9th) Punt Returns-Avg. Per 6.2 (22nd)
 5.5 (9th) Punt Returns-Avg. Per Allowed 6.2 (13th)
 24.0 (5th) Kickoff Returns-Avg. Per 15.0 (21st)
 — Kickoff Returns-Avg. Per Allowed 23.0 (T-14th)
 5/5 (1st) Field Goals Made/Attempted 1/1 (1st)

PENALTIES (NFL RANK)

10/113 (T-7th) Penalties Against/Yds. 8/60 (T-3rd)

THE MATCHUP

WITHIN STRIKING DISTANCE

WR Keenan Allen

- Needs two touchdown catches to register his third consecutive road game with multiple receiving touchdowns, which would tie for the longest streak in NFL history.
- Needs at least 15 receptions for the third 15-catch game of his career, which would be the most by any player in NFL history.
- Needs at least 14 receptions for the fifth 14-catch game of his career, which would be the most by any player in NFL history.
- Needs at least 11 receptions for the 14th 11-catch game of his career, which would be the most by any player in NFL history.
- Needs 111 receiving yards to pass Hall of Famer Lance Alworth (9,584) for the most receiving yards ever by a Chargers wide receiver. He would only trail TE Antonio Gates (11,841).

OLB Joey Bosa

- Needs a strip sack to reach 10 for his career and become the only player since he entered the NFL in 2016 to register double-digit strip sacks.
- Needs 3.5 sacks to reach 66.0 for his career and move past DE Lee Williams to No. 3 on the team's all-time sacks list.

RB Austin Ekeler

- Needs seven receptions to reach 400 for his career, becoming the seventh Charger to record at least 400 catches.
- Needs a touchdown catch to reach 30 for his career. He would be the youngest running back since 1960 to reach 30 touchdown receptions. The current youngest is Hall of Famer Marshall Faulk (28 years, 265 days).
 - The 30 touchdown catches would set the record for most receiving touchdowns in the Super Bowl era (since 1966) by a running back with a single team and break a tie with Brian Westbrook (29 with Eagles).
 - He would become the seventh player ever to have at least 30 career rushing touchdowns and 30 career receiving touchdowns.
- Needs one touchdown to reach 40 scores since the beginning of the 2021 season, more than 10 more than the next closest player over that span.

QB Justin Herbert

- Needs 20-plus completions to his streak of games with at least 20 completions to 30 games and tie for the second-longest streak of 20-plus completions in NFL history.
- Needs 27 completions to set the record for the most completions by any player in their first four seasons in NFL history, surpassing Ryan Tannehill (1,392).
- Needs 29 pass attempts without an interception to set the team record for the longest streak of pass attempts without an interception (Drew Brees, 194).
- With Sunday marking career game No. 52, needs 377 passing yards to be the second-fastest player to eclipse 15,000 for his career (Patrick Mahomes, 49 games).
- Needs three touchdown passes to reach 100 for his career. At 25 years, 198 days old, he would be the fourth-youngest player ever to reach 100 passing scores.

CB J.C. Jackson

- Will appear in career game No. 70 on Sunday.
- Needs two passes defended to reach 60 for his career.

S Derwin James Jr.

- Needs a half-sack to reach 10 sacks for his career, becoming the eighth player and second defensive back (Hall of Famer Ronde Barber) to have at least seven interceptions and 10 sacks within the first 55 games of a career since sacks became an official statistic in 1982.

DL Sebastian Joseph-Day

- Needs two tackles for loss to reach 20 for his career.

RB Joshua Kelley

- Will appear in career game No. 40 on Sunday.
- Needs 127 rushing yards to reach 1,000 for his career.
- Needs two rushing touchdowns to set a single-season career high (three).

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS



0-2
T-3rd (AFC West)

0-2
T-3rd (NFC North)

PASSING YARDS

Herbert 534 Cousins 708

RUSHING YARDS

Kelley 130 Mattison 62
Ekeler 117 Cousins 7

RECEIVING YARDS

Allen 187 Jefferson 309
Williams 128 Addison 133
Everett 68 Hockenson 101

POINTS SCORED

Dicker 20 Addison 12
Allen 12 Hockenson 12

INTERCEPTIONS

Jackson 1 Jackson 1

SACKS

Bosa 2.0 Hunter 4.0
Three Tied 1.0 Pace Jr. 0.5
Phillips 0.5

TACKLES (SOLO)

James Jr. 17 (13) Bynum 25 (11)
Gilman 17 (12) Phillips 21 (12)
Murray Jr. 13 (4) Pace Jr. 16 (11)
Tuipulotu 9 (6) Hunter 15 (9)

PUNT RETURNS (AVG.); FC

Davis 5 (13.2); 0 Powell 6 (6.2); 1

KICKOFF RETURNS (AVG.)

Davis 1 (24.0) Chandler 1 (15.0)

FIELD GOALS

Dicker 5/5 (100.0%) Joseph 1/1 (100.0%)

PUNTS (GROSS/NET AVG.)

Scott 9 (42.1/38.7) Wright (51.8/47.9)

CHARGERS-VIKINGS CONNECTIONS

COLLEGE CONNECTIONS

	LAC	QB Justin Herbert	2016-19
	MIN	LB Troy Dye	2016-19
	MIN	TE Johnny Mundt	2013-16
	LAC	OL Jamaree Salyer	2018-21
	LAC	TE Tre' McKitty	2020
	LAC	<u>Robert Muschamp (QC)</u>	<u>2021-22</u>
	MIN	S Lewis Cline	2019-21
	TEN	<u>Derron Montgomery (QC)</u>	<u>2018-20</u>
	LAC	DL Christopher Hinton	2019-21
	MIN	S Josh Metellus	2016-19
	LAC	LB Nick Niemann	2017-20
	LAC	Derrick Foster (RBs)	2018-20
	MIN	TE T.J. Hockenson	2016-18
	LAC	C Will Clapp	2014-17
	MIN	OLB Danielle Hunter	2012-14
	MIN	WR Justin Jefferson	2017-19
	MIN	G Ed Ingram	2017-21
	LAC	WR Josh Palmer	2017-20
	LAC	<u>Derrick Ansley</u>	<u>2012, '19-20</u>
		(Defensive Coord.)	
	LAC	<u>Robert Muschamp (QC)</u>	<u>2019-20</u>
	MIN	S Theo Jackson	2017-21
	LAC	Chris Beatty (WRs)	2019-20
	MIN	OLB Pat Jones II	2016-20
	LAC	OLB Tuli Tuipulotu	2020-22
	MIN	WR Jordan Addison	2022
	MIN	CB Mekhi Blackmon	2022
	MIN	<u>Michael Hutchings</u>	<u>2018-21</u>
		(Asst. Defensive Backs)	
	LAC	T Foster Sarrell	2017-20
	MIN	DL Harrison Phillips	2014-17
	LAC	CB J.C. Jackson	2016-17
	LAC	<u>Keenan McCardell (WRs)</u>	<u>2014-16</u>
	LAC	Will Harris	2022
		(Assistant Secondary)	
	MIN	CB NaJee Thompson	2018-22
	LAC	Will Harris	2018-21
		(Asst. Secondary)	
	MIN	CB Byron Murphy	2016-18
	LAC	Will Harris	2016-17
		(Asst. Secondary)	
	LAC	OL Jordan McFadden	2018-22
	LAC	LB Tanner Muse	2015-19
	LAC	<u>Chandler Whitmer (Off. QC)</u>	<u>2019</u>
	MIN	CB Andrew Booth Jr.	2019-21
	LAC	S JT Woods	2018-21
	MIN	<u>Mike Siravo (ILs)</u>	<u>2017-19</u>
	LAC	DL Scott Matlock	2018-22
	MIN	RB Alexander Mattison	2016-18

Underlined indicates coaching or administrative roles.

NOTEWORTHY BONDS

There are two familial connections between the Chargers and Vikings. Chargers **DL Chris Rumph II** is the son Vikings **Defensive Line Coach Chris Rumph**. Additionally, Chargers **LB Tanner Muse** is the elder brother of Vikings **TE Nick Muse**.

Bolts **LB Eric Kendricks** was drafted in the second round (45th overall) by the Minnesota Vikings in the 2015 NFL Draft. Kendricks spent eight seasons in Minnesota (2015-22), appearing in 118 games (114 starts) and totaled 926 tackles, before signing with the Chargers for the 2023 season.

Two members of the Los Angeles Chargers coaching staff have spent time in Minnesota. Chargers **Special Teams Coordinator Ryan Ficken** served with the Vikings for 15 years from 2007-21. Bolts **Linebackers Coach Jeff Howard** coached in Minnesota from 2013-19.

Chargers **Head Coach Brandon Staley** coached with Vikings **Head Coach Kevin O'Connell** on the 2020 Los Angeles Rams coaching staff. The pair served as the defensive and offensive coordinators, respectively.


Vikings **Wide Receivers Coach Kennan McCardell** played three seasons for the Chargers (2004-06), helping the Bolts claim two AFC West Division titles.


Chargers **Trey Pipkins III** is a native of Apple Valley, Minn. Bolts **S JT Woods** and Vikings **OLB Marcus Davenport** hail from San Antonio, Texas. Chargers **LB Kenneth Murrury Jr.** and Vikings **OLB Andre Carter II** are both from Missouri City, Texas.

PRO CONNECTIONS

Head Coach Brandon Staley (2017-18)		Asst. Head Coach Mike Pettine (2021)
OLB Khalil Mack (2018-21)		DL Jonathan Bullard (2016-18)
DL Nick Williams (2018-19)		LS Andrew DePaola (2017)
Def. Run Game Coord./DL Jay Rodgers (2015-20)		DL Khyiris Tonga (2021)
		Run Game Coord./ RBs Curtis Modkins (2017)
		DL Coach Chris Rumph (2021)

Secondary Coach Tom Donatell (2017-20)		Asst. Head Coach Mike Pettine (2017)
		DL Jonathan Bullard (2020)

Head Coach Brandon Staley (2019)		C/G Austin Schlottmann (2018-21)
Asst. Special Teams Chris Gould (2015-21)		G Dalton Risner (2019-22)
Dir. of Sports Perf. Anthony Lomando (2012-20)		OL Coach Chris Kuper (2019-21)
Front Seven Specialist Mike Hiestand (2019-21)		Run Game Coord./ RBs Curtis Modkins (2017)
		Asst. OL Coach Justin Rascati (2019-21)
		Asst. ILs Thad Bogardus (2017-22)

Head Coach Brandon Staley (2020)		Head Coach Kevin O'Connell (2020-21)
DL Morgan Fox (2016-20)		TE Johnny Mundt (2017-21)
TE Gerald Everett (2017-20)		WR Brandon Powell (2021-22)
DL Sebastian Joseph-Day (2018-21)		Offensive Coord. Wes Phillips (2019-21)
		Asst. ILs Thad Bogardus (2017-22)
		QBs Coach Chris O'Hara (2021)

Defensive Coord. Derrick Ansley (2018)		LS Andrew DePaola (2018)
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LBs Coach Jeff Howard (2020-22)		QB Nick Mullens (2021)
		Pass Game Specialist/Game Management Coord. Ryan Cordell (2019-21)

CB J.C. Jackson (2018-21)		Defensive Coord. Brian Flores (2008-18)
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Offensive Coordinator Kellen Moore (2015-22)		Special Teams Coord. Matt Daniels (2020-21)
QBs Coach Doug Nussmeier (2018-22)		

LS Josh Harris (2012-21)		DL Jonathan Bullard (2021)
		WR Brandon Powell (2019-20)

DL Morgan Fox (2021)		Pass Game Coord./TEs Brian Angelichio (2020-21)
G/T Austen Pleasants (2021-22)		ILs Coach Mike Siravo (2020-22)
		Asst. QBs/Chief of Special Projects Grant Udinski (2020-21)

C Corey Linsley (2014-20)		Asst. Head Coach Mike Pettine (2018-20)
P JK Scott (2018-20)		DL Dean Lowry (2016-22)
TEs Coach Kevin Koger (2019-20)		Pass Game Coord./TEs Brian Angelichio (2016-18)
		Pass Rush Specialist/OLBs Mike Smith (2019-21)

C Will Clapp (2018-21)		OLB Marcus Davenport (2018-22)
OL Coach Brendan Nugent (2015-21)		

DL Coach Giff Smith (2010-12)		Run Game Coord./ RBs Curtis Modkins (2010-12)
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Italicized indicates coaches who were players at the time.



ANTONIO GATES

PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME NOMINEE

8x

PRO BOWLER

5x

ALL-PRO



ALL-TIME TIGHT ENDS RECORDS:

116

RECEIVING TDS

21

MULTI-TD GAMES

39

TD CATCHES ON
THIRD DOWN

8

SEASONS OF
8+TD CATCHES

CHARGERS IN THE COMMUNITY

PACKING MEALS FOR STUDENTS



The Los Angeles Chargers Impact Fund collaborated with Blessings in a Backpack to distribute 750 meals to more than 600 elementary school students. These meals are designed to provide essential nourishment during weekends when students do not have access to school lunches.

DL Sebastian Joseph-Day, S JT Woods, DB Ja'Sir Taylor, LB Tanner Muse, DL Christian Covington and DL CJ Okoye — along with Chargers staff, packed the 750 to-be-distributed meals at Hoag Performance Center as part of the Bolts Community Crew volunteer program.

The Los Angeles Chargers Impact Fund, a 501(c)(3) public charity, focuses on two main pillars – Youth Empowerment and Community Advancement – to achieve its mission of creating opportunity in under-resourced neighborhoods so today's dreams can become tomorrow's reality. Founded by Alex & Faye Spanos in 1995, the Impact Fund is rooted in their belief that a solid family foundation, and the ability to lean on each other, is critical to future success.

Blessings in a Backpack is a nonprofit organization that helps children who are currently fed during the week on the federally funded Free and Reduced Meal Program. The organization is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with over 1,100 volunteer-driven programs across the United States, located in 46 states and Washington, D.C.



JOINER, WINSLOW HAVE JERSEYS RETIRED



Charlie Joiner (18), the NFL's all-time leader in receptions and receiving yards at the time of his retirement, and Kellen Winslow (80), a member of the NFL 100 All-Time team, had their numbers officially retired in a halftime ceremony when the Chargers played the Miami Dolphins at SoFi Stadium on Sept. 10.

Joiner, who played his final 11 seasons with the Chargers, had four 1,000-yard campaigns with the Bolts from 1976-81, the most in the NFL over that span. Among players that played at least one season in the AFL, he is the only one that finished his career with 700 receptions, 10,000 yards and 60 touchdowns.

Winslow, a four-time Pro Bowl selection and three-time AP first-team All Pro during his nine-year career, was the only tight end in history at the time of his retirement to have a career with at least 500 receptions, 6,000 receiving yards and 45 touchdown catches. He is the only tight end to put up those numbers within the first nine seasons of a career for another 25 years. He ranked No. 2 all-time among tight ends with 541 receptions, No. 3 with 6,741 yards and No.4 with 45 touchdowns at the time of his retirement.

BOLT ACADEMY GRADUATION



The Los Angeles Chargers Impact Fund and SoFi partnered for a third year to celebrate the commencement of Bolt Academy graduates after successfully completing the program on Sept. 7.

The 23 graduates will bring the total number of Bolt Academy alumni to 46 since the program's inception in 2021. Upon completion of the program, graduating students will have the opportunity to work for the Chargers on game day.

Bolt Academy is a unique partnership between the Los Angeles Chargers Impact Fund, SoFi, the Inglewood Unified School District and the Brotherhood Crusade — a nonprofit building power in South LA for over 50 years. Juniors and Seniors from high schools in Inglewood are invited to participate in the six month after-school program, where they learn leadership and job readiness skills.

TOM TELESKO

TELESKO'S DRAFT HISTORY

Chargers General Manager Tom Telesko has drafted 76 players since joining the team in 2013. Those draft picks have combined to play 2,527 games and make 1,371 starts in the regular season (65 games played with 38 starts in the postseason) for the Bolts.

2023 CHARGERS DRAFT SELECTIONS

Pos.	Player	Drafted	Reg. Season		Postseason	
			GP	GS	GP	GS
WR	Quentin Johnston	1-21	2	0	0	0
OLB	Tuli Tuipulotu	2-54	2	1	0	0
LB	Daiyan Henley	3-85	0	0	0	0
WR	Derius Davis	4-125	2	0	0	0
OL	Jordan McFadden	5-156	0	0	0	0
DL	Scott Matlock	6-200	2	0	0	0
QB	Max Duggan	7-239	0	0	0	0
Totals			8	1	0	0

2022 CHARGERS DRAFT SELECTIONS

Pos.	Player	Drafted	Reg. Season		Postseason	
			GP	GS	GP	GS
G	Zion Johnson	1-17	19	19	1	1
S	JT Woods	3-79	12	1	0	0
RB	Isaiah Spiller	4-123	7	0	0	0
DL	Otito Ogbornia	5-160	7	1	0	0
OL	Jamaree Salyer	6-195	19	15	1	1
DB	Ja'Sir Taylor	6-214	19	4	1	0
DB	Deane Leonard	7-236	19	0	1	0
FB	Zander Horvath	7-260	15	2	1	0
Totals			117	42	5	2

2021 CHARGERS DRAFT SELECTIONS

Pos.	Player	Drafted	Reg. Season		Postseason	
			GP	GS	GP	GS
T	Rashawn Slater	1-13	21	21	0	0
CB	Asante Samuel Jr.	2-47	31	28	1	1
WR	Joshua Palmer	3-77	35	16	1	0
TE	Tre' McKitty	3-97	30	12	1	1
OLB	Chris Rumph II	4-118	31	0	1	0
G/T	Brenden Jaimes	5-159	22	0	1	0
LB	Nick Niemann	6-185	36	1	1	0
RB	Larry Rountree III	6-198	16	0	1	0
DB	Mark Webb Jr.	7-241	7	0	0	0
Totals			229	78	7	2

2020 CHARGERS DRAFT SELECTIONS

Pos.	Player	Drafted	Reg. Season		Postseason	
			GP	GS	GP	GS
QB	Justin Herbert	1-6	51	51	1	1
LB	Kenneth Murray Jr.	1-23	46	40	1	1
RB	Joshua Kelley	4-112	39	2	1	0
WR	Joe Reed	5-151	11	0	0	0
S	Alohi Gilman	6-186	45	11	1	1
WR	KJ Hill Jr.	7-220	21	0	0	0
Totals			213	104	4	3



2019 CHARGERS DRAFT SELECTIONS

Pos.	Player	Drafted	Reg. Season		Postseason	
			GP	GS	GP	GS
DL	Jerry Tillery	1-28	54	29	0	0
S	Nasir Adderley	2-60	50	44	1	0
T	Trey Pipkins III	3-91	54	26	1	1
LB	Drue Tranquill	4-130	47	27	1	1
QB	Easton Stick	5-166	1	0	0	0
OLB	Emeke Egbule	6-200	32	0	0	0
DL	Cortez Broughton	7-242	11	0	0	0
Totals			249	126	3	2

2018 CHARGERS DRAFT SELECTIONS

Pos.	Player	Drafted	Reg. Season		Postseason	
			GP	GS	GP	GS
S	Derwin James Jr.	1-17	52	52	3	3
OLB	Uchenna Nwosu	2-48	62	25	2	0
DL	Justin Jones	3-84	51	35	2	2
LB	Kyzir White	4-119	47	37	0	0
C/G	Scott Quessenberry	5-155	63	10	2	0
WR	Dylan Cantrell	6-191	0	0	0	0
RB	Justin Jackson	7-251	43	6	2	0
Totals			318	165	11	5

2017 CHARGERS DRAFT SELECTIONS

Pos.	Player	Drafted	Reg. Season		Postseason	
			GP	GS	GP	GS
WR	Mike Williams	1-7	87	62	2	2
G	Forrest Lamp	2-38	25	18	0	0
C/G	Dan Feeney	3-71	63	57	2	2
S	Rayshawn Jenkins	4-113	61	32	2	2
DB	Desmond King II	5-151	53	23	2	2
T	Sam Tevi	6-190	58	44	2	2
DE	Isaac Rochell	7-225	51	9	2	0
Totals			398	245	12	10

TOM TELESKO



TELESKO'S DRAFT HISTORY

2016 CHARGERS DRAFT SELECTIONS

Pos.	Player	Drafted	Reg. Season		Postseason	
			GP	GS	GP	GS
OLB	Joey Bosa	1-3	86	81	3	3
TE	Hunter Henry	2-35	55	49	1	1
C	Max Tuerk	3-66	0	0	0	0
LB	Joshua Perry	4-102	15	1	0	0
LB	Jatavis Brown	5-175	56	23	0	0
P	Drew Kaser	6-179	36	0	0	0
FB	Derek Watt	6-198	64	13	2	0
G	Donavon Clark	7-224	0	0	0	0
Totals			312	164	6	4

2015 CHARGERS DRAFT SELECTIONS

Pos.	Player	Drafted	Reg. Season		Postseason	
			GP	GS	GP	GS
RB	Melvin Gordon III	1-15	67	63	2	2
LB	Denzel Perryman	2-48	69	51	0	0
CB	Craig Mager	3-83	24	10	0	0
LB	Kyle Emanuel	5-153	63	32	2	0
DE	Darius Philon	6-192	54	19	2	0
Totals			277	175	6	2

2014 CHARGERS DRAFT SELECTIONS

Pos.	Player	Drafted	Reg. Season		Postseason	
			GP	GS	GP	GS
CB	Jason Verrett	1-25	25	21	0	0
OLB	Jeremiah Attaochu	2-50	40	13	0	0
G	Chris Watt	3-89	17	8	0	0
DT	Ryan Carrethers	5-165	24	3	0	0
RB	Marion Grice	6-201	0	0	0	0
WR	Tevin Reese	7-240	0	0	0	0
Totals			106	45	0	0

2013 CHARGERS DRAFT SELECTIONS

Pos.	Player	Drafted	Reg. Season		Postseason	
			GP	GS	GP	GS
T	D.J. Fluker	1-11	59	59	2	2
LB	Manti Te'o	2-38	38	34	2	2
WR	Keenan Allen	3-76	128	123	5	4
CB	Steve Williams	5-145	31	4	0	0
LB	Tourek Williams	6-179	44	6	2	0
QB	Brad Sorensen	7-221	0	0	0	0
Totals			300	226	11	8

Current Chargers are bolded in Powder Blue

TELESKO'S PRO BOWLERS

Throughout his tenure with the Chargers, **Tom Telesko** has acquired or extended 15 players that went on to earn Pro Bowl nods, including seven players that were acquired via draft pick.

BOLTS PRO BOWLERS ACQUIRED OR EXTENDED, SINCE 2013

Year Acq.	Player	How Acq.	Pro Bowls
2013	WR Keenan Allen	Drafted (3-76)	5
2014	S Adrian Phillips	UDFA	1
	CB Jason Verrett	Drafted (1-25)	1
2015	RB Melvin Gordon III	Drafted (1-15)	2
	QB Philip Rivers	Extension	3
2016	DE/OLB Joey Bosa	Drafted (1-3)	4
	CB Casey Hayward Jr.	UFA (G.B.)	2
2017	DE Melvin Ingram III	Extension	3
	T Russell Okung	UFA (Den.)	1
2018	S Derwin James Jr.	Drafted (1-17)	3
	C Mike Pouncey	FA	1
2020	QB Justin Herbert	Drafted (1-6)	1
2021	C Corey Linsley	UFA (G.B.)	1
	T Rashawn Slater	Drafted (1-13)	1
2022	OLB Khalil Mack	Trade (Chi.)	1
Totals	15 Players		30 Pro Bowls
	7 Drafted Players		17 Pro Bowls

ROOKIE RECOGNITION

Since joining the Bolts in 2013, **Tom Telesko** has drafted players that received recognition for their play — notably 2016 NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year **Joey Bosa** and 2020 NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year **Justin Herbert**.

Bosa twice earned NFL Defensive Rookie of the Month in 2016 (October and December) en route to winning consensus Defensive Rookie of the Year honors. Last year, **Asante Samuel Jr.**, also won Defensive Rookie of the Month for September.

In 2020, Herbert was named the NFL Offensive Rookie of the Month for October and November, tossing 10-plus touchdowns in both months. He posted a 122.2 passer rating in October — the best by a rookie in the month in NFL history (min. 50 attempts). He was widely recognized after his record-setting season as Offensive Rookie of the Year.

BOLTS TO WIN NFL ROOKIE OF THE MONTH, SINCE 2013

Season	Player	Phase	Month
2016	DE Joey Bosa	Defense	October
	DE Joey Bosa	Defense	December
2020	QB Justin Herbert	Offense	October
	QB Justin Herbert	Offense	November
2021	CB Asante Samuel Jr.	Defense	September

TOM TELESKO

PLAYER OF THE WEEK HONORS

Over the course of his career as General Manager of the Chargers, **Tom Telesko** has acquired or extended 15 different players that earned AFC Player of the Week recognition.

Last year, **Austin Ekeler** led all AFC players in Week 17 in rushing yards (122) and rushing touchdowns (two), including a career-long, 72-yard score. He added four catches for 39 yards (9.8 avg.), giving him an AFC-best 161 scrimmage yards.

Dustin Hopkins (Week 6), **Cameron Dicker** (Week 9) and **JK Scott** (Week 12) won AFC Special Teams Player of the Week in 2022. It made the 2022 Chargers the first known team to have two different kickers win Special Teams Player of the Week in the same season.

In 2021, **Justin Herbert** won AFC Offensive Player of the Week three times — including in back-to-back weeks — to become the first Charger to do so since Hall of Famer **LaDainian Tomlinson** won the award four times in 2006.

Joey Bosa won AFC Defensive Player of the Week in 2019 following a Week 8 win at Chicago where he totaled 12 tackles (eight solo), two sacks and six tackles for loss.

After a monumental win on *Thursday Night Football* in Kansas City in 2018, **Mike Williams** was named AFC Offensive Player of the Week. He scored three touchdowns (two receiving, one rushing) and added a two-point conversion in the final seconds of the game.

CHARGERS TO WIN AFC PLAYER OF THE WEEK, ACQUIRED OR EXTENDED SINCE 2013

Season	Player	Phase	Week
2016	P Drew Kaser	Special Teams	Week 6 vs. Den.
	LB Denzel Perryman	Defense	Week 7 at Atl.
	RB Melvin Gordon III	Offense	Week 9 vs. Ten.
2017	RB Melvin Gordon III	Offense	Week 5 at NYG
	WR Travis Benjamin	Special Teams	Week 7 vs. Den.
2018	CB Desmond King II	Defense	Week 9 at Sea.
	CB Desmond King II	Special Teams	Week 13 at Pit.
	K Michael Badgley	Special Teams	Week 14 vs. Cin.
	WR Mike Williams	Offense	Week 15 at K.C.
2019	P Ty Long	Special Teams	Week 1 vs. Ind.
	DE Joey Bosa	Defense	Week 8 at Chi.
2020	CB Casey Hayward Jr.	Defense	Week 1 at Cin.
2021	QB Justin Herbert	Offense	Week 9 at Phi.
	QB Justin Herbert	Offense	Week 13 at Cin.
	QB Justin Herbert	Offense	Week 14 vs. NYG
2022	K Dustin Hopkins	Special Teams	Week 6 vs. Den.
	K Cameron Dicker	Special Teams	Week 9 at Atl.
	P JK Scott	Special Teams	Week 12 at Ari.
	RB Austin Ekeler	Offense	Week 17 vs. LAR

PLAYER OF THE MONTH AWARDS

Over the course of his career as General Manager of the Chargers, **Tom Telesko** has acquired or extended three different players that earned AFC Player of the Month recognition.

With a monumental November, **Derwin James Jr.**, was named AFC Defensive Player of the Month. He was the only defensive back in the last 30 years to have at least 30 tackles, multiple sacks, an interception and forced fumble in a single November.

With a historic final six weeks, **Cameron Dicker** was named AFC Special Teams Player of the Month for December/January. He totaled 47 points, ranking second in the AFC among kickers in points scored by making 25-of-26 total kicks (96.2 pct.).

CHARGERS TO WIN AFC PLAYER OF THE MONTH, ACQUIRED OR EXTENDED SINCE 2013

Season	Player	Phase	Week
2017	DE Melvin Ingram III	Defense	September
	CB Casey Hayward Jr.	Defense	November
2022	S Derwin James Jr.	Defense	November
	K Cameron Dicker	Special Teams	December/January

PFWA SUPERLATIVES

Selections made by **Tom Telesko** have garnered league-wide recognition. He has drafted 13 players that were named All-Rookie by the *Professional Football Writers of America*.

Three picks by Telesko earned *PFWA* Rookie of the Year honors — **Keenan Allen** for offense in 2013, **Joey Bosa** for defense in 2016 and **Justin Herbert** overall and for offense in 2020.

Derwin James Jr., was named All-NFL by the *PFWA* as a rookie. He is one of four Telesko draft selections (Allen, once; Bosa, three times; James, twice; **Rashawn Slater**, once) to be named All-AFC.

Below is a look at Telesko's draft picks that have been recognized by the *PFWA* as All-NFL, All-AFC or All-Rookie:

CHARGERS DRAFT PICK SUPERLATIVES FROM PFWA WHILE WITH TEAM, SINCE 2013

Drafted	Player	All-NFL	All-AFC	All-Rookie
2013	Keenan Allen	0	1	1
	D.J. Fluker	0	0	1
2016	Joey Bosa	0	3	1
	Jatavis Brown	0	0	1
	Hunter Henry	0	0	1
2017	Dan Feeney	0	0	1
2018	Derwin James Jr.	1	2	1
2019	Drue Tranquill	0	0	1
2020	Justin Herbert	0	0	1
	Kenneth Murray Jr.	0	0	1
2021	Nick Niemann	0	0	1
	Rashawn Slater	0	1	1
2022	Zion Johnson	0	0	1
Totals	13 Players	1	7	13

BRANDON STALEY



COACHING AT AN ALL-STAR LEVEL

Since entering the NFL coaching ranks in 2017, **Brandon Staley** has coached 10 different players to be named an all-star a combined 12 times.

PRO BOWLERS COACHED BY BRANDON STALEY

Season	Team	Staley Position	Pro Bowlers
2018	Chicago	Outside Linebackers	1 <i>OLB Khalil Mack</i>
2019	Denver	Outside Linebackers	1 <i>OLB Von Miller</i>
2020	L.A. Rams	Defensive Coordinator	2 <i>DT Aaron Donald, CB Jalen Ramsey</i>
2021	L.A. Chargers	Head Coach	6 <i>WR Keenan Allen, OLB Joey Bosa, QB Justin Herbert, S Derwin James Jr., C Corey Linsley, T Rashawn Slater</i>
2022	L.A. Chargers	Head Coach	2 <i>S Derwin James Jr., OLB Khalil Mack</i>
Totals	10 Players		12 Pro Bowls

A BEAST IN THE EAST

Brandon Staley led the Bolts to a win in the Eastern Time Zone in his first career game as an NFL head coach. He has coached the team to a 6-1 record in the time zone, the most wins among active head coaches of teams in the Pacific Time Zone.

In 2022, Staley was 3-0 in the Eastern Time Zone, and the only coach of a Pacific Time Zone team to be undefeated in the East last season. His .857 career winning percentage in the East is the best by any head coach of a Pacific Time Zone team since 2016.

ACTIVE HEAD COACH WINNING PCT. IN EASTERN TIME ZONE, PACIFIC TIME ZONE TEAMS, REGULAR SEASON, SINCE 2021

Rank	Coach (Team)	Wins	Losses	Ties	Pct.
1.	Brandon Staley (LAC)	6	1	0	.857
	Kyle Shanahan (S.F.)	6	1	0	.857
3.	Sean McVay (LAR)	3	1	0	.750
4.	Pete Carroll (Sea.)	3	2	0	.600
5.	Josh McDaniels (L.V.)	0	3	0	.000

GO FOR THE BALL

Since taking over as head coach in 2021, **Brandon Staley's** defense and special teams units have been among the NFL's best at forcing fumbles and recording strip sacks.

Over the last three seasons, the Chargers have an AFC-high 15 strip sacks. The Bolts also rank second in the AFC and tied for No. 5 in the NFL over that span with 34 forced fumbles.

STRIP SACKS, NFL, SINCE 2021

Rank	Team	Strip Sacks
1.	Dallas Cowboys	17
2.	Philadelphia Eagles	16
3.	Los Angeles Chargers	15
4.	Arizona Cardinals	14
	Kansas City Chiefs	14
	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	14
	Pittsburgh Steelers	14
8.	Baltimore Ravens	13
	San Francisco 49ers	13

FORCED FUMBLES, NFL, SINCE 2021

Rank	Team	Forced Fumbles
1.	Dallas Cowboys	40
2.	San Francisco 49ers	38
3.	Indianapolis Colts	36
4.	Arizona Cardinals	35
5.	Los Angeles Chargers	34
	Philadelphia Eagles	34
	Pittsburgh Steelers	34
8.	New York Giants	33

The Los Angeles defense led the AFC in 2021 with 19 forced fumbles on the season — also ranking No. 3 in the NFL. The 19 forced fumbles tied the team's 2007 season as the most by a Chargers team in the last 20 years.

The Bolts also led the NFL with 11 strip sacks, which were the most by a Chargers defense in 20 seasons.

FORCED FUMBLES, NFL, 2021

Rank	Team	Forced Fumbles
1.	San Francisco 49ers	22
2.	Arizona Cardinals	21
3.	Los Angeles Chargers	19
4.	Indianapolis Colts	18
	Kansas City Chiefs	18
	Pittsburgh Steelers	18

STRIP SACKS, NFL, 2021

Rank	Team	Strip Sacks
1.	Los Angeles Chargers	11
2.	Arizona Cardinals	10
3.	Chicago Bears	8
4.	Dallas Cowboys	7
	Los Angeles Rams	7
	Minnesota Vikings	7
	San Francisco 49ers	7

ASSISTANT COACHES



DERRICK ANSLEY

DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR
4TH NFL SEASON
3RD SEASON WITH CHARGERS



KELLEN MOORE

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR
12TH NFL SEASON
1ST SEASON WITH CHARGERS



CHRIS BEATTY

WIDE RECEIVERS
3RD NFL SEASON
3RD SEASON WITH CHARGERS



DERRICK FOSTER

RUNNING BACKS
3RD NFL SEASON
3RD SEASON WITH CHARGERS



WILL HARRIS

ASSISTANT SECONDARY
2ND NFL SEASON
1ST SEASON WITH CHARGERS



JEFF HOWARD

LINEBACKERS
11TH NFL SEASON
1ST SEASON WITH CHARGERS



ROBERT MUSCHAMP

DEFENSIVE QUALITY CONTROL
10TH NFL SEASON
1ST SEASON WITH CHARGERS



DOUG NUSSMEIER

QUARTERBACKS
8TH NFL SEASON
1ST SEASON WITH CHARGERS



SHAUN SARRETT

ASSISTANT OFFENSIVE LINE
12TH NFL SEASON
3RD SEASON WITH CHARGERS



GIFF SMITH

OUTSIDE LINEBACKERS
13TH NFL SEASON
8TH SEASON WITH CHARGERS



PAT WHITE

OFFENSIVE ASSISTANT
4TH NFL SEASON
2ND SEASON WITH CHARGERS



RYAN FICKEN

SPECIAL TEAMS COORDINATOR
17TH NFL SEASON
2ND SEASON WITH CHARGERS



TOM ARTH

PASSING GAME SPECIALIST
5TH NFL SEASON
2ND SEASON WITH CHARGERS



TOM DONATELL

DEF. PASSING GAME COORDINATOR/SECONDARY
7TH NFL SEASON
3RD SEASON WITH CHARGERS



CHRIS GOULD

ASSISTANT SPECIAL TEAMS
9TH NFL SEASON
2ND SEASON WITH CHARGERS



MIKE HIESTAND

FRONT SEVEN SPECIALIST
5TH NFL SEASON
2ND SEASON WITH CHARGERS



KEVIN KOGER

TIGHT ENDS
5TH NFL SEASON
3RD SEASON WITH CHARGERS



BRENDAN NUGENT

OFFENSIVE LINE
11TH NFL SEASON
2ND SEASON WITH CHARGERS



JAY RODGERS

DEF. RUN GAME COORDINATOR/DEFENSIVE LINE
15TH NFL SEASON
3RD SEASON WITH CHARGERS



PHIL SERCHIA

OFFENSIVE ASSISTANT
1ST NFL SEASON
1ST SEASON WITH CHARGERS



JOHN TIMU

ASSISTANT DEFENSIVE LINE
6TH NFL SEASON
3RD SEASON WITH CHARGERS



CHANDLER WHITMER

OFFENSIVE QUALITY CONTROL
3RD NFL SEASON
3RD SEASON WITH CHARGERS

TEAM NOTES

WELCOME TO L.A.



11 players on Los Angeles' active roster are new this season.

HOW NEW CHARGERS WERE ACQUIRED

How Acquired	New Players
Draft Selections	6
Undrafted Free Agents/IPP	2
Veteran Free Agents	2
Practice Squad Signings	0
Trades	0
Waiver Claims	1
Totals	11

NEW CHARGERS ON THE ACTIVE ROSTER

Pos.	Player	Exp.	How Acq.
WR	Derius Davis	R	Draft Selection (4-125)
RB	Elijah Dotson	R	Undrafted Free Agent
S	AJ Finley	R	Undrafted Free Agent
LB	Daiyan Henley	R	Draft Selection (3-85)
WR	Quentin Johnston	R	Draft Selection (1-21)
LB	Eric Kendricks	9	Free Agent
DL	Scott Matlock	R	Draft Selection (6-200)
OL	Jordan McFadden	R	Draft Selection (5-156)
LB	Tanner Muse	4	Waivers (Pittsburgh)
OLB	Tuli Tuipulotu	R	Draft Selection (2-54)
DL	Nick Williams	9	Free Agent

COACH LOCATIONS

For the 2023 season, 16 members of the Chargers coaching staff will be down on the sideline while seven others will be up in the booth. The location of each coach can be seen below:

CHARGERS COACHES DOWN ON THE SIDELINE (16)

Name	Position
Brandon Staley	Head Coach
Derrick Ansley	Defensive Coordinator
Ryan Ficken	Special Teams Coordinator
Kellen Moore	Offensive Coordinator
Chris Beatty	Wide Receivers
Derrick Foster	Running Backs
Chris Gould	Assistant Special Teams
Mike Hiestand	Front Seven Specialist
Jeff Howard	Linebackers
Kevin Koger	Tight Ends
Brendan Nugent	Offensive Line
Doug Nussmeier	Quarterbacks
Jay Rodgers	Defensive Run Game Coordinator/Defensive Line
Giff Smith	Outside Linebackers
John Timu	Assistant Defensive Line
Pat White	Offensive Assistant

CHARGERS COACHES UP IN THE BOOTH (7)

Name	Position
Tom Arth	Passing Game Specialist
Tom Donatell	Defensive Passing Game Coordinator/Secondary
Will Harris	Assistant Secondary
Robert Muschamp	Defensive Quality Control
Shaun Sarrett	Assistant Offensive Line
Phil Serchia	Offensive Assistant
Chandler Whitmer	Offensive Quality Control

MAKING THE ROUNDS IN PRIMETIME

The Bolts are slated to appear in six prime-time games this season. If the team does play in all of those contests, it will tie last year for the most prime-time games in a single season in franchise history.

MOST PRIME-TIME GAMES PLAYED, SINGLE SEASON, CHARGERS HISTORY

Rank	Season	No. of Games
1.	2022	6
2.	2008	5
3.	2021	4
	2014	4
	2013	4
	2012	4
	2011	4
	2010	4
	2009	4
	2006	4
	1996	4
	1993	4
—	2023	6

TEAM NOTES

BOLTS IN THE TOP 100

Following an NFL-leading eight selections in the league's annual Top 100 rankings last year, six Chargers found themselves on the list this year in advance of the 2023 season. Four Bolts landed within the top 40 slots, with **RB Austin Ekeler** leading the way at No. 21 on the list.

OLB Joey Bosa earned his seventh career placement on the list, one for each accrued season, while **QB Justin Herbert** finished his third professional season with his third-straight appearance in the Top 100. In his first season donning the Powder Blue, **OLB Khalil Mack** returned to the chart, placing 38th on the list.

Three-time All-Pro **S Derwin James Jr.** appeared at slot No. 30 on this years list, marking his highest ranking ever on the NFL Top 100 and his third-career nod. A newcomer to the Chargers, **LB Eric Kendricks** secured his third placement on the list over the last four years, landing at No. 93 following the 2022 season.

CHARGERS NFL TOP 100 SELECTIONS, 2023

Rank	Pos.	Player	Tot. Selec.	High. Rk.
21	RB	Austin Ekeler	2	21 (2023)
30	S	Derwin James	3	30 (2023)
32	QB	Justin Herbert	3	32 (2022)
38	OLB	Khalil Mack	8	3 (2019)
70	OLB	Joey Bosa	7	30 (2022)
93	LB	Eric Kendricks	3	83 (2020)

TAKE IT AWAY

The Bolts have recorded two takeaways and no giveaways this season, a plus-two turnover differential that ranks No. 2 in the AFC and tied for eighth in the NFL.

TURNOVER DIFFERENTIAL, NFL, 2023

Rank	Team	TA	GA	Diff.
1.	Dallas Cowboys	7	0	+7
2.	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	5	0	+5
3.	Philadelphia Eagles	6	2	+4
4.	Jacksonville Jaguars	6	3	+3
	Green Bay Packers	3	0	+3
	San Francisco 49ers	4	1	+3
	Seattle Seahawks	3	0	+3
8.	Los Angeles Chargers	2	0	+2
	Arizona Cardinals	4	2	+2
	Atlanta Falcons	3	1	+2
11.	Four Other Teams			+1

HIGH-POWERED OFFENSE

After two weeks, Los Angeles' offense ranks No. 4 in the NFL in total offense, No. 5 in rushing offense and sixth in scoring offense.

TOTAL NET YARDS PER GAME, NFL, 2023

Rank	Team	Total Net Yards/Game
1.	Miami Dolphins	462.5
2.	Los Angeles Rams	406.0
3.	Detroit Lions	393.0
4.	Los Angeles Chargers	387.5
5.	Buffalo Bills	382.0

RUSHING YARDS PER GAME, NFL, 2023

Rank	Team	Rushing Yards/Game
1.	Cleveland Browns	202.0
2.	Philadelphia Eagles	178.0
3.	San Francisco 49ers	173.5
4.	Atlanta Falcons	170.5
5.	Los Angeles Chargers	147.0
6.	Baltimore Ravens	144.0

POINTS PER GAME, NFL, 2023

Rank	Team	Points/Game
1.	Dallas Cowboys	35.0
2.	Green Bay Packers	31.0
3.	Miami Dolphins	30.0
	San Francisco 49ers	30.0
5.	Philadelphia Eagles	29.5
6.	Los Angeles Chargers	29.0
7.	Washington Commanders	27.5

BREAKING UP PASSES

The Bolts broke up a conference-best 10 passes in Week 1. It was the most pass breakups by a Chargers defense on Kickoff Weekend since at least 1991.

PASSES DEFENSED, SINGLE GAME, NFL TEAMS, 2023

Rank	Team	Game	Passes Defensed
1.	N.O.	Sept. 10, 2023 vs. Ten.	11
2.	LAC	Sept. 10, 2023 vs. Mia.	10
	Phi.	Sept. 10, 2023 at N.E.	10
4.	Pit.	Sept. 18, 2023 vs. Cle.	8
	Jax.	Sept. 17, 2023 vs. K.C.	8
	Dal.	Sept. 10, 2023 vs. NYG	8

TEAM NOTES

ELECTRIC RUSHING ATTACK

The Bolts put forth 234 rushing yards and three touchdowns in Week 1, marking the fourth Kickoff Weekend performance since 2000 with at least 230 yards and three scores.

OFFENSIVE PERFORMANCES WITH 230 RUSHING YARDS AND THREE RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS, SINGLE GAME, KICKOFF WEEKEND, NFL, SINCE 2000

Season	Team	Game	Rush Yds	Rush TDs
2023	LAC	Sept. 10, 2023 vs. Mia.	234	3
2010	Hou.	Sept. 12, 2010 vs. Ind.	257	3
2008	Atl.	Sept. 7, 2008 vs. Det.	318	3
2000	Phi.	Sept. 3, 2000 at Dal.	306	3

Los Angeles converted a league-leading 17 first downs on the ground on Kickoff Weekend, tying for the second-most rushing first downs in a season opener in the last 30 seasons. It also was the most rushing first downs on Kickoff Weekend in team history.

RUSHING FIRST DOWNS, SINGLE GAME, KICKOFF WEEKEND, NFL, SINCE 1991

Rank	Team	Game	Rushing 1st Downs
1.	Patriots	Sept. 13, 2020 vs. Mia.	18
2.	Chargers	Sept. 10, 2023 vs. Mia.	17
	Falcons	Sept. 7, 2008 vs. Det.	17
	Eagles	Sept. 3, 2000 at Dal.	17
5.	Chargers	Sept. 8, 2002 at. Cin.	16

The Chargers finished Week 1 with a pair of 90-yard rushers (RB Austin Ekeler had 117 and RB Joshua Kelley had 91), becoming the first team of the 2023 season to have multiple players top 90 yards on the ground in a single game. It marked the third time in franchise history that the Chargers had two 90-yard rushers in a game, and first since RB Darren Sproles (115) and Hall of Fame RB LaDainian Tomlinson (96) in a Week 17 52-21 victory over Denver in 2008 to win the AFC West and clinch a playoff berth.

PERFORMANCES WITH TWO 90-YARD RUSHERS, CHARGERS HISTORY

Game	Player 1 (Yds)	Player 2 (Yds)
Sept. 10, 2023 vs. Mia.	A.Ekeler (117)	J.Kelley (91)
Dec. 28, 2008 vs. Den.	D.Sproles (115)	L.Tomlinson (96)
Dec. 16, 2007 vs. Det.	D.Sproles (122)	L.Tomlinson (116)

SACKS ON KEY DOWNS

With four third-down sacks in Week 2, the Bolts are tied for the most quarterback takedowns on third down in 2023. The defense has been the AFC's best at dropping opposing quarterbacks on third downs under Head Coach Brandon Staley, totaling 27 over the last two years and 43 over the last three seasons.

THIRD DOWN SACKS, NFL, 2023

Rank	Team	Third-Down Sacks
1.	Los Angeles Chargers	4
	Arizona Cardinals	4
	Carolina Panthers	4
	Indianapolis Colts	4
	Tennessee Titans	4
	Washington Commanders	4
7.	Nine Other Teams	3

THIRD DOWN SACKS, NFL, SINCE 2022

Rank	Team	Third-Down Sacks
1.	Philadelphia Eagles	32
2.	Los Angeles Chargers	27
3.	New England Patriots	26
	Washington Commanders	26
5.	Arizona Cardinals	25

THIRD DOWN SACKS, NFL, SINCE 2021

Rank	Team	Third-Down Sacks
1.	New Orleans Saints	44
	Philadelphia Eagles	44
3.	Los Angeles Chargers	43
4.	Carolina Panthers	41
	New England Patriots	41
	San Francisco 49ers	41

UNIFORM RECORDS

NEW UNIFORM RECORD

In April 2020, the Bolts unveiled new, sleek uniforms to make the best uniform in sports even better — marking a new era of Chargers football as the team moved into SoFi Stadium. Below is the team's record for the uniform colors as well as combinations.

RECORD BY UNIFORM, PANTS AND COMBOS, SINCE 2020

Uniform Color	Home	Road	Overall
Powder Blue Uniform	11-6	0-3	11-9
White Uniform	0-3	12-10	12-13
Navy Blue Color Rush	0-3	0-1	0-4
Royal Blue Color Rush	3-0	0-0	3-0

Pants Color	Home	Road	Overall
Gold Pants	5-5	6-6	11-11
White Pants	6-4	6-7	12-11
Navy Blue Color Rush	0-3	0-1	0-4
Royal Blue Color Rush	3-0	0-0	3-0

Uniform/Pant Combos	Home	Road	Overall
Powder Uni/Gold Pants	5-4	0-1	5-5
Powder Uni/White Pants	6-2	0-2	6-4
White Uni/Gold Pants	0-1	6-5	6-6
White Uni/White Pants	0-2	6-5	6-7
Navy Blue Color Rush	0-3	0-1	0-4
Royal Blue Color Rush	3-0	0-0	3-0



UNIFORM RECORD SINCE THE MERGER

Since the 1970 NFL-AFL Merger, the Bolts have donned several different uniforms. Below is a look since 1970 of the team's record in specific uniform and pant colors as well as uniform combinations:

RECORD BY UNIFORM, PANTS AND COMBOS, SINCE 1970

Uniform Color	Home	Road	Overall
Powder Blue Uniform	35-39-2	4-7-1	39-46-3
White Uniform	63-38	145-214-2	208-252-2
Navy Blue Uniform	103-90	16-18	119-108
Royal Blue Uniform	20-21	6-4	26-25

Pants Color	Home	Road	Overall
Gold Pants	61-53-2	48-72-3	109-125-5
White Pants	132-115	50-73	182-188
Navy Blue Pants	22-19	73-98	95-117
Royal Blue Pants	6-1	0-0	6-1

Uniform/Pant Combos	Home	Road	Overall
Powder Uni/Gold Pants	11-17-2	1-4-1	12-21-3
Powder Uni/White Pants	24-22	3-3	27-25
White Uni/Gold Pants	36-16	41-64-2	77-80-2
White Uni/White Pants	10-9	32-53	42-62
Royal Uni/Royal Pants	6-1	0-0	6-1
Navy Uni/Navy Pants	5-6	1-1	6-7
Royal Uni/Gold Pants	14-20	6-4	20-24
Navy Uni/White Pants	98-84	15-17	113-101
White Uni/Navy Pants	17-13	72-97	89-110

Helmet Color and Combos	Home	Road	Overall
White Helmet	91-75-2	68-89-3	159-164-5
White Uni/White Pants	6-6	16-12	22-18
White Uni/Gold Pants	7-2	11-22-2	18-24-2
Powder Uni/Gold Pants	10-17-2	1-4-1	12-21-3
Powder Uni/White Pants	24-22	3-3	27-25
Navy Uni/Navy Pants	5-5	1-1	6-6
Royal Uni/Royal Pants	6-1	0-0	6-1
White Uni/Navy Pants	9-6	32-40	41-46
Navy Uni/White Pants	24-16	4-7	28-23
Navy Helmet	130-113	103-154	233-267
Navy Uni/Navy Pants	0-1	0-0	0-1
Navy Uni/White Pants	74-68	11-10	85-78
Royal Uni/Gold Pants	14-20	6-4	20-24
White Uni/Gold Pants	30-14	31-42	61-56
White Uni/Navy Pants	8-7	40-57	48-64
White Uni/White Pants	4-3	15-41	19-44

JUSTIN HERBERT

THE LAW OF AVERAGES

Justin Herbert ranks No. 2 in NFL history averaging 286.7 passing yards per game among players with at least 1,000 attempts. Meanwhile, Herbert's 1.7 career interception percentage ranks No. 5 in NFL history and his 96.3 passer rating ranks 15th all-time (min. 1,000 attempts).

PASSING YARDS PER GAME, MIN. 1,000 ATT., NFL HISTORY

Rank	Team/s	Player	Passing Yards/Game
1.	K.C.	QB Patrick Mahomes	302.1
2.	LAC	QB Justin Herbert	286.7
3.	S.D./N.O.	QB Drew Brees	280.0
4.	Ind.	QB Andrew Luck	275.2
5.	Cin.	QB Joe Burrow	274.5

HERBERT CONSISTENTLY COMPLETES

Justin Herbert has completed 20 or more passes in 29-straight games, good for the third-longest streak in NFL history. He also had a 21-game streak earlier in his career, tied for the fourth-longest in league annals.

CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITH 20-PLUS COMPLETIONS, NFL HISTORY

Rk.	Team/s	Quarterback	Dates	Consec. Games
1.	N.O.	Drew Brees	Dec. 6, 2009-Oct. 6, 2013	57
2.	N.O.	Drew Brees	Nov. 29, 2015-Nov. 5, 2017	30
3.	LAC	Justin Herbert	Nov. 7, 2021-Present	29
4.	LAC	Justin Herbert	Sept. 20, 2020-Oct. 17, 2021	21
	Bal./Den.	Joe Flacco	Nov. 5, 2017-Sept. 29, 2019	21
	N.O.	Drew Brees	Oct. 27, 2013-Nov. 24, 2014	21

CLOSING IN ON TEAM RECORD

Justin Herbert has thrown 166 pass attempts since his last interception, the fourth-longest streak in franchise history. He is 29 pass attempts away from setting the team's all-time record for consecutive pass attempts without an interception.

CONSECUTIVE PASS ATTEMPTS WITHOUT AN INTERCEPTION, CHARGERS HISTORY

Rank	Quarterback	Dates	Consec. Attempts
1.	Drew Brees	Oct. 17, 2004-Dec. 5, 2004	194
2.	Philip Rivers	Nov. 27, 2011-Dec. 24, 2011	170
3.	Dan Fouts	Sept. 27, 1981-Oct. 25, 1981	168
4.	Justin Herbert	Dec. 26, 2022-Present	166



HERBERT AS A PRO

Since entering the NFL, Justin Herbert leads the AFC in completions and ranks inside the top 10 in the NFL in passing yards, passing touchdowns and combined touchdowns. His 23 games with 300-plus passing yards rank No. 2 in the NFL since 2020.

PASSING COMPLETIONS, NFL, SINCE 2020

Rank	Team	Player	Completions
1.	T.B.	QB Tom Brady	1,376
2.	LAC	QB Justin Herbert	1,366
3.	K.C.	QB Patrick Mahomes	1,311
4.	Buf.	QB Josh Allen	1,224
5.	Min.	QB Kirk Cousins	1,209

PASSING YARDS, NFL, SINCE 2020

Rank	Team	Player	Passing Yards
1.	K.C.	QB Patrick Mahomes	15,360
2.	T.B.	QB Tom Brady	14,643
3.	LAC	QB Justin Herbert	14,623
4.	Buf.	QB Josh Allen	13,744
5.	Min.	QB Kirk Cousins	13,741

PASSING TOUCHDOWNS, NFL, SINCE 2020

Rank	Team/s	Player	Passing Touchdowns
1.	K.C.	QB Patrick Mahomes	120
2.	Buf.	QB Josh Allen	112
3.	G.B./NYJ	QB Aaron Rodgers	111
4.	T.B.	QB Tom Brady	108
5.	Min.	QB Kirk Cousins	103
6.	LAC	QB Justin Herbert	97
7.	Sea./Den.	QB Russell Wilson	86

COMBINED TOUCHDOWNS, NFL, SINCE 2020

Rank	Team/s	Player	Combined Touchdowns
1.	Buf.	QB Josh Allen	133
2.	K.C.	QB Patrick Mahomes	128
3.	G.B./NYJ	QB Aaron Rodgers	118
4.	T.B.	QB Tom Brady	114
5.	Min.	QB Kirk Cousins	107
6.	LAC	QB Justin Herbert	106
7.	Cin.	QB Joe Burrow	94

JUSTIN HERBERT

COMPLETING RECORDS

After setting the rookie completions record in 2020, **Justin Herbert** has completed 1,366 career passes, already the third-most in NFL history through a player's first four seasons.

COMPLETIONS, FIRST FOUR SEASONS, NFL HISTORY

Rank	Team	Player	Completions
1.	Mia.	QB Ryan Tannehill	1,392
2.	Oak.	QB Derek Carr	1,378
3.	LAC	QB Justin Herbert	1,366
4.	Dal.	QB Dak Prescott	1,363
5.	Ind.	QB Peyton Manning	1,357

Herbert completed the most passes by any player in their first 50 career games in NFL history. He also completed the most passes ever by any player before turning 25 years old and, this season, can set the NFL record for completions by a player before turning 26 years old.

Herbert reached 1,000 completions in his 38th career game, setting the record for the fastest to do so in NFL history. He can be the fastest to reach 1,500 completions ever.

COMPLETIONS, FIRST 50 CAREER GAMES, NFL HISTORY

Rank	Team	Player	Completions
1.	LAC	QB Justin Herbert	1,339
2.	Det.	QB Matthew Stafford	1,239
3.	K.C.	QB Patrick Mahomes	1,216
4.	Ari.	QB Kyler Murray	1,170

COMPLETIONS BEFORE TURNING 25 YEARS OLD, NFL HISTORY

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

COMPLETIONS BEFORE TURNING 26 YEARS OLD, NFL HISTORY

Rank	Team	Player	Completions
1.	N.E.	QB Drew Bledsoe	1,624
2.	T.B.	QB Jameis Winston	1,563
3.	Det.	QB Matthew Stafford	1,485
4.	LAC	QB Justin Herbert	1,366
5.	Ind.	QB Peyton Manning*	1,357

FEWEST GAMES TO 1,000 COMPLETIONS, NFL HISTORY

Rank	Team	Player	Games
1.	LAC	QB Justin Herbert	38
2.	Cin.	QB Joe Burrow	41
	Det.	QB Matthew Stafford	41
4.	K.C.	QB Patrick Mahomes	42

FEWEST GAMES TO 1,500 COMPLETIONS, NFL HISTORY

Rank	Team/s	Player	Games
1.	K.C.	QB Patrick Mahomes	62
	Det.	QB Matthew Stafford	62
3.	Phi.	QB Carson Wentz	65
4.	Was./Min.	QB Kirk Cousins	66
—	LAC	QB Justin Herbert	51

CLOSING OUT WINS

Justin Herbert has been clutch late in games dating back to his rookie season. In his career, Herbert has engineered 13 game-winning drives in the fourth quarter or overtime, which is tied for the fourth-most by any player in NFL history through their first four professional seasons.

Since the beginning of the 2020 season, his 13 game-winning drives rank tied for third in the NFL, while his 10 from 2021-22 were tied for the second-most.

JUSTIN HERBERT'S CAREER GAME-WINNING DRIVES

Game	Drive Length	Game-Winning Score
Dec. 13, 2020 vs. Atl.	6 plays, 49 yds (0:31)	Badgley 43-yd FG
Dec. 17, 2020 at L.V.	5 plays, 75 yds (1:49)	Herbert 1-yd TD run*
Dec. 27, 2020 vs. Den.	7 plays, 56 yds (2:01)	Badgley 37-yd FG
Sept. 12, 2021 at Was.	3 plays, 3 yds (0:45)	M.Williams 3-yd TD rec.
Sept. 26, 2021 at K.C.	8 plays, 59 yds (1:10)	M.Williams 4-yd TD rec.
Oct. 10, 2021 vs. Cle.	5 plays, 48 yds (0:31)	Ekeler 3-yd TD run
Nov. 7, 2021 at Phi.	15 plays, 64 yds (6:05)	Hopkins 29-yd FG
Nov. 21, 2021 vs. Pit.	3 plays, 75 yds (1:15)	M.Williams 53-yd TD rec.
Oct. 9, 2022 at Cle.	13 plays, 66 yds (6:26)	Bertolet 27-yd FG
Oct. 17, 2022 vs. Den.	4 plays, 7 yds (2:08)	Hopkins 39-yd FG*
Nov. 6, 2022 at Atl.	3 plays, 24 yds (0:34)	Dicker 37-yd FG
Nov. 27, 2022 at Ari.	7 plays, 38 yds (1:33)	Ekeler 1-yd TD rec.
Dec. 18, 2022 vs. Ten.	6 plays, 52 yards (0:44)	Dicker 43-yd FG

*Game-winning drive was in overtime

GAMES-WINNING DRIVES IN FOURTH QUARTER OR OVERTIME, FIRST THREE SEASONS, NFL HISTORY

Rank	Team	Player	Game-Winning Drives
1.	Atl.	QB Matt Ryan	16
2.	Dal.	QB Dak Prescott	14
	Sea.	QB Russell Wilson	14
4.	LAC	QB Justin Herbert	13
	Cin.	QB Andy Dalton	13
	Ind.	QB Andrew Luck	13
	Oak.	QB Derek Carr	13
8.	Ari.	QB Jake Plummer	12
	Mia.	QB Dan Marino	12
	Pit.	QB Ben Roethlisberger	12
	T.B.	QB Doug Williams	12

Herbert posted a game-winning drive in the fourth quarter or overtime of three-straight games in 2020, becoming just the third rookie to do so since the 1970 NFL-AFL merger. The two others — Ben Roethlisberger (2004) and Vince Young (2006) — also won Offensive Rookie of the Year honors from *The Associated Press*.

ROOKIE QUARTERBACKS WITH THREE CONSECUTIVE GAME-WINNING DRIVES, SINCE 1970

Season	Team	Quarterback	Consecutive Games
2020	LAC	Justin Herbert*	3 (Dec. 13 — Dec. 27)
2006	Ten.	Vince Young*	3 (Nov. 26 — Dec. 10)
2004	Pit.	Ben Roethlisberger*	3 (Dec. 5 — Dec. 18)

*Won AP Offensive Rookie of the Year

JUSTIN HERBERT



CAPTAIN COMEBACK

Justin Herbert has led the Bolts to 10 career come-from-behind victories in the fourth quarter or overtime.

HERBERT'S FOURTH QUARTER/OVERTIME COMEBACK WINS

Date	Opponent	4Q/OT Deficit	Result
Dec. 17, 2020	at Las Vegas	24-27 (OT)	W, 30-27 (OT)
Sept. 12, 2021	at Washington	13-16	W, 20-16
Sept. 26, 2021	at Kansas City	21-24	W, 30-24
Oct. 10, 2021	vs. Cleveland	35-42	W, 47-42
Nov. 7, 2021	at Philadelphia	16-17	W, 27-24
Nov. 21, 2021	vs. Pittsburgh	34-37	W, 37-34
Oct. 9, 2022	at Cleveland	27-28	W, 30-28
Oct. 17, 2022	vs. Denver	13-16	W, 19-16 (OT)
Nov. 6, 2022	at Atlanta	14-17	W, 20-17
Nov. 27, 2022	at Arizona	17-24	W, 25-24

Herbert's 10 career come-from-behind wins in the fourth quarter or overtime are tied for the fourth-most ever within the first four seasons of a career. His 10 comeback wins are tied for the second-most in NFL since he entered the professional ranks in 2020.

FOURTH QUARTER/OVERTIME COMEBACK WINS, FIRST FOUR SEASONS NFL HISTORY

Rank	Team	Player	4Q/OT Comeback Wins
1.	Oak.	QB Derek Carr	13
2.	Atl.	QB Matt Ryan	11
	T.B.	QB Doug Williams	11
4.	LAC	QB Justin Herbert	10
	Ari.	QB Jake Plummer	10
	Cin.	QB Andy Dalton	10
	Den.	QB John Elway*	10
	N.E.	QB Drew Bledsoe	10
	Was.	QB Jay Schroeder	10
10.	—	12 Other Players	9

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TOUCHDOWN MACHINE

After setting the all-time rookie record with 31 touchdown passes in 2020, **Justin Herbert** threw 38 passing scores in 2021 to reach 69 and set the record for the most touchdown passes in the first two seasons of a career.

Herbert has now thrown for 97 career passing scores, tying for No. 11 in NFL history through the first four seasons of a career. His 94 touchdown passes through 2022 were the second-most ever by a player before turning 25 years old. Herbert joined Hall of Famer Peyton Manning as the only players ever to throw 25 touchdown passes in each of their first three seasons. He also has a chance to be among the youngest in history to reach 100 career passing touchdowns.

TOUCHDOWN PASSES, FIRST FOUR SEASONS, NFL HISTORY

Rank	Team	Player	Passing Touchdowns
1.	Mia.	QB Dan Marino*	142
2.	K.C.	QB Patrick Mahomes	114
3.	Ind.	QB Peyton Manning*	111
4.	Sea.	QB Russell Wilson	106
5.	Hou.	QB Deshaun Watson	104
6.	Buf.	QB Josh Allen	103
	Oak.	QB Derek Carr	103
8.	Ind.	QB Andrew Luck	101
9.	Cin.	QB Andy Dalton	99
10.	StL	QB Kurt Warner*	98
11.	LAC	QB Justin Herbert	95
	Dal.	QB Dak Prescott	97
	Phi.	QB Carson Wentz	97
14.	Atl.	QB Matt Ryan	95
	S.F.	QB Jeff Garcia	95

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

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

YOUNGEST PLAYERS TO REACH 100 CAREER PASSING TOUCHDOWNS, NFL HISTORY

Rank	Team	Player	Age (Years-Days)
1.	Mia.	QB Dan Marino*	24-357
2.	K.C.	QB Patrick Mahomes	25-52
3.	Hou.	QB Deshaun Watson	25-104
4.	Buf.	QB Josh Allen	25-219
5.	Ind.	QB Peyton Manning*	25-232
—	LAC	QB Justin Herbert	25-198 [^]

[^]Age as of Sept. 24, 2023

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JUSTIN HERBERT

HERBERT CLOSING IN ON 15K

Justin Herbert, who set the record for passing yards through a player's first three seasons (14,089), is also the only player ever to eclipse 4,000 yards in each of his first three years and the only player to top 4,500 yards in two of his first three seasons. His 14,623 career passing yards rank No. 11 in NFL history through the first four seasons of a career.

PASSING YARDS, FIRST FOUR SEASONS, NFL HISTORY

Rank	Team	Player	Passing Yards
1.	Ind.	QB Peyton Manning*	16,418
2.	Mia.	QB Dan Marino*	16,177
3.	Dal.	QB Dak Prescott	15,778
4.	Mia.	QB Ryan Tannehill	15,460
5.	Jax.	QB Blake Bortles	14,928
6.	Ind.	QB Andrew Luck	14,838
7.	Cin.	QB Andy Dalton	14,758
8.	Oak.	QB Derek Carr	14,690
9.	N.E.	QB Drew Bledsoe	14,642
10.	T.B.	QB Jameis Winston	14,628
11.	LAC	QB Justin Herbert	14,623
12.	Hou.	QB Deshaun Watson	14,539

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CONSECUTIVE SEASONS WITH 4,000 PASSING YARDS TO START A CAREER, NFL HISTORY

Rank	Team	Player	Consecutive Seasons
1.	LAC	QB Justin Herbert	3 (2020-22)
2.	T.B.	QB Jameis Winston	2 (2015-16)
3.	Ind.	QB Andrew Luck	1 (2012)
	Car.	QB Cam Newton	1 (2011)

Herbert was one of just three players to ever top 14,000 passing yards before his 25th birthday. He can be one of four players to ever top 17,000 passing yards before turning 26 years old. Herbert is also closing in on 15,000 career passing yards and can be the second-fastest player ever and among the youngest to reach that mark.

FEWEST GAMES TO 15,000 PASSING YARDS, NFL HISTORY

Rank	Team/s	Player	Games
1.	K.C.	QB Patrick Mahomes	49
2.	Det.	QB Matthew Stafford	53
3.	Mia.	QB Dan Marino*	56
	StL/NYG	QB Kurt Warner*	56
	Ind.	QB Andrew Luck	56
	StL	QB Marc Bulger	56
—	LAC	QB Justin Herbert	51

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BIG-TIME PERFORMER

After he set rookie records in 2020 with eight 300-yard games and six three-touchdown performances, **Justin Herbert** continues to put up big-time performances.

Herbert has topped 300 passing yards 23 times in his career, the third-most in a player's first four pro seasons in NFL history.

MOST GAMES WITH 300-PLUS PASSING YARDS, FIRST FOUR SEASONS, NFL HISTORY

Rank	Team	Player	Games
1.	K.C.	QB Patrick Mahomes	26
	StL	QB Kurt Warner*	26
3.	LAC	QB Justin Herbert	23
4.	Mia.	QB Dan Marino*	22
5.	Ind.	QB Andrew Luck	21

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The fourth-year passer has also thrown for at least three touchdowns in 16 career games, tying for No. 4 over a player's first four seasons. Herbert has thrown multiple touchdown passes in 31 career games, tying for the eighth-most by a player through their first four professional seasons.

MOST GAMES WITH THREE-PLUS TOUCHDOWN PASSES, FIRST FOUR SEASONS, NFL HISTORY

Rank	Team	Player	Games
1.	Mia.	QB Dan Marino*	27
2.	K.C.	QB Patrick Mahomes	21
	StL	QB Kurt Warner*	21
4.	LAC	QB Justin Herbert	16
	Dal.	QB Dak Prescott	16
	Ind.	QB Peyton Manning*	16
7.	Hou.	QB Deshaun Watson	15

MOST GAMES WITH MULTIPLE TOUCHDOWN PASSES, FIRST FOUR SEASONS, NFL HISTORY

Rank	Team	Player	Games
1.	Mia.	QB Dan Marino*	43
2.	Buf.	QB Josh Allen	34
	Ind.	QB Peyton Manning*	34
	Ind.	QB Andrew Luck	34
	K.C.	QB Patrick Mahomes	34
6.	Hou.	QB Deshaun Watson	32
	Sea.	QB Russell Wilson	32
8.	LAC	QB Justin Herbert	31
	Cin.	QB Andy Dalton	31
	Dal.	QB Dak Prescott	31
11.	—	Five Other Players	30

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JUSTIN HERBERT

DUAL-THREAT QUARTERBACK

Justin Herbert set the record for combined touchdowns as a rookie (36) and through a player's first two seasons (77). His 102 combined touchdowns were also the most in history through the first three seasons of a career and rank 14th through four seasons.

In Week 9 of 2022, he tied Hall of Fame QB Dan Marino as the second-fastest players to reach 90 combined touchdowns, each doing so in their 40th career game.

Herbert's 106 career combined touchdowns currently rank 13th in history through a player's first four professional seasons.

COMBINED TOUCHDOWNS, FIRST THREE SEASONS, NFL HISTORY

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

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He also has seven career games with multiple passing touchdowns and a rushing score, tying for the sixth-most by a player through their first four professional seasons.

MOST GAMES WITH MULTIPLE PASSING TDs AND A RUSHING TD, FIRST FOUR SEASONS, NFL HISTORY

Rank	Team	Player	Games
1.	Car.	QB Cam Newton	12
2.	Ari.	QB Kyler Murray	11
	Buf.	QB Josh Allen	11
4.	Min.	QB Daunte Culpepper	9
5.	Dal.	QB Dak Prescott	8
6.	LAC	QB Justin Herbert	7
	S.F.	QB Jeff Garcia	7
8.	—	Three Other Players	6

HERBERT MOVES THE CHAINS

Justin Herbert has converted 23-of-25 (92.0 pct.) third-and-one and fourth-and-one rushing attempts in his career. It's the best rushing first down percentage in the NFL over the last four seasons among players with at least 15 attempts.

THIRD-AND-ONE AND FOURTH-AND-ONE RUSHING CONVERSIONS, MIN. 15 ATTEMPTS, NFL, SINCE 2020

Rk.	Team/s	Player	Att.	1st Downs	Pct.
1.	LAC	QB Justin Herbert	25	23	92.0
2.	S.F./L.V.	QB Jimmy Garoppolo	21	19	90.5
	Ten.	QB Ryan Tannehill	21	19	90.5
4.	Sea./Den.	QB Russell Wilson	20	18	90.0
5.	Bal.	RB Gus Edwards	25	22	88.0

CONSISTENCY COUNTS

In Week 12 of 2022, **Justin Herbert** posted his 10th career game with three-plus touchdown passes and zero interceptions, the most by any player in history through the first three seasons of a career and tied for the third-most through four pro seasons.

MOST GAMES WITH THREE TOUCHDOWN PASSES AND ZERO INTERCEPTIONS, FIRST THREE SEASONS, NFL HISTORY

Rank	Team	Player	Games
1.	K.C.	QB Patrick Mahomes	15
2.	Mia.	QB Dan Marino	11
3.	LAC	QB Justin Herbert	10
	Oak.	QB Derek Carr	10
	Sea.	QB Russell Wilson	10
6.	—	Four Other Players	9

Herbert threw for 305 yards with zero interceptions in Week 2, marking his 11th career game with 300-plus passing yards and zero interceptions, which is good for the second-most in NFL history through a player's first four career seasons.

The fourth-year passer added two passing touchdowns in Week 2, marking the ninth performance of his career with 300-plus passing yards and multiple touchdown passes while throwing zero interceptions. His nine such games are tied for the third-most in the first four seasons for a career in NFL history.

MOST GAMES WITH 300 PASSING YARDS AND ZERO INTERCEPTIONS, FIRST FOUR SEASONS, NFL HISTORY

Rank	Team	Player	Games
1.	K.C.	QB Patrick Mahomes	15
2.	LAC	QB Justin Herbert	11
3.	Buf.	QB Josh Allen	10
	Hou.	QB Deshaun Watson	10
	LAR	QB Jared Goff	10
6.	—	Three Other Players	8

MOST GAMES WITH 300 PASSING YARDS, TWO PASSING TOUCHDOWNS AND ZERO INTERCEPTIONS, FIRST FOUR SEASONS, NFL HISTORY

Rank	Team	Player	Games
1.	K.C.	QB Patrick Mahomes	11
2.	Hou.	QB Deshaun Watson	10
3.	LAC	QB Justin Herbert	9
	Buf.	QB Josh Allen	9
	LAR	QB Jared Goff	9
6.	Cin.	QB Joe Burrow	8

JUSTIN HERBERT

THREADING THE NEEDLE ON THIRD DOWN

In his 51 career starts, **Justin Herbert** has been the one of the best passers in the NFL at moving the chains on third down. He has completed 326 passes on 519 attempts (62.8 pct.) for 3,847 yards and 35 touchdowns with 14 interceptions (96.6 passer rating). Herbert's 326 completions lead the NFL, while his 3,847 passing yards rank second on third down since 2020.

Herbert tied for the league lead with 14 touchdown passes on third down in 2020, good for the most by a rookie in the last 40 seasons. He has added 21 since then, giving him 35 third-down passing scores since entering the professional ranks, which is good for No. 4 over that span.

Herbert's 96.6 passer rating on third down ranks sixth in the NFL and over the last three years among players with at least 300 passing attempts on third down.

THIRD DOWN COMPLETIONS, NFL, SINCE 2020

Rank	Team/s	Player	Completions
1.	LAC	QB Justin Herbert	326
2.	T.B.	QB Tom Brady	302
3.	Min.	QB Kirk Cousins	293
4.	K.C.	QB Patrick Mahomes	278
5.	Atl./Ind.	QB Matt Ryan	276

THIRD DOWN PASSING YARDS, NFL, SINCE 2020

Rank	Team	Player	Passing Yards
1.	K.C.	QB Patrick Mahomes	4,047
2.	LAC	QB Justin Herbert	3,847
3.	L.V./N.O.	QB Derek Carr	3,716
4.	Min.	QB Kirk Cousins	3,594
5.	T.B.	QB Tom Brady	3,311

THIRD DOWN PASSING TOUCHDOWNS, NFL, SINCE 2020

Rank	Team	Player	Passing Touchdowns
1.	K.C.	QB Patrick Mahomes	39
	T.B.	QB Tom Brady	39
3.	Min.	QB Kirk Cousins	37
4.	LAC	QB Justin Herbert	35
5.	Buf.	QB Josh Allen	32
6.	G.B./NYJ	QB Aaron Rodgers	29

Herbert leads the NFL with 230 passing first downs on third down over the past three seasons. He threw for 12 third-down conversions in 2021's Week 1 win at Washington, the most passing first downs in a single game on third down since Andrew Luck did so in 2012. Herbert sported a league-leading 79 passing first downs on third down in 2021.

THIRD DOWN PASSING FIRST DOWNS, NFL, SINCE 2020

Rank	Team	Player	Passing First Downs
1.	LAC	QB Justin Herbert	230
2.	K.C.	QB Patrick Mahomes	221
3.	T.B.	QB Tom Brady	203
4.	Min.	QB Kirk Cousins	197
5.	Buf.	QB Josh Allen	193

FEELING IT ON FOURTH DOWN

Since entering the NFL in 2020, **Justin Herbert** has been one of the league's top passers on fourth down. He leads the NFL over that span in completions (32), passing yards (432) and passing first downs. Herbert also has the top fourth-down passer rating (118.4) since 2020 among players with at least 30 passing attempts on fourth down.

FOURTH DOWN COMPLETIONS, NFL, SINCE 2020

Rank	Team/s	Player	Completions
1.	LAC	QB Justin Herbert	32
2.	Jax.	QB Trevor Lawrence	25
3.	Atl./Ind.	QB Matt Ryan	24
4.	LAR/Det.	QB Jared Goff	23
5.	Min.	QB Kirk Cousins	22

FOURTH DOWN PASSING YARDS, NFL, SINCE 2020

Rank	Team	Player	Passing Yards
1.	LAC	QB Justin Herbert	432
2.	Atl./Ind.	QB Matt Ryan	313
3.	Cin.	QB Joe Burrow	272
4.	Ari.	QB Kyler Murray	270
5.	Jax.	QB Trevor Lawrence	265
	Min.	QB Kirk Cousins	265

FOURTH DOWN PASSING FIRST DOWNS, NFL, SINCE 2020

Rank	Team/s	Player	Passing First Downs
1.	LAC	QB Justin Herbert	28
2.	Jax.	QB Trevor Lawrence	23
3.	Atl./Ind.	QB Matt Ryan	22
4.	LAR/Det.	QB Jared Goff	21
	Min.	QB Kirk Cousins	21
	T.B.	QB Tom Brady	21

FOURTH DOWN PASSER RATING, MIN. 30 ATT., NFL, SINCE 2020

Rank	Team/s	Player	Passer Rating
1.	LAC	QB Justin Herbert	118.4
2.	Cin.	QB Joe Burrow	118.3
3.	Atl./Ind.	QB Matt Ryan	112.1
4.	Jax.	QB Trevor Lawrence	106.8
5.	T.B.	QB Tom Brady	106.1

Herbert threw a touchdown on fourth-and-four in Week 2, marking his sixth career passing score on fourth down, which ranks tied for No. 3 in the NFL since 2020.

FOURTH DOWN PASSING TOUCHDOWNS, NFL, SINCE 2020

Rank	Team/s	Player	Passing Touchdowns
1.	Buf.	QB Josh Allen	7
	Min.	QB Kirk Cousins	7
3.	LAC	QB Justin Herbert	6
	L.V./N.O.	QB Derek Carr	6
	LAR/Det.	QB Jared Goff	6
	G.B./NYJ	QB Aaron Rodgers	6
7.	—	Four Other Players	5

JUSTIN HERBERT

DIAL IT UP DEEP

Justin Herbert has been one of the NFL's top deep passers since entering the NFL in 2020, tying for third in the league with 33 completions of 40-plus yards over that span.

Herbert also ranks among NFL leaders over the last three years with six completions of 50-plus air yards and 16 of 40-plus air yards.

COMPLETIONS OF 40-PLUS YARDS, NFL, SINCE 2020

Rank	Team/s	Player	Completions
1.	Sea./Den.	QB Russell Wilson	35
2.	L.V./N.O.	QB Derek Carr	34
3.	LAC	QB Justin Herbert	33
	K.C.	QB Patrick Mahomes	33
	Ten.	QB Ryan Tannehill	33
6.	Det./LAR	QB Matthew Stafford	31

COMPLETIONS OF 50-PLUS AIR YARDS, NFL, SINCE 2020

Rank	Team/s	Player	Completions
1.	LAC	QB Justin Herbert	6
	Sea./Den.	QB Russell Wilson	6
3.	Det./LAR	QB Matthew Stafford	4
	Phi./Ind./Was.	QB Carson Wentz	4
5.	—	Two Other Players	3

COMPLETIONS OF 40-PLUS AIR YARDS, NFL, SINCE 2020

Rank	Team/s	Player	Completions
1.	Sea./Den.	QB Russell Wilson	22
1.	LAC	QB Justin Herbert	16
3.	Det./LAR	QB Matthew Stafford	15
	L.V./N.O.	QB Derek Carr	15
5.	—	Four Other Players	12

The fourth-year passer is tied for the league lead with three touchdowns of at least 70 yards over the last three years. Herbert ranks fourth in the NFL since 2020 with eight passing scores of at least 50 yards and is tied for No. 5 with 12 touchdowns of 40-plus yards.

PASSING TOUCHDOWNS OF 70-PLUS YARDS, NFL, SINCE 2020

Rank	Team/s	Player	Passing TDs
1.	LAC	QB Justin Herbert	3
	Cle./Car./LAR/T.B.	QB Baker Mayfield	3
	Cin.	QB Joe Burrow	3
	G.B./NYJ	QB Aaron Rodgers	3
	Det./LAR	QB Matthew Stafford	3

PASSING TOUCHDOWNS OF 40-PLUS YARDS, NFL, SINCE 2020

Rank	Team/s	Player	Passing TDs
1.	Cin.	QB Joe Burrow	17
2.	Sea./Den.	QB Russell Wilson	16
3.	K.C.	QB Patrick Mahomes	14
4.	L.V./N.O.	QB Derek Carr	13
5.	LAC	QB Justin Herbert	12
	Det./LAR	QB Matthew Stafford	12
	Min.	QB Kirk Cousins	12
8.	T.B.	QB Tom Brady	10

LEGGING IT OUT

In the team's *Sunday Night Football* victory over Pittsburgh in Week 11 of the 2021 season, **Justin Herbert** threw for 382 yards and ran for 90 yards, becoming the only player to ever top 350 yards passing and 90 yards rushing in a single game. He was the fifth player ever to run for 90 yards and pass for 300 in the same game.

QUARTERBACKS WITH 300 PASSING YARDS AND 90 RUSHING YARDS, SINGLE GAME, NFL HISTORY

Season (Wk)	Team	Quarterback	Pass Yds	Rush Yds
2022 (2)	Bal.	Lamar Jackson	318	119
2021 (14)	Buf.	Josh Allen	308	109
2021 (11)	LAC	Justin Herbert	382	90
2015 (15)	Car.	Cam Newton	340	100
2014 (7)	Sea.	Russell Wilson	313	106
2011 (5)	Phi.	Mike Vick	315	90
1989 (15)	Phi.	Randall Cunningham	306	92

TARGET ACQUIRED

Justin Herbert has thrown touchdowns to 15 players, including 13 with multiple scores. He's most frequently thrown touchdowns to **WR Keenan Allen**, who has caught 19 scores from Herbert. The first passing score of his career went to **WR Jalen Guyton**, who also caught the first touchdown of his career on the play.

HERBERT'S CAREER TOUCHDOWN PASSES BY RECEIVER

Receiver	Touchdown Passes
WR Keenan Allen	19
WR Mike Williams	18
RB Austin Ekeler	15
TE Donald Parham Jr.	8
WR Joshua Palmer	7
WR Jalen Guyton	6
TE Jared Cook	4
TE Gerald Everett	4
TE Hunter Henry	4
WR DeAndre Carter	3
WR Tyron Johnson	3
FB Zander Horvath	2
FB Gabe Nabers	2
TE Stephen Anderson	1
TE Virgil Green	1
Total (15 Receivers)	97

JUSTIN HERBERT IN PRIMETIME

A PRIME-TIME PRODIGY

Since entering the NFL, **Justin Herbert** has made 12 starts in primetime, leading the Bolts to wins on each of the regularly-slated prime-time games — *Thursday Night Football*, *Sunday Night Football* and *Monday Night Football*.

He has been one of the best quarterbacks under the lights since entering the NFL in 2020, with his 95.4 passer rating in prime-time games ranking No. 5 in the NFL over the last three seasons with 300 prime-time passing attempts.

PRIME-TIME PASSER RATING, MIN. 300 ATT., SINCE 2020

Rank	Team/s	Player	Passer Rating
1.	G.B./NYJ	QB Aaron Rodgers	117.9
2.	Buf.	QB Josh Allen	106.0
3.	Dal.	QB Dak Prescott	101.7
4.	K.C.	QB Patrick Mahomes	100.7
5.	LAC	QB Justin Herbert	95.4
6.	Sea./Den.	QB Russell Wilson	93.4

Herbert has thrown 24 touchdown passes in his 12 prime-time starts, ranking No. 4 in the NFL in primetime since he entered the league in 2020.

PRIME-TIME PASSING TOUCHDOWNS, SINCE 2020

Rank	Team/s	Player	GS	Passing TDs
1.	G.B./NYJ	QB Aaron Rodgers	18	44
2.	K.C.	QB Patrick Mahomes	17	41
3.	Buf.	QB Josh Allen	14	39
4.	LAC	QB Justin Herbert	12	24
5.	Dal.	QB Dak Prescott	10	22
6.	T.B.	QB Tom Brady	14	21
	L.V./N.O.	QB Derek Carr	13	21

THURSDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL

As a rookie in 2020, **Justin Herbert** recorded his first career comeback win in the fourth quarter or overtime in Week 15 at Las Vegas, leading the Bolts to a 30-27 overtime victory. He finished the game with 314 passing yards and two touchdowns on 22-of-32 passing (68.8 pct.) for a 121.1 passer rating. Herbert added a rushing touchdown in overtime to secure the victory.

At 22 years, 282 days old, Herbert became the second-youngest player to mount a come-from-behind win in the fourth quarter or overtime of a Thursday night game in NFL history.

YOUNGEST QUARTERBACKS TO LEAD A COME-FROM-BEHIND WIN IN FOURTH QUARTER OR OVERTIME, THURSDAY NIGHT GAMES, NFL HISTORY

Rk.	Team	Game	Player	Age (Yrs-Days)
1.	S.F.	Dec. 14, 2006 at Sea.	QB Alex Smith	22-221
2.	LAC	Dec. 17, 2020 at L.V.	QB Justin Herbert	22-282
3.	Dal.	Dec. 1, 2016 at Min.	QB Dak Prescott	23-125

SUNDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL

Justin Herbert has appeared in five career games on *Sunday Night Football*, totaling 1,241 passing yards and nine touchdowns with four interceptions on 108-of-170 passing (63.5 pct.) for a 93.3 passer rating.

In the team's Week 14 win on *SNF* in 2022, Herbert completed 39 passes on 51 attempts (76.5 pct.) for 367 yards and a touchdown with zero interceptions (102.3 rating). His 76.5 completion percentage was the best ever in a Sunday night contest by a quarterback to throw zero interceptions and 45-plus attempts.

HIGHEST COMPLETION PCT., SUNDAY NIGHT GAME, MIN. 45 ATT. AND ZERO INTERCEPTIONS, NFL HISTORY

Rk.	Team	Game	Player	Comp. Pct.
1.	LAC	Dec. 11, 2022 vs. Mia.	QB Justin Herbert	76.5
2.	T.B.	Oct. 2, 2022 vs. K.C.	QB Tom Brady	75.0
3.	N.E.	Oct. 27, 1996 vs. Buf.	QB Drew Bledsoe	71.1
4.	K.C.	Nov. 14, 2021 at L.V.	QB Patrick Mahomes	70.0
5.	Ari.	Oct. 2, 2005 vs. S.F.	QB Josh McCown	69.6

Herbert made his first career appearance on *Sunday Night Football* in Week 11 of the 2021 against Pittsburgh, throwing for 382 yards and three touchdowns with an interception on 31-of-40 passing (73.2 pct.) for a 116.1 passer rating. He added 90 rushing yards to become the first player ever to have at least 350 yards passing and 90 yards rushing in a single game.

His 116.1 passer rating was the best in a quarterback's first career start on *SNF* with at least 40 passing attempts since the program began in 2006. It was also the best passer rating by a quarterback ever in their first career start in Sunday night game (min. 40 att.).

PASSER RATING, FIRST CAREER START IN A SUNDAY NIGHT GAME, MINIMUM 40 ATTEMPTS, NFL HISTORY

Rk.	Team	Game	Player	Passer Rtg.
1.	LAC	Nov. 21, 2021 vs. Pit.	QB Justin Herbert	116.1
2.	Ari.	Oct. 2, 2005 vs. S.F.	QB Josh McCown	109.4
3.	StL	Nov. 18, 2001 at N.E.	QB Kurt Warner	105.4

MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL

In a three appearances on *Monday Night Football*, **Justin Herbert** has thrown for 959 yards and seven scores with two interceptions on 106-of-160 passing (66.3 pct.) for a 91.6 passer rating.

In 2020, Herbert tossed four touchdown passes on *Monday Night Football*, setting the program's single-game rookie passing touchdown record. He added three touchdowns in the lone Monday night contest in 2021, making him one of four players with seven or more touchdown passes in their first two starts on *MNF* since the program began in 1970.

JUSTIN HERBERT

A ROOKIE CAMPAIGN FOR THE AGES

AWARDS

- *The Associated Press* Offensive Rookie of the Year
- *Professional Football Writers of America* Rookie of the Year
- PFWA Offensive Rookie of the Year
- PFWA All-Rookie Selection
- NFL Offensive Rookie of the Month (October)
- NFL Offensive Rookie of the Month (November)
- FedEx NFL Air Player of the Week — Week 11 vs. NYJ (fan vote)
- Voted by fans as the Pepsi Zero Sugar Rookie of the Year
- Nine-time Pepsi Zero Sugar Rookie of the Week (voted by fans)

RECORDS AT THE TIME

- Most passing touchdowns by a rookie quarterback ever (31).
- Most combined touchdowns by a rookie in NFL history (36).
- Most consecutive games by a rookie quarterback with multiple passing touchdowns in NFL history (seven).
- Most performances by a rookie quarterback with 300-plus passing yards in NFL history (eight).
- Most performances by a rookie quarterback with three-plus touchdowns in NFL history (six).
- Most games by a rookie quarterback with multiple touchdown passes in NFL history (10).
- Most completions ever by a rookie quarterback (396).
- Youngest player ever to throw 30 touchdowns in a single season, doing so at 22 years, 299 days old.
- Tied for the longest streak of game-winning drives (three games) in the fourth quarter or overtime by a rookie quarterback in the Super Bowl era (since 1966).
- Recorded the first win in pro football history by a rookie quarterback while posting 300 passing yards, three touchdown passes, a rushing score and no interceptions.
- Most passing touchdowns by a rookie quarterback in a game (four) and a half (three) in *Monday Night Football* history.
- Tied for the longest streak of games with three-plus touchdown passes by a rookie quarterback in NFL history (four).
- Tied for the most 300-yard passing performances in a player's first two career games (two).
- Became the first player since at least 1970 to register over 1,500 passing yards and a 100-plus passer rating through the first five games of a career.
- Set marks for the most passing attempts, completions, passing yards and touchdown passes by a rookie quarterback in Chargers history.
- Recorded the most single-game rushing yards by a quarterback in team annals (66 in Week 7 vs. Jax.).

ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND OTHER NOTES AT THE TIME

- Ranked second among rookie quarterbacks in NFL history with 4,336 passing yards on the season.
- Joined Patrick Mahomes as the only players in history to eclipse 4,000 passing yards in the first 14 starts of a career.
- Became the second player in NFL history to top 250 passing yards in each of the first seven games of a career (Mahomes).
- Threw a touchdown pass in each of his first 10 games played, the second-longest streak to open a career in NFL history.
- Threw for 277 yards in the first half of Week 11, the most by any rookie quarterback in a first half over the last 40 seasons.
- Became the third quarterback in NFL history to have 300 passing yards and a rushing score in a debut.
- Threw for the fourth-most passing yards in a debut since 1970.
- Became the first quarterback to throw a touchdown and run for a score in the first half of a debut since 1954.

OFFENSIVE ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Justin Herbert earned widespread recognition as the Offensive Rookie of the Year, including as the 10th quarterback in history to win the honor from *The Associated Press*. Herbert was also selected by *Professional Football Writers of America* as Rookie of the Year and Offensive Rookie of the Year — becoming the second and seventh quarterback to win those awards, respectively. He is the first player in history to be recognized with all three honors.

QUARTERBACKS TO WIN AP OFFENSIVE ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Season	Team	Player	Combined TDs
2020	LAC	Justin Herbert	36
2019	Ari.	Kyler Murray	24
2016	Dal.	Dak Prescott	29
2012	Was.	Robert Griffin III	27
2011	Car.	Cam Newton	35
2010	StL	Sam Bradford	19
2008	Atl.	Matt Ryan	17
2006	Ten.	Vince Young	19
2004	Pit.	Ben Roethlisberger	18
1970	Buf.	Dennis Shaw	10

HOT OUT OF THE GATE

Justin Herbert kicked off his career with a pair of historic streaks. As a rookie, he tossed a touchdown pass in each of the first 10 games of his career, just one less than the all-time record. Herbert's streak of games with 250-plus passing yards to start a career ended at seven contests, ranking second in NFL history.

PLAYERS WITH A PASSING TOUCHDOWN, CONSECUTIVE GAMES TO START CAREER, NFL HISTORY

Rank	Team	Player	Consecutive Games
1.	Was.	QB Mark Rypien	11
2.	LAC	QB Justin Herbert	10
3.	Den.	QB Jay Cutler	9

PLAYERS WITH 250 PASSING YARDS, CONSECUTIVE GAMES TO START CAREER, NFL HISTORY

Rank	Team	Player	Consecutive Games
1.	K.C.	QB Patrick Mahomes	10
2.	LAC	QB Justin Herbert	7
3.	—	Seven Other Players	2

Herbert threw 31 touchdowns in 2020, eclipsing 30 in the season finale. At 22 years, 299 days of age that day, he became the youngest player in history to register 30 touchdown passes in a single season, besting a mark set by Ravens QB Lamar Jackson.

YOUNGEST PLAYERS TO THROW 30 TOUCHDOWN PASSES, SINGLE SEASON, NFL HISTORY

Rank	Season	Team	Player	Age (Years-Days)
1.	2020	LAC	QB Justin Herbert	22-299
2.	2019	Bal.	QB Lamar Jackson	22-339

JUSTIN HERBERT

A BIG-TIME ROOKIE

In 2020, **Justin Herbert** posted the most passing touchdowns (31) and combined scores (36) by a rookie quarterback in NFL history.

He also registered a rookie-record six games with three-plus touchdowns. Four of those games were in a row, joining Deshaun Watson as the only rookie quarterbacks in NFL history with three or more consecutive games of three-plus touchdown passes.

Herbert had a seven-game streak with multiple touchdown passes, good for the longest by a rookie quarterback in NFL history and tied for the third-best in team history. He finished the year with a rookie-record 10 multi-touchdown games.

PASSING TOUCHDOWNS, ROOKIE QBs, NFL HISTORY

Rank	Season	Team	Quarterback	Passing TDs
1.	2020	LAC	Justin Herbert	31
2.	2018	Cle.	Baker Mayfield	27
3.	2012	Sea.	Russell Wilson	26
	1998	Ind.	Peyton Manning	26

COMBINED TOUCHDOWNS, ROOKIE QBs, NFL HISTORY

Rank	Season	Team	Quarterback	Combined TDs
1.	2020	LAC	Justin Herbert	36
2.	2011	Car.	Cam Newton	35
3.	2012	Sea.	Russell Wilson	30

MOST GAMES WITH MULTIPLE PASSING TOUCHDOWNS, ROOKIE QUARTERBACKS, NFL HISTORY

Rank	Season	Team	Quarterback	Games
1.	2020	LAC	Justin Herbert	10
2.	2018	Cle.	Baker Mayfield	9

With 4,336 passing yards, Herbert recorded the second-most passing yards in NFL history among rookie quarterbacks. Herbert completed 396 passes and tossed for 300-plus yards in eight games, the most by a rookie quarterback in history.

PASSING YARDS, ROOKIE QUARTERBACKS, NFL HISTORY

Rank	Season	Team	Quarterback	Passing Yards
1.	2012	Ind.	Andrew Luck	4,374
2.	2020	LAC	Justin Herbert	4,336
3.	2011	Car.	Cam Newton	4,051
4.	2015	T.B.	Jameis Winston	4,042

MOST GAMES WITH 300-PLUS PASSING YARDS, ROOKIE QUARTERBACKS, NFL HISTORY

Rank	Season	Team	Quarterback	Games
1.	2020	LAC	Justin Herbert	8
2.	2012	Ind.	Andrew Luck	6

COMPLETIONS, ROOKIE QUARTERBACKS, NFL HISTORY

Rank	Season	Team	Quarterback	Completions
1.	2020	LAC	Justin Herbert	396
2.	2016	Phi.	Carson Wentz	379
3.	2021	Jax.	Trevor Lawrence	359

EFFICIENCY AT ITS FINEST

With a 98.3 passer rating in 2020, **Justin Herbert** had the No. 5 rating by a rookie quarterback in NFL history (min. 200 att.). Herbert's 289.1 passing yards per game ranked No. 1 in NFL history among rookie QBs with at least 200 passing attempts.

PASSER RATING, ROOKIE QBs, MIN. 200 ATT., NFL HISTORY

Rank	Season	Team	Quarterback	Passer Rating
1.	2016	Dal.	Dak Prescott*	104.9
2.	2017	Hou.	Deshaun Watson	103.0
3.	2012	Was.	Robert Griffin III*	102.4
4.	2012	Sea.	Russell Wilson	100.0
5.	2020	LAC	Justin Herbert*	98.3
6.	2004	Pit.	Ben Roethlisberger*	98.1
7.	1983	Mia.	Dan Marino	96.0

PASSING YARDS/GAME, ROOKIE QBs, MIN. 200 ATT., NFL HISTORY

Rank	Season	Team	Quarterback	Pass Yds/Game
1.	2020	LAC	Justin Herbert*	289.1
2.	2012	Ind.	Andrew Luck	273.4
3.	2020	Cin.	Joe Burrow	268.8
4.	2018	Cle.	Baker Mayfield	266.1
5.	2011	Car.	Cam Newton*	253.2

*Won AP Offensive Rookie of the Year



AUSTIN EKELER

KEEPING SCORE

After tying for an NFL-best 20 scrimmage touchdowns last year, **Austin Ekeler** reached the end zone 18 times in 2022, leading the NFL for the second year in a row.

SCRIMMAGE TOUCHDOWNS, NFL, 2022

Rank	Team/s	Player	Scrimmage TDs
1.	LAC	RB Austin Ekeler	18
2.	Det.	RB Jamaal Williams	17
3.	L.V.	WR Davante Adams	14
4.	Phi.	QB Jalen Hurts	13
	Car./S.F.	RB Christian McCaffrey	13
	Cle.	RB Nick Chubb	13
	Ten.	RB Derrick Henry	13

Ekeler leads the NFL with 39 scrimmage scores over the last three seasons. In both 2021 and 2022, he topped 15 scrimmage scores, making him just the fourth NFL player to do so in consecutive seasons in the last 15 years. Ekeler's 12 fourth-quarter touchdowns over those two seasons were tied for the fifth-most scores in the fourth quarter over a two-year span in the last 30 years.

SCRIMMAGE TOUCHDOWNS, NFL, SINCE 2021

Rank	Team	Player	Scrimmage TDs
1.	LAC	RB Austin Ekeler	39
2.	Ari.	RB James Conner	27
3.	G.B./L.V.	WR Davante Adams	26
4.	Cin.	RB Joe Mixon	25
	Phi.	QB Jalen Hurts	25
6.	—	Three Other Players	24

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)

FOURTH-QUARTER TOUCHDOWNS IN A TWO-YEAR SPAN, NFL, SINCE 1991

Rank	Seasons	Team/s	Player	Touchdowns
1.	2006-07	Chargers	RB LaDainian Tomlinson*	16
2.	2005-06	Chargers	RB LaDainian Tomlinson*	15
3.	2002-03	Chiefs	RB Priest Holmes	14
	1999-2000	Jax./Det.	RB James Stewart	14
4.	2010-11	Texans	RB Arian Foster	13
5.	2021-22	Chargers	RB Austin Ekeler	12
	2013-14	Seahawks	RB Marshawn Lynch	12
	2000-01	49ers	WR Terrell Owens*	12
	1995-96	Bengals	WR Carl Pickens	12
	1994-95	Bengals	WR Carl Pickens	12
	1994-95	Cowboys	RB Emmitt Smith*	12

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HAULING IN PASSES

With 107 receptions in 2022, **Austin Ekeler** led all NFL running backs and ranked tied for fifth among all players in the NFL and No. 3 in the AFC. His 107 catches tied for the second-most ever in a single season by a running back.

RECEPTIONS, NFL, 2022

Rank	Team	Player	Receptions
1.	Min.	WR Justin Jefferson	128
2.	Mia.	WR Tyreek Hill	119
3.	K.C.	TE Travis Kelce	110
4.	Buf.	WR Stefon Diggs	108
5.	LAC	RB Austin Ekeler	107
	Dal.	WR CeeDee Lamb	107
7.	Det.	WR Amon-Ra St. Brown	106

RECEPTIONS, RUNNING BACKS, SINGLE SEASON, NFL HISTORY

Rank	Season	Team	Player	Receptions
1.	2019	Panthers	RB Christian McCaffrey**	116
2.	2022	Chargers	RB Austin Ekeler	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

*Pro Bowl Selection

**Associated Press First-Team All-Pro

Ekeler posted three games of 10-plus catches in 2022, including back-to-back in Weeks 6 and 7, becoming the sixth running back in NFL history to post consecutive games with at least 10 catches. Ekeler's seven career games of 10 or more catches ranks No. 2 in NFL history.

MOST GAMES WITH 10-PLUS RECEPTIONS, RUNNING BACKS, NFL HISTORY

Rank	Team/s	Player	Games
1.	Panthers/49ers	RB Christian McCaffrey	11
2.	Chargers	RB Austin Ekeler	7
3.	Chargers	RB LaDainian Tomlinson	6
	Ari./Was./Buf./N.E.	RB Larry Centers	6
5.	Saints	RB Alvin Kamara	5
	T.B./Was./Det.	RB James Wilder	5
	49ers/Raiders/Vikings	RB Roger Craig	5

AUSTIN EKELER

EKELER IN ELITE COMPANY

Austin Ekeler ran in a pair of touchdowns in the AFC Wild Card, giving him 20 touchdowns in the regular and postseason combined. He became just the seventh player in NFL history to have 20 touchdowns in consecutive seasons (regular and postseason combined).

CONSECUTIVE SEASONS WITH 20-PLUS SCRIMMAGE TOUCHDOWNS, REGULAR AND POSTSEASON COMBINED, NFL HISTORY

Rank	Team	Player	No. of Seasons
1.	Chargers	RB Austin Ekeler	2 (2021-22)
	Chargers	RB LaDainian Tomlinson*	2 (2005-06)
	Seahawks	RB Shaun Alexander	2 (2004-05)
	Chiefs	RB Priest Holmes	2 (2002-03)
	Rams	RB Marshall Faulk*	2 (2000-01)
	Broncos	RB Terrell Davis*	2 (1997-98)
	Cowboys	RB Emmitt Smith*	2 (1994-95)

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DUAL-THREAT RUNNING BACK

Austin Ekeler registered his first three-touchdown game in Week 1 of 2019, helping the Bolts defeat Indianapolis in overtime. With his three-touchdown game in Week 4 at Houston, Ekeler's four career games with at least three scrimmage scores ranks tied for No. 2 in the NFL since the start of the 2019 season.

MOST GAMES WITH THREE-PLUS SCRIMMAGE TOUCHDOWNS, NFL, SINCE 2019

Rank	Team	Player	Games
1.	Ten.	RB Derrick Henry	5
2.	LAC	RB Austin Ekeler	4
	GB	RB Aaron Jones	4
4.	—	Three Other Players	3

The dual-threat back now has 10 career games with a rushing and receiving touchdown, tied for No. 6 in NFL history. His 10 career games with a rushing and receiving score are the most ever by an undrafted player and the most in Chargers history.

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
	Car./S.F.	RB Christian McCaffrey	11
6.	LAC	RB Austin Ekeler	10
	N.O.	RB Alvin Kamara	10
8.	—	Six Other Players	9

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^Baltimore Colts

GO-AHEAD SCORES LATE

Since entering the NFL in 2017, **Austin Ekeler** has scored six go-ahead touchdowns in the fourth quarter or overtime, ranking tied for No. 3 over that span.

GO-AHEAD TOUCHDOWNS IN FOURTH QUARTER OR OVERTIME, NFL, SINCE 2017

Rank	Team/s	Player	Go-Ahead TDs
1.	LAC	WR Mike Williams	7
	G.B./L.V.	WR Davante Adams	7
	L.V.	RB Josh Jacobs	7
4.	LAC	RB Austin Ekeler	6
	K.C.	TE Travis Kelce	6
	LAC/Den./K.C./Bal.	RB Melvin Gordon III	6
	LAR	WR Cooper Kupp	6
	NYG	RB Saquon Barkley	6
9.	—	Three Other Players	5

AUSTIN EKELER

HANDS TEAM

Austin Ekeler has solidified himself as one of the most dynamic receiving backs in the NFL. His 29 receiving touchdowns rank No. 6 among running backs in the Super Bowl era (since 1966) are tied for the most by a running back with a single team over that span.

CAREER RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS, RUNNING BACKS, NFL, SUPER BOWL ERA

Rank	Team/s	Player	Receiving TDs
1.	Ind./StL	Marshall Faulk*	36
2.	S.D./N.O./Phi.	Darren Sproles	32
3.	Phi./Mia./N.E./NYJ	Keith Byars	31
4.	Phi./S.F.	Brian Westbrook	30
	S.D./Cin./T.B./Cle.	James Brooks	30
6.	LAC	Austin Ekeler	29
7.	Ari./Was./Buf./N.E.	Larry Centers	28

RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS WITH A SINGLE TEAM, RUNNING BACKS, NFL, SUPER BOWL ERA

Rank	Team	Player	Receiving TDs
1.	Chargers	Austin Ekeler	29
	Eagles	Brian Westbrook	29
3.	Rams	Marshall Faulk*	27
	Bengals	James Brooks	27
	Giants	Joe Morrison	27

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The Western State Colorado product has totaled 29 career touchdown catches, which are the most receiving scores by a running back through their first seven seasons in the Super Bowl era (since 1966).

RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS THROUGH FIRST SEVEN SEASONS, RUNNING BACKS, NFL, SUPER BOWL ERA

Rank	Team/s	Player	Receiving TDs
1.	LAC	Austin Ekeler	29
2.	Phi.	Brian Westbrook	28
3.	N.E.	James White	25
4.	Min.	Chuck Foreman	23
5.	Ind./StL	Marshall Faulk*	22
	Car./S.F.	Christian McCaffrey^	23
	N.O.	Alvin Kamara^	22

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AN OLD HEAD ON YOUNG SHOULDERS

In 2022, Austin Ekeler became the youngest running back in the common draft era (since 1967) to reach 25 career touchdown catches, reaching that mark at 27 years, 138 days old. Ekeler is a touchdown catch shy of reaching 30 for his career. He has a chance to again be the youngest to reach that mark since 1960.

YOUNGEST RUNNING BACKS TO REACH 30 CAREER RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS, NFL, SINCE 1960

Rank	Team/s	Player	Age (Years-Days)
1.	Ind./StL	Marshall Faulk*	28-294
2.	NYG	Joe Morrison	30-62
3.	Hou.**/Oak./K.C.	Billy Cannon	30-81
4.	Phi./S.F.	Brian Westbrook	31-101
5.	S.D./Cin./T.B./Cle.	James Brooks	32-359
6.	S.D./N.O./Phi.	Darren Sproles	33-174
—	LAC	Austin Ekeler	28-130^

^Age as of Sept. 24, 2023

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**Houston Oilers

AUSTIN EKELER

END ZONE EKELER

Austin Ekeler is one of just eight players in NFL history to record at least 25 rushing touchdowns and 25 receiving touchdowns in a career. He joins Hall of Famer Lenny Moore as the only players to accomplish that feat within the first six seasons of a career.

PLAYERS WITH 25 RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS AND 25 RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS, NFL HISTORY

Seasons	Player	Rush TDs	Rec. TDs
2017-Present	RB Austin Ekeler	35	29
2002-10	RB Brian Westbrook	41	30
1994-2005	RB Marshall Faulk*	100	36
1981-92	RB James Brooks	49	30
1959-68	RB Timmy Brown	31	26
1958-68	RB John David Crow	38	35
1956-67	RB Lenny Moore*	63	48
1952-64	RB Frank Gifford*	34	43

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SETTING UNRAFTED RECORDS

Austin Ekeler reached 60 career touchdowns in the Week 16 win at Indianapolis, becoming the third undrafted running back to do so in the common draft era (since 1967).

He has now registered five-straight seasons with at least 900 scrimmage yards, tying Clem Daniels for the longest streak in NFL history by an undrafted running back.

The best receiving undrafted running back in the last 50 years, Ekeler is the record-holder for receptions (393), receiving scores (29) and receiving yards (3,495) by an undrafted running back in the common draft era (since 1967).

CAREER TOUCHDOWNS, UNRAFTED RUNNING BACKS, COMMON DRAFT ERA

Rank	Team/s	Player	Touchdowns
1.	Bal./K.C.	RB Priest Holmes	94
2.	Hou./Mia.	RB Arian Foster	68
3.	LAC	RB Austin Ekeler	64
4.	T.B./N.E./Pit./Phi./Det.	RB LeGarrette Blount	58
5.	S.D./Car./Buf.	RB Mike Tolbert	46

CONSECUTIVE SEASONS WITH 900-PLUS SCRIMMAGE YARDS, UNRAFTED RUNNING BACKS, NFL HISTORY

Rank	Team/s	Player	No. of Seasons
1.	LAC	RB Austin Ekeler	5 (2018-22)
	Oak.	RB Clem Daniels	5 (1962-66)
3.	K.C.	RB Priest Holmes	4 (2001-04)
	Buf./Den.	RB Cookie Gilchrist	4 (1962-65)
5.	—	Five Other Players	3

CRAZY EIGHTS

In 2021, Ekeler registered the sixth season in NFL history with at least eight rushing scores and eight touchdown catches. He's the only AFC player ever to do so. It was Ekeler's second career season with eight-plus touchdown catches, joining Hall of Fame RB Marshall Faulk (2000 and '01) as the only running backs in the last 50 years to post multiple seasons of eight-plus touchdown grabs.

PLAYERS WITH EIGHT RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS AND EIGHT TOUCHDOWN CATCHES, SINGLE SEASON, NFL HISTORY

Season	Team	Player	Rush TDs	Rec. TDs
2021	LAC	RB Austin Ekeler	12	8
2001	StL	RB Marshall Faulk**	12	9
2000	StL	RB Marshall Faulk**	18	8
1975	Min.	RB Chuck Foreman**	13	9
1966	Dal.	RB Dan Reeves	8	8
1949	NYG	RB Gene Roberts	9	8

**Pro Bowl Selection

†Associated Press First-Team All-Pro

MOST SEASONS WITH EIGHT-PLUS RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS, RUNNING BACKS, NFL HISTORY

Rank	Team/s	Player	Seasons
1.	Chargers	RB Austin Ekeler	2 (2019, '21)
	Rams	RB Marshall Faulk*	2 (2000-01)
	Oilers/Raiders	RB Billy Cannon	2 (1961, '67)
	Colts	RB Lenny Moore*	2 (1960-61)

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100 MILES AND RUNNIN'

In the team's 45-10 win over Jacksonville in 2019, **Austin Ekeler** recorded the 35th 100-yard rushing and 100-yard receiving performance in league annals on just 12 offensive touches — the fewest in a 100/100 performance in NFL history.

Ekeler's effort was the fourth such performance by an undrafted running back in the common draft era (since 1967) and the third in team history (second by a Charger in the regular season.)

PLAYERS WITH 100 RUSHING YDS AND 100 RECEIVING YDS, SINGLE GAME, MAX. 15 TOUCHES, NFL HISTORY

Season	Team	Player	Rush Yds	Rec. Yds	Touches
2019	LAC	Austin Ekeler	101	112	12
1986	Dal.	Herschel Walker	122	170	15
1954	ChiC*	Ollie Matson	115	161	15

*Chicago Cardinals

PLAYERS WITH 100 RUSHING YARDS AND 100 RECEIVING YARDS, SINGLE GAME, CHARGERS HISTORY

Season	Player	Rush Att	Rush Yds	Rec.	Rec. Yds
2019	Austin Ekeler	8	101	4	112
1985	Lionel James	12	127	5	118
1963	Keith Lincoln*	13	206	7	123

*Only postseason 100/100 performance in pro football history

KEENAN ALLEN

THE TOP TARGET

In 2020, **Keenan Allen** made team history with a record-setting 16 catches in the Bolts' Week 11 win over the Jets and also set an NFL record by registering his sixth career game of 13-plus receptions. Allen also became the fifth player ever with multiple games of 15 or more catches.

Allen also has the most games with 12-plus catches and the most contests with at least 12 receptions and 100 receiving yards.

MOST GAMES WITH 15-PLUS RECEPTIONS, NFL HISTORY

Rk.	Team/s	Player	Games
1.	LAC	WR Keenan Allen	2
	Dal./L.V.	TE Jason Witten	2
	Den./Mia./Chi./NYJ/NYG/Sea.	WR Brandon Marshall	2
	S.D./Mia./N.E./Den./StL	WR Wes Welker	2
	Pit./N.E./T.B.	WR Antonio Brown	2

MOST GAMES WITH 14-PLUS RECEPTIONS, NFL HISTORY

Rk.	Team/s	Player	Games
1.	LAC	WR Keenan Allen	4
	Pit./N.E./T.B.	WR Antonio Brown	4
3.	Dal./L.V.	TE Jason Witten	3

MOST GAMES WITH 13-PLUS RECEPTIONS, NFL HISTORY

Rk.	Team/s	Player	Games
1.	LAC	WR Keenan Allen	6
2.	S.D./Mia./N.E./Den./StL	WR Wes Welker	5
	Pit./N.E./T.B.	WR Antonio Brown	5

MOST GAMES WITH 12-PLUS RECEPTIONS, NFL HISTORY

Rk.	Team/s	Player	Games
1.	LAC	WR Keenan Allen	10
2.	S.D./Mia./N.E./Den./StL	WR Wes Welker	9
3.	Ind.	WR Marvin Harrison*	8
4.	S.F./Oak./Sea.	WR Jerry Rice*	7
	Hou./Ind./Ten.	WR Andre Johnson	7
	Pit./N.E./T.B.	WR Antonio Brown	7

MOST GAMES WITH 12-PLUS RECEPTIONS AND 100-PLUS RECEIVING YARDS, NFL HISTORY

Rk.	Team/s	Player	Games
1.	LAC	WR Keenan Allen	9
2.	Ind.	WR Marvin Harrison*	8
	S.D./Mia./N.E./Den./StL	WR Wes Welker	8
4.	S.F./Oak./Sea.	WR Jerry Rice*	7
	Hou./Ind./Ten.	WR Andre Johnson	7

MOST GAMES WITH 11-PLUS RECEPTIONS, NFL HISTORY

Rk.	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 Harrison*	12
	Pit./N.E./T.B.	WR Antonio Brown	12

*Pro Football Hall of Famer

AMONG THE LEAGUE LEADERS

Since the start of the 2017 season, **Keenan Allen** ranks No. 3 in the NFL with 589 catches. He's also registered 6,857 receiving yards, good for seventh in the league over that span.

RECEPTIONS, NFL, SINCE 2017

Rank	Team/s	Player	Receptions
1.	G.B./L.V.	WR Davante Adams	618
2.	K.C.	TE Travis Kelce	594
3.	LAC	WR Keenan Allen	589
4.	Min./Buf.	WR Stefon Diggs	584
5.	K.C./Mia.	WR Tyreek Hill	553

RECEIVING YARDS, NFL, SINCE 2017

Rank	Team/s	Player	Receiving Yards
1.	K.C./Mia.	WR Tyreek Hill	8,002
2.	G.B./L.V.	WR Davante Adams	7,861
3.	K.C.	TE Travis Kelce	7,508
4.	Min./Buf.	WR Stefon Diggs	7,357
5.	T.B.	WR Mike Evans	7,084
6.	Hou./Ari./Ten.	WR DeAndre Hopkins	6,916
7.	LAC	WR Keenan Allen	6,857
8.	LAR	WR Cooper Kupp	6,329

Allen's 38 touchdown grabs since 2017 rank No. 3 in the AFC.

RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS, AFC, SINCE 2017

Rank	Team/s	Player	Receiving TDs
1.	K.C./Mia.	WR Tyreek Hill	60
2.	K.C.	TE Travis Kelce	56
3.	LAC	WR Keenan Allen	38
4.	Bal.	TE Mark Andrews	35
5.	Hou./Ten.	WR DeAndre Hopkins	31
6.	LAC	WR Mike Williams	30
	Buf.	WR Stefon Diggs	30

KEENAN KEEPS ON CATCHING

Keenan Allen has caught a pass in 60-straight games, the eighth-best streak in team history. He's the third Charger to record multiple 50-game reception streaks.

CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITH A RECEPTION, CHARGERS HISTORY

Rk.	Player	Dates	Consec. Games
1.	TE Antonio Gates	Nov. 23, 2003-Nov. 30, 2008	80
2.	WR Charlie Joiner	Dec. 10, 1978-Sept. 16, 1984	78
3.	TE Antonio Gates	Oct. 23, 2011-Nov. 13, 2016	77
4.	TE Kellen Winslow	Sept. 2, 1979-Oct. 28, 1985	73
5.	WR Keenan Allen	Sept. 15, 2013-Dec. 9, 2018	67
6.	RB Ronnie Harmon	Sept. 1, 1991-Sept. 10, 1995	66
7.	RB LaDainian Tomlinson	Sept. 9, 2001-Dec. 26, 2004	63
8.	WR Keenan Allen	Dec. 22, 2018-Present	60
9.	RB LaDainian Tomlinson	Sept. 25, 2005-Nov. 30, 2008	58

KEENAN ALLEN

A HISTORIC TRACK RECORD

Keenan Allen surpassed 800 career receptions in Week 1, tying as the second-fastest ever to reach that mark (127 games). In Week 12 in 2021, Allen eclipsed 700 career receptions, doing so in his 111th game to tie Antonio Brown for the fastest player to reach that mark in NFL history. Allen also tied Brown as the fastest player in league annals to reach 600 career catches (96 games) by hauling in a team-record 16 receptions in 2020's Week 11 win against the New York Jets.

FEWEST GAMES TO 800 RECEPTIONS, NFL HISTORY

Rank	Team/s	Player	Games
1.	Pit.	WR Antonio Brown	126
2.	LAC	WR Keenan Allen	127
	Atl.	WR Julio Jones	127
3.	Ind.	WR Marvin Harrison	131
4.	Hou.	WR Andre Johnson	137

FEWEST GAMES TO 700 RECEPTIONS, NFL HISTORY

Rank	Team	Player	Games
1.	LAC	WR Keenan Allen	111
	Pit.	WR Antonio Brown	111
3.	Atl.	WR Julio Jones	112
4.	Ind.	WR Marvin Harrison	114

FEWEST GAMES TO 600 RECEPTIONS, NFL HISTORY

Rank	Team/s	Player	Games
1.	LAC	WR Keenan Allen	96
	Pit.	WR Antonio Brown	96
3.	Atl.	WR Julio Jones	97
4.	Ari./Bal.	WR Anquan Boldin	98

Allen caught nine passes in his 99th career game in 2020's Week 14 win against Atlanta, setting an all-time record for the most catches through the first 100 games of a career. Allen added a catch in the 100th game of his career to add to his record-setting mark.

RECEPTIONS, FIRST 100 CAREER GAMES, NFL HISTORY

Rank	Team/s	Player	Receptions
1.	LAC	WR Keenan Allen	624
2.	Pit.	WR Antonio Brown	622
3.	Atl.	WR Julio Jones	619
4.	Ari./Bal.	WR Anquan Boldin	614
5.	Ind.	WR Marvin Harrison	591



A FIVE-YEAR SPAN FOR THE AGES



Keenan Allen topped 95 receptions in each season from 2017-21, becoming the second player in NFL history to do so in five-straight years. Over that span, Allen was selected to five Pro Bowls, leading the NFL in receptions and ranked fifth in receiving yards.

CONSECUTIVE SEASONS WITH 95-PLUS RECEPTIONS, NFL HISTORY

Rank	Team/s	Player	Consecutive Seasons
1.	Pit.	WR Antonio Brown	6 (2013-18)
2.	LAC	WR Keenan Allen	5 (2017-21)
3.	Hou./Ari.	WR DeAndre Hopkins	4 (2017-20)
	Ind.	WR Marvin Harrison*	4 (1999-2002)
	S.F.	WR Jerry Rice*	4 (1993-96)

*Pro Football Hall of Famer

STREAK OF BIG ROAD PERFORMANCES

Keenan Allen has caught multiple touchdowns in each of his past two road games. With at least two receiving scores in his next away contest, Allen would tie for the longest such streak in NFL history.

CONSECUTIVE ROAD GAMES WITH TWO-PLUS RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS, NFL HISTORY

Rk.	Player	Dates	Consec. Games
1.	WR Calvin Johnson	Sept. 11, 2011-Oct. 2, 2011	3
	WR Cris Carter	Nov. 12, 1995-Dec. 18, 1995	3
	WR Dwight Clark	Sept. 21, 1980-Oct. 12, 1980	3
4.	WR Keenan Allen	Jan. 8, 2023-Present	2
	Several Other Streaks		2

KEENAN ALLEN

THIRD-DOWN PHENOM

Since the beginning of his historic span in 2017, Keenan Allen has also been the NFL's top receiver on third down, totaling 169 catches for 2,245 yards and moving the chains on 138 of those receptions — leading the NFL in receptions and receiving first downs, while ranking No. 2 in receiving yards over that span.

THIRD DOWN RECEPTIONS, NFL, SINCE 2017

Rank	Team/s	Player	Receptions
1.	LAC	WR Keenan Allen	169
2.	G.B./L.V.	WR Davante Adams	152
3.	LAR	WR Cooper Kupp	142
4.	K.C./Mia.	WR Tyreek Hill	140
5.	K.C.	TE Travis Kelce	133

THIRD DOWN RECEIVING YARDS, NFL, SINCE 2017

Rank	Team/s	Player	Receiving Yards
1.	G.B./L.V.	WR Davante Adams	2,306
2.	LAC	WR Keenan Allen	2,245
3.	K.C./Mia.	WR Tyreek Hill	2,204
4.	LAR	WR Cooper Kupp	2,180
5.	K.C.	TE Travis Kelce	1,816

RECEIVING FIRST DOWNS, THIRD DOWN, NFL, SINCE 2017

Rank	Team/s	Player	Rec. First Downs
1.	LAC	WR Keenan Allen	138
2.	G.B./L.V.	WR Davante Adams	120
3.	K.C./Mia.	WR Tyreek Hill	115
4.	K.C.	TE Travis Kelce	114
5.	LAR	WR Cooper Kupp	113

TRIPLE-THREAT

From Weeks 11-13 in 2017, Keenan Allen became the first player in NFL history to post three-consecutive games with 10-plus receptions, 100-plus receiving yards and a touchdown catch.

KEENAN ALLEN'S RECEIVING STATS, WEEK 11-13, 2017

Week	Date	Opp.	Rec.	Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD
11	Nov. 19, 2017	vs. Buf.	12	159	13.3	29	2
12	Nov. 23, 2017	at Dal.	11	172	15.6	42t	1
13	Dec. 3, 2017	vs. Cle.	10	105	10.5	26	1

Allen capped off the season with an interception in the road finale at the New York Jets. The pick made him the first player in NFL history to have 90-plus catches and an interception in the same season. Allen also joined Hall of Famers Don Hutson (1942) and Randy Moss (2009) as the third player in league annals to register 1,000-plus receiving yards and an interception in the same season.

PLAYERS WITH 1,000 RECEIVING YARDS AND AN INTERCEPTION, SINGLE SEASON, NFL HISTORY

Season	Team	Player	Rec.	Rec. Yds	INTs
2017	LAC	WR Keenan Allen	102	1,393	1
2009	N.E.	WR Randy Moss*	83	1,264	1
1942	G.B.	E Don Hutson*	74	1,211	7

*Pro Football Hall of Famer

KEENAN KEEPS CLIMBING

Keenan Allen is among the elite pass catchers in franchise history. His 810 career receptions are the most ever by a Bolts wide receiver and rank No. 2 in franchise history. Allen ranks third in receiving yards (9,474), No. 4 in touchdown catches (54) and sixth in total touchdowns (55) in Chargers history.

Allen has 14 career games with 10-plus catches, the most ever by any Charger, while his 34 100-yard receiving games ranks No. 2.

CAREER RECEPTIONS, CHARGERS HISTORY

Rank	Seasons	Player	Receptions
1.	2003-18	TE Antonio Gates	955
2.	2013-Present	WR Keenan Allen	810
3.	1976-86	WR Charlie Joiner*	586
4.	1979-87	TE Kellen Winslow*	541
5.	2001-09	RB LaDainian Tomlinson*	530
6.	1962-70	FL Lance Alworth*	493

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	WR Keenan Allen	9,474
4.	1976-86	WR Charlie Joiner*	9,203
5.	1966-76	WR Gary Garrison	7,533

CAREER RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS, CHARGERS HISTORY

Rank	Seasons	Player	Receiving TDs
1.	2003-18	TE Antonio Gates	116
2.	1962-70	FL Lance Alworth*	81
3.	1966-76	WR Gary Garrison	58
4.	2013-Present	WR Keenan Allen	54
5.	1976-86	WR Charlie Joiner*	47

CAREER TOUCHDOWNS, CHARGERS HISTORY

Rank	Seasons	Player	Touchdowns
1.	2001-09	RB LaDainian Tomlinson*	153
2.	2003-18	TE Antonio Gates	116
3.	1962-70	FL Lance Alworth*	83
4.	2017-Present	RB Austin Ekeler	64
5.	1966-76	WR Gary Garrison	58
6.	2013-Present	WR Keenan Allen	55
7.	2015-19	RB Melvin Gordon III	47
	1976-86	WR Charlie Joiner*	47

GAMES WITH 100-PLUS RECEIVING YDS, CHARGERS HISTORY

Rank	Seasons	Player	Games
1.	1962-70	FL Lance Alworth*	41
2.	2013-Present	WR Keenan Allen	34
3.	1979-87	TE Kellen Winslow*	24
4.	1976-86	WR Charlie Joiner*	23
	1966-76	WR Gary Garrison	23

*Pro Football Hall of Famer

MIKE WILLIAMS



CLUTCH SCORING GRABS

Since entering the NFL in 2017, **Mike Williams** has recorded a league-leading seven go-ahead scores in the fourth quarter or overtime.

GO-AHEAD TOUCHDOWNS IN FOURTH QUARTER OR OVERTIME, NFL, SINCE 2017

Rank	Team/s	Player	Go-Ahead TDs
1.	LAC	WR Mike Williams	7
	G.B./L.V.	WR Davante Adams	7
	L.V.	RB Josh Jacobs	7
4.	LAC	RB Austin Ekeler	6
	K.C.	TE Travis Kelce	6
	LAC/Den./K.C./Bal.	RB Melvin Gordon III	6
	LAR	WR Cooper Kupp	6
	NYG	RB Saquon Barkley	6
	Sea.	WR Tyler Lockett	6

Williams hauled in seven touchdowns from **QB Justin Herbert** in the fourth quarter or overtime in 2021 — five were go-ahead scores and another was a game-tying touchdown.

His five go-ahead touchdowns in the fourth quarter or overtime set a single-season NFL record, while his six game-tying or go-ahead scores in the fourth quarter or overtime were also an all-time best in a season.

GO-AHEAD TOUCHDOWNS IN FOURTH QUARTER OR OVERTIME, SINGLE SEASON, NFL HISTORY

Rank	Season	Team	Player	Go-Ahead TDs
1.	2021	LAC	WR Mike Williams	5
2.	2021	LAR	WR Cooper Kupp**	4
	2014	Min.	RB Matt Asiata	4
	2012	Atl.	RB Michael Turner	4
	1989	G.B.	WR Sterling Sharpe**	4
	1985	Hou.^	RB Mike Rozier	4
	1985	S.F.	RB Roger Craig*	4
	1979	StL	RB Ottis Anderson**	4

^Houston Oilers

GAME-TYING OR GO-AHEAD TOUCHDOWNS IN FOURTH QUARTER OR OVERTIME, SINGLE SEASON, NFL HISTORY

Rank	Season	Team	Player	Go-Ahead TDs
1.	2021	LAC	WR Mike Williams	6
2.	1989	G.B.	WR Sterling Sharpe**	5

*Pro Bowl Selection

†Associated Press First-Team All-Pro

WILLIAMS ABOVE AVERAGE

Since entering the NFL in 2017, **Mike Williams** has 302 catches for 4,685 yards for a career receiving average of 15.5 yards. His career average ranks No. 2 in the NFL since 2017 among players with at least 250 catches. Williams' 20.4 average in 2019 is the best in a single season over the last five years (min. 40 rec.).

YARDS PER RECEPTION, MIN. 250 REC., NFL, SINCE 2017

Rank	Team/s	Player	Yards/Reception
1.	Ten./Phi.	WR A.J. Brown	16.2
2.	LAC	WR Mike Williams	15.5
3.	T.B.	WR Mike Evans	15.5
4.	Ind./Dal.	WR T.Y. Hilton	15.0
5.	Min.	WR Justin Jefferson	14.9

YARDS PER RECEPTION, SINGLE SEASON, MIN. 40 RECEPTIONS, NFL, SINCE 2017

Rank	Season	Team	Player	Yards/Reception
1.	2019	LAC	WR Mike Williams	20.4
2.	2019	Ten.	WR A.J. Brown	20.2
3.	2018	T.B.	WR DeSean Jackson	18.9

BIG-PLAY MIKE WILLIAMS

Mike Williams led the AFC and tied for an NFL-high 11 receptions of 40-plus yards in 2021. Over the last three seasons, his 11 catches of at least 40 yards rank tied for No. 2 in the league and best in the AFC. Since his breakout year in his second pro season in 2018, Williams' 23 catches of 40 or more yards rank tied for fourth in the NFL.

RECEPTIONS OF 40-PLUS YARDS, NFL, SINCE 2021

Rank	Team/s	Player	40-Yard Receptions
1.	Min.	WR Justin Jefferson	12
2.	LAC	WR Mike Williams	11
	Cin.	WR Ja'Marr Chase	11
	G.B./L.V.	WR Davante Adams	11
	K.C./Mia.	WR Tyreek Hill	11
	LAR	WR Cooper Kupp	11
7.	Buf.	WR Stefon Diggs	10
	S.F.	WR Deebo Samuel	10
9.	T.B.	WR Mike Evans	9
	Ten./Phi.	WR A.J. Brown	9
	Was.	WR Terry McLaurin	9

RECEPTIONS OF 40-PLUS YARDS, NFL, SINCE 2018

Rank	Team	Player	40-Yard Receptions
1.	K.C./Mia.	WR Tyreek Hill	30
2.	Min./Buf.	WR Stefon Diggs	25
3.	T.B.	WR Mike Evans	24
4.	LAC	WR Mike Williams	23
	G.B./L.V.	WR Davante Adams	23
6.	Ten./Phi.	WR A.J. Brown	22
7.	G.B./K.C.	WR Marquez Valdes-Scantling	21
8.	LAR	WR Cooper Kupp	20

MIKE WILLIAMS

LOOK UP AT THE LEADERBOARD

Mike Williams ranks tied for No. 5 in the AFC over the last five seasons in receiving touchdowns, hauling in 30 in that span. He also ranks tied for 11th in touchdown grabs over the last three years.

RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS, AFC, SINCE 2018

Rank	Team/s	Player	Receiving Touchdowns
1.	K.C./Mia.	WR Tyreek Hill	53
2.	K.C.	TE Travis Kelce	48
3.	Bal.	TE Mark Andrews	35
4.	LAC	WR Keenan Allen	32
5.	LAC	WR Mike Williams	30
	Buf.	WR Stefon Diggs	30
7.	LAC	RB Austin Ekeler	26
	Cin.	WR Tyler Boyd	26
9.	Ten.	WR A.J. Brown	24

RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS, AFC, SINCE 2021

Rank	Team/s	Player	Receiving Touchdowns
1.	Buf.	WR Stefon Diggs	22
	Cin.	WR Ja'Marr Chase	22
	K.C.	TE Travis Kelce	22
4.	K.C./Mia.	WR Tyreek Hill	19
5.	Buf.	TE Dawson Knox	16
6.	Bal.	TE Mark Andrews	15
	Cin.	WR Tee Higgins	15
	L.V.	WR Davante Adams	15
9.	Buf.	WR Gabe Davis	14
	Mia.	WR Jaylen Waddle	14
11.	LAC	WR Mike Williams	13
	LAC	RB Austin Ekeler	13
	N.E.	TE Hunter Henry	13
14.	LAC	WR Keenan Allen	12
15.	—	Two Other Players	11

WILLIAMS PERFORMS AT ARROWHEAD



With his 15-yard touchdown grab in the third quarter of Week 2 at Kansas City last season, Mike Williams registered his seventh career touchdown (six receiving, one rushing) at GEHA Field at Arrowhead Stadium. His seven scores are the most ever by any visiting player at Arrowhead Stadium.

Williams finished the day with eight receptions for 113 yards (14.1 avg.) and the touchdown. The performance made him the only visiting player in history to record three-straight games at Arrowhead Stadium with 100-plus receiving yards and a touchdown.

MOST TOUCHDOWNS SCORED, VISITING PLAYERS, ARROWHEAD STADIUM, ALL-TIME

Rank	Team	Player	GP [^]	TDs
1.	Chargers	WR Mike Williams	6	7
2.	Chargers	RB LaDainian Tomlinson*	9	6
	Chargers	TE Antonio Gates	15	6
	Colts	WR Marvin Harrison*	4	6
	Den./NYJ	WR Eric Decker	6	6
6.	Chargers	RB Gary Anderson	4	5
	Broncos	WR Haven Moses	10	5
	Broncos	TE Shannon Sharpe*	11	5

[^]Games played at GEHA Field at Arrowhead Stadium

*Pro Football Hall of Famer

DERWIN JAMES JR.



A LEADING TACKLER IN 2022

Derwin James Jr., ranked No. 5 among all NFL defensive backs with 115 tackles in 2022. He reached 300 career tackles (41 games) and 350 tackles (47 games) faster than any defensive back in at least the last 30 years.

TACKLES, DEFENSIVE BACKS, NFL, 2022

Rank	Team	Player	Tackles
1.	Hou.	DB Jalen Pitre	147
2.	Hou.	DB Jonathan Owens	125
3.	Atl.	S Richie Grant	122
4.	NYG	S Julian Love	116
5.	LAC	S Derwin James Jr.	115
6.	Jax.	S Rayshawn Jenkins	112
7.	Ari.	S Budda Baker	111

FEWEST GAMES TO 300 TACKLES, DEFENSIVE BACKS, NFL, SINCE 1991

Rank	Team	Player	Games
1.	LAC	S Derwin James Jr.	41
2.	NYG	S Landon Collins	42
3.	Jax.	S Johnathan Cyprien	43
4.	Atl.	S Keanu Neal	44
	G.B.	S Morgan Burnett	44

FEWEST GAMES TO 350 TACKLES, DEFENSIVE BACKS, NFL, SINCE 1991

Rank	Team	Player	Games
1.	LAC	S Derwin James Jr.	47
2.	Jax.	S Johnathan Cyprien	49
3.	Ari.	S Budda Baker	51
	G.B.	S Morgan Burnett	51
	NYG	S Landon Collins	51

ZERO TO FIFTY

Derwin James Jr., posted 372 tackles and 9.5 sacks in 50 games played. He has the most tackles by a defensive back in the first 50 games of a career over the last 30 years.

TACKLES, DEFENSIVE BACKS, FIRST 50 CAREER GAMES, NFL, SINCE 1991

Rank	Team	Player	GP	Tackles
1.	LAC	S Derwin James Jr.	50	372
2.	Jax.	S Johnathan Cyprien	50	364
3.	NYG	S Landon Collins	50	349
4.	Ari.	S Budda Baker	50	344
5.	G.B.	S Morgan Burnett	50	341

SACKS, DEFENSIVE BACKS, FIRST 50 CAREER GAMES, NFL, SINCE 1982

Rank	Team/s	Player	Sacks
1.	NYJ/Sea.	S Jamal Adams	15.5
2.	Dal.	DB Bill Bates	12.0
3.	StL	S Adam Archuleta	10.5
4.	Hou.^	S Keith Bostic	10.0
5.	LAC	S Derwin James Jr.	9.5
	T.B.	CB Ronde Barber	9.5
7.	T.B.	S Antoine Winfield Jr.	9.0

^Houston Oilers

James is one of eight players — and the only defensive back — since the turn of the century to post 350 tackles, five interceptions and nine sacks within the first 50 games of a career.

PLAYERS WITH 350 TACKLES, FIVE INTERCEPTIONS AND NINE SACKS, FIRST 50 CAREER GAMES, NFL, SINCE 2000

Seasons	Team	Player	Sacks	INTs	Tackles
2018-22	LAC	S Derwin James Jr.	9.5	7	372
2018-21	Ind.	LB Shaquille Leonard	15.0	9	476
2018-21	Chi.	LB Roquan Smith	13.0	5	422
2012-15	T.B.	LB Lavonte David	10.0	6	463
2012-15	Sea.	LB Bobby Wagner	9.5	5	432
2009-13	Hou.	LB Brian Cushing	9.5	8	358
2000-02	Chi.	LB Brian Urlacher	19.0	6	415

DERWIN JAMES JR.

A NOVEMBER TO REMEMBER

In a dominant November, **Derwin James Jr.**, posted 37 tackles (20 solo), two sacks, an interception and a pair of forced fumbles. He was the only defender during the month to have a sack, a pick and a forced fumble. James was recognized as AFC Defensive Player of the Month for his efforts in November.

James was also the only defensive back in the last 30 years and first player in a decade to have at least 30 tackles, multiple sacks, an interception and a forced fumble in a single November.

PLAYERS WITH 30 TACKLES, TWO SACKS, AN INTERCEPTION AND A FORCED FUMBLE, SINGLE NOVEMBER, NFL, SINCE 1991

Season	Team	Player	Sacks	FF	INTs	Tackles
2022	LAC	S Derwin James Jr.	2.0	2	1	37
2013	Oak.	LB Nick Roach	4.5	2	1	38
2009	Sea.	LB David Hawthorne	3.0	1	2	50
2008	Pit.	LB James Harrison	5.5	3	1	36
2005	Jax.	LB Mike Peterson	2.0	1	1	37
2004	Car.	LB Will Witherspoon	2.0	1	2	36
2003	Phi.	LB Nate Wayne	3.0	2	1	36
2001	G.B.	LB Nate Wayne	2.0	1	2	39
1999	T.B.	LB Derrick Brooks	2.0	2	2	39

DERWIN'S PICKS AND SACKS BY PASSER

Derwin James Jr., has recorded seven interceptions and 9.5 sacks in his career. He has brought down Patrick Mahomes the most, totaling two sacks of the Texas Tech product. Below is a look at his career regular-season sacks and interceptions by passer:

REGULAR-SEASON CAREER INTs BY PASSER (7)

INTs	Passer	Most Recent INT
1	QB Derek Carr	Oct. 4, 2021 vs. L.V.
	QB Nick Foles	Dec. 26, 2022 at Ind.
	QB Jared Goff	Sept. 23, 2018 at LAR
	QB Drew Lock	Nov. 28, 2021 at Den.
	QB Kyler Murray	Nov. 27, 2022 at Ari.
	QB Ben Roethlisberger	Dec. 2, 2018 at Pit.
	QB Josh Rosen	Nov. 25, 2018 vs. Ari.

REGULAR-SEASON CAREER SACKS BY PASSER (9.5)

Sacks	Passer	Most Recent Sack
2.0	QB Patrick Mahomes	Nov. 20, 2022 vs. K.C.
1.5	QB Baker Mayfield	Oct. 10, 2021 vs. Cle.
1.0	QB Josh Allen	Sept. 16, 2018 at Buf.
	QB C.J. Beathard	Sept. 30, 2018 vs. S.F.
	QB Derek Carr	Sept. 11, 2022 vs. L.V.
	QB Marcus Mariota	Nov. 6, 2022 at Atl.
	QB Russell Wilson	Oct. 17, 2022 vs. Den.
0.5	QB Joe Burrow	Dec. 5, 2021 at Cin.
	QB Dak Prescott	Sept. 19, 2021 vs. Dal.



A DEFENSIVE CHESS PIECE

In 2022, **Derwin James Jr.**, had 115 tackles and was one of just five NFL players on the season to total at least four sacks, a forced fumble, an interception and 100 tackles.

James is just the third player since 2000 to have consecutive 100-tackle seasons after missing an entire year due to injury.

PLAYERS WITH 100 TACKLES, FOUR SACKS, AN INTERCEPTION AND A FORCED FUMBLE, NFL, 2022

Rk.	Team	Player	Sacks	FF	INTs	Tackles
1.	LAC	LB Drue Tranquill	5.0	1	1	144
2.	Bal.	LB Patrick Queen	5.0	1	2	117
3.	LAC	S Derwin James Jr.	4.0	2	2	115
4.	Car.	LB Frankie Luvu	7.0	1	1	111
5.	Chi.	DB Jaquan Brisker	4.0	1	1	104

PLAYERS WITH CONSECUTIVE 100-TACKLE SEASONS FOLLOWING AN ENTIRE MISSED YEAR DUE TO INJURY, NFL, SINCE 2000

Seasons	Team/s	Player	Tackles
2021-22	LAC	S Derwin James Jr.**	118 and 109
2015-16	Dal.	LB Sean Lee***	128 and 145
2011-12	Cle.	LB D'Qwell Jackson	158 and 119

**Pro Bowl Selection*

†Associated Press First-Team All-Pro

James is also one of seven defensive backs since the turn of the century to record at least 100 tackles, four sacks and a forced fumble in a single season.

DEFENSIVE BACKS WITH 100 TACKLES, FOUR SACKS AND A FORCED FUMBLE, SINGLE SEASON, NFL, SINCE 2000

Season	Team	Player	Sacks	FF	Tackles
2022	LAC	S Derwin James Jr.	4.0	2	115
2022	Chi.	DB Jaquan Brisker	4.0	1	104
2019	Car.	S Eric Reid	4.0	1	129
2019	Ten.	CB Logan Ryan	4.5	4	113
2010	Oak.	S Tyvon Branch	4.0	1	101
2005	Ari.	S Adrian Wilson	8.0	1	108
2000	S.D.	S Rodney Harrison	6.0	1	127

KHALIL MACK

MACK ATTACK

Since entering the NFL in 2014, **Khalil Mack** has totaled 84.5 sacks, the sixth-most over that span. He's one of football's top defenders at forcing turnovers, ranking No. 2 in strip-sacks and forced fumbles since entering the professional ranks.

Mack's 241 career hurries lead the league since he entered the NFL in 2014, while his 399 pressures rank No. 2 over that span.

SACKS, NFL, SINCE 2014

Rank	Team/s	Player	Sacks
1.	LAR	DT Aaron Donald	103.5
2.	N.E./Ari./L.V.	OLB Chandler Jones	94.5
	N.O.	DE Cameron Jordan	94.5
4.	Den./LAR/Buf.	OLB Von Miller	88.5
5.	K.C./Ind./Bal./Car.	OLB Justin Houston	85.5
6.	Oak./Chi./LAC	OLB Khalil Mack	84.5
7.	Pit.	LB T.J. Watt	81.5

STRIP-SACKS, NFL, SINCE 2014

Rk.	Team/s	Player	Strip Sacks
1.	N.E./Ari./L.V.	OLB Chandler Jones	26
2.	Oak./Chi./LAC	OLB Khalil Mack	19
3.	LAR	DT Aaron Donald	18
	Pit.	LB T.J. Watt	18
	StL/LAR/Mia./Dal./Chi./Phi.	LB Robert Quinn	18
	Jax./Min./Bal./L.V./Ind./Chi.	DE Yannick Ngakoue	18

FORCED FUMBLES, NFL, SINCE 2014

Rank	Team/s	Player	Forced Fum.
1.	N.E./Ari./L.V.	OLB Chandler Jones	30
2.	Oak./Chi./LAC	OLB Khalil Mack	25
	Pit.	LB T.J. Watt	25
	T.B.	LB Lavonte David	25
5.	LAR	DT Aaron Donald	24

QUARTERBACK HURRIES, NFL, SINCE 2014

Rank	Team/s	Player	Hurries
1.	Oak./Chi./LAC	OLB Khalil Mack	241
2.	LAR	DT Aaron Donald	207
3.	Den./LAR/Buf.	OLB Von Miller	205
4.	N.O.	DE Cameron Jordan	200
5.	Buf./Hou.	DL Jerry Hughes	198

POSTSEASON SACKS

Khalil Mack registered his first career postseason sack in the AFC Wild Card at Jacksonville.

POSTSEASON CAREER SACKS BY PASSER (1.0)

Sacks	Passer	Most Recent Sack
1.0	QB Trevor Lawrence	Jan. 14, 2023 at Jax.* *AFC Wild Card

MACK'S SACKS AND PICKS BY PASSER

Khalil Mack has sacked 39 different players in the regular season for a total of 84.5 career sacks. He dropped QB Brock Osweiler six times in his career, including five times in a single game. Mack has also picked off three passes, including two that he returned for a touchdown. Below is a look at his career regular-season sacks and interceptions by quarterback:

REGULAR-SEASON CAREER SACKS BY PASSER (84.5)

Sacks	Passer	Most Recent Sack
6.0	QB Brock Osweiler	Nov. 21, 2016 vs. Hou.
5.5	QB Aaron Rodgers	Oct. 17, 2021 at Chi.
	QB Alex Smith	Dec. 10, 2017 at K.C.
5.0	QB Trevor Siemian	Nov. 26, 2017 vs. Den.
4.0	QB Derek Carr	Sept. 11, 2022 L.V.
	QB Kirk Cousins	Dec. 20, 2020 at Min.
3.0	QB Tom Brady	Oct. 8, 2020 vs. T.B.
	QB Jared Goff	Oct. 3, 2021 vs. Det.
	QB Josh McCown	Sept. 17, 2017 vs. NYJ
	QB Dak Prescott	Dec. 5, 2019 vs. Dal.
2.0	QB Sam Bradford	Sept. 23, 2018 at Ari.
	QB Teddy Bridgewater	Oct. 18, 2020 at Car.
	QB Joe Flacco	Sept. 15, 2019 at Den.
	QB Daniel Jones	Sept. 20, 2020 vs. NYG
	QB Colin Kaepernick	Dec. 7, 2017 vs. S.F.
	QB Case Keenum	Sept. 23, 2019 at Was.
	QB Patrick Mahomes	Sept. 15, 2022 at K.C.
	QB Marcus Mariota	Nov. 29, 2015 at Ten.
	QB Baker Mayfield	Sept. 26, 2021 at Cle.
	QB Philip Rivers	Oct. 27, 2019 vs. LAC
	QB Geno Smith	Dec. 3, 2017 vs. NYG
	QB Matthew Stafford	Nov. 11, 2018 vs. Det.
	QB Russell Wilson	Oct. 17, 2022 vs. Den.
1.0	QB Jameis Winston	Oct. 30, 2016 at T.B.
	QB Blake Bortles	Oct. 23, 2016 at Jax.
	QB Drew Brees	Nov. 1, 2020 vs. N.O.
	QB Joe Burrow	Sept. 19, 2021 vs. Cin.
	QB Jay Cutler	Oct. 4, 2015 at Chi.
	QB Ryan Fitzpatrick	Sept. 30, 2018 vs. T.B.
	QB Nick Foles	Dec. 26, 2022 at Ind.
	QB Jimmy Garoppolo	Nov. 13, 2022 at S.F.
	QB DeShone Kizer	Sept. 9, 2018 at G.B.
	QB Eli Manning	Dec. 2, 2018 at NYG
	QB Davis Mills	Oct. 2, 2022 at Hou.
	QB Cam Newton	Nov. 27, 2016 vs. Car.
	QB Kyle Orton	Dec. 21, 2014 vs. Buf.
	QB Tyrod Taylor	Dec. 4, 2016 vs. Buf.
	QB Deshaun Watson	Dec. 13, 2020 vs. Hou.
0.5	QB Matt Ryan	Sept. 27, 2020 at Atl.

REGULAR-SEASON CAREER INTs BY PASSER (3)

INTs	Passer	Most Recent INT
1	QB Kirk Cousins	Nov. 16, 2020 vs. Min.
	QB DeShone Kizer	Sept. 9, 2018 at G.B.
	QB Cam Newton	Nov. 27, 2016 vs. Car.

JOEY BOSA



NOT YOUR AVERAGE JOEY

Since entering the NFL in 2016, **Joey Bosa** has been a force, recording the sixth-best sacks-per-game over that span (min. 80 games played). He also ranks No. 12 in that time with 62.5 sacks.

SACKS PER GAME, MIN. 80 GAMES PLAYED, SINCE 2016

Rank	Team/s	Player	Sacks/Game
1.	Pit.	LB T.J. Watt	0.92
2.	Cle.	DE Myles Garrett	0.88
3.	LAR	DT Aaron Donald	0.77
4.	Ari./L.V.	OLB Chandler Jones	0.77
5.	Min.	OLB Danielle Hunter	0.77
6.	LAC	OLB Joey Bosa	0.73
7.	Den./LAR/Buf.	OLB Von Miller	0.71
8.	N.O.	DE Cameron Jordan	0.68
9.	Oak./Chi./LAC	OLB Khalil Mack	0.63
10.	K.C.	DT Chris Jones	0.62

SACKS LEADERS, NFL, SINCE 2016

Rank	Team/s	Player	Sacks
1.	LAR	DT Aaron Donald	83.5
2.	Pit.	LB T.J. Watt	81.5
3.	N.O.	DE Cameron Jordan	77.0
4.	Ari./L.V.	OLB Chandler Jones	76.0
5.	Cle.	DE Myles Garrett	75.5
6.	Min.	OLB Danielle Hunter	69.0
7.	K.C.	DT Chris Jones	66.5
8.	Jax./Min./Bal./L.V./Ind./Chi.	DE Yannick Ngakoue	66.0
9.	Oak./Chi./LAC	OLB Khalil Mack	65.5
10.	Bal./N.E.	LB Matthew Judon	64.5
11.	Den./LAR/Buf.	OLB Von Miller	63.5
12.	LAC	OLB Joey Bosa	62.5
13.	Pit.	DE Cameron Heyward	56.5

FORCING THE ISSUE

After leading the NFL with seven strip-sacks in 2021, **Joey Bosa** continues to be among the league's best at jarring the ball free. He had one strip-sack last year to reach 13 career strip-sacks, which leads the NFL since 2021 despite missing 12 games due to injury.

STRIP-SACKS LEADERS, NFL, SINCE 2021

Rank	Team/s	Player	Strip Sacks
1.	LAC	OLB Joey Bosa	8
2.	Car./Phi.	LB Haason Reddick	7
3.	Cin.	DE Trey Hendrickson	6
	Dal.	LB Micah Parsons	6
	Pit.	LB T.J. Watt	6
	Pit.	LB Alex Highsmith	6

FORCED FUMBLES LEADERS, NFL, SINCE 2021

Rank	Team/s	Player	Forced Fumbles
1.	LAC	OLB Joey Bosa	8
	Ind.	LB Shaquille Leonard	8
	Pit.	LB T.J. Watt	8
4.	Ari./L.V.	OLB Chandler Jones	7
	Car./Phi.	LB Haason Reddick	7
	Dal.	LB Micah Parsons	7
	Pit.	LB Alex Highsmith	7
	S.F./Car.	CB Josh Norman	7

STRIP-SACKS LEADERS, NFL, 2021

Rank	Team	Player	Strip Sacks
1.	LAC	OLB Joey Bosa	7
2.	Ari.	OLB Chandler Jones	5
3.	Chi.	LB Robert Quinn	4
	Pit.	LB T.J. Watt	4

Bosa has gone for the ball when taking down the quarterback since he entered the NFL. His 13 career strip-sacks are tied for the eighth-most since 2016.

Nine of Bosa's 13 career strip-sacks came on third down, which leads the NFL over that span. Six of his strip-sacks have come since 2021, which is also a league-high.

STRIP-SACKS LEADERS, THIRD DOWN, NFL, SINCE 2016

Rk.	Team/s	Player	Strip Sacks
1.	LAC	OLB Joey Bosa	9
2.	StL/LAR/Mia./Dal./Chi./Phi.	LB Robert Quinn	8
	Jax./LAR/Atl./Dal.	DE Dante Fowler Jr.	8
4.	LAR	DT Aaron Donald	7
5.	K.C./Ind./Bal.	OLB Justin Houston	6
	Ari./L.V.	OLB Chandler Jones	6

STRIP-SACKS LEADERS, THIRD DOWN, NFL, SINCE 2021

Rank	Team	Player	Strip Sacks
1.	LAC	OLB Joey Bosa	6
2.	Car.	OLB Brian Burns	3
	Cin.	DE Trey Hendrickson	3
	Sea.	LB Darrell Taylor	3
5.	—	12 Other Players	2

JOEY BOSA

BOSA'S SACKS BY PASSER

Joey Bosa has 62.5 career sacks. He has sacked Las Vegas QB Derek Carr 8.5 times in his career, more than he's sacked any other quarterback. Bosa has brought down 38 different passers in his career, including 13 more than once. Below is a look at his career sacks by passer:

REGULAR-SEASON CAREER SACKS BY PASSER (62.5)

Sacks	Passer	Most Recent Sack
8.5	QB Derek Carr	Sept. 11, 2022 vs. L.V.
4.0	QB Ryan Tannehill	Sept. 17, 2023 at Ten.
3.5	QB Trevor Siemian	Oct. 22, 2017 vs. Den.
2.5	QB Patrick Mahomes	Dec. 16, 2021 vs. K.C.
	QB Gardner Minshew II	Oct. 25, 2020 vs. Jax.
	QB Josh Rosen	Sept. 29, 2019 at Mia.
2.0	QB Josh Allen	Nov. 29, 2020 at Buf.
	QB Robert Griffin III	Dec. 24, 2016 at Cle.
	QB Eli Manning	Oct. 8, 2015 at NYG
	QB Ben Roethlisberger	Nov. 21, 2021 vs. Pit.
	QB Matt Ryan	Oct. 23, 2016 at Atl.
	QB Alex Smith	Sept. 24, 2017 vs. K.C.
	QB Mitchell Trubisky	Oct. 27, 2019 at Chi.
1.5	QB Lamar Jackson	Oct. 17, 2021 at Bal.
	QB Aaron Rodgers	Nov. 3, 2019 vs. G.B.
1.0	WR Davante Adams	Sept. 11, 2022 vs. L.V.
	QB Matt Barkley	Nov. 29, 2020 at Buf.
	QB Blake Bortles	Nov. 12, 2017 at Jax.
	QB Tom Brady	Oct. 29, 2017 at N.E.
	QB QB Drew Brees	Oct. 12, 2020 at N.O.
	QB Teddy Bridgewater	Sept. 27, 2020 vs. Car.
	QB Jacoby Brissett	Sept. 8, 2019 vs. Ind.
	QB Joe Burrow	Sept. 13, 2020 at Cin.
	QB Kirk Cousins	Nov. 14, 2021 vs. Min.
	QB Jeff Driskel	Dec. 9, 2018 vs. Cin.
	QB Joe Flacco	Oct. 6, 2019 vs. Den.
	QB Ryan Fitzpatrick	Sept. 12, 2021 at Was.
	QB Mike Glennon	Dec. 12, 2021 vs. NYG
	QB Jalen Hurts	Nov. 7, 2021 at Phi.
	QB QB Case Keenum	Dec. 30, 2017 at Den.
	QB DeShone Kizer	Dec. 3, 2017 vs. Cle.
	QB Drew Lock	Nov. 28, 2021 at Den.
	QB Cam Newton	Dec. 11, 2016 at Car.
	QB Tyrod Taylor	Nov. 19, 2017 vs. Buf.
	QB Russell Wilson	Jan. 8, 2023 at Den.
	QB Jameis Winston	Dec. 4, 2016 vs. T.B.
0.5	QB Brock Osweiler	Nov. 27, 2016 at Hou.
	QB Deshaun Watson	Sept. 22, 2019 vs. Hou.

POSTSEASON CAREER SACKS BY PASSER (1.0)

Sacks	Passer	Most Recent Sack
1.0	QB Lamar Jackson	Jan. 6, 2019 at Bal.* *AFC Wild Card



ONE OF A KIND

With 8.5 sacks in his first eight games of 2017, Joey Bosa brought his career total to 19.0 sacks over his first 20 career games. That topped the previous NFL record of 18.5 set by Aldon Smith in 2012.

SACKS, FIRST 20 CAREER GAMES, NFL HISTORY

Rank	Team	Player	Sacks
1.	Chargers	DE Joey Bosa	19.0
2.	49ers	LB Aldon Smith	18.5
3.	Cowboys	LB Micah Parsons	17.0
	Packers	LB Clay Matthews	17.0

BRING THE HEAT

Joey Bosa ranks fourth for sacks in team history after reaching 60 for his career. He eclipsed 50 in his 67th game of his career, setting the mark for the fastest by any player in Chargers history.

CAREER SACKS LEADERS, CHARGERS HISTORY SINCE 1982

Rank	Seasons	Player	Sacks
1.	1986-95	DE Leslie O'Neal	105.5
2.	2004-12	LB Shaun Phillips	69.5
3.	1984-90	DE Lee Williams	65.5
4.	2016-Present	OLB Joey Bosa	62.5
5.	2012-20	DE Melvin Ingram III	49.0
6.	1990-2002	LB Junior Seau	47.0

FEWEST GAMES TO 50 SACKS, CHARGERS HISTORY

Rank	Seasons	Player	Games
1.	2016-21	OLB Joey Bosa	67
2.	1986-91	DE Leslie O'Neal	70
3.	1984-89	DE Lee Williams	75
4.	2004-10	LB Shaun Phillips	96

OFFENSIVE PLAYER NOTES

PARHAM SNAGS ANOTHER SCORE

Eight of **TE Donald Parham Jr.**'s 44 career receptions have gone for a touchdown, including his one-yard grab in Week 1. Among players with at least 40 catches since he entered the NFL in 2020, Parham leads all players with a rate of 5.50 receptions per touchdown.

RECEPTIONS PER TOUCHDOWN, MIN. 40 REC., NFL, SINCE 2020

Rank	Team/s	Player	Receptions Per Touchdown
1.	LAC	TE Donald Parham Jr.	5.50
2.	Chi./N.O.	TE Jimmy Graham	5.82
	N.O.	TE Juwan Johnson	5.82
4.	G.B.	WR Christian Watson	5.86
5.	Buf.	WR Gabe Davis	6.00

PIPKINS HAULS IN A TWO-POINT CONVERSION



In the second quarter of Week 2, **T Trey Pipkins III** caught a two-point conversion from **QB Justin Herbert** as an eligible receiver. He became just the second NFL offensive lineman to haul in a two-point conversion in at least the last 60 years (Giants T Andrew Thomas in 2020).

KELLEY MOVES THE CHAINS



In 2023, **RB Joshua Kelley** has converted 11 of his rushing attempts for first downs, the most in the AFC and tied for the second-most in the NFL this season. Kelley is the only AFC player with double-digit rushing first downs.

RUSHING FIRST DOWNS, NFL, 2023

Rank	Team	Player	Rushing 1st Downs
1.	Was.	RB Brian Robinson Jr.	13
2.	LAC	RB Joshua Kelley	11
	Atl.	RB Bijan Robinson	11
	S.F.	RB Christian McCaffrey	11
5.	Ari.	RB James Conner	10
	Phi.	RB D'Andre Swift	10

DEFENSIVE PLAYER NOTES

KENDRICKS HITS THE CENTURY MARK

A defensive stalwart, **LB Eric Kendricks** has topped 100 total defensive tackles in seven-straight seasons. It's the second-longest active streak in the NFL.

CONSECUTIVE SEASONS WITH 100 TOTAL TACKLES, ACTIVE NFL STREAKS

Rank	Team/s	Player	Consecutive Seasons
1.	Sea./LAR	LB Bobby Wagner	11 (2012-22)
2.	Min./LAC	LB Eric Kendricks	7 (2016-22)
3.	NYJ/N.O.	LB Demario Davis	6 (2017-22)
4.	Buf./Chi.	LB Tremaine Edmunds	5 (2018-22)
	Chi./Bal.	LB Roquan Smith	5 (2018-22)
	S.F.	LB Fred Warner	5 (2018-22)

MR. INT

CB J.C. Jackson has logged 28 total takeaways (26 interceptions, two fumble recoveries) in his career. He leads all NFL players in interceptions and ranks second in total takeaways since he entered the league in 2018.

INTERCEPTION LEADERS, NFL, SINCE 2018

Rank	Team/s	Player	Interceptions
1.	N.E./LAC	CB J.C. Jackson	26
2.	Mia.	CB Xavien Howard	25
3.	Den.	S Justin Simmons	23
4.	Det./Sea.	S Quandre Diggs	20
5.	Mia./Pit.	S Minkah Fitzpatrick	19
	Ten.	S Kevin Byard	19

DEFENSIVE TAKEAWAY LEADERS, NFL, SINCE 2018

Rank	Team/s	Player	Takeaways
1.	Mia.	CB Xavien Howard	30
2.	N.E./LAC	CB J.C. Jackson	28
3.	Den.	S Justin Simmons	25
4.	Mia./Pit.	S Minkah Fitzpatrick	24
5.	Hou./K.C./N.O.	S Tyrann Mathieu	23

BREAK 'EM UP

CB Michael Davis set a career high with 15 passes defended in 2022, his third consecutive year with at least 10 passes defended, making him one of six players to do in each season since 2020. **CB Asante Samuel Jr.**, has also registered at least 10 passes defended in each of the last two seasons.

CONSECUTIVE SEASONS WITH 10-PLUS PASSES DEFENSED, ACTIVE NFL STREAKS SINCE 2020

Rank	Team/s	Player	Consecutive Seasons
1.	LAC	CB Michael Davis	3 (2020-22)
	Cle.	CB Denzel Ward	3 (2020-22)
	Dal.	CB Trevon Diggs	3 (2020-22)
	Mia.	CB Xavien Howard	3 (2020-22)
	NYG/Phi.	CB James Bradberry	3 (2020-22)
	T.B.	CB Carlton Davis	3 (2020-22)
	Was.	CB Kendall Fuller	3 (2020-22)
8.	LAC	CB Asante Samuel Jr.	2 (2021-22)
	—	Seven Other Players	2 (2021-22)

JACKSON LEADS AFC IN PASS BREAKUPS

With three passes defended, including an interception, **CB J.C. Jackson** is tied for the third-most pass breakups in the NFL and is tied for the most in the AFC in 2023.

PASSES DEFENSED, NFL, 2023

Rank	Team	Player	Passes Defended
1.	N.O.	CB Marshon Lattimore	5
2.	Phi.	CB Darius Slay	4
3.	LAC	CB J.C. Jackson	3
	—	13 Other Players	3

DEFENSIVE PLAYER NOTES

BASH AMONG TFL LEADERS

Acquired in the 2022 offseason as an unrestricted free agent, **DL Sebastian Joseph-Day** made his presence felt as an anchor on the interior of the defensive line. Among AFC interior defensive linemen, his nine tackles for loss in 2022 tied for No. 2 and tied for the most by a Chargers interior defensive lineman since at least 2008, when the stat began being tracked officially.

TACKLES FOR LOSS, INTERIOR DEFENSIVE LINEMEN, AFC, 2022

Rank	Team	Player	Tackles for Loss
1.	Ind.	DT DeForest Buckner	11
2.	LAC	DL Sebastian Joseph-Day	9
	Buf.	DT Ed Oliver	9
	Hou.	DL Maliek Collins	9
	Ind.	DT Grover Stewart	9
6.	Bal.	DT Justin Madubuike	8

Joseph-Day set a single-season career high with 56 tackles in 2022 and added an interception in the regular-season finale to go along with his nine tackles for loss. Since tackles for loss began being officially tracked in 2008, he is just the third interior defensive lineman to top 50 tackles, post eight tackles for loss and have an interception in a single season.

INTERIOR DEFENSIVE LINEMEN WITH 50 TACKLES, EIGHT TACKLES FOR LOSS AND AN INTERCEPTION, SINGLE SEASON, NFL, SINCE 2008

Season	Team	Player	TFLs	INTs	Tackles
2022	LAC	DL Sebastian Joseph-Day	9	1	56
2010	Det.	Ndamukong Suh	13	1	66
2009	Ari.	Darnell Dockett	18	1	51

ZONT WITH EARLY SUCCESS

CB Asante Samuel Jr., became the fourth Charger since the turn of the century to register 100 tackles, 10 passes defended and four interceptions over the first two seasons of a career. He joined Quentin Jammer as the only Chargers over that span to top 100 tackles, pick off four passes and break up 20 passes.

CHARGERS WITH 100 TACKLES, 10 PASSES DEFENSED AND FOUR INTERCEPTIONS, FIRST TWO SEASONS, SINCE 2000

Seasons	Player	PDs	INTs	Tackles
2021-22	CB Asante Samuel Jr.	22	4	100
2017-18	DB Desmond King II	15	4	132
2003-04	S Terrence Kiel	14	4	155
2002-03	CB Quentin Jammer	23	4	135

A POSTSEASON DEBUT FOR THE AGES

CB Asante Samuel Jr., picked off a three passes and registered six passes defended, including two interceptions and four passes defended in the first quarter of the AFC Wild Card. His three interceptions tied for the second-most in a single postseason game in NFL history and were the most since the 2003 Championship Weekend.

Samuel was the first player in NFL history to pick off three passes in a postseason debut. He was also the only player in the last 30 seasons to have multiple interceptions in the first quarter of a postseason game and the only player over that span to have three interceptions in a single first half of a postseason game.

The second-year cornerback broke up six passes on the day, ranking tied for third-most all-time in a single postseason game. He joined Troy Vincent as the only players in the last 30 seasons to have five passes defended in the first half of a postseason game.

INTERCEPTIONS, SINGLE POSTSEASON GAME, NFL HISTORY

Rk.	Team	Player	Game	INTs
1.	Hou. [^]	DB Vernon Perry	Dec. 29, 1979 at S.D.	4
2.	LAC	CB Asante Samuel Jr.	Jan. 14, 2023 at Jax.	3
	N.E.	CB Ty Law	Jan. 18, 2004 vs. Ind.	3
	Car.	CB Ricky Manning	Jan. 18, 2004 at Phi.	3
	Mia.	LB A.J. Duhe	Jan. 23, 1983 vs. NYJ	3
	Dal.	DB Dennis Thurman	Jan. 16, 1983 vs. G.B.	3
	Oak.	LB Rod Martin	Jan. 25, 1981 vs. Phi.	3
	Dal.	DB Charlie Waters	Dec. 26, 1977 vs. Chi.	3

PASSES DEFENSED, SINGLE POSTSEASON GAME, NFL, SINCE 1991

Rk.	Team	Player	Game	PDs
1.	Ari.	DB Corey Chavous	Jan. 2, 1999 vs. Dal.	7
	Hou. [^]	CB Steve Jackson	Jan. 16, 1994 vs. K.C.	7
3.	LAC	CB Asante Samuel Jr.	Jan. 14, 2023 at Jax.	6
	G.B.	CB Mike McKenzie	Jan. 11, 2004 at Phi.	6
	Dal.	DB Kevin Mathis	Jan. 2, 1999 vs. Ari.	6
6.	—	Nine Other Players		5

[^]Houston Oilers

SAMUEL SETS TEAM POSTSEASON RECORDS

CB Asante Samuel Jr.'s three interceptions in the 2022 postseason tied for the most in a Chargers postseason career and set the postseason team record for single-game picks.

INTERCEPTIONS, SINGLE POSTSEASON GAME, CHARGERS HISTORY

Rk.	Player	Game (Round)	INTs
1.	CB Asante Samuel Jr.	Jan. 14, 2023 at Jax. (AFC W.C.)	3
2.	FS Glen Edwards	Jan. 3, 1981 vs. Buf. (AFC Div.)	2
	S Charlie McNeil	Jan. 24, 1961 vs. Hou. Oilers (AFL Ch.)	2
	S Bud Whitehead	Jan. 24, 1961 vs. Hou. Oilers (AFL Ch.)	2
	S Bob Zeman	Jan. 24, 1961 vs. Hou. Oilers (AFL Ch.)	2
6.	LB Drue Tranquill	Jan. 14, 2023 at Jax. (AFC W.C.)	1
	27 Other Occurrences		1

SPECIALIST NOTES

DICKER MAKES HIS KICKS

Last season, **K Cameron Dicker** made 21-of-22 field goals (95.5 pct.) to set the record for best field goal percentage by a rookie kicker since the 1970 NFL-AFL Merger (min. 15 att.). He's picked up where he left off, making all five field goal attempts in 2023. Dicker's 96.2 career field goal percentage (26-of-27) is the best within the first two seasons of a career among kickers with at least 25 field goal attempts.

FIELD GOAL PCT., FIRST TWO SEASONS, MIN. 25 ATTEMPTS, NFL, SINCE 1970

Rank	Team/s	Player	Field Goal Pct. (Made-Att.)
1.	Phi./LAC	K Cameron Dicker	96.2 (26-27)
2.	Bal.	K Justin Tucker	91.9 (68-74)
3.	Pit.	K Chris Boswell	90.6 (29-32)
4.	K.C.	K Harrison Butker	89.9 (62-69)
5.	Dal.	K Dan Bailey	89.7 (61-68)
	Min.	K Blair Walsh	89.7 (61-68)

DICKER IN THE CLUTCH

Over the last two seasons, **K Cameron Dicker** has made three field goals with less than 10 seconds remaining in regulation, ranking No. 2 in the NFL.

MADE FIELD GOALS, LESS THAN 10 SECONDS REMAINING IN REGULATION, NFL, SINCE 2022

Rank	Team/s	Player	Made Field Goals
1.	Buf.	K Tyler Bass	5
2.	Phi./LAC	K Cameron Dicker	3
3.	LAR/Dal.	K Brett Maher	2
	Det./Jax.	K Riley Patterson	2
5.	—	Six Other Players	1

DAVIS AMONG PUNT RETURN LEADERS

With 66 yards on five punt returns, **WR Darius Davis** ranks No. 6 in the NFL this season with a 13.2-yard punt return average among qualifying returners. Davis recorded 63 of his punt return yards in Week 2, the most punt return yards by a Charger in a single game since 2019.

PUNT RETURN AVERAGE, QUALIFYING RETURNERS, NFL, 2023

Rank	Team	Player	Punt Return Avg.
1.	Cin.	WR Charlie Jones	26.3
2.	NYJ	WR Xavier Gipson	24.3
3.	G.B.	WR Jayden Reed	18.0
4.	Jax.	WR Jamal Agnew	15.8
5.	S.F.	R Ray-Ray McCloud III	13.5
6.	LAC	WR Darius Davis	13.2
7.	Det.	WR Khalif Raymond	11.0

SCOTT FLIPS THE FIELD

P JK Scott was a field-position weapon for the Chargers in 2022, pinning opponents inside their 20-yard line 28 times. He placed punts inside the 20 on 38.4 percent of his punts, the fourth-best punt inside the 20 percentage in the AFC in 2022 (min. 60 punts).

Scott also registered a 41.5-yard net punting average, good for the fourth-best in the AFC among and players with at least 60 punts. His net punting average of 41.5 yards was the best by a Chargers punter in at least the last 20 seasons.

PUNT INSIDE THE 20 PCT., MIN. 60 PUNTS, AFC, 2022

Rank	Team	Player	Punts Inside the 20 Pct.
1.	Mia.	P Thomas Morstead	45.9
2.	Hou.	P Cameron Johnston	42.1
3.	Ind.	P Matt Haack	40.0
4.	LAC	P JK Scott	38.4
5.	Cle.	P Corey Bojorquez	37.7

NET PUNTING AVERAGE, MIN. 60 PUNTS, AFC, 2022

Rank	Team	Player	Net Punting Average
1.	Ten.	P Ryan Stonehouse	44.0
2.	Hou.	P Cameron Johnston	42.6
3.	Den.	P Corliss Waitman	41.5
4.	LAC	P JK Scott	41.5
5.	Ind.	P Matt Haack	41.2
6.	Pit.	P Pressley Harvin	41.1

Scott posted three-plus punts inside the 20-yard line in five games, tied for the most performances in the AFC in 2022.

MOST GAMES WITH THREE-PLUS PUNTS INSIDE THE 20-YARD LINE, AFC, 2022

Rank	Team	Player	Games
1.	LAC	P JK Scott	5
	Hou.	P Cameron Johnston	5
	Ind.	P Matt Haack	5
	Mia.	P Thomas Morstead	5
	Ten.	P Ryan Stonehouse	5
6.	Den.	P Corliss Waitman	4

DICKER SETS SINGLE-SEASON TEAM RECORD

In 10 games played with the Bolts in 2022, **K Cameron Dicker** made 19-of-20 field goal attempts (95.0 pct.). It's the best single-season field goal percentage in team history among players with at least 15 field goal attempts.

FIELD GOAL PCT., MIN. 15 ATTEMPTS, SINGLE SEASON, CHARGERS HISTORY

Rank	Season	Player	Field Goal Pct. (Made-Att.)
1.	2022	K Cameron Dicker	95.0 (19-20)
2.	2018	K Michael Badgley	93.8 (15-16)
3.	2013	K Nick Novak	91.9 (34-37)
4.	2009	K Nate Kaeding	91.4 (32-35)
5.	1990	K John Carney	90.5 (19-21)

CAREER NUMBERS AGAINST VIKINGS

13		KEENAN ALLEN						WR	
REGULAR SEASON RECEIVING									
Date	Opp.	Res.	GP/GS	Rec.	Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD	
09/27/15	at Min.	L	1/1	12	133	11.1	34t	2	
12/15/19	Min.	L	1/1	9	99	11.0	19	0	
11/14/21	Min.	L	1/1	8	98	12.3	26	0	
Totals			0-3	3/3	29	330	11.4	34t	2

7		GERALD EVERETT						TE	
REGULAR SEASON RECEIVING									
Date	Opp.	Res.	GP/GS	Rec.	Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD	
11/19/17	at Min.	L	1/0	1	8	8.0	8	0	
09/27/18	Min.	W	1/0	1	13	13.0	13	0	
09/26/21	at Min.	L	1/1	5	54	10.8	17	0	
Totals			1-2	3/1	75	10.7	17	0	

97		JOEY BOSA										OLB						
REGULAR SEASON DEFENSE																		
Date	Opp.	Res.	GP/GS	Tot	Solo	Asst	Sks	Yds	TFL	QBH	INT	Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	Yds
12/15/19	Min.	L	1/1	5	5	0	0.0	0	1	1	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0
11/14/21	Min.	L	1/1	4	3	1	1.0	8	0	1	0	0	—	0	0	1	0	0
Totals			0-2	1/1	9	8	1	1.0	7	1	2	0	—	0	0	1	0	0

43		MICHAEL DAVIS										CB						
REGULAR SEASON DEFENSE																		
Date	Opp.	Res.	GP/GS	Tot	Solo	Asst	Sks	Yds	TFL	QBH	INT	Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	Yds
12/15/19	Min.	L	1/1	5	2	1	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	—	0	2	0	0	0
Totals			0-1	1/1	5	2	1	0.0	0	0	0	0	—	0	2	0	0	0

30		AUSTIN EKELER										RB				
REGULAR SEASON OFFENSE																
Date	Opp.	Res.	GP/GS	Att	Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD	Rec.	Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD	Scrim. Yds	Scrim. TD	
12/15/19	Min.	L	1/0	7	19	2.7	11	0	5	62	12.4	27	0	81	0	
11/14/21	Min.	L	1/1	11	44	4.0	9	0	3	15	5.0	7	1	59	1	
Totals			0-2	2/1	18	63	3.5	11	0	8	77	9.6	27	1	140	

56		MORGAN FOX										DL						
REGULAR SEASON DEFENSE																		
Date	Opp.	Res.	GP/GS	Tot	Solo	Asst	Sks	Yds	TFL	QBH	INT	Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	Yds
11/19/17	at Ten.	W	1/0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0
12/18/22	Ten.	W	1/1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0
Totals			2-0	2/1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0

32		ALOHI GILMAN										S						
REGULAR SEASON DEFENSE																		
Date	Opp.	Res.	GP/GS	Tot	Solo	Asst	Sks	Yds	TFL	QBH	INT	Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	Yds
11/14/21	Min.	L	1/1	6	2	4	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0
Totals			0-1	1/1	6	2	4	0.0	0	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0

10		JUSTIN HERBERT										QB				
REGULAR SEASON PASSING																
Date	Opp.	Res.	GP/GS	Cmp	Att	Pct.	Yds	Y/A	TD	INT	Lg	Sacks	Yds Lost	Rating		
11/14/21	Min.	L	1/1	20	34	58.8	195	5.74	1	1	26	2	24	72.5		
Totals			0-1	1/1	20	34	58.8	195	5.74	1	1	26	2	24		
REGULAR SEASON RUSHING																
Date	Opp.	Res.	GP/GS	Att	Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD								
11/14/21	Min.	L	1/1	2	22	11.0	17	0								
Totals			0-1	1/1	2	22	11.0	17	0							

CAREER NUMBERS AGAINST VIKINGS

27	J.C. JACKSON																CB	
REGULAR SEASON DEFENSE																		
Date	Opp.	Res.	GP/GS	Tot	Solo	Asst	Sks	Yds	TFL	QBH	INT	Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	Yds
12/02/18	Min.	W	1/1	4	4	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	—	0	1	0	0	0
Totals		1-0	1/1	4	4	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	—	0	1	0	0	0

3	DERWIN JAMES JR.																S	
REGULAR SEASON DEFENSE																		
Date	Opp.	Res.	GP/GS	Tot	Solo	Asst	Sks	Yds	TFL	QBH	INT	Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	Yds
12/15/19	Min.	L	1/1	8	6	2	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0
11/14/21	Min.	L	1/1	12	9	3	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	—	0	1	0	0	0
Totals		0-2	2/2	20	15	5	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	—	0	1	0	0	0

98	AUSTIN JOHNSON																DL	
REGULAR SEASON DEFENSE																		
Date	Opp.	Res.	GP/GS	Tot	Solo	Asst	Sks	Yds	TFL	QBH	INT	Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	Yds
09/11/16	Min.	L	1/0	1	0	1	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0
Totals		0-1	1/0	1	0	1	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0

25	JOSHUA KELLEY																RB
REGULAR SEASON OFFENSE																	
Date	Opp.	Res.	GP/GS	Att	Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD	Rec.	Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD	Scrim. Yds	Scrim. TD		
11/14/21	Min.	L	1/0	1	6	6.0	6	0	0	0	—	—	0	6	0		
Totals		0-1	1/0	1	6	6.0	6	0	0	0	—	—	0	6	0		

52	KHALIL MACK																OLB	
REGULAR SEASON DEFENSE																		
Date	Opp.	Res.	GP/GS	Tot	Solo	Asst	Sks	Yds	TFL	QBH	INT	Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	Yds
11/15/15	Min.	L	1/1	4	2	2	1.0	6	1	2	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0
11/18/18	Min.	W	1/1	2	2	0	1.0	8	1	2	0	0	—	0	1	1	1	0
12/30/18	at Min.	W	1/1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0
09/29/19	Min.	W	1/1	2	1	1	1.5	12.5	0	1	0	0	—	0	0	1	0	0
12/29/19	at Min.	W	1/1	1	0	1	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0
11/16/20	Min.	L	1/1	3	2	1	0.0	0	0	0	1	33	33	0	1	0	0	0
12/20/20	at Min.	W	1/1	3	1	2	0.5	4.5	0	1	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0
Totals		5-2	7/7	15	8	7	4.0	31	2	6	1	33	33	0	2	2	1	0

88	TRE' MCKITTY								TE
REGULAR SEASON RECEIVING									
Date	Opp.	Res.	GP/GS	Rec.	Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD	
11/14/21	Min.	L	1/1	0	0	—	—	0	
Totals		0-1	1/1	0	0	—	—	0	

5	JOSHUA PALMER								WR
REGULAR SEASON RECEIVING									
Date	Opp.	Res.	GP/GS	Rec.	Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD	
11/14/21	Min.	L	1/0	3	22	7.3	13	0	
Totals		0-1	1/0	3	22	7.3	13	0	

9	KENNETH MURRAY JR.																LB	
REGULAR SEASON DEFENSE																		
Date	Opp.	Res.	GP/GS	Tot	Solo	Asst	Sks	Yds	TFL	QBH	INT	Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	Yds
11/14/21	Min.	L	1/1	4	3	1	0.0	0	1	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0
Totals		0-1	1/1	4	3	1	0.0	0	1	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0

31	NICK NIEMANN																LB	
REGULAR SEASON DEFENSE																		
Date	Opp.	Res.	GP/GS	Tot	Solo	Asst	Sks	Yds	TFL	QBH	INT	Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	Yds
11/14/21	Min.	L	1/0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0
Totals		0-1	1/0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0

CAREER NUMBERS AGAINST VIKINGS

57 AMEN OGBONGBEMIGA LB

REGULAR SEASON DEFENSE

Date	Opp.	Res.	GP/GS	Tot	Solo	Asst	Sks	Yds	TFL	QBH	INT	Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	Yds
11/14/21	Min.	L	1/0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0
Totals		0-1	1/0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0

16 JK SCOTT P

REGULAR SEASON PUNTING

Date	Opp.	Res.	GP	Punt	Blk	Yds.	Avg.	Lg	TB	I20
09/16/18	Min.	T (OT)	1	5	0	259	51.8	63	1	2
11/25/18	at Min.	L	1	6	0	276	46.0	56	1	3
09/15/19	Min.	W	1	8	0	381	47.6	59	1	1
12/23/19	at Min.	W	1	5	0	234	46.8	60	0	2
09/13/20	at Min.	W	1	1	0	40	40.0	40	0	1
11/01/20	Min.	L	1	1	0	38	38.0	38	0	1
Totals		3-2-1	6	26	0	1,228	47.2	63	3	10

89 DONALD PARHAM JR. TE

REGULAR SEASON RECEIVING

Date	Opp.	Res.	GP/GS	Rec.	Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD
11/14/21	Min.	L	1/1	1	17	17.0	17	0
Totals		0-1	1/1	1	17	17.0	17	0

94 CHRIS RUMPH II OLB

REGULAR SEASON DEFENSE

Date	Opp.	Res.	GP/GS	Tot	Solo	Asst	Sks	Yds	TFL	QBH	INT	Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	Yds
11/14/21	Min.	L	1/0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0
Totals		0-1	1/0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0

26 ASANTE SAMUEL JR. CB

REGULAR SEASON DEFENSE

Date	Opp.	Res.	GP/GS	Tot	Solo	Asst	Sks	Yds	TFL	QBH	INT	Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	Yds
11/14/21	Min.	L	1/1	1	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	—	0	1	0	0	0
Totals		0-1	1/1	1	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	—	0	1	0	0	0

95 NICK WILLIAMS DL

REGULAR SEASON DEFENSE

Date	Opp.	Res.	GP/GS	Tot	Solo	Asst	Sks	Yds	TFL	QBH	INT	Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	Yds
10/18/15	at Min.	L	1/0	3	2	1	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0
09/29/19	Min.	W	1/1	7	3	4	2.0	14	2	2	0	0	—	0	0	0	1	0
12/29/19	at Min.	W	1/1	4	2	2	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0
11/08/20	at Min.	L	1/1	3	1	2	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0
01/03/21	Min.	L	1/1	1	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	—	0	1	0	0	0
10/10/21	at Min.	L	1/1	4	2	2	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0
12/05/21	Min.	W	1/1	1	0	1	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0
Totals		3-4	7/6	23	11	12	2.0	14	2	3	0	0	—	0	1	0	1	0

81 MIKE WILLIAMS WR

REGULAR SEASON RECEIVING

Date	Opp.	Res.	GP/GS	Rec.	Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD
12/15/19	Min.	L	1/1	4	71	17.8	39	1
11/14/21	Min.	L	1/1	4	33	8.3	11	0
Totals		0-2	2/2	8	104	13.0	39	1

2023 LOS ANGELES CHARGERS OFFENSIVE STATISTICS

Won 0, Lost 2

9/10/2023	L	34 - 36	Miami Dolphins
9/17/2023	L	24 - 27	at Tennessee Titans

	Los Angeles	Opponent
	Chargers	

Total First Downs	49	52						
Rushing	21	15						
Passing	24	32						
Penalty	4	5						
3rd Down: Made/Att	11/29	10/22						
3rd Down Pct.	37.9%	45.5%						
4th Down: Made/Att	3/4	1/2						
4th Down Pct.	75.0%	50.0%						
Possession Avg.	29:12	30:48						
Total Net Yards	775	877						
Avg. Per Game	387.5	438.5						
Total Plays	141	128						
Avg. Per Play	5.5	6.9						
Net Yards Rushing	294	211						
Avg. Per Game	147.0	105.5						
Total Rushes	61	54						
Net Yards Passing	481	666						
Avg. Per Game	240.5	333.0						
Sacked/Yards Lost	6/53	5/46						
Gross Yards	534	712						
Attempts/Completions	74/50	69/48						
Completion Pct.	67.6%	69.6%						
Had Intercepted	0	1						
Punts/Average	9/42.1	6/57.3						
Net Punting Avg.	38.7	43						
Penalties/Yards	10/113	13/83						
Fumbles/Ball Lost	0/0	2/1						
Touchdowns	6	7						
Rushing	3	3						
Passing	3	4						
Returns	0	0						
Score By Periods	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	OT	Pts		
Team	10	21	7	20	0	58		
Opponents	7	23	14	16	3	63		
Scoring	TD	Ru	Pa	Rt	PAT	FG	2Pt	Pts
C.Dicker	0	0	0	0	5/5	5/5	0	20
K.Allen	2	0	2	0	0/0	0/0	0	12
A.Ekeler	1	1	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	6
J.Herbert	1	1	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	6
J.Kelley	1	1	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	6
D.Parham	1	0	1	0	0/0	0/0	0	6
T.Pipkins	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	1	2
Team	6	3	3	0	5/5	5/5	1	58
Opponents	7	3	4	0	6/7	5/5	0	63

2-Pt. Conversions: Team 1/1, Opponents: 0/0
 Sacks: J.Bosa 2.0, M.Fox 1.0, K.Murray 1.0, T.Tuipulotu 1.0
Team: 5.0, Opponents: 6.0

Rushing	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
J.Kelley	29	130	4.5	15	1
A.Ekeler	16	117	7.3	55	1
J.Herbert	6	17	2.8	5	1
D.Davis	1	10	10.0	10	0
E.Dotson	4	6	1.5	2	0
K.Allen	2	6	3.0	4	0
I.Spiller	1	3	3.0	3	0
M.Williams	1	3	3.0	3	0
G.Everett	1	2	2.0	2	0
Team	61	294	4.8	55	3
Opponents	54	211	3.9	23	3

Receiving	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
K.Allen	14	187	13.4	42	2
M.Williams	12	128	10.7	24	0
G.Everett	5	68	13.6	29	0
A.Ekeler	4	47	11.8	35	0
D.Parham	4	29	7.3	16	1
J.Palmer	4	17	4.3	6	0
Q.Johnston	3	16	5.3	11	0
E.Dotson	2	13	6.5	7	0
S.Smartt	1	24	24.0	24	0
D.Davis	1	5	5.0	5	0
J.Kelley	0	0	0.0	0	0
T.Pipkins	0	0	0.0	0	0
Team	50	534	10.7	42	3
Opponents	48	712	14.8	70	4

Interceptions	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
J.Jackson	1	9	9.0	9	0
Team	1	9	9.0	9	0

Punting	No	Yds	Avg	Net	TB	In	Lg	B
J.Scott	9	379	42.1	38.7	1	4	62	0
Team	9	379	42.1	38.7	1	4	62	0
Opponents	6	344	57.3	43.0	1	0	63	0

Punt Returns	Ret	FC	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
D.Davis	5	0	66	13.2	20	0
Team	5	0	66	13.2	20	0
Opponents	2	5	11	5.5	11	0

Kickoff Returns	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
D.Davis	1	24	24.0	24	0
Team	1	24	24.0	24	0

Field Goals	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+
C.Dicker	0/0	2/2	2/2	0/0	1/1
Team	0/0	2/2	2/2	0/0	1/1
Opponents	0/0	1/1	1/1	3/3	0/0

Fumbles Lost: **Total: 0**
 Opponent Fumble Recoveries: N.Williams 1 **Total: 1**

Passing	Att	Cmp	Yds	Cmp%	Yds/Att	TD	TD%	Int	Int%	Long	Sack	Lost	Rating
J.Herbert	74	50	534	67.6%	7.2	3	4.1%	0	0.0%	42	6/	53	102.0
Team	74	50	534	67.6%	7.2	3	4.1%	0	0.0%	42	6/	53	102.0
Opponents	69	48	712	69.6%	10.3	4	5.8%	1	1.4%	70	5/	46	116.3

2023 LOS ANGELES CHARGERS DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Official Press Box Totals — Confirmed by league review.

Player	— Tackles —					TFLs	QB Hits	Interceptions	Passes Def.	— Fumbles —	
	Total	Solo	Asst.	Sacks	Yards					Forced	Recoveries
Derwin James Jr.	17	13	4	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0
Alohi Gilman	17	12	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kenneth Murray Jr.	13	7	6	1	6	2	1	0	0	0	0
Tuli Tuipulotu.	9	5	4	1	6	2	1	0	0	0	0
Michael Davis.	9	8	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0
Nick Niemann	8	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Asante Samuel Jr.	8	6	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Eric Kendricks	7	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Khalil Mack.	7	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Joey Bosa.	5	4	1	2	21	2	2	0	0	0	0
J.C. Jackson.	4	3	1	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0
Austin Johnson	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Sebastian Joseph-Day	4	0	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
JT Woods.	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nick Williams.	3	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Ja'Sir Taylor	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Morgan Fox	1	1	0	1	13	1	2	0	0	0	0
Amen Ogbongbemiga	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals.	123	80	43	5	46	11	8	1	11	0	1
<i>Defensive Backs</i>	<i>61</i>	<i>47</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Linebackers</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Outside Linebackers.</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Defensive Line.</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>

SPECIAL TEAMS TACKLES

Player	Total Tackles
Josh Harris	1
Nick Niemann	1
Totals	2

2023 GAME SUMMARIES

WEEK 1 vs. MIAMI



DOLPHINS 36 CHARGERS 34

Sunday, Sept. 10, 2023
SoFi Stadium — Inglewood, Calif.



GAME STATISTICS

TEAM	1	2	3	4	OT	F
Miami	7	13	7	9	—	36
L.A. Chargers	7	10	7	10	—	34

SCORING SUMMARY

Team	Q	Time	Play
Chargers	1	4:39	A.Ekeler 1 yd. run (C.Dicker kick)
Dolphins	1	1:15	R.Mostert 2 yd. run (J.Sanders kick)
Dolphins	2	11:43	J.Sanders 23 yd. Field Goal
Chargers	2	9:07	D.Parham 1 yd. pass from Herbert (C.Dicker kick)
Dolphins	2	1:42	R.Cracraft 1 yd. pass from Tagovailoa (J.Sanders kick)
Chargers	2	0:09	C.Dicker 50 yd. Field Goal
Dolphins	2	0:00	J.Sanders 41 yd. Field Goal
Chargers	3	9:19	J.Herbert 1 yd. run (C.Dicker kick)
Dolphins	3	2:12	T.Hill 35 yd. pass from Tagovailoa (J.Sanders kick)
Chargers	4	14:00	J.Kelley 2 yd. run (C.Dicker kick)
Dolphins	4	10:03	J.Sanders 45 yd. Field Goal
Chargers	4	3:53	C.Dicker 25 yd. Field Goal
Dolphins	4	1:45	T.Hill 4 yd. pass from Tagovailoa (kick failed, wr)

TEAM STATISTICS

	MIA	LAC
FIRST DOWNS:	30	30
TOTAL NET YARDS:	536	433
NET RUSHING YARDS:	70	234
NET PASSING YARDS:	466	199
PENALTIES/YARDS:	6-38	6-70
3RD DOWN EFFICIENCY (%):	4-8 (44.4%)	9-15 (60.0%)
SCORING DRIVES (%):	7-11 (63.6%)	6-10 (60.0%)
PUNTS/NET AVERAGE:	1-35.0	3-41.7
SACKS/YARDS:	3/29	0/0
FUMBLES/LOST:	2/1	0/0
POINTS OFF TURNOVERS:	0	7
AVG. DRIVE START:	OWN 33	OWN 22
TIME OF POSSESSION:	27:19	32:41

INDIVIDUAL TOP PERFORMERS



PASSING

J.Herbert	CMP	ATT	YDS	TD	INT	RT	T.Tagovailoa	CMP	ATT	YDS	TD	INT	RT
J.Herbert	23	33	228	1	0	99.1	T.Tagovailoa	28	45	466	3	1	110.0

RUSHING

A.Ekeler	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	R.Mostert	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
A.Ekeler	16	117	7.3	55	1	R.Mostert	10	37	3.7	12	1
J.Kelley	16	91	5.7	14	1	E.Ezukanma	2	17	8.5	12	0

RECEIVING

K.Allen	REC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	T.Hill	REC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
K.Allen	6	76	12.7	36	0	T.Hill	11	215	19.5	47	2
A.Ekeler	4	47	11.8	35	0	J.Waddle	4	78	19.5	35	0
M.Williams	4	45	11.3	24	0	D.Smythe	3	44	14.7	18	0
D.Parham Jr.	3	21	7.0	15	1	B.Berrios	3	42	14.0	16	0

TACKLES (SOLO) - LAC: A.Gilman 11 (9), E.Kendricks 7 (4), D.James 6 (6); **MIA:** J.Holland 14 (10), D.Elliott 13 (8), J.Phillips 11 (6).

SACKS - LAC: None; **MIA:** K.Kohou 1-12, Z.Seiler 1-8, J.Bethel 0.5-4.5, J.Phillips 0.5-4.5.

INTERCEPTIONS - LAC: J.Jackson 1-9-0; **MIA:** None.

STARTERS

WR.... K.Allen	OLB.....K.Mack	WR.... T.Hill	DT..... C.Wilkins
LT..... R.Slater	DL.....N.Williams	LT.... K.Lamm	DT..... R.Davis
LG..... Z.Johnson	DL..... A.Johnson	LG..... I.Wynn	DT..... Z.Sieler
C..... C.Linsley	DL.S.Joseph-Day	C..... C.Williams	LB.....D.Long
RG.... J.Salyer	OLB.....J.Bosa	RG.... R.Hunt	LB.....J.Phillips
RT.... T.Pipkins III	LB.... E.Kendricks	RT.... A.Jackson	LB.....J.Baker
TE.... G.Everett	LB.... K.Murray Jr.	TE.... D.Smythe	LB..... B.Chubb
TE.... D.Parham Jr.	CB.... M.Davis	FB.... A.Ingold	CB.... X.Howard
WR.... M.Williams	S.....D.James Jr.	WR.... J.Waddle	CB.... K.Kohou
QB.... J.Herbert	S..... A.Gilman	QB.... T.Tagovailoa	S..... D.Elliott
RB.... A.Ekeler	CB.... J.Jackson	RB.... R.Mostert	S..... J.Holland

WEEK 2 AT TENNESSEE



TITANS 27 CHARGE4S 24

Sunday, Sept. 17, 2023
Nissan Stadium — Nashville, Tenn.



GAME STATISTICS

TEAM	1	2	3	4	OT	F
L.A. Chargers	3	11	0	10	0	24
Tennessee	0	10	7	7	3	27

SCORING SUMMARY

Team	Q	Time	Play
Chargers	1	3:46	C.Dicker 27 yd. Field Goal
Chargers	2	8:16	K.Allen 8 yd. pass from Herbert (Herbert-Pipkins pass)
Titans	2	7:09	D.Henry 1 yd. run (N.Folk kick)
Chargers	2	4:23	C.Dicker 30 yd. Field Goal
Titans	2	0:00	N.Folk 33 yd. Field Goal
Titans	3	10:08	R.Tannehill 12 yd. run (N.Folk kick)
Chargers	4	14:38	K.Allen 12 yd. pass from J.Herbert (C.Dicker kick)
Titans	4	2:22	N.Westbrook-Ikhine 4 yd. pass from Tannehill (N.Folk kick)
Chargers	4	0:00	C.Dicker 33 yd. Field Goal
Titans	OT	5:02	N.Folk 41 yd. Field Goal

TEAM STATISTICS

	LAC	TEN
FIRST DOWNS:	19	22
TOTAL NET YARDS:	342	341
NET RUSHING YARDS:	61	141
NET PASSING YARDS:	281	200
PENALTIES/YARDS:	4-43	7-45
3RD DOWN EFFICIENCY (%):	2-14 (14.3%)	6-13 (46.2%)
SCORING DRIVES (%):	5-11 (45.4%)	5-11 (45.4%)
PUNTS/NET AVERAGE:	6-36.2	5-44.6
SACKS/YARDS:	5/46	3/24
FUMBLES/LOST:	0/0	0/0
POINTS OFF TURNOVERS:	0	0
AVG. DRIVE START:	OWN 32	OWN 23
TIME OF POSSESSION:	28:09	36:49

INDIVIDUAL TOP PERFORMERS



PASSING

J.Herbert	CMP	ATT	YDS	TD	INT	RT	R.Tannehill	CMP	ATT	YDS	TD	INT	RT
J.Herbert	27	41	305	2	0	104.2	R.Tannehill	24	40	246	1	0	123.3

RUSHING

J.Kelley	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	D.Henry	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
J.Kelley	13	39	3.0	15	0	D.Henry	25	80	3.2	23	1
D.Davis	1	10	10.0	10	0	T.Spears	8	49	6.1	1	0

RECEIVING

K.Allen	REC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	T.Burks	REC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
K.Allen	8	111	13.9	42	2	T.Burks	3	76	25.3	7	0
M.Williams	8	83	10.4	20	0	D.Hopkins	4	40	10.0	14	0
G.Everett	3	47	15.7	29	0	C.Okwonko	4	35	18.8	20	0
S.Smartt	1	24	24.0	24	0	N.Westbrook-Ikhine	3	25	8.3	14	1

TACKLES (SOLO) - LAC: D.James 11 (7), Murray Jr. 10 (5), N.Niemann 8 (4); **TEN:** K.Byard 12 (7), T.Avery 8 (7), A.Al-Shaair 8 (5).

SACKS - LAC: J.Bosa 2-21, M.Fox 1-13, K.Murray Jr. 1-6, T.Tuipulotu 1-6; **TEN:** J.Simmons 1-9, H.Landry 1-7, D.Autry 1-7.

INTERCEPTIONS - LAC: None; **TEN:** None.

STARTERS

WR.... K.Allen	OLB.....K.Mack	WR.... D.Hopkins	DL.....D.Autro
LT..... R.Slater	DL.....N.Williams	LT.... A.Dillard	DT.....T.Tartt
LG..... Z.Johnson	DL..... A.Johnson	LG..... X.Newman-Johnson	DT.....J.Simmon
C..... C.Linsley	DL.S.Joseph-Day	C..... A.Brewer	DT.....K.Peko
RG.... J.Salyer	OLB.....J.Bosa	RG.... D.Brunskill	LB.... A.Al-Shaair
RT.... T.Pipkins III	LB.... E.Kendricks	RT.... C.Hubbard	LB.....J.Gibbens
TE.... G.Everett	LB.... K.Murray Jr.	TE.... C.Okonkwo	DB.... H.Landry
TE.... D.Parham Jr.	CB.... M.Davis	WR.... T.Burks	CB.... E.Molden
WR.... M.Williams	S.....D.James Jr.	WR.... N.Westbrook-Ikhine	CB.... R.McCreary
QB.... J.Herbert	S..... A.Gilman	QB.... R.Tannehill	S....S.Murphy-Bunting
RB.... J.Kelley	CB.... J.Jackson	RB.... D.Henry	S..... K.Buaird

2023 LOS ANGELES CHARGERS NUMERICAL ROSTER

ACTIVE ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Exp.	College	Hometown	How Acq.
0	Daiyan Henley	LB	6-0	225	23	R	Washington State	Los Angeles, Calif.	D3-'23
1	Quentin Johnston	WR	6-2	208	22	R	TCU	Temple, Texas	D1-'23
2	Easton Stick	QB	6-1	224	28	5	North Dakota State	Omaha, Neb.	D5-'19
3	Derwin James Jr.	S	6-2	215	27	6	Florida State	Haines City, Fla.	D1-'18
5	Joshua Palmer	WR	6-1	210	23	3	Tennessee	Brampton, Ontario, Canada	D3a-'21
6	Eric Kendricks	LB	6-0	232	31	9	UCLA	Fresno, Calif.	FA-'23
7	Gerald Everett	TE	6-3	240	29	7	South Alabama	Atlanta, Ga.	UFA (Sea)-'22
9	Kenneth Murray Jr.	LB	6-2	241	24	4	Oklahoma	Houston, Texas	D1b-'20
10	Justin Herbert	QB	6-6	236	25	4	Oregon	Eugene, Ore.	D1a-'20
11	Cameron Dicker	K	6-1	216	23	2	Texas	Austin, Texas	FA-'22
12	Derius Davis	WR	5-8	165	23	R	TCU	St. Francisville, La.	D4-'23
13	Keenan Allen	WR	6-2	211	31	11	California	Greensboro, N.C.	D3-'13
16	JK Scott	P	6-5	208	27	5	Alabama	Denver, Colo.	FA-'22
22	JT Woods	S	6-2	193	23	2	Baylor	San Antonio, Texas	D3-'22
24	AJ Finley	S	6-0	188	22	R	Mississippi	Mobile, Ala.	FA-'23
25	Joshua Kelley	RB	5-11	212	25	4	UCLA	Lancaster, Calif.	D4-'20
26	Asante Samuel Jr.	CB	5-10	180	23	3	Florida State	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	D2-'21
27	J.C. Jackson	CB	6-1	198	27	6	Maryland	Immokalee, Fla.	UFA (NE)-'22
28	Isaiah Spiller	RB	6-1	215	22	2	Texas A&M	Spring, Texas	D4-'22
30	Austin Ekeler	RB	5-10	200	28	7	Western State Colorado	Eaton, Colo.	FA-'17
31	Nick Niemann	LB	6-3	234	25	3	Iowa	Sycamore, Ill.	D6a-'21
32	Alohi Gilman	S	5-10	201	26	4	Notre Dame	Laie, Hawaii	D6-'20
33	Deane Leonard	DB	6-0	195	23	2	Mississippi	Calgary, Alberta, Canada	D7a-'22
36	Ja'Sir Taylor	DB	5-10	185	24	2	Wake Forest	Asbury Park, N.J.	D6b-'22
41	Raheem Layne	S	5-11	192	24	2	Indiana	Deland, Fla.	FA-'22
42	Elijah Dotson	RB	5-9	202	24	R	Northern Colorado	Sacramento, Calif.	FA-'23
43	Michael Davis	CB	6-2	196	28	7	Brigham Young	Glendale, Calif.	FA-'17
44	Tanner Muse	LB	6-2	227	27	4	Clemson	Belmont, N.C.	W (Pit)-'23
45	Tuli Tuipulotu	OLB	6-3	266	21	R	Southern California	Hawthorne, Calif.	D2-'23
47	Josh Harris	LS	6-1	224	34	12	Auburn	Carrollton, Ga.	UFA (Atl)-'22
51	Sebastian Joseph-Day	DL	6-4	310	28	6	Rutgers	Stroudsburg, Pa.	UFA (LAR)-'22
52	Khalil Mack	OLB	6-3	269	32	10	Buffalo	Fort Pierce, Fla.	T (Chi)-'22
56	Morgan Fox	DL	6-3	275	29	7	Colorado State-Pueblo	Fountain, Colo.	FA-'22
57	Amen Ogbongbemiga	LB	6-0	231	25	3	Oklahoma State	Calgary, Alberta, Canada	FA-'21
63	Corey Linsley	C	6-3	301	32	10	Ohio State	Boardman, Ohio	UFA (GB)-'21
64	Brenden Jaimes	G/T	6-5	300	24	3	Nebraska	Austin, Texas	D5-'21
68	Jamaree Salyer	OL	6-4	325	23	2	Georgia	Atlanta, Ga.	D6a-'22
70	Rashawn Slater	T	6-4	315	24	3	Northwestern	Sugar Land, Texas	D1-'21
71	Jordan McFadden	OL	6-2	303	23	R	Clemson	Spartanburg, S.C.	D5-'23
73	Foster Sarell	T	6-6	322	25	2	Stanford	Tacoma, Wash.	FA-'21
76	Will Clapp	C/G	6-5	311	27	6	Louisiana State	New Orleans, La.	FA-'22
77	Zion Johnson	G	6-3	316	23	2	Boston College	Bowie, Md.	D1-'22
79	Trey Pipkins III	T	6-6	307	27	5	Sioux Falls	Apple Valley, Minn.	D3-'19
81	Mike Williams	WR	6-4	218	28	7	Clemson	Santee, S.C.	D1-'17
84	Stone Smartt	TE	6-4	226	24	2	Old Dominion	Sacramento, Calif.	FA-'22
88	Tre' McKitty	TE	6-4	246	24	3	Georgia	Wesley Chapel, Fla.	D3b-'21
89	Donald Parham Jr.	TE	6-8	237	26	4	Stetson	Lakeland, Fla.	FA-'20
91	Christopher Hinton	DL	6-4	310	23	1	Michigan	Johns Creek, Ga.	FA-'22
94	Chris Rumph II	OLB	6-2	244	24	3	Duke	Gainesville, Fla.	D4-'21
95	Nick Williams	DL	6-4	310	33	9	Samford	Birmingham, Ala.	FA-'23
97	Joey Bosa	OLB	6-5	280	28	8	Ohio State	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	D1-'16
98	Austin Johnson	DL	6-4	314	29	8	Penn State	Galloway, N.J.	UFA (NYG)-'22
99	Scott Matlock	DL	6-4	296	23	R	Boise State	Homedale, Idaho	D6-'23

PRACTICE SQUAD

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Exp.	College	Hometown	How Acq.
8	Max Duggan	QB	6-1	207	22	R	TCU	Council Bluffs, Iowa	D7-'23
20	Dean Marlowe	S	6-1	205	31	8	James Madison	Queens, N.Y.	FA-'23
23	Matt Hankins	CB	5-11	185	24	1	Iowa	Lewisville, Texas	FA-'23
29	Chris Wilcox	CB	6-2	195	25	1	Brigham Young	Fontana, Calif.	FA-'23
34	Jaret Patterson	RB	5-8	195	23	2	Buffalo	Glendale, Md.	FA-'23
35	Terrell Bynum	WR	6-0	188	25	R	Southern California	Long Beach, Calif.	FA-'23
59	Ty Shelby	OLB	6-3	249	24	1	Louisiana-Monroe	Houston, Texas	FA-'22
67	CJ Okoye	DL	6-6	315	21	R	-	Abuja, Nigeria	FA-'23
72	Jerrold Clark	DL	6-3	334	23	R	Coastal Carolina	Dorchester, Mass.	FA-'23
78	Zack Bailey	T	6-5	300	27	2	South Carolina	Summerville, S.C.	W (Was)-'22
82	Alex Erickson	WR	6-0	195	30	7	Wisconsin	Madison, Wis.	FA-'23
83	Nick Vannett	TE	6-5	257	30	8	Ohio State	Westerville, Ohio	FA-'23
86	Keelan Doss	WR	6-3	215	27	2	UC Davis	Alameda, Calif.	FA-'22
87	Hunter Kampmoyer	TE	6-4	243	25	1	Oregon	Bishop, Calif.	FA-'21
90	Brevin Allen	OLB	6-3	265	22	R	Campbell	Greensboro, N.C.	FA-'23
92	Andrew Farmer	OLB	6-4	250	23	R	Lane (Tenn.)	Jacksonville, Fla.	FA-'23
96	Christian Covington	DL	6-2	300	29	9	Rice	Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada	FA-'23

RESERVE/INJURED

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Exp.	College	Hometown	How Acq.
35	Amechi Uzodinma	CB	5-11	189	23	R	Ball State	Orlando, Fla.	FA-'23
62	Andrew Trainer	T	6-7	320	25	2	William & Mary	Alexandria, Va.	FA-'22

RESERVE/PHYSICALLY UNABLE TO PERFORM

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Exp.	College	Hometown	How Acq.
15	Jalen Guyton	WR	6-1	212	26	4	North Texas	Allen, Texas	FA-'19
93	Otito Ogbonnia	DL	6-4	320	23	2	UCLA	Houston, Texas	D5-'22

2023 LOS ANGELES CHARGERS ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

ACTIVE ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	DOB	Exp.	College	Hometown	How Acq.
13	Allen, Keenan	WR	6-2	211	4/27/92	11	California	Greensboro, N.C.	
97	Bosa, Joey	OLB	6-5	280	7/11/95	8	Ohio State	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	D1-'16
76	Clapp, Will	C/G	6-5	311	12/10/95	6	Louisiana State	New Orleans, La.	FA-'22
12	Davis, Derius	WR	5-8	165	9/11/00	R	TCU	St. Francisville, La.	D4-'23
43	Davis, Michael	CB	6-2	196	1/6/95	7	Brigham Young	Glendale, Calif.	FA-'17
15	Dicker, Cameron	K	6-1	216	5/6/00	2	Texas	Austin, Texas	FA-'22
42	Dotson, Elijah	RB	5-9	202	1/19/99	R	Northern Colorado	Sacramento, Calif.	FA-'23
30	Ekeler, Austin	RB	5-10	200	5/17/95	7	Western State Colorado	Eaton, Colo.	FA-'17
7	Everett, Gerald	TE	6-3	240	6/25/94	7	South Alabama	Atlanta, Ga.	UFA (Sea)-'22
24	Finley, AJ	S	6-0	188	9/14/01	R	Mississippi	Mobile, Ala.	FA-'23
56	Fox, Morgan	DL	6-3	275	9/12/94	7	Colorado State-Pueblo	Fountain, Colo.	FA-'22
32	Gilman, Alohi	S	5-10	201	9/17/97	4	Notre Dame	Laie, Hawaii	D6-'20
47	Harris, Josh	LS	6-1	224	4/27/89	12	Auburn	Carrollton, Ga.	UFA (Atl)-'22
0	Henley, Daiyan	LB	6-0	225	11/18/99	R	Washington State	Los Angeles, Calif.	D3-'23
10	Herbert, Justin	QB	6-6	236	3/10/98	4	Oregon	Eugene, Ore.	D1a-'20
91	Hinton, Christopher	DL	6-4	310	9/14/00	1	Michigan	Johns Creek, Ga.	FA-'22
27	Jackson, J.C.	CB	6-1	198	11/17/95	6	Maryland	Immokalee, Fla.	UFA (NE)-'22
64	James, Brenden	G/T	6-5	300	5/28/99	3	Nebraska	Austin, Texas	D5-'21
3	James Jr., Derwin	S	6-2	215	8/3/96	6	Florida State	Haines City, Fla.	D1-'18
98	Johnson, Austin	DL	6-4	314	5/8/94	8	Penn State	Galloway, N.J.	UFA (NYG)-'22
77	Johnson, Zion	G	6-3	316	11/18/99	2	Boston College	Bowie, Md.	D1-'22
1	Johnston, Quentin	WR	6-2	208	9/6/01	R	TCU	Temple, Texas	D1-'23
51	Joseph-Day, Sebastian	DL	6-4	310	3/21/95	6	Rutgers	Stroudsburg, Pa.	UFA (LAR)-'22
25	Kelley, Joshua	RB	5-11	212	11/20/97	4	UCLA	Lancaster, Calif.	D4-'20
6	Kendricks, Eric	LB	6-0	232	2/29/92	9	UCLA	Fresno, Calif.	FA-'23
41	Layne, Raheem	S	5-11	192	7/2/99	2	Indiana	Deland, Fla.	FA-'22
33	Leonard, Deane	DB	6-0	195	11/20/99	2	Mississippi	Calgary, Alberta, Canada	D7a-'22
63	Linsley, Corey	C	6-3	301	7/27/91	10	Ohio State	Boardman, Ohio	UFA (GB)-'21
52	Mack, Khalil	OLB	6-3	269	2/22/91	10	Buffalo	Fort Pierce, Fla.	T (Chi)-'22
99	Matlock, Scott	DL	6-4	296	6/28/00	R	Boise State	Homedale, Idaho	D6-'23
71	McFadden, Jordan	OL	6-2	303	11/16/99	R	Clemson	Spartanburg, S.C.	D5-'23
88	McKitty, Tre'	TE	6-4	246	1/12/99	3	Georgia	Wesley Chapel, Fla.	D3b-'21
9	Murray Jr., Kenneth	LB	6-2	241	11/16/98	4	Oklahoma	Houston, Texas	D1b-'20
44	Muse, Tanner	LB	6-2	227	9/6/96	4	Clemson	Belmont, N.C.	FA-'23
31	Niemann, Nick	LB	6-3	234	12/2/97	3	Iowa	Sycamore, Ill.	D6a-'21
57	Ogbongbemiga, Amen	LB	6-0	231	9/4/98	3	Oklahoma State	Calgary, Alberta, Canada	FA-'21
5	Palmer, Joshua	WR	6-1	210	9/22/99	3	Tennessee	Brampton, Ontario, Canada	D3a-'21
89	Parham Jr., Donald	TE	6-8	237	8/16/97	4	Stetson	Lakeland, Fla.	FA-'20
79	Pipkins III, Trey	T	6-6	307	9/5/96	5	Sioux Falls	Apple Valley, Minn.	D3-'19
94	Rumph II, Chris	OLB	6-2	244	10/19/98	3	Duke	Gainesville, Fla.	D4-'21
68	Salyer, Jamaree	OL	6-4	325	7/13/00	2	Georgia	Atlanta, Ga.	D6a-'22
26	Samuel Jr., Asante	CB	5-10	180	10/3/99	3	Florida State	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	D2-'21
73	Sarell, Foster	T	6-6	322	8/28/98	2	Stanford	Tacoma, Wash.	FA-'21
16	Scott, JK	P	6-5	208	10/30/95	5	Alabama	Denver, Colo.	FA-'22
70	Slater, Rashawn	T	6-4	315	3/26/99	3	Northwestern	Sugar Land, Texas	D1-'21
84	Smartt, Stone	TE	6-4	226	10/4/98	2	Old Dominion	Sacramento, Calif.	FA-'22
28	Spiller, Isaiah	RB	6-1	215	8/9/01	2	Texas A&M	Spring, Texas	D4-'22
2	Stick, Easton	QB	6-1	224	9/15/95	5	North Dakota State	Omaha, Neb.	D5-'19
36	Taylor, Ja'Sir	DB	5-10	185	1/8/99	2	Wake Forest	Asbury Park, N.J.	D6b-'22
45	Tuipulotu, Tuli	OLB	6-3	266	9/3/02	R	Southern California	Hawthorne, Calif.	D2-'23
81	Williams, Mike	WR	6-4	218	10/4/94	7	Clemson	Santee, S.C.	D1-'17
95	Williams, Nick	DL	6-4	310	2/21/90	9	Samford	Birmingham, Ala.	FA-'23
22	Woods, JT	S	6-2	193	6/10/00	2	Baylor	San Antonio, Texas	D3-'22

PRACTICE SQUAD

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	DOB	Exp.	College	Hometown	How Acq.
90	Allen, Brevin	OLB	6-3	265	9/22/00	R	Campbell	Greensboro, N.C.	FA-'23
78	Bailey, Zack	T	6-5	300	11/8/95	2	South Carolina	Summerville, S.C.	W (Was)-'22
35	Bynum, Terrell	WR	6-0	188	8/3/98	R	Southern California	Long Beach, Calif.	FA-'23
72	Clark, Jerrod	DL	6-3	334	11/16/99	R	Coastal Carolina	Dorchester, Mass.	FA-'23
96	Covington, Christian	DL	6-2	300	10/16/93	8	Rice	Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada	FA-'21
86	Doss, Keelan	WR	6-3	215	3/21/96	2	UC Davis	Alameda, Calif.	FA-'22
8	Duggan, Max	QB	6-1	207	3/12/01	R	TCU	Council Bluffs, Iowa	D7-'23
82	Erickson, Alex	WR	6-0	195	11/6/92	7	Wisconsin	Madison, Wis.	FA-'23
92	Farmer, Andrew	OLB	6-4	250	4/19/00	R	Lane (Tenn.)	Jacksonville, Fla.	FA-'23
23	Hankins, Matt	CB	5-11	185	2/22/99	1	Iowa	Lewisville, Texas	FA-'23
87	Kampmoyer, Hunter	TE	6-4	243	2/6/98	1	Oregon	Bishop, Calif.	FA-'21
20	Marlowe, Dean	S	6-1	205	7/25/92	8	James Madison	Queens, N.Y.	FA-'23
67	Okoye, CJ	DL	6-6	315	10/20/01	R	-	Abuja, Nigeria	FA-'23
34	Patterson, Jaret	RB	5-8	195	12/23/99	2	Buffalo	Glendale, Md.	FA-'23
59	Shelby, Ty	OLB	6-3	249	10/14/98	1	Louisiana-Monroe	Houston, Texas	FA-'22
83	Vannett, Nick	TE	6-5	257	3/6/93	8	Ohio State	Westerville, Ohio	FA-'23
29	Wilcox, Chris	CB	6-2	195	10/30/97	1	Brigham Young	Fontana, Calif.	FA-'23

RESERVE/INJURED

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	DOB	Exp.	College	Hometown	How Acq.
62	Trainer, Andrew	T	6-7	320	12/18/97	2	William & Mary	Alexandria, Va.	FA-'22
35	Uzodinma, Amechi	CB	5-11	189	6/1/00	R	Ball State	Orlando, Fla.	FA-'23

RESERVE/PHYSICALLY UNABLE TO PERFORM

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	DOB	Exp.	College	Hometown	How Acq.
15	Guyton, Jalen	WR	6-1	212	6/7/97	4	North Texas	Allen, Texas	FA-'19
93	Ogbonnia, Otito	DL	6-4	320	8/25/00	2	UCLA	Houston, Texas	D5-'22

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QUARTERBACKS (2)

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Exp.	College	Hometown	How Acq.
2	Easton Stick	QB	6-1	224	28	5	North Dakota State	Omaha, Neb.	D5-'19
10	Justin Herbert	QB	6-6	236	25	4	Oregon	Eugene, Ore.	D1a-'20

RUNNING BACKS (4)

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Exp.	College	Hometown	How Acq.
25	Joshua Kelley	RB	5-11	212	25	4	UCLA	Lancaster, Calif.	D4-'20
28	Isaiah Spiller	RB	6-1	215	22	2	Texas A&M	Spring, Texas	D4-'22
30	Austin Ekeler	RB	5-10	200	28	7	Western State Colorado	Eaton, Colo.	FA-'17
42	Elijah Dotson	RB	5-9	202	24	R	Northern Colorado	Sacramento, Calif.	FA-'23

WIDE RECEIVERS (5)

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Exp.	College	Hometown	How Acq.
1	Quentin Johnston	WR	6-2	208	22	R	TCU	Temple, Texas	D1-'23
5	Joshua Palmer	WR	6-1	210	23	3	Tennessee	Brampton, Ontario, Canada	D3a-'21
12	Derius Davis	WR	5-8	165	23	R	TCU	St. Francisville, La.	D4-'23
13	Keenan Allen	WR	6-2	211	31	11	California	Greensboro, N.C.	D3-'13
81	Mike Williams	WR	6-4	218	28	7	Clemson	Santee, S.C.	D1-'17

TIGHT ENDS (4)

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Exp.	College	Hometown	How Acq.
7	Gerald Everett	TE	6-3	240	29	7	South Alabama	Atlanta, Ga.	UFA (Sea)-'22
48	Stone Smartt	TE	6-4	226	24	2	Old Dominion	Sacramento, Calif.	FA-'22
88	Tre' McKitty	TE	6-4	246	24	3	Georgia	Wesley Chapel, Fla.	D3b-'21
89	Donald Parham Jr.	TE	6-8	237	26	4	Stetson	Lakeland, Fla.	FA-'20

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN (9)

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Exp.	College	Hometown	How Acq.
63	Corey Linsley	C	6-3	301	32	10	Ohio State	Boardman, Ohio	UFA (GB)-'21
64	Brenden Jaimes	G/T	6-5	300	24	3	Nebraska	Austin, Texas	D5-'21
68	Jamaree Salyer	OL	6-4	325	23	2	Georgia	Atlanta, Ga.	D6a-'22
70	Rashawn Slater	T	6-4	315	24	3	Northwestern	Sugar Land, Texas	D1-'21
71	Jordan McFadden	OL	6-2	303	23	R	Clemson	Spartanburg, S.C.	D5-'23
73	Foster Sarell	T	6-6	322	25	2	Stanford	Tacoma, Wash.	FA-'21
76	Will Clapp	C/G	6-5	311	27	6	Louisiana State	New Orleans, La.	FA-'22
77	Zion Johnson	G	6-3	316	23	2	Boston College	Bowie, Md.	D1-'22
79	Trey Pipkins III	T	6-6	307	27	5	Sioux Falls	Apple Valley, Minn.	D3-'19

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN (6)

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Exp.	College	Hometown	How Acq.
51	Sebastian Joseph-Day	DL	6-4	310	28	6	Rutgers	Stroudsburg, Pa.	UFA (LAR)-'22
56	Morgan Fox	DL	6-3	275	29	7	Colorado State-Pueblo	Fountain, Colo.	FA-'22
91	Christopher Hinton	DL	6-4	310	23	1	Michigan	Johns Creek, Ga.	FA-'22
95	Nick Williams	DL	6-4	310	33	9	Samford	Birmingham, Ala.	FA-'23
98	Austin Johnson	DL	6-4	314	29	8	Penn State	Galloway, N.J.	UFA (NYG)-'22
99	Scott Matlock	DL	6-4	296	23	R	Boise State	Homedale, Idaho	D6-'23

LINEBACKERS (6)

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Exp.	College	Hometown	How Acq.
0	Daiyan Henley	LB	6-0	225	23	R	Washington State	Los Angeles, Calif.	D3-'23
6	Eric Kendricks	LB	6-0	232	31	9	UCLA	Fresno, Calif.	FA-'23
9	Kenneth Murray Jr.	LB	6-2	241	29	4	Oklahoma	Houston, Texas	D1b-'20
31	Nick Niemann	LB	6-3	234	25	3	Iowa	Sycamore, Ill.	D6a-'21
44	Tanner Muse	LB	6-2	227	27	4	Clemson	Belmont, N.C.	W (Pit)-'23
57	Amen Ogbongbemiga	LB	6-0	231	25	3	Oklahoma State	Calgary, Alberta, Canada	FA-'21

OUTSIDE LINEBACKERS (4)

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Exp.	College	Hometown	How Acq.
45	Tuli Tuipulotu	OLB	6-3	266	21	R	Southern California	Hawthorne, Calif.	D2-'23
52	Khalil Mack	OLB	6-3	269	32	10	Buffalo	Fort Pierce, Fla.	T (Chi)-'22
94	Chris Rumph II	OLB	6-2	244	24	3	Duke	Gainesville, Fla.	D4-'21
97	Joey Bosa	OLB	6-5	280	28	8	Ohio State	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	D1-'16

DEFENSIVE BACKS (10)

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Exp.	College	Hometown	How Acq.
3	Derwin James Jr.	S	6-2	215	27	6	Florida State	Haines City, Fla.	D1-'18
22	JT Woods	S	6-2	193	23	2	Baylor	San Antonio, Texas	D3-'22
24	AJ Finley	S	6-0	188	22	R	Mississippi	Mobile, Ala.	FA-'23
26	Asante Samuel Jr.	CB	5-10	180	23	3	Florida State	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	D2-'21
27	J.C. Jackson	CB	6-1	198	27	6	Maryland	Immokalee, Fla.	UFA (NE)-'22
32	Alohi Gilman	S	5-10	201	26	4	Notre Dame	Laie, Hawaii	D6-'20
33	Deane Leonard	DB	6-0	195	23	2	Mississippi	Calgary, Alberta, Canada	D7a-'22
36	Ja'Sir Taylor	DB	5-10	185	24	2	Wake Forest	Asbury Park, N.J.	D6b-'22
41	Raheem Layne	S	5-11	192	24	2	Indiana	Deland, Fla.	FA-'22
43	Michael Davis	CB	6-2	196	28	7	Brigham Young	Glendale, Calif.	FA-'17

SPECIALISTS (3)

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Exp.	College	Hometown	How Acq.
11	Cameron Dicker	K	6-1	216	23	2	Texas	Austin, Texas	FA-'22
16	JK Scott	P	6-5	208	27	5	Alabama	Denver, Colo.	FA-'22
47	Josh Harris	LS	6-1	224	34	12	Auburn	Carrollton, Ga.	UFA (Atl)-'22

HOW THE 2023 CHARGERS WERE BUILT

YEAR	NFL DRAFT	FREE AGENCY	TRADE/WAIVERS
2013	WR Keenan Allen (3)		
2014			
2015			
2016	OLB Joey Bosa (1)		
2017	WR Mike Williams (1)	CB Michael Davis (UDFA) RB Austin Ekeler (UDFA)	
2018	S Derwin James Jr. (1)		
2019	T Trey Pipkins III (3) QB Easton Stick (5)		
2020	S Alohi Gilman (6) QB Justin Herbert (1a) RB Joshua Kelley (4) LB Kenneth Murray Jr. (1b)	TE Donald Parham Jr.	
2021	G/T Brenden Jaimes (5) TE Tre' McKitty (3b) LB Nick Niemann (6a) WR Joshua Palmer (3a) OLB Chris Rumph II (4) CB Asante Samuel Jr. (2) T Rashawn Slater (1)	C Corey Linsley (UFA-GB) LB Amen Ogbongbemiga (UDFA) T Foster Sarell	
2022	G Zion Johnson (1) DB Deane Leonard (7a) OL Jamaree Salyer (6a) RB Isaiah Spiller (4) DB Ja'Sir Taylor (6a) S JT Woods (3)	C/G Will Clapp K Cameron Dicker TE Gerald Everett (UFA-Sea) DL Morgan Fox LS Josh Harris (UFA-Atl) DL Christopher Hinton CB J.C. Jackson (UFA-NE) DL Austin Johnson (UFA-NYG) DL Sebastian Joseph-Day (UFA-LAR) S Raheem Layne (UDFA) P JK Scott TE Stone Smartt (UDFA)	OLB Khalil Mack (T-Chi)
2023	WR Derius Davis (4) LB Daiyan Henley (3) WR Quentin Johnston (1) DL Scott Matlock (6) OL Jordan McFadden (5) OLB Tuli Tuipulotu (2)	RB Elijah Dotson (UDFA) S AJ Finley (UDFA) LB Eric Kendricks DL Nick Williams	LB Tanner Muse (W-Pit)

2023 LOS ANGELES CHARGERS COACHES

Head Coach Brandon Staley Defensive Coordinator Derrick Ansley Special Teams Coordinator Ryan Ficken Offensive Coordinator Kellen Moore Passing Game Specialist Tom Arth Wide Receivers Chris Beatty Defensive Passing Game Coordinator/Secondary Tom Donatell Running Backs Derrick Foster Assistant Special Teams Chris Gould Assistant Secondary Will Harris Front Seven Specialist Mike Hiestand Linebackers Jeff Howard Tight Ends Kevin Koger	Defensive Quality Control Robert Muschamp Offensive Line Brendan Nugent Quarterbacks Doug Nussmeier Defensive Run Game Coordinator/Defensive Line Jay Rodgers Assistant Offensive Line Shaun Sarrett Offensive Assistant Phil Serchia Outside Linebackers Giff Smith Assistant Defensive Line John Timu Offensive Assistant Pat White Offensive Quality Control Chandler Whitmer Director of Sports Performance Anthony Lomando Head Strength & Conditioning Jonathan Brooks Assistant Strength & Conditioning Lucius Jordan
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2023 LOS ANGELES CHARGERS DEPTH CHART

Depth Chart is unofficial and compiled by Chargers Communications

OFFENSE

WR	13	Keenan Allen	<u>1</u>	<u>Quentin Johnston</u>	
LT	70	Rashawn Slater	73	Foster Sarell	
LG	77	Zion Johnson	<u>71</u>	<u>Jordan McFadden</u>	
C	63	Corey Linsley	76	Will Clapp	
RG	68	Jamaree Salyer	64	Brenden Jaimes	
RT	79	Trey Pipkins III	73	Foster Sarell	
TE	7	Gerald Everett	89	Donald Parham Jr.	88 Tre' McKitty 84 Stone Smartt
WR	81	Mike Williams	<u>12</u>	<u>Derius Davis</u>	
WR	5	Joshua Palmer			
QB	10	Justin Herbert	2	Easton Stick	
RB	30	Austin Ekeler	25	Joshua Kelley	28 Isaiah Spiller <u>42</u> <u>Elijah Dotson</u>

DEFENSE

EDGE	52	Khalil Mack	<u>45</u>	<u>Tuli Tuipulotu</u>	
DL	51	Sebastian Joseph-Day	56	Morgan Fox	91 Christopher Hinton
DL	98	Austin Johnson	95	Nick Williams	<u>99</u> <u>Scott Matlock</u>
EDGE	97	Joey Bosa	94	Chris Rumph II	
LB	6	Eric Kendricks	31	Nick Niemann	<u>0</u> <u>Daiyan Henley</u>
LB	9	Kenneth Murray Jr.	57	Amen Ogbongbemiga	44 Tanner Muse
CB	27	J.C. Jackson	33	Deane Leonard	
S	3	Derwin James Jr.	41	Raheem Layne	
S	32	Alohi Gilman	22	JT Woods	<u>24</u> <u>AJ Finley</u>
CB	26	Asante Samuel Jr.	-OR-	36 Ja'Sir Taylor	
CB	43	Michael Davis		33 Deane Leonard	

SPECIALISTS

K	11	Cameron Dicker		
P	16	JK Scott		
KO	11	Cameron Dicker		
H	16	JK Scott		
LS	47	Josh Harris		
KR	<u>12</u>	<u>Derius Davis</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>Elijah Dotson</u>
PR	<u>12</u>	<u>Derius Davis</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>Elijah Dotson</u>

NOTE: Rookies are underlined

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Jerrod Clarkjuh-ROD
 Max **Duggan**DUG-in
 Austin **Ekeler**ECK-ler
Alohi Gilmanuh-LOW-hee
Daiyan HenleyDAY-on
 Brenden **Jaimes**HIGH-miss
 Zion JohnsonZEYE-uhn

Nick **Niemann**KNEE-min
Amen Ogbongbemiga
AY-mihn awg-BONG-buh-mee-guh
Otito Ogbonniaoh-TEET-oh oh-BONE-yuh
 Donald **Parham Jr.**par-HAM
 Jamaree **Salyer**SAL-yur
 Foster **Sarell**SUH-rell

Rashawn Slaterruh-SHAWN
Ja'Sir TaylorJAH-sear
Tuli TuipulotuTOO-lee TOO-ee-poo-LOW-too
Amechi Uzodinma
uh-MAY-chee OO-zuh-den-muh
 Nick **Vannett**vuh-NETT

2023 TRANSACTIONS BY DATE

Jan. 16	Signed T Zack Bailey, WR Keelan Doss, WR John Hightower, TE Hunter Kampmoyer, OLB Carlo Kemp, LB Tyreek Maddox-Williams, DL David Moa, G/T Austen Pleasants, WR Larry Rountree III, OLB Ty Shelby and DB Mark Webb Jr., to Reserve/Future contracts.	Aug. 10	Placed OL Nic Melsop on Reserve/Injured.	Aug. 31	Reached injury settlement with LB Blake Lynch. Signed WR Alex Erickson, S Dean Marlowe and TE Nick Vannett to practice squad.
March 14	Re-signed T Foster Sarell. Extended exclusive rights tender to K Cameron Dicker.	Aug. 14	Waived RB Larry Rountree III.	Sept. 1	Reached injury settlement with WR Darrius Shepherd. Signed CB Chris Wilcox to practice squad.
March 15	Signed LB Eric Kendricks. Re-signed T Trey Pipkins III and QB Easton Stick. Released G Matt Feiler.	Aug. 15	Signed RB Aaron Shampklin.	Sept. 7	Reached injury settlement with WR Milton Wright.
March 16	Re-signed DL Morgan Fox.	Aug. 16	Signed CB Matt Hankins. Waived/Injured CB Kemon Hall.	Sept. 9	Activated OLB Brevin Allen (standard elevation) from practice squad.
March 21	Re-signed P JK Scott.	Aug. 17	Removed DL Austin Johnson from Active/Physically Unable to Perform. Placed CB Kemon Hall on Reserve/Injured.	Sept. 11	Reverted OLB Brevin Allen to practice squad.
March 22	Re-signed K Cameron Dicker and CB Kemon Hall.	Aug. 18	Reached injury settlement with OL Nic Melsop.	Sept. 12	Signed OLB Ty Shelby to practice squad. Released G/T Austen Pleasants from practice squad.
March 23	Re-signed TE Donald Parham Jr.	Aug. 22	Signed LB Tae Crowder. Waived/Injured T Andrew Trainer.	Sept. 13	Signed RB Jaret Patterson to practice squad.
April 6	Re-signed C/G Will Clapp.	Aug. 23	Placed T Andrew Trainer on Reserve/Injured. Reached injury settlement with CB Kemon Hall.	Sept. 16	Activated OLB Brevin Allen (standard elevation) and S Dean Marlowe (standard elevation) from practice squad.
April 17	Re-signed WR Jalen Guyton.	Aug. 28	Traded K Dustin Hopkins to Cleveland for 2025 seventh-round selection.	Sept. 18	Reverted OLB Brevin Allen and S Dean Marlowe to practice squad.
May 12	Signed OLB Brevin Allen, S Tyler Baker-Williams, C Johari Branch, CB Cam Brown, WR Terrell Bynum, DL Jerrod Clark, WR Derius Davis, RB Elijah Dotson, QB Max Duggan, LB Nathan East, TE Michael Ezeike, OLB Andrew Farmer, S AJ Finley, LB Daiyan Henley, RB Tyler Hoosman, WR Quentin Johnston, LB Mikel Jones, DL Terrance Lang, DL Scott Matlock, OL Jordan McFadden, OL Nic Melsop, CB Tiawan Mullen, DL CJ Okoye, CB Amechi Uzodinma, WR Pokey Wilson. DL CJ Okoye given exempt status by Commissioner.	Aug. 29	Placed WR Jalen Guyton and DL Otito Ogbonnia on Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform. Released WR Keelan Doss. Waived OLB Brevin Allen, T Zack Bailey, S Tyler Baker-Williams, C Johari Branch, CB Cam Brown, WR Terrell Bynum, DL Jerrod Clark, LB Tae Crowder, QB Max Duggan, LB Nathan East, TE Michael Ezeike, OLB Andrew Farmer, CB Matt Hankins, WR John Hightower, RB Tyler Hoosman, CB Michael Jacquet, LB Mikel Jones, TE Hunter Kampmoyer, OLB Carlo Kemp, DL Terrance Lang, DL David Moa, CB Tiawan Mullen, DL CJ Okoye, G/T Austen Pleasants, RB Aaron Shampklin, OLB Ty Shelby, C Isaac Weaver, DB Mark Webb Jr., and WR Pokey Wilson. Waived/Injured T Matt Kaskey, LB Blake Lynch, WR Darrius Shepherd, CB Amechi Uzodinma and WR Milton Wright		
May 19	Signed DL Nick Williams.	Aug. 30	Claimed LB Tanner Muse off waivers. Waived FB Zander Horvath. Placed LB Blake Lynch, WR Darrius Shepherd, CB Amechi Uzodinma and WR Milton Wright on Reserve/Injured. Placed T Matt Kaskey on Reserve/Injured and subsequently reached an injury settlement. Signed OLB Brevin Allen, T Zack Bailey, WR Terrell Bynum, DL Jerrod Clark, DL Christian Covington, WR Keelan Doss, QB Max Duggan, OLB Andrew Farmer, CB Matt Hankins, TE Hunter Kampmoyer, DL CJ Okoye and G/T Austen Pleasants to practice squad.		
May 31	Waived LB Damon Lloyd.				
June 2	Signed WR Darrius Shepherd.				
June 26	Signed OLB Tuli Tuipulotu.				
July 17	Declared Non-Football Illness for WR Pokey Wilson.				
July 26	Signed QB Justin Herbert to contract extension. Removed WR Pokey Wilson from Active/Non-Football Illness. Declared WR Jalen Guyton, DL Austin Johnson and DL Otito Ogbonnia Physically Unable to Perform.				
July 27	Signed WR Milton Wright.				
July 28	Signed LB Blake Lynch. Waived LB Tyreek Maddox-Williams.				
Aug. 9	Signed T Matt Kaskey. Waived/Injured OL Nic Melsop.				

2023 TRANSACTIONS BY PLAYER

Allen, Brevin — OLB

May 12 Signed
 Aug. 29 Waived
 Aug. 30 Signed to practice squad
 Sept. 9 Activated from practice squad (standard elevation)
 Sept. 11 Reverted to practice squad
 Sept. 16 Activated from practice squad (standard elevation)
 Sept. 18 Reverted to practice squad

Bailey, Zack — T

Jan. 16 Signed to Reserve/Future contract
 Aug. 29 Waived
 Aug. 30 Signed to practice squad

Baker-Williams, Tyler — S

May 12 Signed
 Aug. 29 Waived

Branch, Johari — C

May 12 Signed
 Aug. 29 Waived

Brown, Cam — CB

May 12 Signed
 Aug. 29 Waived

Bynum, Terrell — WR

May 12 Signed
 Aug. 29 Waived
 Aug. 30 Signed to practice squad

Clapp, Will — C/G

April 6 Re-signed

Clark, Jerrod — DL

May 12 Signed
 Aug. 29 Waived
 Aug. 30 Signed to practice squad

Covington, Christian — DL

Aug. 30 Signed to practice squad

Crowder, Tae — LB

Aug. 22 Signed
 Aug. 29 Waived

Davis, Derius — WR

May 12 Signed

Dicker, Cameron — K

March 14 Extended exclusive rights tender
 March 22 Re-signed

Doss, Keelan — WR

Jan. 16 Signed to Reserve/Future contract
 Aug. 29 Released
 Aug. 30 Signed to practice squad

Dotson, Elijah — RB

May 12 Signed

Duggan, Max — QB

May 12 Signed
 Aug. 29 Waived
 Aug. 30 Signed to practice squad

East, Nathan — LB

May 12 Signed
 Aug. 29 Waived

Erickson, Alex — WR

Aug. 31 Signed to practice squad

Ezeike, Michael — TE

May 12 Signed
 Aug. 29 Waived

Farmer, Andrew — OLB

May 12 Signed
 Aug. 29 Waived
 Aug. 30 Signed to practice squad

Feiler, Matt — G

March 15 Released

Finley, AJ — S

May 12 Signed

Fox, Morgan — DL

March 16 Re-signed

Guyton, Jalen — WR

April 17 Re-signed
 July 26 Declared Physically Unable to Perform
 Aug. 29 Placed on Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform

Hall, Kemon — CB

March 22 Re-signed
 Aug. 16 Waived/Injured
 Aug. 17 Placed on Reserve/Injured
 Aug. 23 Reached injury settlement

Hankins, Matt — CB

Aug. 16 Signed
 Aug. 29 Waived
 Aug. 30 Signed to practice squad

Henley, Daiyan — LB

May 12 Signed

Herbert, Justin — QB

July 26 Signed contract extension

Hightower, John — WR

Jan. 16 Signed to Reserve/Future contract
 Aug. 29 Waived

Hoosman, Tyler — RB

May 12 Signed
 Aug. 29 Waived

Hopkins, Dustin — K

Aug. 28 Traded to Cleveland

Horvath, Zander — FB

Aug. 30 Waived

Jacquet, Michael — CB

Jan. 16 Signed to Reserve/Future contract
 Aug. 29 Waived

Johnson, Austin — DL

July 26 Declared Physically Unable to Perform
 Aug. 17 Passed Physical

Johnston, Quentin — WR

May 12 Signed

Jones, Mikel — LB

May 12 Signed

Kampmoyer, Hunter — TE

Jan. 16 Signed to Reserve/Future contract
 Aug. 30 Signed to practice squad

Kaskey, Matt — T

Aug. 9 Signed
 Aug. 29 Waived/Injured
 Aug. 30 Placed on Reserve/Injured and reached injury settlement

Kemp, Carlo — OLB

Jan. 16 Signed to Reserve/Future contract

Kendricks, Eric — LB

March 15 Signed

Jones, Mikel — LB

May 12 Signed
 Aug. 29 Waived

Lynch, Blake — LB

July 28 Signed
 Aug. 29 Waived/Injured
 Aug. 30 Placed on Reserve/Injured
 Aug. 31 Reached injury settlement

Maddox-Williams, Tyreek — LB

Jan. 16 Signed to Reserve/Future contract
 July 28 Waived

Marlowe, Dean — S

Aug. 31 Signed to practice squad
 Sept. 16 Activated from practice squad (standard elevation)
 Sept. 18 Reverted to practice squad

Matlock, Scott — DL

May 12 Signed

McFadden, Jordan — OL

May 12 Signed

Melsop, Nic — OL

May 12 Signed
 Aug. 9 Waived/Injured
 Aug. 10 Placed on Reserve/Injured
 Aug. 18 Reached injury settlement

Moa, David — DL

Jan. 16 Signed to Reserve/Future contract
 Aug. 29 Waived

Mullen, Tiawan — CB

May 12 Signed
 Aug. 29 Waived

Ogbonnia, Otitio — DL

July 26 Declared Physically Unable to Perform
 Aug. 29 Placed on Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform

Okoye, CJ — DL

May 12 Signed
 Aug. 29 Waived
 Aug. 30 Signed to practice squad

Parham Jr., Donald — TE

March 23 Re-signed

Patterson, Jaret — RB

Sept. 13 Signed to practice squad

Pipkins III, Trey — T

March 15 Re-Signed

Pleasants, Austen — G/T

Jan. 16 Signed to Reserve/Future contract
 Aug. 29 Waived
 Aug. 30 Signed to practice squad
 Sept. 12 Released from practice squad

Rountree III, Larry — RB

Jan. 16 Signed to Reserve/Future contract
 Aug. 14 Waived

Sarell, Foster — T

March 14 Re-signed

Scott, JK — P

March 21 Re-signed

Shampklin, Aaron — RB

Aug. 15 Signed
 Aug. 29 Waived

Shelby, Ty — OLB

Jan. 16 Signed to Reserve/Future contract
 Aug. 29 Waived
 Sept. 12 Signed to practice squad

Shepherd, Darrius — WR

June 2 Signed
 Aug. 29 Waived/Injured
 Aug. 30 Placed on Reserve/Injured
 Sept. 1 Reached injury settlement

Stick, Easton — QB

March 15 Re-signed

Trainer, Andrew — T

Aug. 22 Waived/Injured
 Aug. 23 Placed on Reserve/Injured

Tuipulotu, Tuli — OLB

June 26 Signed

Uzodinma, Amechi — CB

May 12 Signed
 Aug. 29 Waived/Injured
 Aug. 30 Placed on Reserve/Injured

Vannett, Nick — TE

Aug. 31 Signed to practice squad

Webb Jr., Mark — DB

Jan. 16 Signed to Reserve/Future contract
 Aug. 29 Waived

Wilcox, Chris — CB

Sept. 1 Signed to practice squad

Williams, Nick — DL

May 19 Signed

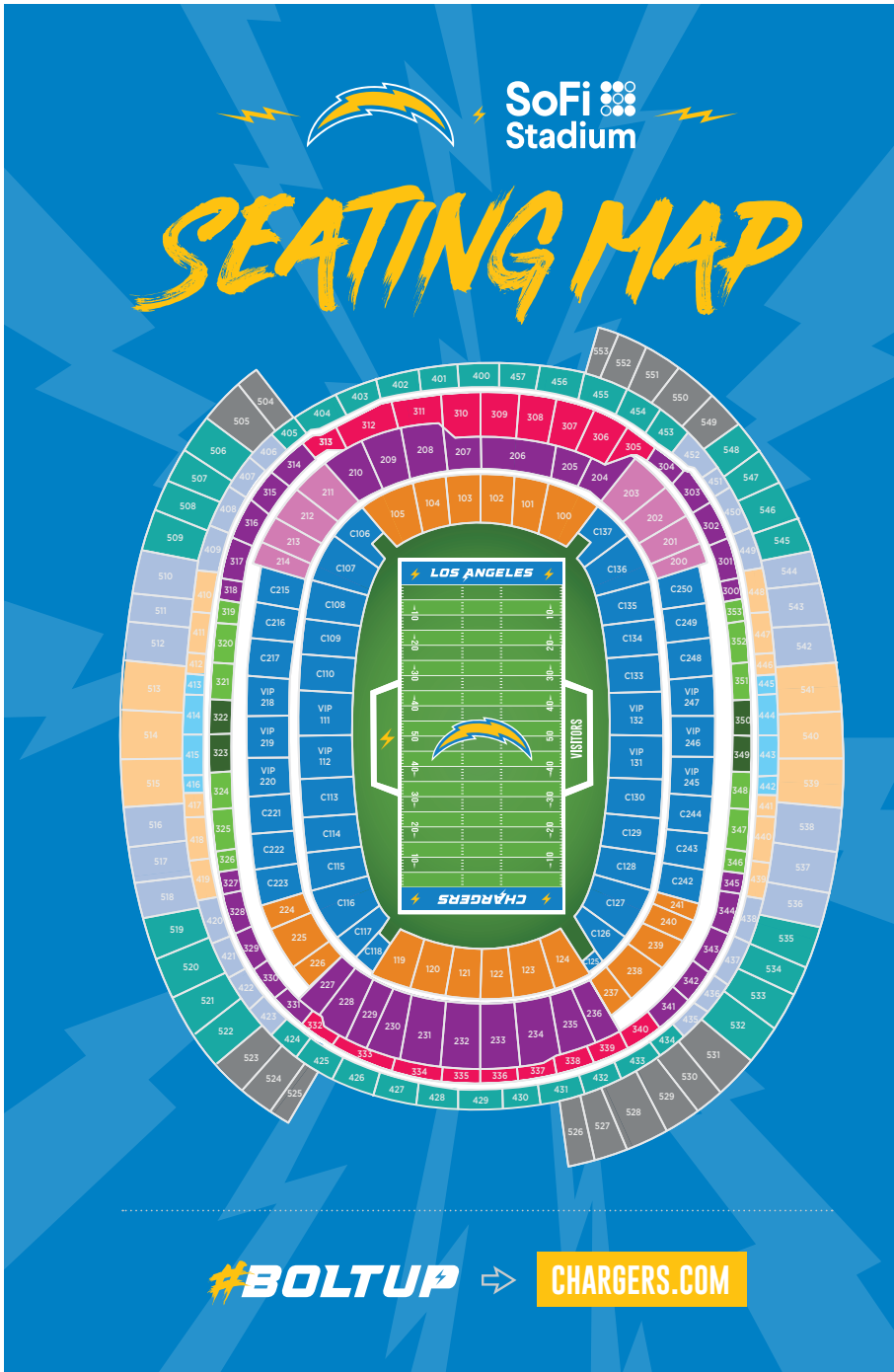
Wilson, Pokey — WR

May 12 Signed
 July 19 Declared Non-Football Illness
 July 26 Passed Physical

Wright, Milton — WR

July 27 Signed
 Aug. 29 Waived/Injured
 Aug. 30 Placed on Reserve/Injured
 Sept. 7 Reached injury settlement

MEDIA INFORMATION



GAME-DAY MEDIA PARKING: Media attending Chargers home games have been assigned reserved areas to park at SoFi Stadium. All parking will be distributed electronically. As a reminder, parking is limited and is being provided as a courtesy.

MEDIA ENTRANCE: All credentialed media must enter through southeast media gate between entries 10 & 11 near Media Will Call and are subject to search procedures. Please be prepared to open all cases and bags for inspection by SoFi Stadium security personnel. All items will be inspected and tagged for security purposes. Please make sure bags are identifiable and limit carry-in items to only what is necessary. Please remove any security tags from prior games.

PRESS WILL CALL
Press Will Call is located at the southeast media gate between entries 10 & 11.

PRESS BOX
Media can access the press box by entering SoFi Stadium through the southeast media gate. Once on the concourse, turn left and walk along the concourse around the South end zone until reaching elevators in the southwest corner of the stadium. Take the elevators up to level 7 to access the press box.

CHARGERS MEDIA SITE
Chargers.com/media is available to assist media with coverage leading up to each game of the 2023 season. The media site contains digital copies of all press materials. Credential requests on the site must be submitted by the sports director, sports editor or photo editor to be considered.

CHARGERS GAME RELEASE
Stats and notes in Los Angeles Chargers Game Releases are found utilizing a variety of sources, including STATS LLC, Sportradar, Stathead and the Elias Sports Bureau.

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MEDIA INFORMATION

CHARGERS RADIO NETWORK: iHeartMedia Los Angeles will again air all regular season and postseason Chargers games on ALT 98.7 FM – Los Angeles' New Alternative – complete with a two-hour pregame and one-hour postgame show.

Calls from Matt "Money" Smith, Daniel Jeremiah and Shannon Farren will be heard over the airwaves across Los Angeles and four affiliate stations in California, Nevada and Oregon.

The Chargers Spanish broadcast called by Adrian Garcia-Marquez and Francisco Pinto will be locally broadcast on Que Buena Los Angeles (105.5/94.3 FM).

CHARGERS RADIO NETWORK AFFILIATES

- Los Angeles (KYSR-FM & KBUE-FM)*
- Bakersfield (KBFP-AM)
- Eugene, Oregon (KORE-AM)
- Palm Springs/Yucca Valley (KNWZ-FM, KNWH-AM)
- San Bernardino (KATY-FM)

**Flagship Stations*

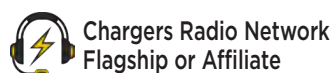
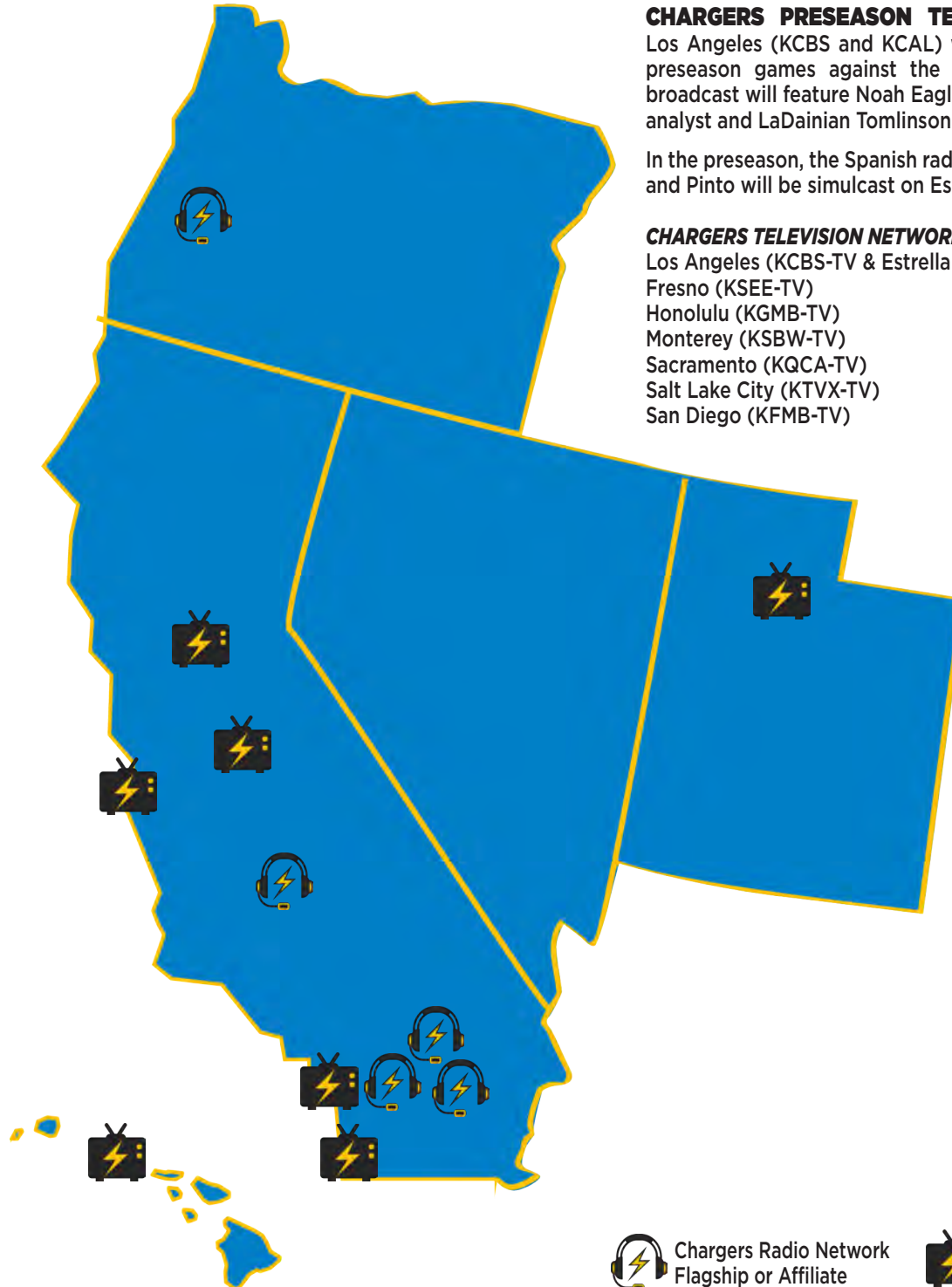
CHARGERS PRESEASON TELEVISION NETWORK: CBS Los Angeles (KCBS and KCAL) will locally broadcast Chargers preseason games against the Rams, Saints and 49ers. The broadcast will feature Noah Eagle on play-by-play, Dan Fouts as analyst and LaDainian Tomlinson as the sideline reporter.

In the preseason, the Spanish radio broadcast of Garcia-Marquez and Pinto will be simulcast on Estrella TV.

CHARGERS TELEVISION NETWORK AFFILIATES

- Los Angeles (KCBS-TV & Estrella TV)*
- Fresno (KSEE-TV)
- Honolulu (KGMB-TV)
- Monterey (KSBW-TV)
- Sacramento (KQCA-TV)
- Salt Lake City (KTVX-TV)
- San Diego (KFMB-TV)

**Flagship Stations*



Chargers Radio Network
Flagship or Affiliate



Chargers Preseason Television
Network Flagship or Affiliate

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SUPPLEMENTAL STATS

ALL-TIME SERIES HISTORY

Franchise	REGULAR SEASON						POSTSEASON					PRESEASON		
	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA	W	L	T
Arizona Cardinals ¹	11	4	0	.733	392	301	0	0	—			14	11	0
Atlanta Falcons	4	8	0	.333	170	247	0	0	—			4	2	0
Baltimore Ravens	5	8	0	.385	242	287	1	0	1.000	23	17	0	0	0
Buffalo Bills	24	11	2	.686	916	636	1	2	.333	27	57	0	1	0
Carolina Panthers	1	6	0	.143	109	168	0	0	—			0	0	0
Chicago Bears	6	7	0	.462	249	220	0	0	—			4	3	0
Cincinnati Bengals	22	14	0	.611	871	778	1	1	.500	34	37	0	0	0
Cleveland Browns ²	19	9	1	.672	727	582	0	0	—			1	0	1
Dallas Cowboys	5	7	0	.417	278	276	0	0	—			9	8	0
Denver Broncos	55	70	1	.440	2,716	2,681	0	1	.000	17	24	5	2	0
Detroit Lions	7	5	0	.583	254	263	0	0	—			0	1	0
Green Bay Packers	2	10	0	.167	212	353	0	0	—			2	1	1
Houston Texans	6	3	0	.667	247	192	0	0	—			1	0	0
Indianapolis Colts ³	18	10	0	.643	666	476	2	1	.667	71	76	2	2	0
Jacksonville Jaguars	9	4	0	.692	385	255	0	0	—			0	0	0
Kansas City Chiefs ⁴	57	67	1	.460	2,568	2,800	1	0	1.000	17	0	5	2	0
Las Vegas Raiders ⁵	57	67	2	.460	2,756	2,766	0	1	.000	27	34	7	7	0
Los Angeles Rams ⁶	6	7	0	.462	344	335	0	0	—			20	19	0
Miami Dolphins	15	18	0	.455	753	738	2	2	.500	76	124	3	1	0
Minnesota Vikings	6	8	0	.429	330	345	0	0	—			3	11	1
New England Patriots ⁷	14	24	2	.368	771	976	1	3	.250	112	96	5	2	0
New Orleans Saints	7	6	0	.538	350	264	0	0	—			4	6	0
New York Giants	8	5	0	.615	356	302	0	0	—			5	3	0
New York Jets ⁸	23	12	1	.657	1,030	733	0	2	.000	31	37	4	2	1
Philadelphia Eagles	8	5	0	.615	262	266	0	0	—			3	1	0
Pittsburgh Steelers	9	23	0	.281	616	834	2	1	.667	72	76	1	2	0
San Francisco 49ers	8	7	0	.533	339	396	0	1	.000	26	49	22	27	0
Seattle Seahawks	25	27	0	.481	1,090	1,103	0	0	—			5	13	0
Tampa Bay Buccaneers	8	4	0	.667	331	250	0	0	—			0	0	0
Tennessee Titans ⁹	28	16	1	.636	1,149	985	1	3	.250	50	57	7	3	0
Washington Football Team ¹⁰	5	7	0	.417	259	284	0	0	—			1	0	0
ALL-TIME TOTALS	478	479	11	.499	21,738	21,092	12	18	.400	583	684	137	127	4

Note: Prior to 1972, tie games were not included in winning percentage.

1—Known as St. Louis Cardinals (1960-87) and Phoenix Cardinals (1988-93)

2—Did not play from 1996-98 after relocation to Baltimore, but rejoined as an expansion franchise in 1999

3—Known as Baltimore Colts (1960-83)

4—Known as Dallas Texans (1960-62)

5—Known as Los Angeles Rams (1960-94 and 2016-present) and St. Louis Rams (1995-2015)

6—Known as Boston Patriots (1960-70)

7—Known as Titans of New York (1960-62)

8—Known as Oakland Raiders (1960-81 and 1995-2019) and Los Angeles Raiders (1982-94)

9—Known as Houston Oilers (1960-96) and Tennessee Oilers (1997-98)

10—Known as Washington Redskins (1960-2019)

CHARGERS RECORD WHEN . . .

	-- 2023 Season --			-- 2017-Present --			-- 2000-Present --		
	Home	Road	Overall	Home	Road	Overall	Home	Road	Overall
Overall	0-1	0-1	0-2	26-24	26-24	52-48	105-81	83-103	188-184
On Grass	0-0	0-0	0-0	12-12	16-18	28-30	91-69	58-73	149-142
On Artificial Surfaces	0-1	0-1	0-2	14-12	10-6	24-18	14-12	25-30	39-42
In Indoor Stadiums	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	4-5	4-5	0-0	10-14	10-14
In Open-Air Stadiums	0-1	0-1	0-2	26-24	22-19	48-43	105-81	73-89	178-170
When Winning the Coin Toss	0-1	0-0	0-1	15-15	13-10	28-25	61-37	43-48	104-85
When Losing the Coin Toss	0-0	0-1	0-1	12-9	13-14	25-23	45-43	40-55	85-98
When Receiving the Opening Kick	0-0	0-1	0-1	13-13	13-15	26-28	54-40	37-54	91-94
vs. Division Opponents*	0-0	0-0	0-0	8-10	7-11	15-21	38-33	28-43	66-76
vs. AFC (since 1970 NFL-AFL merger)	0-1	0-1	0-2	19-18	18-19	37-37	78-61	62-77	140-138
vs. NFC (since 1970 NFL-AFL merger)	0-0	0-0	0-0	7-6	8-5	15-11	27-20	21-26	48-46
In August/September**	0-1	0-1	0-2	3-9	5-5	8-14	21-20	16-23	37-43
In October	0-0	0-0	0-0	7-5	6-5	13-10	26-16	18-30	44-46
In November	0-0	0-0	0-0	5-5	6-7	11-12	23-21	20-25	43-46
In December	0-0	0-0	0-0	9-5	8-5	17-10	31-23	26-22	57-45
In January	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-0	1-2	3-2	4-1	3-3	7-4
During Day Games	0-1	0-1	0-2	22-19	22-17	44-36	85-64	69-87	154-151
During Night Games	0-0	0-0	0-0	4-5	4-7	8-12	20-17	14-16	34-33
Outdoor Games with a Temperature < 40° F	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-1	2-1	0-0	13-12	13-12
Outdoor Games with a Temperature > 80° F	0-1	0-0	0-1	2-7	5-2	7-9	11-14	7-6	17-19
On Thursday	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	3-2	3-3	4-2	4-4	8-6
On Friday	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0
On Saturday	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-2	0-3	1-4	1-7
On Sunday/Early Games (Before 3 p.m. ET)	0-0	0-1	0-1	1-0	12-9	13-9	1-0	42-48	43-48
On Sunday/Late Afternoon Games (3-6 p.m. ET)	0-1	0-0	0-1	21-19	9-8	30-27	84-63	27-36	111-99
On Sunday/Night Games (After 6 p.m. ET)	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-2	1-2	3-4	10-6	3-6	13-12
On Monday	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-1	1-2	3-3	6-7	5-5	11-12
When Scoring First	0-1	0-1	0-2	18-6	14-9	32-15	77-32	47-32	124-64
When Opponent Scores First	0-0	0-0	0-0	8-18	12-15	20-33	28-49	36-71	64-120
In Overtime Games	0-0	0-1	0-1	2-2	1-4	3-6	5-6	6-13	11-18
When Leading after First Quarter	0-0	0-1	0-1	16-5	9-8	25-13	72-21	36-25	108-46
When Leading at Halftime	0-0	0-1	0-1	21-8	18-9	39-17	80-25	56-30	136-55
When Leading after Third Quarter	0-0	0-0	0-0	22-6	15-6	37-12	89-20	53-27	142-47
When Trailing after First Quarter	0-0	0-0	0-0	4-15	10-14	14-29	14-46	27-53	41-99
When Trailing at Halftime	0-1	0-0	0-1	2-16	8-13	10-29	14-50	23-67	37-117
When Trailing after Third Quarter	0-1	0-1	0-2	1-17	10-16	11-33	10-59	23-70	33-129
When Tied at Halftime	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-0	0-2	2-2	10-6	4-7	14-13
When Tied after the Third Quarter	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-1	1-2	4-3	6-2	7-6	13-8
When Chargers had 100-yard Rusher	0-1	0-0	0-1	3-1	5-2	8-3	34-5	33-10	67-15
When Chargers had 100-yard Receiver	0-0	0-1	0-1	12-11	14-7	26-18	42-26	34-31	76-57
When Chargers had 300-yard Passer	0-0	0-1	0-1	12-12	10-8	22-20	30-23	26-29	56-53
When Opponent had 100-yard Rusher	0-0	0-0	0-0	8-8	6-8	14-16	10-20	16-30	26-50
When Opponent had 100-yard Receiver	0-1	0-0	0-1	7-6	5-6	12-12	31-27	18-38	49-65
When Opponent had 300-yard Passer	0-1	0-0	0-1	1-5	1-5	2-10	20-15	8-30	28-45
With a Positive Turnover Margin	0-1	0-0	0-1	15-1	19-5	34-6	66-10	54-19	120-29
With a Negative Turnover Margin	0-0	0-0	0-0	4-16	2-11	6-27	17-53	16-61	33-114
With an Even Turnover Margin	0-0	0-1	0-1	7-7	5-8	12-15	20-18	13-23	33-41
With a +3 or higher Turnover Margin	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-0	2-0	5-0	15-1	13-1	28-2
With a +2 Turnover Margin	0-1	0-0	0-1	6-1	4-1	10-2	29-3	14-5	43-8
With a +1 Turnover Margin	0-0	0-0	0-0	6-0	13-4	19-4	22-7	27-13	49-20
With a -1 Turnover Margin	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-6	1-7	4-13	14-21	10-28	24-49
With a -2 Turnover Margin	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-6	1-1	2-7	3-15	5-16	8-31
With a -3 or lower Turnover Margin	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-4	0-3	0-7	2-16	1-17	3-33
When Recording 0 Takeaways	0-0	0-1	0-1	6-10	3-7	9-17	12-28	10-34	22-61
When Recording 1 Takeaway	0-0	0-0	0-0	10-10	8-9	18-19	35-31	29-36	64-67
When Recording 2-plus Takeaways	0-1	0-0	0-1	10-4	15-8	25-12	58-22	44-33	102-55
When Recording 0 Giveaways	0-1	0-1	0-2	16-3	14-2	30-5	43-8	40-8	83-16
When Recording 1 Giveaway	0-0	0-0	0-0	8-5	6-9	14-14	36-16	19-31	55-47
When Recording 2-plus Giveaways	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-16	6-13	8-29	25-58	26-62	50-121
When Recording 0 Interceptions	0-0	0-1	0-1	11-15	7-9	18-24	29-45	21-49	50-94
When Recording 1 Interception	0-1	0-0	0-1	10-8	11-12	21-20	37-27	36-43	73-70
When Recording 2-plus Interceptions	0-0	0-0	0-0	5-0	8-3	13-3	39-8	26-11	65-19
When Throwing 0 Interceptions	0-1	0-1	0-2	18-6	16-6	34-12	59-17	50-25	109-42
When Throwing 1 Interception	0-0	0-0	0-0	7-8	8-12	15-20	32-30	24-43	56-73
When Throwing 2-plus Interceptions	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-10	2-6	3-16	14-34	9-35	23-69
When Recovering 0 Fumbles	0-0	0-1	0-1	16-14	14-17	30-31	49-48	42-65	91-113
When Recovering 1 Fumble	0-1	0-0	0-1	9-10	7-7	16-17	48-28	28-31	76-59
When Recovering 2-plus Fumbles	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	5-0	6-0	8-5	13-7	21-13
When Losing 0 Fumbles	0-1	0-1	0-2	22-11	19-13	41-24	66-39	58-42	124-81
When Losing 1 Fumble	0-0	0-0	0-0	4-11	5-9	9-20	32-29	19-41	51-70
When Losing 2-plus Fumbles	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	2-2	2-4	6-14	6-20	12-34

Note: Home and Road indicate status as home or road team even in neutral site and international games.

*All games against divisional opponents from AFL West and AFC West (with exception of 1982 strike-shortened year): Cincinnati Bengals (1968-69), Dallas Texans (1960-62), Denver Broncos (1960-present), Kansas City Chiefs (1963-present), Las Vegas Raiders (2020-present), Los Angeles Raiders (1982-94), Oakland Raiders (1960-81 and 1995-2019), Seattle Seahawks (1977-2001) and Tampa Bay Buccaneers (1976).

**Had one August regular-season game in team history, a 41-7 road loss to the New England Patriots on Aug. 31, 1997.

THE LAST TIME . . .

Regular season in regular font | Postseason in italics

RUSHING

200 Yards Rushing, Individual

CHARGERS — LaDainian Tomlinson, Dec. 28, 2003 vs. Oakland (243 yards)
OPPONENT — Adrian Peterson, Nov. 4, 2007 at Minnesota (296 yards)
CHARGERS — *Keith Lincoln, AFL Championship, Jan. 5, 1964 vs. Boston (206 yards)*
OPPONENT — *Never*

100 Yards Rushing, Individual

CHARGERS — **Austin Ekeler, Sept. 10, 2023 vs. Miami (117 yards)**
OPPONENT — Latavius Murray, Jan. 8, 2023 at Denver (103 yards)
CHARGERS — *Darren Sproles, AFC Wild Card, Jan. 3, 2009 vs. Indianapolis (105 yards)*
OPPONENT — *Sony Michel, AFC Divisional, Jan. 13, 2019 at New England (129 yards)*

100 Yards Rushing, One Half, Individual

CHARGERS — Austin Ekeler, Oct. 9, 2022 at Cleveland (106 yards in first half)
OPPONENT — Kenneth Walker III, Oct. 23, 2022 vs. Seattle (122 yards in second half and overtime)
CHARGERS — *Keith Lincoln, AFL Championship, Jan. 5, 1964 vs. Boston (176 yards in first half)*
OPPONENT — *Sony Michel, AFC Divisional, Jan. 13, 2019 at New England (105 yards in first half)*

Two 100-Yard Rushers

CHARGERS — Darren Sproles (122 yards) and LaDainian Tomlinson (116 yards) Dec. 16, 2007, vs. Detroit
OPPONENT — Frank Gore (158 yards) and Colin Kaepernick (151 yards), Dec. 20, 2014 at San Francisco
CHARGERS — *Never*
OPPONENT — *Never*

Four Touchdowns Rushing, Individual

CHARGERS — LaDainian Tomlinson, Oct. 14, 2007 vs. Oak. (3, 27, 13, 41 yards)
OPPONENT — *Never*
CHARGERS — *Never*
OPPONENT — *Never*

Three Touchdowns Rushing, Individual

CHARGERS — Melvin Gordon, Oct. 15, 2018, at Cleveland (4, 10, 11 yards)
OPPONENT — Darrel Young, Nov. 3, 2013 at Washington (1, 1, 4 yards)
CHARGERS — *Never*
OPPONENT — *Sony Michel, AFC Divisional, Jan. 13, 2019 at New England (1, 14, 5 yards)*

Two Touchdowns Rushing, Individual

CHARGERS — Austin Ekeler, Jan. 1, 2023 vs. L.A. Rams (10, 72 yards)
OPPONENT — Cordarrelle Patterson, Nov. 6, 2022 at Atlanta (1, 3 yards)
CHARGERS — *Darren Sproles, AFC Wild Card, Jan. 3, 2009 vs. Indianapolis (9, 22 yards)*
OPPONENT — *Sony Michel, AFC Divisional, Jan. 13, 2019 at New England (1, 14, 5 yards)*

PASSING

500 Yards Passing, Individual

CHARGERS — Philip Rivers, Oct. 18, 2015 at Green Bay (503 yards)
OPPONENT — *Never*
CHARGERS — *Never*
OPPONENT — *Never*

400 Yards Passing, Individual

CHARGERS — Philip Rivers, Nov. 18, 2018 vs. Denver (401 yards)
OPPONENT — **Tua Tagovailoa, Sept. 10, 2023 vs. Miami (466 yards)**
CHARGERS — *Dan Fouts, AFC Divisional, Jan. 2, 1982 at Miami (433 yards)*
OPPONENT — *Peyton Manning, AFC Divisional, Jan. 13, 2008 at Indianapolis (402 yards)*

300 Yards Passing, Individual

CHARGERS — **Justin Herbert, Sept. 17, 2023 at Tennessee (305 yards)**
OPPONENT — **Tua Tagovailoa, Sept. 10, 2023 vs. Miami (466 yards)**
CHARGERS — *Philip Rivers, AFC Divisional, Jan. 13, 2019 at New England (331 yards)*
OPPONENT — *Tom Brady, AFC Divisional, Jan. 13, 2019 at New England (343 yards)*

Six Touchdown Passes, Individual

CHARGERS — Dan Fouts, Nov. 22, 1981 at Oakland (12, 15, 29, 4, 5, 6 yards)
OPPONENT — *Never*
CHARGERS — *Never*
OPPONENT — *Never*

Five Touchdown Passes, Individual

CHARGERS — Drew Brees, Oct. 31, 2004 vs. Oakland (17, 13, 23, 5, 1 yards)
OPPONENT — Tom Brady, Oct. 4, 2020 at Tampa Bay (3, 6, 28, 19, 9 yards)
CHARGERS — *Never*
OPPONENT — *Never*

Four Touchdown Passes, Individual

CHARGERS — Justin Herbert, Oct. 4, 2021 vs. Cleveland (22, 72, 42, 19 yards)
OPPONENT — Tom Brady, Oct. 4, 2020 at Tampa Bay (3, 6, 28, 19, 9 yards)
CHARGERS — *Never*
OPPONENT — *Don Strock, AFC Divisional, Jan. 2, 1982 at Miami (1, 40, 15, 50 yards)*

Three Touchdown Passes, Individual

CHARGERS — Justin Herbert, Nov. 27, 2022 at Arizona (2, 33, 1 yard)
OPPONENT — **Tua Tagovailoa, Sept. 10, 2023 vs. Miami (1, 35, 4 yards)**
CHARGERS — *Philip Rivers, AFC Divisional, Jan. 13, 2019 at New England (43, 1, 8 yards)*
OPPONENT — *Peyton Manning, AFC Divisional, Jan. 13, 2008 at Indianapolis (25, 9, 55 yards)*

Six Interceptions Thrown, Individual

CHARGERS — Ed Luther, Oct. 31, 1983 vs. Washington
OPPONENT — Peyton Manning, Nov. 11, 2007 vs. Indianapolis
CHARGERS — *Never*
OPPONENT — *Never*

Five Interceptions Thrown, Individual

CHARGERS — Craig Whelihan, Dec. 13, 1998 at Seattle
OPPONENT — Nathan Peterman, Nov. 19, 2017 vs. Buffalo
CHARGERS — *Dan Fouts, AFC Second Round, Jan. 16, 1983 at Miami*
OPPONENT — *George Blanda, AFL Championship, Dec. 24, 1961 vs. Houston Oilers*

Four Interceptions Thrown, Individual

CHARGERS — Philip Rivers, Nov. 18, 2019 vs. Kansas City in Mexico City, Mexico
OPPONENT — Nathan Peterman, Nov. 19, 2017 vs. Buffalo
CHARGERS — *Stan Humphries, AFC Wild Card, Dec. 31, 1995 vs. Indianapolis*
OPPONENT — *George Blanda, AFL Championship, Dec. 24, 1961 vs. Houston Oilers*

RECEIVING

10 or More Receptions, Individual

CHARGERS — Keenan Allen, Dec. 26, 2022 at Indianapolis (11 receptions)
OPPONENT — **Tyreek Hill, Sept. 10, 2023 vs. Miami (11 receptions)**
CHARGERS — *Ronnie Harmon, AFC Wild Card, Dec. 31, 1995 vs. Indianapolis (10 receptions)*
OPPONENT — *James White, AFC Divisional, Jan. 13, 2019 at New England (15 receptions)*

200 Yards Receiving, Individual

CHARGERS — Malcom Floyd, Oct. 10, 2010 at Oakland (213 yards)
OPPONENT — **Tyreek Hill, Sept. 10, 2023 vs. Miami (215 yards)**
CHARGERS — *Never*
OPPONENT — *Never*

100 Yards Receiving, Individual

CHARGERS — **Keenan Allen, Sept. 17, 2023 at Tennessee (111 yards)**
OPPONENT — **Tyreek Hill, Sept. 10, 2023 vs. Miami (215 yards)**
CHARGERS — *Keenan Allen, AFC Divisional, Jan. 12, 2014 at Denver (142 yards)*
OPPONENT — *Julian Edelman, AFC Divisional, Jan. 13, 2019 at New England (151 yards)*

100 Yards Receiving, One Half, Individual

CHARGERS — Mike Williams, Jan. 9, 2022 at Las Vegas (111 yards in second half and overtime)
OPPONENT — **Tyreek Hill, Sept. 10, 2023 vs. Miami (104 yards in first half, 111 yards in second half)**
CHARGERS — *Keenan Allen, AFC Divisional, Jan. 12, 2014 at Denver (142 yards in second half)*
OPPONENT — *Julian Edelman, AFC Divisional, Jan. 13, 2019 at New England (107 yards in first half)*

Two 100-Yard Receivers

CHARGERS — Keenan Allen (108 yards) and Melvin Gordon (102 yards), Sept. 9, 2018 vs. Kansas City
OPPONENT — Travis Kelce (191 yards) and Tyreek Hill (148 yards), Dec. 16, 2021 vs. Kansas City
CHARGERS — *Chris Chambers (133 yards) and Vincent Jackson (114 yards), AFC Wild Card, Jan. 6, 2008*
OPPONENT — *Tony Nathan (114 yards) and Duriel Harris (106 yards), AFC Divisional, Jan. 2, 1982*

Five Touchdown Receptions, Individual

CHARGERS — Kellen Winslow, Nov. 22, 1981 at Oakland (15, 29, 4, 5, 3 yards)
OPPONENT — *Never*
CHARGERS — *Never*
OPPONENT — *Never*

Four Touchdown Receptions, Individual

CHARGERS — Kellen Winslow, Nov. 22, 1981 at Oakland (15, 29, 4, 5, 3 yards)
OPPONENT — Daryl Turner, Sept. 15, 1985 vs. Seattle (34, 15, 30, 7 yards)
CHARGERS — *Never*
OPPONENT — *Never*

Three Touchdown Receptions, Individual

CHARGERS — Danny Woodhead, Dec. 20, 2015 vs. Miami (20, 9, 9 yards)
OPPONENT — Travis Kelce, Nov. 20, 2022 vs. Kansas City (4, 32, 17 yards)
CHARGERS — *Never*
OPPONENT — *Jerry Rice, Super Bowl XXIX at Joe Robbie Stadium, Jan. 29, 1995 vs. San Francisco (44, 15, 7 yards)*

Two Touchdown Receptions, Individual

CHARGERS — **Keenan Allen, Sept. 17, 2023 at Tennessee (8, 12 yards)**
OPPONENT — **Tyreek Hill, Sept. 10, 2023 vs. Miami (35, 4 yards)**
CHARGERS — *Keenan Allen, AFC Divisional, Jan. 12, 2014 at Denver (16, 16 yards)*
OPPONENT — *Michael Crabtree, AFC Wild Card, Jan. 6, 2019 at Baltimore (31, 7 yards)*

COMBINATION

100 Yards Rushing and Receiving, Individual

CHARGERS — Austin Ekeler, Dec. 8, 2019 at Jacksonville (101 yards rushing, 112 yards receiving)
OPPONENT — Essex Johnson, Sept. 30, 1973 vs. Cincinnati (121 yards rushing, 116 yards receiving)
CHARGERS — *Keith Lincoln, AFC Championship, Jan. 5, 1964 vs. Boston (206 yards rushing, 123 yards receiving)*
OPPONENT — *Never*

300-Yard Passer, 100-Yard Rusher and 100-Yard Receiver

CHARGERS — Philip Rivers (314 yards passing), Austin Ekeler (101 yards rushing), Austin Ekeler (112 yards receiving), Dec. 8, 2019 at Jacksonville
OPPONENT — Patrick Mahomes (329 yards passing), Isiah Pacheco (107 yards rushing), Travis Kelce (115 yards receiving), Nov. 20, 2022 vs. Kansas City
CHARGERS — *Dan Fouts (333 yards passing), Chuck Muncie (126 yards rushing), Wes Chandler (124 yards receiving), Kellen Winslow (102 yards receiving), AFC Wild Card, Jan. 9, 1983 at Pittsburgh*
OPPONENT — *Tom Brady (343 yards passing), Sony Michel (129 yards rushing), Julian Edelman (151 yards receiving), AFC Divisional, Jan. 13, 2019 at New England*

INTERCEPTIONS

Four Interceptions, Individual

CHARGERS — *Never*
OPPONENT — Kwamie Lassiter, Dec. 27, 1998 at Arizona (4 interceptions)
CHARGERS — *Never*
OPPONENT — *Vernon Perry, AFC Divisional, Dec. 29, 1979 vs. Houston Oilers (4 interceptions)*

Three Interceptions, Individual

CHARGERS — Antonio Cromartie, Nov. 11, 2007 vs. Indianapolis (3 interceptions)
OPPONENT — Kwamie Lassiter, Dec. 27, 1998 at Arizona (4 interceptions)
CHARGERS — *Never*
OPPONENT — *Vernon Perry, AFC Divisional, Dec. 29, 1979 vs. Houston Oilers (4 interceptions)*

Two Interceptions, Individual

CHARGERS — Kyzir White, Oct. 17, 2021 at Baltimore (2 interceptions)
OPPONENT — Patrick Surtain II, Nov. 28, 2021 at Denver (2 interceptions)
CHARGERS — *Glen Edwards, AFC Divisional, Jan. 3, 1981 vs. Buffalo (2 interceptions)*
OPPONENT — *Jason Belser, AFC Wild Card, Dec. 31, 1995 vs. Indianapolis (2 interceptions)*

Interception Returned for Touchdown

CHARGERS — Bryce Callahan, Dec. 4, 2022 at Las Vegas (26 yards of Derek Carr)
OPPONENT — Jaylen Watson, Sept. 15, 2022 at Kansas City (99 yards of Justin Herbert)
CHARGERS — *Never*
OPPONENT — *Never*

SACKS

Five Sacks, Individual

CHARGERS — Leslie O'Neal, Nov. 16, 1986 vs. Dallas (5.0 sacks)
OPPONENT — Never
CHARGERS — Never
OPPONENT — Never

Four-and-One-Half Sacks, Individual

CHARGERS — Leslie O'Neal, Nov. 16, 1986, vs. Dallas (5.0 sacks)
OPPONENT — Hugh Douglas, Oct. 18, 1998 vs. Philadelphia (4.5 sacks)
CHARGERS — Never
OPPONENT — Never

Four Sacks, Individual

CHARGERS — Antwan Barnes, Dec. 18, 2011 vs. Baltimore (4.0 sacks)
OPPONENT — Justin Houston, Dec. 28, 2014 at Kansas City (4.0 sacks)
CHARGERS — Never
OPPONENT — Never

Three-and-One-Half Sacks, Individual

CHARGERS — Kendall Reyes, Dec. 23, 2012 at New York Jets (3.5 sacks)
OPPONENT — Justin Houston, Dec. 28, 2014 at Kansas City (3.5 sacks)
CHARGERS — Never
OPPONENT — Never

Three Sacks, Individual

CHARGERS — Khalil Mack, Sept. 11, 2022 vs. Las Vegas (3.0 sacks)
OPPONENT — Chandler Jones, Dec. 4, 2022 at Las Vegas (3.0 sacks)
CHARGERS — Never
OPPONENT — Never

Two-and-One-Half Sacks, Individual

CHARGERS — Khalil Mack, Sept. 11, 2022 vs. Las Vegas (3.0 sacks)
OPPONENT — Chandler Jones, Dec. 4, 2022 at Las Vegas (3.0 sacks)
CHARGERS — *Burt Grossman, AFC Wild Card,*
Jan. 2, 1993 vs. Kansas City (2.5 sacks)
OPPONENT — Never

Two Sacks, Individual

CHARGERS — **Joey Bosa, Sept. 17, 2023 at Tennessee (2.0 sacks)**
OPPONENT — DeMarcus Walker, Dec. 18, 2022 vs. Tennessee (2.0 sacks)
CHARGERS — *Melvin Ingram, AFC Wild Card,*
Jan. 6, 2019 at Baltimore (2.0 sacks)
OPPONENT — *Shaun Phillips, AFC Divisional,*
Jan. 12, 2014 at Denver (2.0 sacks)

TOUCHDOWNS

Five Touchdowns, Individual

CHARGERS — Kellen Winslow, Nov. 22, 1981 at Oakland
(15-, 29-, 4-, 5-, 3-yard receptions)
OPPONENT — Never
CHARGERS — Never
OPPONENT — Never

Four Touchdowns, Individual

CHARGERS — Austin Ekeler, Nov. 21, 2021 vs. Pittsburgh
(10-, 17-yard receptions; 6-, 5-yard runs)
OPPONENT — Harvey Williams, Nov. 16, 1997, vs. Oakland
(8-, 32-yard receptions; 1-, 1-yard runs)
CHARGERS — Never
OPPONENT — Never

Three Touchdowns, Individual

CHARGERS — Austin Ekeler, Oct. 2, 2022 at Houston
(14-yard receptions; 10-, 20-yard runs)
OPPONENT — Travis Kelce, Nov. 20, 2022 vs. Kansas City
(4-, 32-, 17-yard receptions)
CHARGERS — Never
OPPONENT — *Sony Michel, AFC Divisional,*
Jan. 13, 2019 at New England (1-, 14-, 5-yard runs)

FIELD GOALS AND PATS

Six Field Goals Made, Individual

CHARGERS — Greg Davis, Oct. 5, 1997 at Oakland
(30, 22, 38, 43, 33, 33 yards)
OPPONENT — Phil Dawson, Nov. 5, 2006 vs. Cleveland
(37, 20, 42, 30, 36, 35 yards)
CHARGERS — Never
OPPONENT — Never

Five Field Goals Made, Individual

CHARGERS — Nate Kaeding, Sept. 10, 2012 at Oakland
(23, 28, 19, 41, 45 yards)
OPPONENT — Daniel Carlson, Jan. 9, 2022 at Las Vegas
(24, 31, 52, 40, 47 yards)
CHARGERS — *Michael Badgley, AFC Wild Card,*
Jan. 6, 2019 at Baltimore (21, 53, 40, 34, 47 yards)
OPPONENT — Never

Four Field Goals Made, Individual

CHARGERS — Dustin Hopkins, Oct. 17, 2022 vs. Denver
(37, 31, 35, 39 yards)
OPPONENT — Daniel Carlson, Jan. 9, 2022 at Las Vegas
(24, 31, 52, 40, 47 yards)
CHARGERS — *Michael Badgley, AFC Wild Card,*
Jan. 6, 2019 at Baltimore (21, 53, 40, 34, 47 yards)
OPPONENT — Never

50-Yard Field Goal, Individual

CHARGERS — **Cameron Dicker, Sept. 10, 2023 vs. Miami (50 yards)**
OPPONENT — Jason Sanders, Dec. 11, 2022 vs. Miami (55 yards)
CHARGERS — *Michael Badgley, AFC Wild Card,*
Jan. 6, 2019 at Baltimore (53 yards)
OPPONENT — *Stephen Gostkowski, AFC Divisional,*
Jan. 14, 2007 vs. New England (50 yards)

Blocked Field Goal Attempt

CHARGERS — Joe Gaziano, Dec. 4, 2022 at Las Vegas
(52-yard Daniel Carlson attempt)
OPPONENT — Cody Davis, Dec. 6, 2020 vs. New England
(58-yard Michael Badgley attempt)
CHARGERS — *Leroy Jones, AFC Divisional, Jan. 2, 1982 at Miami*
(34-yard Uwe von Schamann attempt)
OPPONENT — Never

Two-Point Conversion

CHARGERS — **Trey Pipkins III pass from Justin Herbert,**
Sept. 17, 2023 at Tennessee
OPPONENT — Clyde Edwards-Helaire pass from Patrick Mahomes,
Dec. 16, 2021 vs. Kansas City
CHARGERS — *Keenan Allen pass from Philip Rivers, AFC Divisional,*
Jan. 13, 2019 at New England
OPPONENT — *Kevin Faulk run, AFC Divisional,*
Jan. 14, 2007 vs. New England

Point After Touchdown Missed

CHARGERS — Dustin Hopkins, Dec. 5, 2021 at Cincinnati
(First attempt, wide right)
OPPONENT — **Jason Sanders, Sept. 10, 2023 vs. Miami**
(Fourth attempt, wide right)
CHARGERS — *Rolf Benirschke, AFC Second Round,*
Jan. 16, 1993 at Miami (First attempt, wide right)
OPPONENT — Never

Blocked Point After Touchdown

CHARGERS — Isaac Rochell, Sept. 27, 2020 vs. Carolina
(Joey Slye, first attempt)
OPPONENT — Denico Autry, Dec. 31, 2017 vs. Oakland
(Nick Rose, third attempt)
CHARGERS — Never
OPPONENT — Never

PUNTING

80-Yard Punt

CHARGERS — Never
OPPONENT — Dustin Colquitt, Dec. 2, 2007 at Kansas City (81 yards)
CHARGERS — Never
OPPONENT — Never

70-Yard Punt

CHARGERS — Mike Scifres, Sept. 21, 2014 at Buffalo (72 yards)
OPPONENT — Kevin Huber, Sept. 13, 2020 at Cincinnati (70 yards)
CHARGERS — Never
OPPONENT — Ray Guy, AFC Championship, Jan. 11, 1981 vs. Oakland (71 yards)

60-Yard Punt

CHARGERS — **JK Scott, Sept. 10, 2023 vs. Miami (62 yards)**
OPPONENT — **Ryan Stonehouse, Sept. 17, 2023 at Tennessee (63 yards)**
CHARGERS — Mike Scifres, AFC Divisional, Jan. 12, 2014 at Denver (62 yards)
OPPONENT — Hunter Smith, AFC Wild Card, Jan. 3, 2009 vs. Indianapolis (63 yards)

Blocked Punt

CHARGERS — Jerry Attaochu of Drew Butler, Sept. 8, 2014 at Arizona
OPPONENT — Miles Killebrew of Ty Long, Nov. 21, 2021 vs. Pittsburgh
CHARGERS — Never
OPPONENT — Lou Piccone of Rick Partridge, AFC Divisional, Jan. 3, 1981 vs. Buffalo

10 or More Punts, Individual

CHARGERS — Drew Kaser, Nov. 12, 2017 at Jacksonville (10 punts for 485 yards)
OPPONENT — Chad Stanley, Sept. 15, 2002 vs. Houston (10 punts for 406 yards)
CHARGERS — Never
OPPONENT — Never

No Punts

CHARGERS — Dec. 26, 2021 at Houston
OPPONENT — Sept. 19, 2010 vs. Jacksonville
CHARGERS — Never
OPPONENT — AFC Divisional, Jan. 12, 2014 at Denver

OTHER SPECIAL TEAMS

Kickoff Returned for Touchdown

CHARGERS — Andre Roberts, Jan. 2, 2022 vs. Denver (101 yards)
OPPONENT — Mecole Hardman, Dec. 29, 2019 at Kansas City (104 yards)
CHARGERS — Andre Coleman, Super Bowl XXIX at Joe Robbie Stadium, Jan. 29, 1995 vs. San Francisco (98 yards)
OPPONENT — Never

Punt Returned for Touchdown

CHARGERS — Desmond King, Oct. 6, 2019 vs. Denver (68 yards)
OPPONENT — Gunner Olszewski, Dec. 6, 2020, vs. New England (70 yards)
CHARGERS — Wes Chandler, AFC Divisional, Jan. 2, 1982 at Miami (58 yards)
OPPONENT — Santonio Holmes, AFC Divisional, Jan. 11, 2009 at Pittsburgh (67 yards)

Blocked Punt Returned for Touchdown

CHARGERS — Jacob Hester, Oct. 25, 2009 at Kansas City (Recovered own blocked Dustin Colquitt punt in end zone)
OPPONENT — Daniel Thomas, Oct. 25, 2020 vs. Jacksonville (Recovered own blocked Ty Long punt, returned recovery 16 yards)
CHARGERS — Never
OPPONENT — Never

Recovered Own Onside Kick Attempt

CHARGERS — Darrell Stuckey of Nick Novak kick, Nov. 18, 2012 at Denver
OPPONENT — Keion Crossen of Riley Dixon kick, Dec. 12, 2021 vs. New York Giants
CHARGERS — Richard Marshall of Nick Novak kick, AFC Divisional, Jan. 12, 2014 at Denver
OPPONENT — Never

OTHER DEFENSE

Shutout Posted

CHARGERS — Oct. 22, 2017 vs. Denver Broncos (21-0 Chargers win)
OPPONENT — Dec. 6, 2020 vs. New England (45-0, Patriots win)
CHARGERS — AFC Wild Card, Jan. 2, 1993 vs. Kansas City (Chargers win, 17-0)
OPPONENT — AFC Divisional, Jan. 10, 1993 at Miami (Dolphins win, 31-0)

Fumble Returned for Touchdown

CHARGERS — Tevaughn Campbell, Dec. 5, 2021 at Cincinnati (61 yards)
OPPONENT — Tyreek Hill, Dec. 11, 2022 vs. Miami (57 yards)
CHARGERS — Never
OPPONENT — Guy Ruff, AFC Wild Card, Jan. 9, 1983 at Pittsburgh (Recovered opening kickoff fumble in end zone)

Safety Scored

CHARGERS — Oct. 23, 2022 vs. Seattle (Kenneth Walker III tackled by Sebastian Joseph-Day and Troy Reeder in end zone)
OPPONENT — Nov. 22, 2020 vs. N.Y. Jets (Ty Long ran out of bounds out of the back of the end zone)
CHARGERS — AFC Divisional, Jan. 8, 1995 vs. Miami (Bernie Parmalee tackled in end zone by Reuben Davis)
OPPONENT — Never

MISCELLANEOUS

No Penalties

CHARGERS — Oct. 9, 2011 at Denver (Chargers win, 29-24)
OPPONENT — Dec. 4, 2005 vs. Oakland (Raiders win, 34-10)
CHARGERS — Never
OPPONENT — AFC Divisional, Jan. 10, 1993 at Miami (Dolphins win, 31-0)

Game Without Touchdown

CHARGERS — Dec. 6, 2020 vs. New England (Patriots win, 45-0)
OPPONENT — Nov. 11, 2018 at Oakland (Chargers win, 20-6)
CHARGERS — AFC Championship, Jan. 20, 2008 at New England (Patriots win, 21-12)
OPPONENT — AFC Wild Card, Jan. 6, 2008 vs. Tennessee (Chargers win, 17-6)

50 Points, Game

CHARGERS — Nov. 19, 2017 vs. Buffalo (Chargers win, 54-24)
OPPONENT — Oct. 1, 2000 at St. Louis (Rams win, 57-31)
CHARGERS — AFL Championship, Jan. 5, 1964 vs. Boston (Chargers win, 51-10)
OPPONENT — Never

40 Points, Game

CHARGERS — Dec. 5, 2021 at Cincinnati (Chargers win, 41-22)
OPPONENT — Dec. 26, 2021 at Houston (Texans win, 41-29)
CHARGERS — AFC Divisional, Jan. 2, 1982 at Miami (Chargers win, 41-38)
OPPONENT — AFC Divisional, Jan. 13, 2019 at New England (Patriots win, 41-28)

600 Yards Total Offense, Game

CHARGERS — Dec. 20, 1982 vs. Cincinnati (661 yards)
OPPONENT — Oct. 1, 2000 at St. Louis (614 yards)
CHARGERS — AFL Championship, Jan. 5, 1964 vs. Boston (610 yards)
OPPONENT — Never

500 Yards Total Offense, Game

CHARGERS — Dec. 8, 2019 at Jacksonville (525 yards)
OPPONENT — **Sept. 10, 2023 vs. Miami (536 yards)**
CHARGERS — AFC Divisional, Jan. 2, 1982 at Miami (564 yards)
OPPONENT — Never

STANDINGS || CAPTAINS || TIME SPENT IN LEAD

2023 NFL STANDINGS

AFC East

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA	Home	Road	Div	AFC	NFC
Mia.	2	0	0	1.00	60	51	0-0	2-0	1-0	2-0	0-0
NYJ	1	1	0	.500	32	46	1-0	0-1	1-0	1-0	0-1
Buf.	1	1	0	.500	54	32	1-0	0-1	0-1	1-1	0-0
N.E.	0	2	0	.000	37	49	0-2	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-1

AFC North

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA	Home	Road	Div	AFC	NFC
Bal.	2	0	0	1.00	52	33	1-0	1-0	1-0	2-0	0-0
Pit.	1	1	0	.500	33	52	1-1	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-1
Cle.	1	1	0	.500	46	29	1-0	0-1	1-1	1-1	0-0
Cin.	0	2	0	.000	27	51	0-1	0-1	0-2	0-2	0-0

AFC South

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA	Home	Road	Div	AFC	NFC
Jax.	1	1	0	.500	40	38	0-1	1-0	1-0	1-1	0-0
Ind.	1	1	0	.500	52	51	0-1	1-0	1-1	1-1	0-0
Ten.	1	1	0	.500	42	40	1-0	0-1	0-0	1-0	0-1
Hou.	0	2	0	.000	29	56	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-2	0-0

AFC West

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA	Home	Road	Div	AFC	NFC
L.V.	1	1	0	.500	27	54	0-0	1-1	1-0	1-1	0-0
K.C.	1	1	0	.500	37	30	0-1	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-1
LAC	0	2	0	.000	58	63	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-2	0-0
Den.	0	2	0	.000	49	52	0-2	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-1

NFC East

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA	Home	Road	Div	NFC	AFC
Dal.	2	0	0	1.00	70	10	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0
Phi.	2	0	0	1.00	59	48	1-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	1-0
Was.	2	0	0	1.00	55	49	1-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	1-0
NYG	1	1	0	.500	31	68	0-1	1-0	0-1	1-1	0-0

NFC North

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA	Home	Road	Div	NFC	AFC
G.B.	1	1	0	.500	62	45	0-0	1-1	1-0	1-1	0-0
Det.	1	1	0	.500	52	57	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-1	1-0
Min.	0	2	0	.000	45	54	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-2	0-0
Chi.	0	2	0	.000	37	65	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-2	0-0

NFC South

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA	Home	Road	Div	NFC	AFC
Atl.	2	0	0	1.00	49	34	2-0	0-0	1-0	2-0	0-0
N.O.	2	0	0	1.00	36	32	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0
T.B.	2	0	0	1.00	47	34	1-0	1-0	0-0	2-0	0-0
Car.	0	2	0	.000	27	44	0-1	0-1	0-2	0-2	0-0

NFC West

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA	Home	Road	Div	NFC	AFC
S.F.	2	0	0	1.00	60	30	0-0	2-0	1-0	0-0	2-0
LAR	2	0	0	1.00	53	43	0-1	1-0	1-1	1-1	0-0
Sea.	1	1	0	.500	50	61	0-1	1-0	0-1	1-1	0-0
Ari.	0	2	0	.000	44	51	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-2	0-0

z—Clinched Division and No. 1 Seed (First-Round Bye)

y—Clinched Division

x—Clinched Playoff Berth

TEAM CAPTAINS

WR Keenan Allen, RB Austin Ekeler, LS Josh Harris, QB Justin Herbert, S Derwin James Jr., DL Sebastian Joseph-Day, LB Eric Kendricks, C Corey Linsley and OLB Khalil Mack were named season-long captains prior to Week 1. Select game captains are chosen to represent the team in the coin toss each week. Below is a list of the game captains for each game in 2023:

Date	Opponent	Game Captains
Sept. 10	Miami	Keenan Allen and Derwin James Jr.
Sept. 17	at Tennessee. . .	Keenan Allen and Derwin James Jr.
Sept. 24	at Minnesota	
Oct. 1	Las Vegas	
Oct. 16	Dallas	
Oct. 22	at Kansas City	
Oct. 29	Chicago	
Nov. 6	at N.Y. Jets	
Nov. 12	Detroit	
Nov. 19	at Green Bay	
Nov. 26	Baltimore	
Dec. 3	at New England	
Dec. 10	Denver	
Dec. 14	at Las Vegas	
Dec. 23	Buffalo	
Dec. 31	at Denver	
Jan. 6/7	Kansas City	

TIME SPENT IN THE LEAD

Date	Opponent	Result	Time with Chargers	
			Leading	Trailing
Sept. 10	Miami	L, 36-34	30:05	14:53
Sept. 17	at Tennessee . . .	L, 27-24	35:54	12:52
Sept. 24	at Minnesota			
Oct. 1	Las Vegas			
Oct. 16	Dallas			
Oct. 22	at Kansas City			
Oct. 29	Chicago			
Nov. 6	at N.Y. Jets			
Nov. 12	Detroit			
Nov. 19	at Green Bay			
Nov. 26	Baltimore			
Dec. 3	at New England			
Dec. 10	Denver			
Dec. 14	at Las Vegas			
Dec. 23	Buffalo			
Dec. 31	at Denver			
Jan. 6/7	Kansas City			
Season Total			1:05:59	27:45
Season Average			32:59	13:52

WEEKLY RANKINGS

2023 WEEKLY NFL RANKINGS

Week	Opp.	Offense			Defense		
		Total	Rush	Pass	Total	Rush	Pass
1	Mia	2	1	14	32	6	32
2	at Ten	4	5	11	32	15	32
3	at Min						
4	LV						
6	Dal						
7	at KC						
8	Chi						
9	at NYJ						
10	Det						
11	at GB						
12	Bal						
13	at NE						
14	Den						
15	at LV						
16	Buf						
17	at Den						
18	KC						
Chargers in 2022		9	30	3	20	28	7
Chargers in 2021		4	21	T-2	23	30	12
Chargers in 2020		9	18	6	10	18	9
Chargers in 2019		10	28	6	6	18	5
Chargers in 2018		11	15	10	9	9	9
Chargers in 2017		4	24	1	15	31	3
Chargers in 2016		14	26	8	16	10	20
Chargers in 2015		9	31	4	20	27	T-14
Chargers in 2014		18	30	10	9	26	4
Chargers in 2013		5	13	4	23	12	29
Chargers in 2012		31	27	24	9	6	18
Chargers in 2011		6	16	6	16	20	13
Chargers in 2010		1	15	2	1	4	1
Chargers in 2009		10	31	5	16	20	11
Chargers in 2008		11	20	7	25	11	31
Chargers in 2007		20	7	26	14	16	14
Chargers in 2006		4	2	16	10	7	13
Chargers in 2005		10	9	12	13	1	28
Chargers in 2004		10	6	16	18	3	31
Chargers in 2003		14	6	19	27	T-25	21
Chargers in 2002		16	8	22	30	11	32

2023 REGULAR-SEASON RANKINGS

LOS ANGELES CHARGERS (Team)

Category	NFL	AFC
Turnover Margin (+2)	T-8	2
Points Scored (29.0)	6	2
Points Allowed (31.5)	30	16
Total Offense (387.5)	4	2
Rushing (147.0)	5	2
Passing (240.5)	11	6
Total Defense (438.5)	32	16
vs. Rush (105.5)	15	8
vs. Pass (333.0)	32	16
Third-Down Offense (37.9%)	17	9
Third-Down Defense (45.5%)	24	11
Red-Zone Offense (60.0%)	17	7
Red-Zone Defense (66.7%)	T-20	T-10

LOS ANGELES CHARGERS (Individual)

Category	NFL	AFC
Passing		
Rating: Justin Herbert (102.0)	10	4
Yards: Justin Herbert (534)	7	4
Touchdowns: Justin Herbert (3)	T-9	T-6
Rushing		
Attempts: Joshua Kelley (29)	T-12	T-4
Yards: Joshua Kelley (130)	14	7
Touchdowns: Three Tied (1)	T-13	T-4
Receiving		
Receptions: Keenan Allen (14)	T-8	4
Yards: Kennan Allen (187)	9	3
Touchdowns: Keenan Allen (2)	T-2	T-2
Defense		
Total Tackles: D.James Jr and A.Gilman (17)	T-29	T-14
Solo Tackles: Derwin James Jr. (13)	T-13	T-8
INTs: J.C. Jackson (1)	T-5	T-3
Sacks: Joey Bosa (2.0)	T-12	T-4

GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

OFFENSIVE STARTERS

		WR	WR	TE	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	QB	RB	3WR	2TE	4WR
Sept. 10	Mia	K.Allen	M.Williams	G.Everett	R.Slater	Z.Johnson	C.Linsley	J.Salyer	T.Pipkins	J.Herbert	A.Ekeler	—	D.Parham	—
Sept. 17	at Ten	K.Allen	M.Williams	G.Everett	R.Slater	Z.Johnson	C.Linsley	J.Salyer	T.Pipkins	J.Herbert	J.Kelley	—	D.Parham	—
Sept. 24	at Min													
Oct. 1	LV													
Oct. 16	Dal													
Oct. 22	at KC													
Oct. 29	Chi													
Nov. 6	at NYJ													
Nov. 12	Det													
Nov. 19	at GB													
Nov. 26	Bal													
Dec. 3	at NE													
Dec. 10	Den													
Dec. 14	at LV													
Dec. 23	Buf													
Dec. 31	at Den													
Jan. 6/7	KC													

DEFENSIVE STARTERS

		OLB	DL	DL	DL	OLB	LB	LB	CB	CB	S	S	3CB	3S
Sept. 10	Mia	K.Mack	A.Johnson	N.Williams	S.Joseph-Day	J.Bosa	E.Kendricks	K.Murray	M.Davis	J.Jackson	A.Gilman	D.James	—	—
Sept. 17	at Ten	K.Mack	A.Johnson	—	S.Joseph-Day	T.Tuipulotu	N.Niemann	K.Murray	A.Samuel	J.Jackson	A.Gilman	D.James	J.Taylor	—
Sept. 24	at Min													
Oct. 1	LV													
Oct. 16	Dal													
Oct. 22	at KC													
Oct. 29	Chi													
Nov. 6	at NYJ													
Nov. 12	Det													
Nov. 19	at GB													
Nov. 26	Bal													
Dec. 3	at NE													
Dec. 10	Den													
Dec. 14	at LV													
Dec. 23	Buf													
Dec. 31	at Den													
Jan. 6/7	KC													

WEEKLY INACTIVES

Sept. 10	Miami:	Daiyan Henley, AJ Finley, Isaiah Spiller, Brendan Jaimes, Christopher Hinton, Chris Rumph.
Sept. 15	at Tennessee:	Daiyan Henley, Eric Kendricks, AJ Finley, Austin Ekeler, Brendan Jaimes, Christopher Hinton, Chris Rumph.
Sept. 24	at Minnesota:	
Oct. 1	Las Vegas:	
Oct. 16	Dallas:	
Oct. 22	at Kansas City:	
Oct. 29	Chicago:	
Nov. 6	at New York Jets:	
Nov. 12	Detroit:	
Nov. 19	at Green Bay:	
Nov. 26	Baltimore:	
Dec. 3	at New England:	
Dec. 10	Denver:	
Dec. 14	at Las Vegas:	
Dec. 23	Buffalo:	
Dec. 31	at Denver:	
Jan. 6/7	Kansas City:	

SEASON TOTALS (13)

Name	No.
Daiyan Henley	2
AJ Finley	2
Brendan Jaimes	2
Christopher Hinton	2
Chris Rumph	2
Isaiah Spiller	1
Eric Kendricks	1
Austin Ekeler	1

CHARGERS AND OPPONENT WEEKLY LEADERS

REGULAR-SEASON WEEKLY LEADERS, LOS ANGELES CHARGERS

		Scoring	Pass Yds.	Carries	Rush Yds.	Catches	Rec. Yds.	Tackles (Solo)	Sacks
Sept. 10		Miami: Dicker 10	Herbert 228	Ekeler 16	Ekeler 117	Allen 6	Allen 76	Gilman 11 (9)	None
Sept. 17	at	Tennessee: Allen 12	Herbert 305	Kelley 13	Kelley 39	Two Tied 8	Allen 111	James Jr. 11 (7)	Bosa 2.0
Sept. 24	at	Minnesota:							
Oct. 1		Las Vegas:							
Oct. 16		Dallas:							
Oct. 22	at	Kansas City:							
Oct. 29		Chicago:							
Nov. 6	at	New York Jets:							
Nov. 12		Detroit:							
Nov. 19	at	Green Bay:							
Nov. 26		Baltimore:							
Dec. 3	at	New England:							
Dec. 10		Denver:							
Dec. 14	at	Las Vegas:							
Dec. 23		Buffalo:							
Dec. 31	at	Denver:							
Jan. 6/7		Kansas City:							

REGULAR-SEASON WEEKLY LEADERS, OPPONENT

		Scoring	Pass Yds.	Carries	Rush Yds.	Catches	Rec. Yds.	Tackles (Solo)	Sacks
Sept. 10		Miami: Two Tied 12	Tagovailoa 466	Mostert 10	Mostert 37	Hill 11	Hill 215	Holland 14 (10)	Two Tied 1.0
Sept. 17	at	Tennessee: Folk 9	Tannehill 246	Henry 25	Henry 80	Two Tied 4	Hopkins 40	Byard 12 (7)	Three Tied 3.0
Sept. 24	at	Minnesota:							
Oct. 1		Las Vegas:							
Oct. 16		Dallas:							
Oct. 22	at	Kansas City:							
Oct. 29		Chicago:							
Nov. 6	at	New York Jets:							
Nov. 12		Detroit:							
Nov. 19	at	Green Bay:							
Nov. 26		Baltimore:							
Dec. 3	at	New England:							
Dec. 10		Denver:							
Dec. 14	at	Las Vegas:							
Dec. 23		Buffalo:							
Dec. 31	at	Denver:							
Jan. 6/7		Kansas City:							

REGULAR-SEASON PLAYER PARTICIPATION

2023 Season Player	1	2	3	4	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Season Totals			
	MIA	at TEN	at MIN	LV	DAL	at KC	CHI	at NYJ	DET	at GB	BAL	at NE	DEN	at LV	BUF	at DEN	KC	GS	GP	DNP	INA
Allen, Brevin	SUB	SUB																0	2	0	0
Allen, Keenan	WR	WR																2	2	0	0
Bailey, Zack	PS	PS																0	0	0	0
Bosa, Joey	OLB	SUB																1	2	0	0
Bynum, Terrell	PS	PS																0	0	0	0
Clark, Jerrod	PS	PS																0	0	0	0
Clapp, Will	SUB	SUB																0	2	0	0
Covington, Christian	PS	PS																0	0	0	0
Davis, Derius	SUB	SUB																0	2	0	0
Davis, Michael	CB	SUB																1	2	0	0
Dicker, Cameron	SUB	SUB																0	2	0	0
Doss, Keelan	PS	PS																0	0	0	0
Dotson, Elijah	SUB	SUB																0	2	0	0
Duggan, Max	PS	PS																0	0	0	0
Ekeler, Austin	RB	INA																1	1	0	1
Erickson, Alex	PS	PS																0	0	0	0
Everett, Gerald	TE	TE																2	2	0	0
Farmer II, Andrew	PS	PS																0	0	0	0
Finley, AJ	INA	INA																0	0	0	2
Fox, Morgan	SUB	SUB																0	2	0	0
Gilman, Alohi	S	S																2	2	0	0
Guyton, Jalen	PUP	PUP																0	0	0	0
Hankins, Matt	PS	PS																0	0	0	0
Harris, Josh	SUB	SUB																0	2	0	0
Henley, Daiyan	INA	INA																0	2	0	2
Herbert, Justin	QB	QB																2	2	0	0
Hinton, Christopher	INA	INA																0	0	0	2
Jackson, J.C.	CB	CB																2	2	0	0
Jaimes, Brenden	INA	INA																0	0	0	2
James Jr., Derwin	S	S																2	2	0	0
Johnson, Austin	DL	DL																2	2	0	0
Johnson, Zion	LG	LG																2	2	0	0
Johnston, Quentin	SUB	SUB																0	2	0	0
Joseph-Day, Sebastian	DL	DL																2	2	0	0
Kampmoyer, Hunter	PS	PS																0	0	0	0
Kelley, Joshua	SUB	RB																1	2	0	0
Kendricks, Eric	LB	INA																1	1	0	1
Layne, Raheem	SUB	SUB																0	2	0	0
Leonard, Deane	SUB	SUB																0	2	0	0
Linsley, Corey	C	C																2	2	0	0
Mack, Khalil	OLB	OLB																2	2	0	0
Marlowe, Dean	PS	SUB																0	1	0	0
Matlock, Scott	SUB	SUB																0	2	0	0
McFadden, Jordan	DNP	DNP																0	0	2	0
McKitty, Tre'	SUB	SUB																0	2	0	0
Murray Jr., Kenneth	LB	LB																2	2	0	0
Muse, Tanner	SUB	SUB																0	2	0	0
Niemann, Nick	SUB	LB																1	2	0	0
Ogbongbemiga, Amen	SUB	SUB																0	2	0	0
Ogbonnia, Otit	PUP	PUP																0	0	0	0
Okoye, CJ	PS	PS																0	0	0	0
Palmer, Joshua	SUB	SUB																0	2	0	0
Parham Jr., Donald	TE	TE																2	2	0	0
Patterson, Jaret	—	PS																0	0	0	0
Pipkins III, Trey	RT	RT																2	2	0	0
Pleasants, Austen	PS	—																0	0	0	0
Rumph II, Chris	INA	INA																0	0	0	2
Salyer, Jamaree	RG	RG																2	2	0	0
Samuel Jr., Asante	SUB	CB																1	2	0	0
Sarell, Foster	SUB	SUB																0	2	0	0
Scott, JK	SUB	SUB																0	2	0	0
Shelby, Ty	—	PS																0	0	0	0
Slater, Rashawn	LT	LT																2	2	0	0
Smartt, Stone	SUB	SUB																0	2	0	0
Spiller, Isaiah	INA	SUB																0	1	0	1
Stick, Easton	DNP	DNP																0	0	2	0
Taylor, Ja'Sir	SUB	DL																1	2	0	0
Trainer, Andrew	IR	IR																0	0	0	0
Tuipulotu, Tuli	SUB	OLB																1	2	0	0
Uzodinma, Amechi	IR	IR																0	0	0	0
Vannett, Nick	PS	PS																0	0	0	0
Wilcox, Chris	PS	PS																0	0	0	0
Williams, Mike	WR	WR																2	2	0	0
Williams, Nick	DL	SUB																1	2	0	0
Woods, JT	SUB	SUB																0	2	0	0

STARTERS FOR EACH GAME IN BOLD:

DNP – Did Not Play, DNR – Reserve/Did Not Report, E/CP – Exempt/Commissioner Permission, INA – Inactive, IR – Reserve/Injured, IR/DFR – Reserve Injured; Designated for Return, COVID – Reserve/COVID-19, NF/IL – Non-Football Illness List, PS – Practice Squad, PS/INJ – Practice Squad; Injured List, PUP – Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform, SUB – Substitute, SUS – Reserve/Suspended, 2RB – Started as Second Running Back, 2TE – Started as Second Tight End, 3TE – Started as Third Tight End, CB – Started as Additional Cornerback, 3S – Started as Third Safety, 3WR – Started as Third Wide Receiver.

REGULAR SEASON SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

INDIVIDUAL

Passing

Longest Scoring Pass — 12, J.Herbert to K.Allen, Sept. 17 at Ten.

Longest Non-Scoring Pass — 42, J.Herbert to K.Allen,
Sept. 17 at Ten.

Most Passing Attempts — 41, J. Herbert, Sept. 17 at Ten.

Most Completions — 27, J.Herbert, Sept. 17 at Ten.

Most Passing Yards — 305, J.Herbert, Sept. 17 at Ten.

Most Passing Touchdowns — 2, J.Herbert, Sept. 17 at Ten.

Highest Completion Percentage (min. 20 att.) — 69.7, J.Herbert,
Sept. 10 vs. Mia.

Highest Passer Rating (min. 20 att.) — 104.2, J.Herbert,
Sept. 17 at Ten.

Rushing

Longest Scoring Run — 2, J.Kelley, Sept. 10 vs. Mia.

Longest Non-Scoring Run — 55, A.Ekeler, Sept. 10 vs. Mia.

Most Rushing Attempts — 16, A.Ekeler and J.Kelley, Sept. 10 vs. Mia.

Most Rushing Yards — 117, A.Ekeler, Sept. 10 vs. Mia.

Most Rushing Touchdowns — 1, Three Tied, Sept. 10 vs. Mia.

Receiving

Most Receptions — 8, K.Allen, Sept. 17 at Ten.

Most Receiving Yards — 111, K.Allen, Sept. 17 at Ten.

Most Receiving Touchdowns — 2, K.Allen, Sept. 17 at Ten.

Total Offense

Most Total Yards from Scrimmage — 164, A.Ekeler, Sept. 10 vs. Mia.

Most Touchdowns — 2, K.Allen, Sept. 17 at Ten.

Special Teams

Longest Punt — 62, J.Scott, Sept. 10 vs. Mia.

Longest Field Goal — 50, C.Dicker, Sept. 10 vs. Mia.

Most Attempted Field Goals — 3, C.Dicker, Sept. 17 at Ten.

Most Made Field Goals — 3, C.Dicker, Sept. 17 at Ten.

Returns

Longest Kickoff Return — 24, D.Davis, Sept. 17 at Ten.

Longest Punt Return — 20, D.Davis, Sept. 17 at Ten.

Longest Interception Return — 9, J.Jackson, Sept. 10 vs. Mia.

Longest Fumble Return — 3, N.Williams, Sept. 10 vs. Mia.

Defense

Most Interceptions — 1, J.Jackson, Sept. 10 vs. Mia.

Most Tackles — 11, Last: Sept. 17 at Ten.

Most Solo Tackles — 9, A.Gilman, Sept. 10 vs. Mia.

Most Sacks — 2.0, J. Bosa, Sept. 17 at Ten.

Most Passes Defended — 3, J.Jackson, Sept. 10 vs. Mia.

TEAM

Most, Offense

First Downs — 30, Sept. 10 vs. Miami

Rushing Attempts — 40, Sept. 10 vs. Miami

Rushing Yards — 234, Sept. 10 vs. Miami

Rushing Touchdowns — 3, Sept. 10 vs. Miami

Passing Attempts — 41, Sept. 17 at Tennessee

Completions — 27, Sept. 17 at Tennessee

Net Passing Yards — 281, Sept. 17 at Tennessee

Touchdowns Thrown — 2, Sept. 17 at Tennessee

Offensive Plays — 76, Sept. 10 vs. Miami

Total Offense — 433, Sept. 10 vs. Miami

Time of Possession — 32:41, Sept. 10 vs. Miami

Most, Turnovers

Turnovers — None

Interceptions Thrown — None

Fumbles — None

Fumbles Lost — None

Longest Scoring Drives

Plays — 14, Sept. 10 vs. Miami

Yards — 94, Sept. 10 vs. Miami

Time — 7:23, Sept. 10 vs. Miami

Shortest Scoring Drives

Plays — 6, Sept. 10 vs. Miami

Yards — 43, Sept. 10 vs. Miami

Time — 1:33, Sept. 10 vs. Miami

Fewest, Defense

First Downs Allowed — 22, Sept. 17 at Tennessee

Rushing Attempts Allowed — 20, Sept. 10 vs. Miami

Rushing Yards Allowed — 70, Sept. 10 vs. Miami

Passing Attempts Allowed — 24, Sept. 17 at Tennessee

Completions Allowed — 20, Sept. 17 at Tennessee

Net Passing Yards Allowed — 200, Sept. 17 at Tennessee

Total Plays Allowed — 63, Sept. 17 at Tennessee

Total Yards Allowed — 341, Sept. 17 at Tennessee

Most, Defense

Takeaways — 2, Sept. 10 vs. Miami

Interceptions — 1, Sept. 10 vs. Miami

Fumbles Forced — None

Fumbles Recovered — 1, Sept. 10 vs. Miami

Passes Defended — 10, Sept. 10 vs. Miami

Sacks — 5, Sept. 17 at Tennessee

GAME-BY-GAME PASSES DEFENSED

Sept. 10	Miami:	J.C. Jackson (3), Michael Davis (2), Derwin James Jr. (2), Austin Johnson (1), Eric Kendricks (1), Ja'Sir Taylor (1).
Sept. 15 at	Tennessee:	Khalil Mack (1).
Sept. 24 at	Minnesota:	
Oct. 1	Las Vegas:	
Oct. 16	Dallas:	
Oct. 22 at	Kansas City:	
Oct. 29	Chicago:	
Nov. 6 at	New York Jets:	
Nov. 12	Detroit:	
Nov. 19 at	Green Bay:	
Nov. 26	Baltimore:	
Dec. 3 at	New England:	
Dec. 10	Denver:	
Dec. 14 at	Las Vegas:	
Dec. 23	Buffalo:	
Dec. 31 at	Denver:	
Jan. 6/7	Kansas City:	

SEASON TOTALS (11)

Name	No.
J.C. Jackson	3
Michael Davis	2
Derwin James Jr.	2
Austin Johnson	1
Eric Kendricks	1
Khalil Mack	1
Ja'Sir Taylor	1

GAME-BY-GAME SACKS

Sept. 10	Miami:	None.
Sept. 15 at	Tennessee:	Joey Bosa (2.0), Kenneth Murray Jr. (1.0), Tuli Tuipulotu (1.0), Morgan Fox (1.0).
Sept. 24 at	Minnesota:	
Oct. 1	Las Vegas:	
Oct. 16	Dallas:	
Oct. 22 at	Kansas City:	
Oct. 29	Chicago:	
Nov. 6 at	New York Jets:	
Nov. 12	Detroit:	
Nov. 19 at	Green Bay:	
Nov. 26	Baltimore:	
Dec. 3 at	New England:	
Dec. 10	Denver:	
Dec. 14 at	Las Vegas:	
Dec. 23	Buffalo:	
Dec. 31 at	Denver:	
Jan. 6/7	Kansas City:	

SEASON TOTALS (5.0)

Name	No.
Joey Bosa	2.0
Kenneth Murray	1.0
Tuli Tuipulotu	1.0
Morgan Fox	1.0

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

13 | WR KEENAN ALLEN

RECEIVING

Category	No.	Opp.	Date
Receptions	16	vs. NYJ	Nov. 22, 2020
Receiving Yards	183	vs. Hou.	Sept. 22, 2019
Receiving TDs	2*	at Ten.	Sept. 17, 2023
Receiving Long	54	at Sea.	Nov. 4, 2018

RUSHING

Category	No.	Opp.	Date
Rushing Attempts	4	at Cle.	Oct. 14, 2018
Rushing Yards	41	at Cle.	Oct. 14, 2018
Rushing Long	28	at Sea.	Nov. 4, 2018

SCRIMMAGE

Category	No.	Opp.	Date
Touches	16	vs. NYJ	Nov. 22, 2020
Scrimmage Yards	186	vs. Hou.	Sept. 22, 2019
Receiving TDs	2*	at Ten.	Sept. 17, 2023

97 | OLB JOEY BOSA

DEFENSIVE

Category	No.	Opp.	Date
Total Tackles	8*	at Buf.	Nov. 29, 2020
Solo Tackles	7*	at Buf.	Nov. 29, 2020
Tackles for Loss	6	at Buf.	Nov. 29, 2020
Sacks	3.0	at Buf.	Nov. 29, 2020
Passes Defensed	1*	at Buf.	Nov. 29, 2020
Forced Fumbles	1*	vs. L.V.	Sept. 11, 2022
Fumbles Recovered	1	at Buf.	Nov. 29, 2020

12 | WR DERIUS DAVIS

RUSHING

Category	No.	Opp.	Date
Rushing Attempts	1	at Ten.	Sept. 17, 2023
Rushing Yards	10	at Ten.	Sept. 17, 2023
Rushing Long	10	at Ten.	Sept. 17, 2023

RECEIVING

Category	No.	Opp.	Date
Receptions	1	vs. Mia.	Sept. 10, 2023
Receiving Yards	5	vs. Mia.	Sept. 10, 2023
Receiving Long	5	vs. Mia.	Sept. 10, 2023

SCRIMMAGE

Category	No.	Opp.	Date
Touches	1*	at Ten.	Sept. 17, 2023
Scrimmage Yards	10	at Ten.	Sept. 17, 2023

PUNT RETURN

Category	No.	Opp.	Date
Returns	4	at Ten.	Sept. 17, 2023
Return Yards	63	at Ten.	Sept. 17, 2023
Longest Return	20	at Ten.	Sept. 17, 2023

43 | CB MICHAEL DAVIS

DEFENSIVE

Category	No.	Opp.	Date
Total Tackles	10	vs. Jax.	Sept. 25, 2022
Solo Tackles	8	vs. Jax.	Sept. 25, 2022
INTs	1*	at Ind.	Dec. 26, 2022
Passes Defensed	4	vs. NYG	Dec. 12, 2021
Fumbles Recovered	2	at K.C.	Sept. 26, 2021
Sacks	1.0	at Ari.	Nov. 27, 2022

11 | K CAMERON DICKER

KICKING

Category	No.	Opp.	Date
Most FG Made	3*	at Ten.	Sept. 23, 2023
Longest FG Made	50	vs. Mia	Sept. 10, 2023
Most XP Made	4	vs. LAR	Jan. 1, 2023
Points Scored	11	vs. Mia.	Dec. 11, 2022

30 | RB AUSTIN EKELER

RUSHING

Category	No.	Opp.	Date
Rushing Attempts	19	at Cin.	Sept. 13, 2020
Rushing Yards	173	at Cle.	Oct. 9, 2022
Rushing TDs	2*	vs. LAR	Jan. 1, 2023
Rushing Long	71	at Cle.	Oct. 9, 2022

RECEIVING

Category	No.	Opp.	Date
Receptions	15	vs. Den.	Sept. 6, 2019
Receiving Yards	118	at Ten.	Oct. 20, 2019
Receiving TDs	2*	vs. Pit.	Nov. 21, 2021
Receiving Long	84	at Jax.	Dec. 8, 2019

SCRIMMAGE

Category	No.	Opp.	Date
Touches	25	at Buf.	Nov. 29, 2020
Scrimmage Yards	213	at Jax.	Dec. 8, 2019
Scrimmage TDs	4	vs. Pit.	Nov. 21, 2021

7 | TE GERALD EVERETT

RECEIVING

Category	No.	Opp.	Date
Receptions	6*	at G.B.	Nov. 10, 2019
Receiving Yards	136	vs. Was.	Sept. 17, 2017
Receiving TDs	2	vs. K.C.	Nov. 19, 2018
Receiving Long	69	vs. Was.	Sept. 17, 2017

56 | DL MORGAN FOX

DEFENSIVE

Category	No.	Opp.	Date
Total Tackles	6	at Ind.	Dec. 26, 2022
Solo Tackles	5	at Ind.	Dec. 26, 2022
Sacks	2.0	at Ind.	Dec. 26, 2022
Tackles for Loss	2*	at Ind.	Dec. 26, 2022
Passes Defensed	1*	at T.B.	Nov. 23, 2020
Forced Fumbles	1*	vs. Was	Nov. 21, 2021
Fumbles Recovered	1*	at Ari.	Nov. 14, 2021

*Most Referred

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

32 | S ALOHI GILMAN

DEFENSIVE

Category	No.	Opp.	Date
Total Tackles	11	Mia.	Sept. 10, 2023
Solo Tackles	9	Mia.	Sept. 10, 2023
INTs	1*	at Cle.	Oct. 9, 2022
Passes Defensed	1*	at Cle.	Oct. 9, 2022
Fumbles Forced	1	vs. Mia.	Dec. 11, 2022
Fumbles Recovered	1*	at Den.	Jan. 8, 2023

10 | QB JUSTIN HERBERT

PASSING

Category	No.	Opp.	Date
Completions	39	vs. Mia.	Dec. 11, 2022
Attempts	64	at L.V.	Jan. 9, 2022
Comp. Pct.**	84.1	at Phi.	Nov. 7, 2021
Yards	398	vs. Cle.	Oct. 10, 2021
TDs	4*	vs. Cle.	Sept. 26, 2021
Longest Comp.	72t	at T.B.	Oct. 4, 2020
Passer Rating**	137.9	at T.B.	Oct. 4, 2020

***Min. 20 Att.*

RUSHING

Category	No.	Opp.	Date
Rushing Attempts	9	vs. Pit.	Nov. 21, 2021
Rushing Yards	90	vs. Pit.	Nov. 21, 2021
Rushing TDs	1*	vs. Mia.	Sept. 10, 2023
Rushing Long	36	vs. Pit.	Nov. 21, 2021

27 | CB J.C. JACKSON

DEFENSIVE

Category	No.	Opp.	Date
Total Tackles	7*	vs. NYJ	Dec. 30, 2018
Solo Tackles	6*	vs. Mia.	Dec. 29, 2019
Tackles for Loss	1*	vs. Jax.	Jan. 2, 2022
INTs	2*	at Car.	Nov. 7, 2021
Passes Defensed	4	vs. Dal.	Oct. 17, 2021
Forced Fumbles	1	vs. Ten.	Nov. 28, 2021
Fumbles Recovered	1*	at K.C.	Oct. 5, 2020

3 | S DERWIN JAMES JR.

DEFENSIVE

Category	No.	Opp.	Date
Total Tackles	17	vs. Cle.	Oct. 10, 2021
Solo Tackles	10	at Cle.	Oct. 9, 2022
Tackles for Loss	2*	at Den.	Nov. 28, 2021
Sacks	1.0*	vs. Den.	Oct. 17, 2022
INTs	1*	at Ari.	Nov. 27, 2022
Passes Defensed	3	at Pit.	Dec. 2, 2018
Forced Fumbles	1*	at Ari.	Nov. 27, 2022

98 | DL AUSTIN JOHNSON

DEFENSIVE

Category	No.	Opp.	Date
Total Tackles	6*	at LAC	Dec. 12, 2021
Solo Tackles	4	at Chi.	Jan. 2, 2022
Tackles for Loss	2*	vs. Sea.	Oct. 23, 2022
Sacks	1.0*	vs. Sea.	Oct. 23, 2022
Passes Defensed	1	vs. Mia.	Sept. 10, 2023
Fumble Recoveries	1	vs. Dal.	Dec. 19, 2021

1 | WR QUENTIN JOHNSTON

RECEIVING

Category	No.	Opp.	Date
Receptions	2	vs. Mia.	Sept. 10, 2023
Receiving Yards	9	vs. Mia.	Sept. 10, 2023
Receiving Long	11	vs. Mia.	Sept. 10, 2023

51 | DL SEBASTIAN JOSEPH-DAY

DEFENSIVE

Category	No.	Opp.	Date
Total Tackles	9	at Ind.	Sept. 19, 2021
Solo Tackles	7	vs. Ari.	Oct. 3, 2021
Sacks	1.0*	vs. LAR	Jan. 1, 2023
Tackles for Loss	2*	at S.F.	Nov. 13, 2022
INTs	1	at Den.	Jan. 8, 2023
Passes Defensed	1*	at Den.	Jan. 8, 2023
Forced Fumbles	1*	vs. K.C.	Nov. 20, 2022

25 | RB JOSHUA KELLEY

RUSHING

Category	No.	Opp.	Date
Rushing Attempts	23	vs. K.C.	Sept. 20, 2020
Rushing Yards	91	vs. Mia.	Sept. 10, 2023
Rushing TDs	1*	vs. Mia.	Sept. 10, 2023
Rushing Long	26	at Cin.	Sept. 13, 2020

RECEIVING

Category	No.	Opp.	Date
Receptions	5*	vs. L.V.	Nov. 8, 2020
Receiving Yards	49	vs. K.C.	Sept. 20, 2020
Receiving Long	35	vs. K.C.	Sept. 20, 2020

SCRIMMAGE

Category	No.	Opp.	Date
Touches	25	vs. K.C.	Sept. 20, 2020
Scrimmage Yards	113	vs. K.C.	Sept. 20, 2020

KICK RETURN

Category	No.	Opp.	Date
Returns	2	at L.V.	Dec. 17, 2020
Return Yards	39	at L.V.	Dec. 17, 2020
Longest Return	21	at L.V.	Dec. 17, 2020

*Most Recent

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

6 | LB ERIC KENDRICKS

DEFENSIVE

Category	No.	Opp.	Date
Total Tackles	18	at Bal.	Nov. 7, 2021
Solo Tackles	12	at Chi.	Nov. 18, 2018
Tackles for Loss	4*	Ind.	Dec. 17, 2022
Sacks	2.5	at G.B.	Dec. 24, 2016
INTs	1*	at LAC	Nov. 14, 2021
Passes Defensed	2	Det.	Sept. 25, 2023
Forced Fumbles	1*	at LAC	Dec. 15, 2019
Fumbles Recovered	2	G.B.	Dec. 23, 2019

52 | OLB KHALIL MACK

DEFENSIVE

Category	No.	Opp.	Date
Total Tackles	11	vs. Ari.	Oct. 19, 2014
Solo Tackles	10	vs. Ari.	Oct. 19, 2014
Tackles for Loss	5	at Den.	Dec. 13, 2015
Sacks	5.0	at Den.	Dec. 13, 2015
INTs	1*	vs. Min.	Nov. 16, 2020
Passes Defensed	2	vs. LAC	Oct. 27, 2019
Forced Fumbles	2	at Was.	Sept. 23, 2019
Fumbles Recovered	1*	at Atl.	Nov. 6, 2022

88 | TE TRE' MCKITTY

RECEIVING

Category	No.	Opp.	Date
Receptions	3*	at S.F.	Nov. 13, 2022
Receiving Yards	22	vs. Den.	Jan. 2, 2022
Receiving Long	12	at Hou.	Dec. 26, 2021

9 | LB KENNETH MURRAY JR.

DEFENSIVE

Category	No.	Opp.	Date
Total Tackles	14	vs. N.E.	Dec. 6, 2020
Solo Tackles	12	vs. N.E.	Dec. 6, 2020
Sacks	1.0*	at Ten.	Sept. 17, 2023
Tackles for Loss	2*	at S.F.	Nov. 13, 2022
INTs	1	vs. Sea.	Oct. 23, 2022
Passes Defensed	1*	vs. Sea.	Oct. 23, 2022
Forced Fumbles	1	at L.V.	Dec. 4, 2022

31 | LB NICK NIEMANN

DEFENSIVE

Category	No.	Opp.	Date
Total Tackles	8	at Ten.	Sept. 17, 2023
Solo Tackles	4	at Ten.	Sept. 17, 2023
INTs	1	vs. NYG	Dec. 12, 2021

57 | LB AMEN OGBONGMEMIGA

DEFENSIVE

Category	No.	Opp.	Date
Total Tackles	8	at Bal.	Oct. 17, 2021
Solo Tackles	3*	at Hou.	Dec. 26, 2021
Sacks	1.0	vs. Min.	Nov. 14, 2021

5 | WR JOSHUA PALMER

RECEIVING

Category	No.	Opp.	Date
Receptions	9	vs. Den.	Oct. 17, 2022
Receiving Yards	106*	vs. K.C.	Nov. 20, 2022
Receiving TDs	2	vs. K.C.	Nov. 20, 2022
Receiving Long	45	vs. Jax.	Sept. 25, 2022

89 | TE DONALD PARHAM JR.

RECEIVING

Category	No.	Opp.	Date
Receptions	4	vs. Pit.	Nov. 21, 2021
Receiving Yards	47	vs. Den.	Dec. 27, 2020
Receiving TDs	1*	vs. Mia.	Sept. 10, 2023
Receiving Long	26	vs. Den.	Dec. 27, 2020

94 | OLB CHRIS RUMPH II

DEFENSIVE

Category	No.	Opp.	Date
Total Tackles	3*	vs. NYG	Dec. 12, 2021
Solo Tackles	2	at Cin.	Dec. 5, 2021
Tackles for Loss	1	vs. NYG	Dec. 12, 2021
Sacks	1.0*	at Ind.	Dec. 26, 2022

26 | CB ASANTE SAMUEL JR.

DEFENSIVE

Category	No.	Opp.	Date
Total Tackles	7	vs. Pit.	Nov. 21, 2021
Solo Tackles	5*	at Cle.	Oct. 9, 2022
Tackles for Loss	1	at Was.	Sept. 12, 2021
INTs	1*	at Ind.	Dec. 26, 2022
Passes Defensed	3	vs. Dal.	Sept. 19, 2021

16 | P JK SCOTT

PUNTING

Category	No.	Opp.	Date
Longest Punt	67	at Sea.	Nov. 15, 2018
Most Punts	9	at Chi.	Sept. 5, 2019
Best Net Avg.	51.7	vs. Det.	Oct. 14, 2019
Most In20	5	at Chi.	Sept. 5, 2019

*Most Recent

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

28 | RB ISAIAH SPILLER

RUSHING

Category	No.	Opp.	Date
Rushing Attempts	7	at Atl.	Nov. 6, 2022
Rushing Yards	29	at Atl.	Nov. 6, 2022
Rushing Long	7	at Atl.	Nov. 6, 2022

2 | QB EASTON STICK

PASSING

Category	No.	Opp.	Date
Completions	1	vs. Jax.	Oct. 25, 2020
Attempts	4	vs. Jax.	Oct. 25, 2020
Yards	4	vs. Jax.	Oct. 25, 2020
Longest Comp.	4	vs. Jax.	Oct. 25, 2020

36 | DB JA'SIR TAYLOR

DEFENSIVE

Category	No.	Opp.	Date
Total Tackles	5*	at Den.	Jan. 8, 2023
Solo Tackles	4	at Den.	Jan. 8, 2023
Passes Defensed	1*	vs. Mia.	Sept. 10, 2023

95 | DL NICK WILLIAMS

DEFENSIVE

Category	No.	Opp.	Date
Total Tackles	7	vs. Min.	Sept. 29, 2019
Solo Tackles	4	at G.B.	Sept. 20, 2021
Sacks	2.0	vs. Min.	Sept. 29, 2019
Tackles for Loss	2	vs. Min.	Sept. 29, 2019
Passes Defensed	1*	at Jax.	Oct. 23, 2022
Fumbles Recovered	1*	vs. Mia.	Sept. 10, 2023

81 | WR MIKE WILLIAMS

RECEIVING

Category	No.	Opp.	Date
Receptions	10	at Cle.	Oct. 9, 2022
Receiving Yards	165	vs. Cle.	Oct. 10, 2021
Receiving TDs	2*	vs. Cle.	Oct. 10, 2021
Receiving Long	.64t	at N.O.	Oct. 12, 2020

RUSHING

Category	No.	Opp.	Date
Rushing Attempts	1*	vs. G.B.	Nov. 3, 2019
Rushing Yards	19	at K.C.	Dec. 13, 2018
Rushing TDs	1	at K.C.	Dec. 13, 2018
Rushing Long	19t	at K.C.	Dec. 13, 2018

SCRIMMAGE

Category	No.	Opp.	Date
Touches	10	at Cle.	Oct. 9, 2022
Scrimmage Yards	165	vs. Cle.	Sept. 26, 2021
Scrimmage TDs	3	at K.C.	Dec. 13, 2018

DEFENSIVE

Category	No.	Opp.	Date
INT	1	vs. Den.	Dec. 27, 2020

*Most Recent



PLAYER
CAPSULES



BREVIN ALLEN ⚡ 90

DEFENSIVE LINE | CAMPBELL

6-3 | 265 lbs | GREENSBORO, N.C.

FREE AGENT — 2023

EXPERIENCE: ROOKIE

2023: Has appeared in two games, contributing primarily on special teams...Made his NFL debut in Week 1...**vs. Miami (Sept. 10):** Saw action on four defensive snaps, while primarily aiding the special teams units...**at Tennessee (Sept. 17):** Contributed on 10 special teams snaps, as well as eight defensive plays.

2023, LOS ANGELES CHARGERS																
Date	Opp.	Games		Tackles					Interceptions					Fumbles		
		Res.	P/S	Tot	So	As	Sk	Yd	TFL	No.	Yd	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR
09/10	Mia.	L	1/0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/17	at Ten.	L (OT)	1/0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
09/24	at Min.															
10/01	L.V.															
10/16	Dal.															
10/22	at K.C.															
10/29	Chi.															
11/06	at NYJ															
11/12	Det.															
11/19	at G.B.															
11/26	Bal.															
12/03	at N.E.															
12/10	Den.															
12/14	at L.V.															
12/23	Buf.															
12/31	at Den.															
TBD	K.C.															
'23 TOTALS		0-2	2/0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

BREVIN ALLEN NFL STATISTICS

Year	Team	G	GS	— Tackles —				Yds	TFL	— Interceptions —					— Fumbles —			
				Total	Solo	Asst	Sacks			No.	Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	Yds	ST Tackles
2023	Los Angeles Chargers	2	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NFL Totals		2	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



KEENAN ALLEN ⚡ 13

WIDE RECEIVER | CALIFORNIA

6-2 | 211 lbs | GREENSBORO, N.C.

DRAFT 3 — 2013

EXPERIENCE: 11TH NFL SEASON

11TH YEAR WITH CHARGERS

2023: Started each of the first two games at WR, leading the Chargers with 14 receptions for 187 yards (13.4 avg.) and two touchdowns...Opened the season with a team-high six catches for 76 yards (12.7 avg.), eclipsing 800 career receptions in his 127th career game, tied for the second-fastest by any player in NFL history...In Week 2, found the endzone twice for the second-straight regular-season road game, totaling his ninth-career multi-touchdown game...Totaled 111 yards on 8 receptions (13.9 avg.) in Week 2, marking his 34th career game with 100-plus receiving yards...**vs. Miami (Sept. 10):** Paced the offense with six catches for 76 yards (12.7 avg.) in Week 1, as the unit totaled 433 net yards and 30 first downs...Reached 800 career receptions late in the first half on his fourth reception of the game, tying WR Julio Jones as the second-fastest players to 800 career receptions in NFL history...Added two carries for six yards (3.0 avg.) with a long rush of four yards...**at Tennessee (Sept. 17):** Started at WR and led the offense's receiving output with eight catches for 111 yards (13.9 avg.) and two touchdowns, including a season-long 42-yard grab in the second quarter...The 42-yard connection marked Herbert's 33rd of his career, which tied for the second-most by any QB over

Date	Opp.	Res.	Games		Receiving				Rushing				Scrim Yds			
			P/S	No.	Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD	Att	Yds	Avg.	Lg		TD		
09/10	Mia.	L	1/1	6	76	12.7	36	0	2	6	3.0	4	0	76		
09/17	Ten.	L (OT)	1/1	8	111	13.9	42	2	0	0	-	-	0	111		
09/24	at Min.															
10/01	L.V.															
10/16	Dal.															
10/22	at K.C.															
10/29	Chi.															
11/06	at NYJ															
11/12	Det.															
11/19	at G.B.															
11/26	Bal.															
12/03	at N.E.															
12/10	Den.															
12/14	at L.V.															
12/23	Buf.															
12/32	at Den.															
TBD	K.C.															
'23 TOTALS				0-2	2/2	14	187	13.4	42	2	2	6	3.0	4	0	193

the last four seasons...Moved the chains on five of his eight grabs... His first touchdown reception came on fourth down, registering one of the offense's three fourth-down conversions in the game.

KEENAN ALLEN NFL STATISTICS

Year	Team	GP	GS	— Receiving —				— Rushing —				— Scrimmage —		
				No.	Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD	Att	Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD	Yards
2013	San Diego	15	14	71	1,046	14.7	43t	8	0	0	—	—	0	1,046
2014	San Diego	14	14	77	783	10.2	35	4	0	0	—	—	0	783
2015	San Diego	8	8	67	725	10.8	38	4	0	0	—	—	0	725
2016	San Diego	1	1	6	63	10.5	15	0	0	0	—	—	0	63
2017	Los Angeles Chargers	16	15	102	1,393	13.7	51	6	2	9	4.5	6	0	1,402
2018	Los Angeles Chargers	16	14	97	1,196	12.3	54	6	9	75	8.3	28	0	1,271
2019	Los Angeles Chargers	16	16	104	1,199	11.5	45	6	3	16	5.3	18	0	1,215
2020	Los Angeles Chargers	14	13	100	992	9.9	28	8	1	-1	-1.0	-1	0	991
2021	Los Angeles Chargers	16	16	106	1,138	10.7	42	6	0	0	—	—	0	1,138
2022	Los Angeles Chargers	10	10	66	752	11.4	46	4	1	8	8.0	8	0	760
2023	Los Angeles Chargers	2	2	14	187	13.4	42	2	2	6	3.0	4	0	193
NFL Totals		128	123	802	9,363	11.7	54	52	18	113	6.3	28	0	9,587

Year	Team	No.	— Kickoff Returns —				— Punt Returns —				— Return — Yards		
			Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD	No.	FC	Yds	Avg.		Lg	TD
2013	San Diego	0	0	—	—	0	15	13	125	8.3	28	0	125
2014	San Diego	0	0	—	—	0	11	11	99	9.0	29	0	99
2015	San Diego	0	0	—	—	0	3	4	5	1.7	5	0	5
2018	Los Angeles Chargers	1	25	25.0	25	0	1	1	0	0.0	0	0	25
NFL Totals		1	25	25.0	25	0	30	29	229	7.6	29	0	254

Year	Team	GP	GS	— Receiving —				— Rushing —				— Scrimmage —		
				No.	Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD	Att	Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD	Yards
2013	San Diego	2	2	8	163	20.4	49	2	0	0	—	—	0	163
2018	Los Angeles Chargers	2	1	6	112	18.7	43t	1	0	0	—	—	0	112
2022	Los Angeles Chargers	1	1	6	61	10.2	23	0	0	0	—	—	0	61
Postseason Totals		5	4	20	336	16.8	49	3	0	0	—	—	0	336



JOEY BOSA ⚡ 97

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER | OHIO STATE
 6-5 | 280 lbs | FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA.
 DRAFT 1 — 2016
 EXPERIENCE: 8TH NFL SEASON
 8TH YEAR WITH CHARGERS

2023: Through the first two games, leads the Chargers with two sacks...Registered his 11th-career game with two-plus sacks in Week 2, as the defense totaled five sacks against Tennessee, the most by the unit since Week 16 of 2022...**vs. Miami (Sept. 10):** Totaled one tackle in the season opener...**at Tennessee (Sept. 17):** Registered four tackles (three solo), including two sacks, in Week 2...The two takedowns of Titans QB Ryan Tannehill marked four career sacks of the Tennessee signal-caller...Helped the defense total five sacks on the afternoon, the most by the unit in a game since Week 16 of 2022.

Date	Opp.	Games		Tackles					Interceptions					Fumbles			
		Res.	P/S	Tot	So	As	Sk	Yd	TFL	No.	Yd	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	
09/10	Mia.	L	1/1	1	0	1	0.0	0	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	
09/17	at Ten.	L (OT)	1/0	4	3	1	2.0	21	2	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	
09/24	at Min.																
10/01	L.V.																
10/16	Dal.																
10/22	at K.C.																
10/29	Chi.																
11/06	at NYJ																
11/12	Det.																
11/19	at G.B.																
11/26	Bal.																
12/03	at N.E.																
12/10	Den.																
12/14	at L.V.																
12/23	Buf.																
12/31	at Den.																
TBD	K.C.																
'23 TOTALS				0-2	2/1	5	3	2	2.0	21	2	0	0	—	0	0	0

JOEY BOSA NFL STATISTICS

Year	Team	GP	GS	— Tackles —					Yds	TFL	— Interceptions —					— Fumbles —			
				Total	Solo	Asst	Sacks	No.			Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	Yds	ST Tackles	
2016	San Diego	12	11	41	29	12	10.5	71.5	17	0	0	—	0	0	1	0	0	0	
2017	Los Angeles Chargers	16	16	70	54	16	12.5	66	11	0	0	—	0	1	4	1	0	0	
2018	Los Angeles Chargers	7	6	23	18	5	5.5	42.5	7	0	0	—	0	0	0	1	0	0	
2019	Los Angeles Chargers	16	16	67	47	20	11.5	78.5	18	0	0	—	0	0	1	0	0	0	
2020	Los Angeles Chargers	12	10	39	29	10	7.5	28	15	0	0	—	0	1	0	1	0	0	
2021	Los Angeles Chargers	16	16	51	36	15	10.5	70	5	0	0	—	0	0	7	0	0	0	
2022	Los Angeles Chargers	5	4	10	8	2	2.5	22.5	3	0	0	—	0	0	1	0	0	0	
2023	Los Angeles Chargers	2	1	5	3	2	2.0	21	2	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0	0	
NFL Totals		86	80	307	224	82	62.5	420	78	0	0	—	0	2	14	3	0	0	
POSTSEASON		GP	GS	— Tackles —					Yds	TFL	— Interceptions —					— Fumbles —			
Year	Team			Total	Solo	Asst	Sacks	No.			Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	Yds	ST Tackles	
2018	Los Angeles Chargers	2	2	3	2	1	1.0	6	1	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0	0	
2022	Los Angeles Chargers	1	1	1	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Postseason Totals		3	3	4	3	1	1.0	6	1	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0	0	



WILL CLAPP ⚡ 76

CENTER/GUARD | LOUISIANA STATE

6-5 | 311 lbs | NEW ORLEANS, LA.

FREE AGENT — 2022

EXPERIENCE: 6TH NFL SEASON

2ND YEAR WITH CHARGERS

2023: Primarily contributed on special teams in each of the first two weeks...**vs. Miami (Sept. 10):** Supported the field goal unit on each of the two field goal tries, including K Cameron Dicker's career-long 50-yard field goal in the second quarter, and all four successful PATs...Saw action on two special teams snaps...**at Tennessee (Sept. 17):** Supported the field goal unit on all three of Dicker's made field goals, including the game-tying field goal as time expired in regulation, and one made PAT.

WILL CLAPP NFL GAMES

Year	Team	GP	GS
2018	New Orleans	3	1
2019	New Orleans	14	3
2020	New Orleans	8	0
2021	New Orleans	9	3
2022	Los Angeles Chargers	17	3
2023	Los Angeles Chargers	2	0
NFL Totals		53	10
POSTSEASON			
Year	Team	GP	GS
2020	New Orleans	1	0
2022	Los Angeles Chargers	1	0
Postseason Totals		2	0



DERIUS DAVIS ⚡ 12

WIDE RECEIVER | TCU

5-8 | 165 lbs | SAINT FRANCISVILLE, LA.

DRAFT 4 — 2023

EXPERIENCE: ROOKIE

2023: Over the first two weeks, has served as the primary returner for all punts and kickoffs...Ranks third in the NFL with 66 punt return yards through the first two weeks of the regular season...In total, has returned five punts for 66 yards (13.2 avg.) with a long of 20 yards and one kickoff return for 24 yards (24.0 avg.) to go along with one reception for five yards (5.0 avg.) and one rush attempt for 10 yards (10.0 avg.)...Served as the primary returner on both punts and kickoffs in his first-career NFL game...In Week 2, amassed 63 yards on four punt returns (15.8 avg.), accounting for the most punt return yards by a Chargers returner in a single game since 2019...**vs. Miami (Sept. 10):** In his NFL debut, caught one pass for five yards (5.0 avg.) on an end-around and returned one punt for three yards...**at Tennessee (Sept. 17):** Totaled 63 punt return yards on four punt returns (15.8 avg.), the most punt return yards by a Chargers returner in a single game since 2019 (Week 5)...Added one kickoff return for 24 yards (24.0 avg.)...On the ground, totaled one rush for 10 yards.

2023, LOS ANGELES CHARGERS															
OFFENSIVE STATISTICS															
Date	Opp.	Res.	Games		Receiving					Rushing					Scrim Yds
			P/S	No.	Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD	Att	Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD		
09/10	Mia.	L	1/0	1	5	5.0	5	0	0	0	—	—	0	5	
09/17	at Ten.	L (OT)	1/0	0	0	—	—	0	1	10	10.0	10	0	15	
09/24	at Min.														
10/01	L.V.														
10/16	Dal.														
10/22	at K.C.														
10/29	Chi.														
11/06	at NYJ														
11/12	Det.														
11/19	at G.B.														
11/26	Bal.														
12/03	at N.E.														
12/10	Den.														
12/14	at L.V.														
12/23	Buf.														
12/32	at Den.														
TBD	K.C.														
'23 TOTALS		0-2	2/0	1	5	5.0	5	0	1	10	10.0	10	0	15	

RETURN STATISTICS														
Date	Opp.	Res.	Games Played	Kickoff Returns					Punt Returns					Ret. Yds
				No.	Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD	Att	Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD	
09/10	Mia.	L	1/0	0	0	—	—	0	1	3	3.0	3	0	3
09/17	at Ten.	L (OT)	1/0	1	24	24.0	24.0	0	4	63	15.8	20	0	87
09/24	at Min.													
10/01	L.V.													
10/16	Dal.													
10/22	at K.C.													
10/29	Chi.													
11/06	at NYJ													
11/12	Det.													
11/19	at G.B.													
11/26	Bal.													
12/03	at N.E.													
12/10	Den.													
12/14	at L.V.													
12/23	Buf.													
12/32	at Den.													
TBD	K.C.													
'23 TOTALS		0-2	2/0	1	24	24.0	24.0	0	5	66	13.2	20	0	90

DERIUS DAVIS NFL STATISTICS

Year	Team	GP	GS	— Receiving —					— Rushing —					— Scrimmage —	
				No.	Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD	Att	Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD	Yards	
2023	Los Angeles Chargers	2	0	1	5	5.0	5	0	1	10	10.0	10	0	15	
NFL Totals		2	0	1	5	5.0	5	0	1	10	10.0	10	0	15	

Year	Team	No.	— Kickoff Returns —				— Punt Returns —				— Return —		
			Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD	No.	FC	Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD	Yards
2023	Los Angeles Chargers	1	24	24	24.0	0	5	0	66	13.2	20	0	90
NFL Totals		1	24	24	24.0	0	5	0	66	13.2	20	0	90



MICHAEL DAVIS ⚡ 43

CORNERBACK | BRIGHAM YOUNG

6-2 | 196 lbs | GLENDALE, CALIF.

FREE AGENT — 2017

EXPERIENCE: 7TH NFL SEASON

7TH YEAR WITH CHARGERS

2023: Has appeared in two games (one start) through the first two weeks, totaling nine tackles (eight solo) and one two passes defended...Registered two passes defended in Week 1, extending a streak of games with a pass defended to eight, which was the longest streak in the NFL...Contributed to a defensive unit that toaled 10 passes defended in Week 1, the second-most in the NFL and the most by a Chargers unit on Kickoff Weekend since at least 1991...**vs. Miami (Sept. 10):** Opened the year with six tackles (five solo) and two passes defended in coverage...Contributed to the defense's 10 total passes defended in Week 1, the second-most by any team across the NFL on Kickoff Weekend...Extended his streak of consecutive games with a pass defended to eight-straight outings...**at Tennessee (Sept. 17):** Totaled three solo stops, one of which was a tackle for loss on a run stop of RB Derrick Henry in the fourth quarter, in the Week 2 contest.

2023, LOS ANGELES CHARGERS																		
Date	Opp.	Games		Tackles					Interceptions					Fumbles				
		Res.	P/S	Tot	So	As	Sk	Yd	TFL	No.	Yd	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR		
09/10	Mia.	L	1/1	6	5	1	0.0	0	0	0	0	—	0	2	0	0		
09/17	at Ten.	L (OT)	1/0	3	3	0	0.0	0	1	0	0	—	0	0	0	0		
09/24	at Min.																	
10/01	L.V.																	
10/16	Dal.																	
10/22	at K.C.																	
10/29	Chi.																	
11/06	at NYJ																	
11/12	Det.																	
11/19	at G.B.																	
11/26	Bal.																	
12/03	at N.E.																	
12/10	Den.																	
12/14	at L.V.																	
12/23	Buf.																	
12/31	at Den.																	
TBD	K.C.																	
'23 TOTALS				0-2	2/1	9	8	1	0.0	0	1	0	0	—	0	2	0	0

MICHAEL DAVIS NFL STATISTICS

Year	Team	GP	GS	— Tackles —					Yds	TFL	— Interceptions —					— Fumbles —			ST Tackles
				Total	Solo	Asst	Sacks	No.			Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	Yds		
2017	Los Angeles Chargers	15	0	4	3	1	0.0	0	0	0	0	—	0	1	0	0	0	0	14
2018	Los Angeles Chargers	16	9	44	35	9	0.0	0	0	0	0	—	0	8	1	0	0	0	6
2019	Los Angeles Chargers	12	12	39	31	8	0.0	0	0	2	15	15	0	9	0	0	0	0	0
2020	Los Angeles Chargers	16	14	63	48	15	0.0	0	2	3	86	78t	1	14	0	0	0	0	1
2021	Los Angeles Chargers	14	14	54	42	12	0.0	0	1	1	0	0	0	12	0	2	0	0	0
2022	Los Angeles Chargers	17	12	61	47	14	1.0	6	2	1	30	30	0	15	0	0	0	0	1
2023	Los Angeles Chargers	2	1	9	8	1	0.0	0	1	0	0	—	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
NFL Totals		92	62	274	214	60	1.0	6	6	7	131	78t	1	61	1	2	0	0	22
POSTSEASON		GP	GS	— Tackles —					Yds	TFL	— Interceptions —					— Fumbles —			ST Tackles
Year	Team			Total	Solo	Asst	Sacks	No.			Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	Yds		
2018	Los Angeles Chargers	2	2	7	5	2	0.0	0	0	0	0	—	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
2022	Los Angeles Chargers	2	2	7	5	2	0.0	0	0	0	0	—	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Postseason Totals		2	2	7	5	2	0.0	0	0	0	0	—	0	2	0	0	0	0	0



CAMERON DICKER ⚡ 11

KICKER | TEXAS

6-1 | 216 lbs | AUSTIN, TEXAS

FREE AGENT — 2022

EXPERIENCE: 2ND NFL SEASON

2ND YEAR WITH CHARGERS

2023: Through the first two games, has made all five of his field goal attempts, including a long of 50 yards, and all five PATs...Over his first two seasons, his rate of 26-for-27 equates to a 96.2 pct. make rate, the best percentage by any kicker in their first two seasons (min. 25 att.)...Over the last two seasons in the final 10 seconds of regulation, he has three made field goals, the second-most by any kicker in the league...In the season opener, connected on each of his two field goal attempts, including a career-long 50-yard field goal in the second quarter, and successfully converted all four PATs...Was one of two kickers in Week 1 to connect on a 50-plus yard field goal and make at least four PATs...**vs. Miami (Sept. 10):** Opened the season with two made field goals and four successful PATs to total 10 points scored in Week 1...Near the end of the first half, connected on a 50-yard field goal on the right hash...His second make of the day came from 25 yards out in the fourth quarter...Also handled kickoff responsibilities in the game...**at Tennessee (Sept. 17):** Made three field goals, including a game-tying 33-yard make at the end of regulation to take the game into overtime, in Week 2...Registered his third made field goal with less than 10 seconds remaining in regulation over the last two seasons, which is the second-most in the NFL...Made field goals from 27, 30 and 33 yards away in the game.

CAMERON DICKER NFL STATISTICS

Year	Team	GP	— Field Goals —					— PAT —				— Total — Points
			FG	FGA	Pct.	Lg	Blk	XP	XPA	Pct.	Block	
2022	Philadelphia Eagles	1	2	2	100.0	42	0	2	2	100.0	0	8
	Los Angeles Chargers	10	19	20	95.0	48	0	22	22	100.0	0	79
2023	Los Angeles Chargers	2	5	5	100.0	50	0	5	5	100.0	0	20
NFL Totals		13	26	27	96.2	48	0	29	29	100.0	0	107

Year	Team	— 0-19 Yards —			— 20-29 Yards —			— 30-39 Yards —			— 40-49 Yards —			— 50+ Yards —		
		FG	FGA	Pct.	FG	FGA	Pct.	FG	FGA	Pct.	FG	FGA	Pct.	FG	FGA	Pct.
2022	Philadelphia Eagles	0	0	—	1	1	100.0	0	0	—	1	1	100.0	0	0	—
	Los Angeles Chargers	0	0	—	6	6	100.0	7	7	100.0	6	6	—	0	1	0.0
2023	Los Angeles Chargers	0	0	—	2	2	100.0	2	2	100.0	1	1	—	1	1	100.0
NFL Totals		0	0	—	9	9	100.0	9	9	100.0	8	8	100.0	1	2	.500

POSTSEASON		GP	— Field Goals —					— PAT —				— Total — Points
Year	Team		FG	FGA	Pct.	Lg	Blk	XP	XPA	Pct.	Block	
2022	Los Angeles Chargers	1	3	4	75.0	50	0	3	3	100.0	0	12
Postseason Totals		1	3	4	75.0	50	0	3	3	100.0	0	12

Year	Team	— 0-19 Yards —			— 20-29 Yards —			— 30-39 Yards —			— 40-49 Yards —			— 50+ Yards —		
		FG	FGA	Pct.	FG	FGA	Pct.	FG	FGA	Pct.	FG	FGA	Pct.	FG	FGA	Pct.
2022	Los Angeles Chargers	0	0	—	2	2	100.0	0	0	100.0	0	1	.000	1	1	1.000
Postseason NFL Totals		0	0	—	2	2	100.0	0	0	100.0	0	1	.000	1	1	1.000



ELIJAH DOTSON ⚡ 42

RUNNING BACK | NORTHERN COLORADO

6-2 | 208 lbs | TEMPLE, TEXAS

DRAFT 1 — 2023

EXPERIENCE: ROOKIE

2023: Has appeared in each of the first two games, totaling two catches for 13 yards (6.5 avg.) and six yards on four carries (1.5 avg.) offensively...Contributed one offensive snap in his NFL debut, the Week 1 matchup against Miami...Saw first true offensive action in Week 2, serving as the second running back... **at Tennessee (Sept. 17):** In the Week 2 matchup, recorded two catches for 13 yards (6.5 avg.) with a long reception of seven yards to go along with four rushes for six yards (1.5 avg.) with a long of two yards...Also contributed on special teams.

2023, LOS ANGELES CHARGERS														
Date	Opp.	Games		No.	Rushing				Receiving				Scrim Yds	
		Res.	P/S		Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD	Att	Yds	Avg.	Lg		TD
09/10	Mia.	L	1/0	0	0	—	—	0	0	0	—	—	0	0
09/17	at Ten.	L (OT)	1/0	4	6	1.5	2	0	2	13	6.5	7	0	19
09/24	at Min.													
10/01	L.V.													
10/16	Dal.													
10/22	at K.C.													
10/29	Chi.													
11/06	at NYJ													
11/12	Det.													
11/19	at G.B.													
11/26	Bal.													
12/03	at N.E.													
12/10	Den.													
12/14	at L.V.													
12/23	Buf.													
12/32	at Den.													
TBD	K.C.													
'23 TOTALS		0-2	2/0	4	6	1.5	2	0	2	13	6.5	7	0	19

ELIJAH DOTSON NFL STATISTICS

Year	Team	GP	GS	No.	— Receiving —				Att	— Rushing —				— Scrimmage —	
					Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD		Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD	Yards	
2023	Los Angeles Chargers	2	0	4	6	1.5	2	0	2	13	6.5	7	0	19	
NFL Totals		2	0	4	6	1.5	2	0	2	13	6.5	7	0	19	



AUSTIN EKELER ⚡ 30

RUNNING BACK | WESTERN STATE COLORADO

5-10 | 200 lbs | EATON, COLO.

FREE AGENT — 2017

EXPERIENCE: 7TH NFL SEASON

7TH YEAR WITH CHARGERS

2023: In the season opener, rushed for 117 yards on 16 carries (7.3 avg.) and one touchdown, including a long rush of 55 yards, to help propel the offense to become the first NFL team since 2010 to total 230 yards on the ground and two rushing touchdowns on Kickoff Weekend...Along with RB Joshua Kelley, became the first pair of Chargers to each rush for 90 yards in the same game since 2008...**vs. Miami (Sept. 10):** Opened the season with 164 yards from scrimmage (117 rushing, 47 receiving) to account for his fifth-career 100-yard rushing performance...Added one rushing touchdown to take his career total to 35, including 26 since 2021...Led an offense that totaled 433 net yards and 30 first downs, including six of which came from him (four rushing, two receiving)...Opened the game with a 14-play, 94-yard series that was capped by his one-yard rushing touchdown...Through the air, ranked second on the Bolts with four receptions for 47 yards (11.8 avg.), including a 35-yard catch-and-run before the end of the third quarter, leading to Kelley's go-ahead rushing touchdown early in the fourth quarter...**at Tennessee (Sept. 17):** Inactive (ankle).

Date	Opp.	Games		Rushing					Receiving					Scrim Yds		
		Res.	P/S	No.	Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD	Att	Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD			
09/10	Mia.	L	1/1	16	117	7.3	55	1	4	47	11.8	35	0	164		
09/17	at Ten.	L (OT)	0/0	— Inactive —												
09/24	at Min.															
10/01	L.V.															
10/16	Dal.															
10/22	at K.C.															
10/29	Chi.															
11/06	at NYJ															
11/12	Det.															
11/19	at G.B.															
11/26	Bal.															
12/03	at N.E.															
12/10	Den.															
12/14	at L.V.															
12/23	Buf.															
12/32	at Den.															
TBD	K.C.															
'23 TOTALS				0-2	1/1	16	117	7.3	55	1	4	47	11.8	35	0	164

AUSTIN EKELER NFL STATISTICS

Year	Team	GP	GS	— Rushing —					— Receiving —					— Scrimmage —
				Att	Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD	No.	Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD	Yards
2017	Los Angeles Chargers	16	0	47	260	5.5	35t	2	27	279	10.3	38	3	539
2018	Los Angeles Chargers	14	3	106	554	5.2	41	3	39	404	10.4	44t	3	958
2019	Los Angeles Chargers	16	8	132	557	4.2	35	3	92	993	10.8	84t	8	1,550
2020	Los Angeles Chargers	10	10	116	530	4.6	27	1	54	403	7.5	28	2	933
2021	Los Angeles Chargers	16	16	206	911	4.4	28	12	70	647	9.2	40	8	1,558
2022	Los Angeles Chargers	17	17	204	915	4.6	72t	13	107	722	6.7	23	5	1,637
2023	Los Angeles Chargers	1	1	16	117	7.3	55	1	4	47	11.8	36	0	164
NFL Totals		90	55	827	3,844	4.6	72t	35	393	3,495	8.9	84t	29	7,339
POSTSEASON		GP	GS	— Rushing —					— Receiving —					— Scrimmage —
Year	Team			No.	Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD	Att	Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD	Yards
2018	Los Angeles Chargers	2	0	11	29	2.6	7	0	7	33	4.7	9	0	62
2022	Los Angeles Chargers	1	1	13	35	2.7	13t	2	2	8	4.0	4	0	43
Postseason Totals		3	1	24	64	2.7	13t	2	9	41	4.6	9	0	105



GERALD EVERETT ⚡ 7

TIGHT END | SOUTH ALABAMA

6-3 | 240 lbs | ATLANTA, GA.

UFA (SEA) — 2022

EXPERIENCE: 7TH NFL SEASON

2ND YEAR WITH CHARGERS

2023: Started at TE each of the first two games, totaling five receptions for 58 yards (13.6 avg.)...Opened the season with two receptions for 21 yards (10.5 avg.), as well as one rush for two yards, helping the offense account for 433 net yards offensively and 30 first downs...In Week 2, hauled in three catches for 47 yards (15.7 avg.) with a long of 29 yards, his longest catch since 2021...**vs. Miami (Sept. 10):** Totaled two receptions for 21 yards (10.5 avg.) with a long reception of 11 yards in the season opener, as the offense accounted for 433 net yards and 30 first downs... Added one rush for two yards...**at Tennessee (Sept. 17):** Secured three receptions for 47 yards (15.7 avg.), including a 29-yard grab near the end of the third quarter to set up WR Keenan Allen's go-ahead receiving touchdown early in the fourth quarter...The 29-yard catch marked his longest reception since 2021.

Date	Opp.	Games		Receiving					Rushing					Scrim Yds		
		Res.	P/S	No.	Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD	Att	Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD			
09/10	Mia.	L	1/1	2	21	10.5	11	0	1	2	2.0	2	0	23		
09/17	Ten.	L (OT)	1/1	3	47	15.7	29	0	0	0	-	-	0	47		
09/24	at Min.															
10/01	L.V.															
10/16	Dal.															
10/22	at K.C.															
10/29	Chi.															
11/06	at NYJ															
11/12	Det.															
11/19	at G.B.															
11/26	Bal.															
12/03	at N.E.															
12/10	Den.															
12/14	at L.V.															
12/23	Buf.															
12/32	at Den.															
TBD	K.C.															
'23 TOTALS				0-2	2/2	5	68	13.6	29	0	1	2	2.0	2	0	70

GERALD EVERETT NFL STATISTICS

Year	Team	GP	GS	— Receiving —					— Rushing —					— Scrimmage —
				No.	Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD	Att	Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD	Yards
2017	Los Angeles Rams	16	2	16	244	15.3	69	2	1	13	13.0	13	0	257
2018	Los Angeles Rams	16	0	33	320	9.7	40t	3	2	16	8.0	12	0	336
2019	Los Angeles Rams	13	2	37	408	11.0	33	2	1	0	0.0	0	0	408
2020	Los Angeles Rams	16	7	41	417	10.2	40	1	1	2	2.0	2t	1	419
2021	Seattle	15	12	48	478	10.0	41	4	3	20	6.7	13	0	498
2022	Los Angeles Chargers	16	11	58	555	9.6	26	4	1	0	0.0	0	0	555
2023	Los Angeles Chargers	2	2	5	68	13.6	29	0	1	2	2.0	2	0	70
NFL Totals		93	36	238	2,490	10.5	69	16	10	53	5.3	13	1	2,543
POSTSEASON		GP	GS	— Receiving —					— Rushing —					— Scrimmage —
Year	Team			No.	Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD	Att	Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD	Yards
2017	Los Angeles Rams	1	0	1	4	4.0	4	0	0	0	-	-	0	4
2018	Los Angeles Rams	3	1	2	50	25.0	39	0	0	0	-	-	0	50
2020	Los Angeles Rams	2	1	0	0	-	-	0	0	0	-	-	0	0
2022	Los Angeles Chargers	1	1	6	109	18.2	25	1	0	0	-	-	0	109
Postseason Totals		7	3	9	163	18.1	39	1	0	0	-	-	0	163



AJ FINLEY ⚡ 24

SAFETY | OLE MISS

6-0 | 188 lbs | MOBILE, ALA.

FREE AGENT — 2023

EXPERIENCE: ROOKIE

2023: Inactive (healthy scratch) each of the first two weeks.

2023, LOS ANGELES CHARGERS																
Date	Opp.	Games		Tackles						Interceptions				Fumbles		
		Res.	P/S	Tot	So	As	Sk	Yd	TFL	No.	Yd	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR
09/10	Mia.	L	0/0													
09/17	at Ten.	L (OT)	0/0													
09/24	at Min.															
10/01	L.V.															
10/16	Dal.															
10/22	at K.C.															
10/29	Chi.															
11/06	at NYJ															
11/12	Det.															
11/19	at G.B.															
11/26	Bal.															
12/03	at N.E.															
12/10	Den.															
12/14	at L.V.															
12/23	Buf.															
12/31	at Den.															
TBD	K.C.															
'23 TOTALS		0-2	0/0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

AJ FINLEY NFL STATISTICS

Year	Team	G	GS	— Tackles —					Yds	TFL	— Interceptions —					— Fumbles —			
				Total	Solo	Asst	Sacks				No.	Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	Yds	ST Tackles
2023	Los Angeles Chargers	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NFL Totals		0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



MORGAN FOX ⚡ 56

DEFENSIVE LINEMAN | COLORADO STATE-PUEBLO

6-3 | 275 lbs | FOUNTAIN, COLO.

FREE AGENT — 2022

EXPERIENCE: 7TH NFL SEASON

2ND YEAR WITH CHARGERS

2023: Has appeared in each of the first two games along the defensive front...Dropped Titans QB Ryan Tannehill in the Week 2 matchup to record his first sack of the season...Saw action on 34 defensive snaps in the season opener...**vs. Miami (Sept. 10):** Opened the season with 34 snaps defensively, as well as seven special teams snaps contributed...Helped anchor a defensive front that limited the Dolphins' offense to an average of 3.5 yards per carry...Aided a defensive unit that totaled a season-high five sacks in the Week 2 matchup at Tennessee...**at Tennessee (Sept. 17):** Tallied a sack in the game, registering his first QB takedown of the season...Dropped Tannehill for a loss of 13 yards on a third-and-nine early in the second quarter...Also added an additional quarterback hit in the third quarter.

2023, LOS ANGELES CHARGERS																			
Date	Opp.	Res.	Games		Tackles						Interceptions					Fumbles			
			P/S	Tot	So	As	Sk	Yd	TFL	No.	Yd	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR			
09/10	Mia.	L	1/0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
09/17	at Ten.	L (OT)	1/0	1	1	0	1.0	13	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
09/24	at Min.																		
10/01	L.V.																		
10/16	Dal.																		
10/22	at K.C.																		
10/29	Chi.																		
11/06	at NYJ																		
11/12	Det.																		
11/19	at G.B.																		
11/26	Bal.																		
12/03	at N.E.																		
12/10	Den.																		
12/14	at L.V.																		
12/23	Buf.																		
12/31	at Den.																		
TBD	K.C.																		
'23 TOTALS				0-2	2/0	1	1	0	1.0	13	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

MORGAN FOX NFL STATISTICS

Year	Team	GP	GS	— Tackles —						— Interceptions —					— Fumbles —				
				Total	Solo	Asst	Sacks	Yds	TFL	No.	Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	Yds	ST Tackles	
2016	Los Angeles Rams	4	0	5	3	2	0.0	0	1	0	0	—	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
2017	Los Angeles Rams	16	1	19	14	5	2.5	0	2	0	0	—	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
2019	Los Angeles Rams	16	3	18	12	6	2.0	9	3	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2020	Los Angeles Rams	16	2	27	21	6	6.0	56	8	0	0	—	0	2	1	1	0	0	0
2021	Carolina	17	9	34	16	18	1.5	8	2	0	0	—	0	0	1	1	3	0	0
2022	Los Angeles Chargers	17	12	38	24	14	6.5	48.5	8	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2023	Los Angeles Chargers	2	0	1	1	0	1.0	13	1	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NFL Totals		88	27	141	90	51	19.5	148.0	25	0	0	—	0	2	4	4	3	0	0

Year	Team	GP	GS	— Tackles —						— Interceptions —					— Fumbles —					
				Total	Solo	Asst	Sacks	Yds	TFL	No.	Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	Yds	ST Tackles		
2017	Los Angeles Rams	1	0	5	4	1	0.5	1.5	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2020	Los Angeles Rams	2	1	3	3	0	1.0	6	2	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
2022	Los Angeles Chargers	1	1	3	3	0	0.0	0	1	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Postseason Totals		4	2	11	10	1	1.5	7.5	3	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	



ALOHI GILMAN ⚡ 32

SAFETY | NOTRE DAME

5-10 | 201 lbs | LAIE, HAWAII

DRAFT 6 — 2020

EXPERIENCE: 4TH NFL SEASON

4TH YEAR WITH CHARGERS

2023: Shares the team-lead with 17 tackles (12 solo) through the first two games...Started at S in each of the first two matchups... In the season opener, led the team with 11 tackles (nine solo), anchoring the defensive effort...Aided a defensive unit that totaled a season-high five sacks in the Week 2 matchup at Tennessee...**vs. Miami (Sept. 10):** Started at S and led the defense with 11 tackles (nine solo) in the Week 1 bout...Contributed to a defense that limited the Dolphins' offense to an average of 3.5 yards per carry...**at Tennessee (Sept. 17):** Started at S and totaled six tackles (five solo) in the matchup.

2023, LOS ANGELES CHARGERS																
Date	Opp.	Games		Tackles					Interceptions				Fumbles			
		Res.	P/S	Tot	So	As	Sk	Yd	TFL	No.	Yd	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR
09/10	at Mia.	L	1/1	11	9	2	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/17	at Ten.	L (OT)	1/1	6	3	3	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
09/24	at Min.															
10/01	L.V.															
10/16	Dal.															
10/22	at K.C.															
10/29	Chi.															
11/06	at NYJ															
11/12	Det.															
11/19	at G.B.															
11/26	Bal.															
12/03	at N.E.															
12/10	Den.															
12/14	at L.V.															
12/23	Buf.															
12/31	at Den.															
TBD	K.C.															
'23 TOTALS				0-2	2/2	17	12	5	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

ALOHI GILMAN NFL STATISTICS

Year	Team	GP	GS	— Tackles —				Yds	TFL	— Interceptions —				— Fumbles —			ST Tackles	
				Total	Solo	Asst	Sacks			No.	Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR		Yds
2020	Los Angeles Chargers	15	1	3	1	2	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	
2021	Los Angeles Chargers	11	3	36	26	10	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	6	
2022	Los Angeles Chargers	17	5	55	34	21	0.0	0	0	1	18	18	0	3	1	2	0	
2023	Los Angeles Chargers	2	2	17	12	5	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
NFL Totals		45	11	111	73	38	0.0	0	0	2	18	18	0	4	1	2	0	12
POSTSEASON																		
Year	Team	GP	GS	— Tackles —				Yds	TFL	— Interceptions —				— Fumbles —			ST Tackles	
				Total	Solo	Asst	Sacks			No.	Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR		Yds
2022	Los Angeles Chargers	1	1	4	1	3	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	
Postseason Totals		1	1	4	1	3	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	



JALEN GUYTON ⚡ 15

WIDE RECEIVER | NORTH TEXAS

6-1 | 212 lbs | ALLEN, TEXAS

FREE AGENT — 2019

EXPERIENCE: 4TH NFL SEASON

5TH YEAR WITH CHARGERS

2023: Started the season on Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform.

2023, LOS ANGELES CHARGERS															
OFFENSIVE STATISTICS															
Date	Opp.	Res.	Games		Receiving					Rushing					Scrim Yds
			P/S	No.	Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD	Att	Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD		
09/10	Mia.	L	0/0												
09/17	at Ten.	L (OT)	0/0												
09/24	at Min.														
10/01	L.V.														
10/16	Dal.														
10/22	at K.C.														
10/29	Chi.														
11/06	at NYJ														
11/12	Det.														
11/19	at G.B.														
11/26	Bal.														
12/03	at N.E.														
12/10	Den.														
12/14	at L.V.														
12/23	Buf.														
12/32	at Den.														
TBD	K.C.														
'23 TOTALS		0-2	0/0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

RETURN STATISTICS															
Date	Opp.	Res.	Games		Kickoff Returns					Punt Returns					Ret. Yds
			Played	No.	Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD	Att	Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD		
09/10	Mia.	L	0/0												
09/17	at Ten.	L (OT)	0/0												
09/24	at Min.														
10/01	L.V.														
10/16	Dal.														
10/22	at K.C.														
10/29	Chi.														
11/06	at NYJ														
11/12	Det.														
11/19	at G.B.														
11/26	Bal.														
12/03	at N.E.														
12/10	Den.														
12/14	at L.V.														
12/23	Buf.														
12/32	at Den.														
TBD	K.C.														
'23 TOTALS		0-2	0/0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

JALEN GUYTON NFL STATISTICS

Year	Team	GP	GS	— Receiving —					Att	— Rushing —					— Scrimmage —	
				No.	Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD		Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD	Yards		
2019	Los Angeles Chargers	3	0	0	0	—	—	0	0	0	—	—	0	0		
2020	Los Angeles Chargers	16	9	28	511	18.3	72t	3	2	0	0.0	4	0	511		
2021	Los Angeles Chargers	16	2	31	448	14.5	59t	3	7	34	4.9	21	0	482		
2022	Los Angeles Chargers	3	0	2	64	32.0	54	0	0	0	—	—	0	64		
2023	Los Angeles Chargers	0	0	0	0	—	—	0	0	0	—	—	0	0		
NFL Totals		38	11	61	1,023	16.8	72t	6	9	34	3.8	21	0	1,057		

Year	Team	No.	— Kickoff Returns —				— Punt Returns —				Return — Yards		
			Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD	Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD			
2021	Los Angeles Chargers	2	32	16.0	22	0	0	1	0	—	—	0	32
NFL Totals		2	32	16.0	22	0	0	1	0	—	—	0	32



JOSH HARRIS ⚡ 47

LONG SNAPPER | AUBURN

6-1 | 224 lbs | CARROLLTON, GA.

UFA (ATL) — 2022

EXPERIENCE: 12TH NFL SEASON

2ND YEAR WITH CHARGERS

2023: Through the first two games, has successfully provided snaps on all punts, field goals and extra points...Secured a tackle in Week 2, his 175th career NFL game...Has provided snaps on all of K Cameron Dicker's field goals over the last two seasons, helping Dicker register the best make percentage (96.2) by any kicker in their first two seasons in league history (min. 25 att.)...**vs. Miami (Sept. 10):** Opened the season with reliable snaps on three punts, two field goals and four PATs...Provided the snap on Dicker's career-long 50-yard field goal in the second quarter...Helped P JK Scott register a 48.3-yard average (41.7 net), with a long punt of 62 yards, his longest punt since joining the Chargers...**at Tennessee (Sept. 17):** In his 175th career game, provided snaps on all punts, field goals and PATs, including Dicker's 33-yard game-tying field goal as time expired in regulation...Added a tackle on punt coverage, taking down WR Kearis Jackson.

JOSH HARRIS NFL GAMES

Year	Team	GP
2012	Atlanta	16
2013	Atlanta	16
2014	Atlanta	16
2015	Atlanta	16
2016	Atlanta	16
2017	Atlanta	16
2018	Atlanta	11
2019	Atlanta	16
2020	Atlanta	16
2021	Atlanta	17
2022	Los Angeles Chargers	17
2023	Los Angeles Chargers	2

NFL Totals 175

POSTSEASON

Year	Team	GP
2012	Atlanta	2
2016	Atlanta	3
2017	Atlanta	2
2022	Los Angeles Chargers	1

Postseason Totals 8



DAIYAN HENLEY ⚡ 0

LINEBACKER | WASHINGTON STATE

6-0 | 225 lbs | LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

DRAFT 3 — 2023

EXPERIENCE: ROOKIE

2023: Inactive (hamstring) each of the first two weeks.

2023, LOS ANGELES CHARGERS																
Date	Opp.	Games		Tackles						Interceptions				Fumbles		
		Res.	P/S	Tot	So	As	Sk	Yd	TFL	No.	Yd	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR
09/10	Mia.	L	0/0													
09/17	at Ten.	L (OT)	0/0													
09/24	at Min.															
10/01	L.V.															
10/16	Dal.															
10/22	at K.C.															
10/29	Chi.															
11/06	at NYJ															
11/12	Det.															
11/19	at G.B.															
11/26	Bal.															
12/03	at N.E.															
12/10	Den.															
12/14	at L.V.															
12/23	Buf.															
12/31	at Den.															
TBD	K.C.															
'23 TOTALS		0-2	0/0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

DAIYAN HENLEY NFL STATISTICS

Year	Team	G	GS	— Tackles —					Yds	TFL	— Interceptions —					— Fumbles —			
				Total	Solo	Asst	Sacks				No.	Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	Yds	ST Tackles
2023	Los Angeles Chargers	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NFL Totals		0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



JUSTIN HERBERT ⚡ 10

QUARTERBACK | OREGON

6-6 | 236 lbs | EUGENE, ORE.

DRAFT 1a — 2020

EXPERIENCE: 4TH NFL SEASON

4TH YEAR WITH CHARGERS

2023: Through the first two games, has completed 50-of-74 passes (67.6) for 534 yards and three touchdowns to zero interceptions, registering a 102.0 passer rating...Ranks fourth among all AFC passers with 534 passing yards, as his 102.0 passer rating is third-best in the conference...With zero interceptions, his 74 pass attempts are the second-most in the NFL among all passers without a turnover this season...Opened the season with a performance of 23-of-33 for 228 yards and one touchdown with zero interceptions for a passer rating of 99.1, propelling the offense to total 433 net yards and 30 first downs, including 10 through the air...Has completed at least 20 passes in 28 straight games, the longest active streak in the NFL and the third-longest stretch in NFL history...Registered his 23rd-career 300-yard passing performance in the Week 2 contest at Tennessee, totaling the third-most amount of like outings among all passers in their first four seasons in NFL history...With two passing touchdowns and zero interceptions, recorded his ninth career game with 300-plus yards and two touchdowns to zero interceptions, which ties for the third-most by any QB in league history through their first four seasons...**vs. Miami (Sept. 10):** In the season opener, completed 23 passes on 33 attempts for 228 yards and one touchdown to zero interceptions, totaling a passer rating of 99.1...On the day, helped the offense finish nine-of-15 (60.0 pct.) on third down, totaling 30 first downs, the most in a single game since 2021...Opened the game by orchestrating a 14-play, 94-yard scoring drive capped by a RB Austin Ekeler touchdown...Added a one-yard rushing touchdown in the third quarter to take the lead, his first rushing score since 2021...**at Tennessee (Sept. 17):** Started at QB and led a unit that secured three fourth-down conversions in the first half, passing for 305 yards on 27-of-41 attempts (65.9

2022, LOS ANGELES CHARGERS													
Date	Opp.	Res.	Games		Cmp	Att	Pct.	Passing			Lg	Sk	Rating
			P/S	P/S				Yds	TD	Int			
09/10	Mia.	L	1/1		23	33	69.7	228	1	0	36	3	99.1
09/17	at Ten.	L (OT)	1/1		27	41	65.9	305	2	0	42	3	104.2
09/24	at Min.												
10/01	L.V.												
10/16	Dal.												
10/22	at K.C.												
10/29	Chi.												
11/06	at NYJ												
11/12	Det.												
11/19	at G.B.												
11/26	Bal.												
12/03	at N.E.												
12/10	Den.												
12/14	at L.V.												
12/23	Buf.												
12/31	at Den.												
TBD	K.C.												
'23 TOTALS		0-2	2/2		50	74	67.6	534	3	0	42	6	102.0

pct.) and two touchdowns to zero interceptions (104.2 passer rating)...Registered his 23rd-career 300-yard passing game, the third-most by any player in their first four professional seasons in NFL history, and his ninth-career outing with 300-plus passing yards, two touchdowns and zero interceptions...Of the offense's 19 first downs, 14 of them came through the air...Connected with WR Keenan Allen for 111 yards and two passing scores, giving Allen his second-straight road game with multiple receiving touchdowns, his ninth-career multi-touchdown game and his 34th career 100-yard receiving performance...Found Allen on a 42-yard connection in the second quarter, his 33rd-career 40-plus-yard completion, which ties for the second-most by any player in the NFL since 2020.

JUSTIN HERBERT NFL STATISTICS

Year	Team	GP	GS	Att	Cmp	Pct.	Yards	— Passing —					Rating	— Rushing —					
								Y/A	TD	Int	Lg	Sk		Lost	Att	Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD
2020	Los Angeles Chargers	15	15	595	396	66.6	4,336	7.3	31	10	72t	32	218	98.3	55	234	4.3	31	5
2021	Los Angeles Chargers	17	17	672	443	65.9	5,014	7.5	38	15	72t	31	214	97.7	63	302	4.8	36	3
2022	Los Angeles Chargers	17	17	699	477	68.2	4,739	6.8	25	10	55	38	206	93.2	54	147	2.7	23	0
2023	Los Angeles Chargers	2	2	50	74	67.6	534	7.2	3	0	42	6	53	102.0	6	17	2.8	5	1
NFL Totals		51	51	2,040	1,366	67.0	14,623	7.2	97	35	72t	104	667	96.5	178	700	3.9	36	9

Year	Team	GP	GS	Att	Cmp	Pct.	Yards	— Passing —					Rating	— Rushing —					
								Y/A	TD	Int	Lg	Sk		Lost	Att	Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD
2022	Los Angeles Chargers	1	1	43	25	58.1	273	6.3	1	0	25	3	20	84.7	3	12	4.0	13	0
NFL Totals		1	1	43	25	58.1	273	6.3	1	0	25	3	20	84.7	3	12	4.0	13	0



CHRISTOPHER HINTON ⚡ 91

DEFENSIVE LINE | MICHIGAN

6-4 | 310 lbs | JOHNS CREEK, GA.

FREE AGENT — 2022

EXPERIENCE: 1ST NFL SEASON

2ND YEAR WITH CHARGERS

2023: Inactive (healthy scratch) each of the first two weeks.

2023, LOS ANGELES CHARGERS																	
Date	Opp.	Games		Tackles						Interceptions				Fumbles			
		Res.	P/S	Tot	So	As	Sk	Yd	TFL	No.	Yd	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	
09/10	Mia.	L	0/0	— Inactive —													
09/17	at Ten.	L (OT)	0/0	— Inactive —													
09/24	at Min.																
10/01	L.V.																
10/16	Dal.																
10/22	at K.C.																
10/29	Chi.																
11/06	at NYJ																
11/12	Det.																
11/19	at G.B.																
11/26	Bal.																
12/03	at N.E.																
12/10	Den.																
12/14	at L.V.																
12/23	Buf.																
12/31	at Den.																
TBD	K.C.																
'23 TOTALS		0-2	0/0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

CHRISTOPHER HINTON NFL STATISTICS

Year	Team	GP	GS	— Tackles —						— Interceptions —					— Fumbles —			ST Tackles	
				Total	Solo	Asst	Sacks	Yds	TFL	No.	Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	Yds		
2022	Los Angeles Chargers	4	0	3	1	2	0.0	0	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2023	Los Angeles Chargers	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NFL Totals		4	0	3	1	2	0.0	0	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
POSTSEASON		GP	GS	— Tackles —						— Interceptions —					— Fumbles —			ST Tackles	
Year	Team			Total	Solo	Asst	Sacks	Yds	TFL	No.	Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	Yds		
2022	Los Angeles Chargers	1	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Postseason Totals		1	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



J.C. JACKSON ⚡ 27

CORNERBACK | MARYLAND

6-1 | 198 lbs | IMMOKALEE, FLA.

UFA (NE) — 2022

EXPERIENCE: 6TH NFL SEASON

2ND YEAR WITH CHARGERS

2023: Through the first two weeks, owns the team-lead with one interception and three passes defended, adding four tackles (three solo)...In the season opener, returned to the lineup and led the defense with three passes defended, including an interception... Helped the defense total 10 passes defended in the game, tying for the second-most in Week 1 across the NFL and the most by any Chargers defense during Kickoff Weekend since at least 1991... Aided a defensive unit that totaled a season-high five sacks in the Week 2 matchup at Tennessee...**vs. Miami (Sept. 10):** Started at S, registering one interception and three passes defended...On third down early in the third quarter, thwarted a Dolphins drive by picking off QB Tua Tagovailoa on a deep pass intended for WR Braxton Berriors...Totaled two other pass breakups, both of which were intended for, and in coverage of, WR Tyreek Hill...**at Tennessee (Sept. 17):** Recorded four tackles (three solo) in the road matchup at Tennessee.

Date	Opp.	Games		Tackles					Interceptions					Fumbles		
		Res.	P/S	Tot	So	As	Sk	Yd	TFL	No.	Yd	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR
09/10	Mia.	L	1/1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	9	9	0	3	0	0
09/17	at Ten.	L (OT)	1/1	4	3	1	0.0	0	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	0
09/24	at Min.															
10/01	L.V.															
10/16	Dal.															
10/22	at K.C.															
10/29	Chi.															
11/06	at NYJ															
11/12	Det.															
11/19	at G.B.															
11/26	Bal.															
12/03	at N.E.															
12/10	Den.															
12/14	at L.V.															
12/23	Buf.															
12/31	at Den.															
TBD	K.C.															
'23 TOTALS		0-2	2/2	4	3	1	0.0	0	0	1	9	9	0	3	0	0

J.C. JACKSON NFL STATISTICS

Year	Team	GP	GS	— Tackles —					Yds	TFL	— Interceptions —					— Fumbles —			ST Tackles
				Total	Solo	Asst	Sacks	No.			Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	Yds		
2018	New England	13	5	24	22	3	0.0	0	1	3	9	9	0	6	0	0	0	0	
2019	New England	16	6	36	29	7	0.0	0	0	5	39	19	0	10	0	0	0	0	
2020	New England	16	11	40	34	6	0.0	0	1	9	80	30	0	14	0	3	0	0	
2021	New England	17	17	58	44	14	0.0	0	2	8	92	88t	1	23	1	0	0	0	
2022	Los Angeles Chargers	5	5	15	12	3	0.0	0	0	0	0	—	0	2	0	0	0	0	
2023	Los Angeles Chargers	2	2	4	3	1	0.0	0	0	1	9	9	0	3	0	0	0	0	
NFL Totals		69	46	177	144	33	0.0	0	4	26	229	88t	1	58	1	3	0	0	

POSTSEASON		Year	Team	GP	GS	— Tackles —					Yds	TFL	— Interceptions —					— Fumbles —			ST Tackles
Total	Solo					Asst	Sacks	No.	Yds	Lg			TD	PD	FF	FR	Yds				
2018	New England	3	1	7	5	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	—	0	2	0	0	0	0			
2019	New England	1	1	1	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	—	0	1	0	0	0	0			
2021	New England	1	1	6	5	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Postseason Totals		5	3	14	11	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	—	0	3	0	0	0	0			



BRENDEN JAIMES ⚡ 64

GUARD/TACKLE | NEBRASKA

6-5 | 300 lbs | AUSTIN, TEXAS

DRAFT 5 — 2021

EXPERIENCE: 3RD NFL SEASON

3RD YEAR WITH CHARGERS

2023: Inactive (healthy scratch) each of the first two weeks.

BRENDEN JAIMES NFL GAMES

Year	Team	GP	GS
2021	Los Angeles Chargers	10	0
2022	Los Angeles Chargers	12	0
2023	Los Angeles Chargers	0	0
NFL Totals		22	0
POSTSEASON			
Year	Team	GP	GS
2022	Los Angeles Chargers	1	0
Postseason Totals		1	0



DERWIN JAMES JR. ⚡ 3

SAFETY | FLORIDA STATE

6-2 | 215 lbs | HAINES CITY, FLA.

DRAFT 1 — 2018

EXPERIENCE: 6TH NFL SEASON

6TH YEAR WITH CHARGERS

2023: Through the first two weeks, shares the team-lead with 17 tackles (13 solo), adding two passes defended...In the season opener, totaled six solo stops, including one tackle for loss, and two passes defended...Helped the defense total 10 passes defended, which tied for the second-most in Week 1 across the NFL and the most by any Chargers defense during Kickoff Weekend since at least 1991...Aided a defensive unit that totaled a season-high five sacks in the Week 2 matchup at Tennessee, leading the team with 11 tackles (seven solo)...**vs. Miami (Sept. 10):** Opened the season with six solo stops, including one tackle for loss, and two passes defended...On a critical third-and-goal on Miami's first drive of the second quarter, batted away an endzone pass intended for TE Durham Smythe, preventing a potential touchdown and forcing the Dolphins to settle for a field goal... On a first-and-10 in the third quarter, rushed off the edge and dropped RB Raheem Mostert for a loss of two yards, registering his first tackle for loss of the season...Finished the game with two passes defended, his most in a single game since Week 4 of 2022... **at Tennessee (Sept. 17):** Led the defense with 11 tackles (seven solo) in the road matchup...Helped the defensive unit provide consistent pressure, totaling five sacks on the day.

Date	Opp.	Res.	Games		Tackles					Interceptions					Fumbles			
			P/S	Tot	So	As	Sk	Yd	TFL	No.	Yd	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR		
09/10	Mia.	L	1/1	6	6	0	0.0	0	1	0	0	—	0	2	0	0		
09/17	at Ten.	L (OT)	1/1	11	7	4	0.0	0	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	0		
09/24	at Min.																	
10/01	L.V.																	
10/16	Dal.																	
10/22	at K.C.																	
10/29	Chi.																	
11/06	at NYJ																	
11/12	Det.																	
11/19	at G.B.																	
11/26	Bal.																	
12/03	at N.E.																	
12/10	Den.																	
12/14	at L.V.																	
12/23	Buf.																	
12/31	at Den.																	
TBD	K.C.																	
'23 TOTALS				0-2	2/2	17	13	4	0.0	0	1	0	0	—	0	2	0	0

DERWIN JAMES JR. NFL STATISTICS

Year	Team	GP	GS	— Tackles —					Yds	TFL	— Interceptions —					— Fumbles —			ST Tackles
				Total	Solo	Asst	Sacks	No.			Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	Yds		
2018	Los Angeles Chargers	16	16	105	75	30	3.5	17	4	3	30	23	0	13	0	0	0	0	0
2019	Los Angeles Chargers	5	5	34	23	11	0.0	0	3	0	0	—	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
2021	Los Angeles Chargers	15	15	118	75	43	2.0	12.5	7	2	20	15	0	5	3	0	0	0	0
2022	Los Angeles Chargers	14	14	115	64	51	4.0	33	5	2	0	0	0	6	2	0	0	0	0
2023	Los Angeles Chargers	2	2	17	13	4	0.0	0	1	0	0	—	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
NFL Totals		52	52	389	250	139	9.5	62.5	20	7	50	23	0	27	5	0	0	0	0
POSTSEASON				— Tackles —					Yds	TFL	— Interceptions —					— Fumbles —			ST Tackles
Year	Team	GP	GS	Total	Solo	Asst	Sacks	No.			Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	Yds		
2018	Los Angeles Chargers	2	2	14	10	4	0.0	0	3	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2022	Los Angeles Chargers	1	1	9	6	3	0.0	0	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Postseason Totals		3	3	23	16	7	0.0	0	3	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



AUSTIN JOHNSON ⚡ 98

DEFENSIVE LINE | PENN STATE

6-4 | 314 lbs | GALLOWAY, N.J.

UFA (NYG) — 2021

EXPERIENCE: 8TH NFL SEASON

2ND YEAR WITH CHARGERS

2023: Started at DL in each of the first two games, totaling four tackles (two solo) and one pass defended...Returned to the lineup and opened the season with a pass defended in Week 1...Aided a defensive unit that totaled a season-high five sacks in the Week 2 matchup at Tennessee...**vs. Miami (Sept. 10):** Registered a pass defended after batting down a pass at the line of scrimmage early in the first quarter...By registering a pass defended, contributed to the defensive unit's 10 passes defended on the day...Helped anchor a defensive front that limited the Dolphins' offense to an average of 3.5 yards per carry...**at Tennessee (Sept. 17):** Started at DL and totaled four tackles (two solo) on the afternoon, each season-bests.

Date	Opp.	Res.	Games		Tackles					Interceptions					Fumbles			
			P/S	Tot	So	As	Sk	Yd	TFL	No.	Yd	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR		
09/10	Mia.	L	1/1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
09/17	at Ten.	L (OT)	1/1	4	2	2	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
09/24	at Min.																	
10/01	L.V.																	
10/16	Dal.																	
10/22	at K.C.																	
10/29	Chi.																	
11/06	at NYJ																	
11/12	Det.																	
11/19	at G.B.																	
11/26	Bal.																	
12/03	at N.E.																	
12/10	Den.																	
12/14	at L.V.																	
12/23	Buf.																	
12/31	at Den.																	
TBD	K.C.																	
'23 TOTALS				0-2	2/2	4	2	2	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

AUSTIN JOHNSON NFL STATISTICS

Year	Team	GP	GS	— Tackles —					Yds	TFL	— Interceptions —					— Fumbles —			ST Tackles
				Total	Solo	Asst	Sacks	No.			Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	Yds		
2016	Tennessee	10	0	14	7	7	0.5	3	1	0	0	—	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
2017	Tennessee	16	3	23	14	9	1.0	0	1	0	0	—	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
2018	Tennessee	16	9	22	13	9	1.0	6	1	0	0	—	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
2019	Tennessee	16	1	23	11	12	0.0	0	1	0	0	—	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
2020	New York Giants	16	0	18	8	10	1.0	8	2	0	0	—	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
2021	New York Giants	17	17	72	31	41	3.5	23.5	6	0	0	—	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
2022	Los Angeles Chargers	8	8	22	16	6	1.0	10	3	0	0	—	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
2023	Los Angeles Chargers	2	2	4	2	2	0.0	0	0	0	0	—	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
NFL Totals		101	40	198	102	96	8.0	50.5	15	0	0	—	0	9	1	1	0	0	1
POSTSEASON				— Tackles —					— Interceptions —					— Fumbles —			ST Tackles		
Year	Team	GP	GS	Total	Solo	Asst	Sacks	Yds	TFL	No.	Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR		Yds	
2017	Tennessee	2	1	4	2	2	0.0	0	1	0	0	—	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
2019	Tennessee	3	0	1	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Postseason Totals		5	1	5	3	2	0.0	0	1	0	0	—	0	1	0	0	0	0	0



ZION JOHNSON ⚡ 77

GUARD | BOSTON COLLEGE

6-3 | 316 lbs | BOWIE, MD.

DRAFT 1 — 2022

EXPERIENCE: 2ND NFL SEASON

2ND YEAR WITH CHARGERS

2023: Started at LG each of the first two weeks...In Week 1, helped anchor an offense that totaled 433 net yards and 30 first downs, while becoming the first NFL team since 2010 to rush for 230 yards and two touchdowns on Kickoff Weekend...Protected QB Justin Herbert as the signal-caller registered his 23rd career 300-yard passing performance...**vs. Miami (Sept. 10):** Started at LG, his first-career start at the position...Supported the offensive unit as the group accounted for 433 net yards offensively with 30 first downs...Helped propel RB Austin Ekeler to total 164 yards from scrimmage, including 117 on the ground and one touchdown, as Ekeler and RB Joshua Kelley became the first pair of Chargers RBs to each eclipse 90 yards rushing in the same game since 2008...As a group, the offense became the league's first unit to rush for 230 yards and two touchdowns on Kickoff Weekend since 2010...**at Tennessee (Sept. 17):** Started at LG...Protected QB Justin Herbert in Week 2, as the signal-caller registered his 23rd career 300-yard passing game, the third-most by any player in their first four professional seasons in NFL history...Aided an offense that accounted for three fourth-down conversions in the first half.

ZION JOHNSON NFL GAMES

Year	Team	GP	GS
2022	Los Angeles Chargers	17	17
2023	Los Angeles Chargers	2	2
NFL Totals		19	19
POSTSEASON			
Year	Team	GP	GS
2022	Los Angeles Chargers	1	1
Postseason Totals		1	1



QUENTIN JOHNSTON ⚡ 1

WIDE RECEIVER | TCU

6-2 | 208 lbs | TEMPLE, TEXAS

DRAFT 1 — 2023

EXPERIENCE: ROOKIE

2023: Through the first two weeks, has totaled three receptions for 16 yards (5.3 avg.) with a long grab of 11 yards...In his first career NFL game, hauled-in two passes for nine yards (4.5 avg.) with a long of 11 yards...**vs. Miami (Sept. 10):** Made NFL debut, totaling two receptions for nine yards (4.5 avg.), including an 11-yard grab...Near the end of the first half, caught an 11-yard pass from Herbert to continue a drive that ultimately was capped by a K Cameron Dicker 50-yard field goal...**at Tennessee (Sept. 17):** Caught one pass for seven yards (7.0 avg.) in the first quarter, the Chargers' first completion of the game.

2023, LOS ANGELES CHARGERS														
Date	Opp.	Games		Receiving				Rushing				Scrim Yds		
		Res.	P/S	No.	Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD	Att	Yds	Avg.		Lg	TD
09/10	Mia.	L	1/0	2	9	4.5	11	0	0	0	—	—	0	9
09/17	Ten.	L (OT)	1/0	1	7	7.0	7	0	0	0	—	—	0	7
09/24	at Min.													
10/01	L.V.													
10/16	Dal.													
10/22	at K.C.													
10/29	Chi.													
11/06	at NYJ													
11/12	Det.													
11/19	at G.B.													
11/26	Bal.													
12/03	at N.E.													
12/10	Den.													
12/14	at L.V.													
12/23	Buf.													
12/32	at Den.													
TBD	K.C.													
'23 TOTALS		0-2	2/0	3	16	5.3	11	0	0	0	—	—	0	16

QUENTIN JOHNSTON NFL STATISTICS

Year	Team	GP	GS	— Receiving —				Att	— Rushing —				— Scrimmage —	
				No.	Yds	Avg.	Lg		TD	Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD	Yards
2023	Los Angeles Chargers	2	0	3	16	5.3	11	0	0	0	—	—	0	16
NFL Totals		2	0	3	16	5.3	11	0	0	0	—	—	0	16



SEBASTIAN JOSEPH-DAY ⚡ 51

DEFENSIVE LINE | RUTGERS

6-4 | 310 lbs | STROUDSBURG, PA.

UFA (LAR) — 2022

EXPERIENCE: 6TH NFL SEASON

2ND YEAR WITH CHARGERS

2023: Started along the defensive front each of the first two games, registering four tackles and two quarterback hits...Totaled two quarterback hits in the season opener...Aided a defensive unit that totaled a season-high five sacks in the Week 2 matchup at Tennessee...**vs. Miami (Sept. 10):** Registered two quarterback hits on QB Tua Tagovailoa in Week 1...Helped anchor a defensive front that limited the Dolphins' offense to an average of 3.5 yards per carry...**at Tennessee (Sept. 17):** Recorded four tackles, all in run support, in the Week 2 matchup against the Titans.

Date	Opp.	Res.	Games P/S	Tackles						Interceptions					Fumbles		
				Tot	So	As	Sk	Yd	TFL	No.	Yd	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	
09/10	Mia.	L	1/1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/17	at Ten.	L (OT)	1/1	4	0	4	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/24	at Min.																
10/01	L.V.																
10/16	Dal.																
10/22	at K.C.																
10/29	Chi.																
11/06	at NYJ																
11/12	Det.																
11/19	at G.B.																
11/26	Bal.																
12/03	at N.E.																
12/10	Den.																
12/14	at L.V.																
12/23	Buf.																
12/31	at Den.																
TBD	K.C.																
'23 TOTALS			0-2	2/2	4	0	4	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

SEBASTIAN JOSEPH-DAY NFL STATISTICS

Year	Team	GP	GS	— Tackles —						— Interceptions —					— Fumbles —			ST Tackles	
				Total	Solo	Asst	Sacks	Yds	TFL	No.	Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	Yds		
2019	Los Angeles Rams	16	15	44	25	19	2.0	10	5	0	0	—	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
2020	Los Angeles Rams	16	16	55	35	20	1.0	10	1	0	0	—	0	3	1	0	0	0	0
2021	Los Angeles Rams	7	7	38	23	15	3.0	18	3	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2022	Los Angeles Chargers	16	16	56	27	29	2.0	16	9	1	4	4	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
2023	Los Angeles Chargers	2	2	4	0	4	0.0	0	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NFL Totals		57	56	197	110	87	8.0	54.0	18	1	4	4	0	5	2	1	0	0	

Year	Team	GP	GS	— Tackles —						— Interceptions —					— Fumbles —			ST Tackles	
				Total	Solo	Asst	Sacks	Yds	TFL	No.	Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	Yds		
2020	Los Angeles Rams	2	2	8	2	6	0.0	0	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2021	Los Angeles Rams	1	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2022	Los Angeles Chargers	1	1	3	1	2	0.5	5	0	0	0	—	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Postseason Totals		4	3	11	3	8	0.5	3	0	0	0	—	0	1	0	0	0	0	



JOSHUA KELLEY ⚡ 25

RUNNING BACK | UCLA

5-11 | 212 lbs | LANCASTER, CALIF.

DRAFT 4 — 2020

EXPERIENCE: 4TH NFL SEASON

4TH YEAR WITH CHARGERS

2023: Through the first two games, has totaled 29 rushes for 130 yards (4.5 avg.) with one touchdown and a long rush of 15 yards... Through the first two weeks, ranks tied for second in the NFL and tops in the AFC with 11 rushing first downs...In the season opener, rushed for a career-high 91 yards on 16 carries (5.7 avg.) with his first touchdown of the season, a four-yard go-ahead score in the fourth quarter...Through Week 1, leads all NFL RBs with eight rushing first downs...Helped propel the offense to become the first NFL team since 2010 to total 230 yards on the ground and two rushing touchdowns on Kickoff Weekend...Along with RB Austin Ekeler, became the first pair of Chargers to each rush for 90 yards in the same game since 2008...Served as the primary back in Week 2 at Tennessee, accounting for three of the unit's four rushing first downs...**vs. Miami (Sept. 10):** Opened the season with a career-high 91 rushing yards on 16 attempts (5.7 avg.), including a four-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter to give the Chargers the lead...Of his 91-yard output, 70 rushing yards occurred in the second half...Supported an offense that totaled 433 net yards and 30 first downs, as he accounted a league-leading eight rushing first downs himself...**at Tennessee (Sept. 17):** Rushed for 39 yards on 13 carries (3.0 avg.) with a long rush of 15 yard and three rushing first downs.

Date	Opp.	Games		No.	Rushing				Receiving				Scrim Yds			
		Res.	P/S		Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD	Att	Yds	Avg.	Lg		TD		
09/10	Mia.	L	1/0	16	91	5.7	14	1	0	0	—	—	0	91		
09/17	Ten.	L (OT)	1/0	13	39	3.0	15	0	0	0	—	—	0	39		
09/24	Min.															
10/01	L.V.															
10/16	Dal.															
10/22	at K.C.															
10/29	Chi.															
11/06	at NYJ															
11/12	Det.															
11/19	at G.B.															
11/26	Bal.															
12/03	at N.E.															
12/10	Den.															
12/14	at L.V.															
12/23	Buf.															
12/32	at Den.															
TBD	K.C.															
'23 TOTALS				0-2	2/0	29	130	4.5	15	1	0	0	—	—	0	130

JOSHUA KELLEY NFL STATISTICS

Year	Team	GP	GS	— Rushing —					— Receiving —					— Scrimmage —
				Att	Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD	No.	Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD	Yards
2020	Los Angeles Chargers	14	0	111	354	3.2	33	2	23	148	6.4	35	0	502
2021	Los Angeles Chargers	10	0	33	102	3.1	14	0	5	38	7.6	17	0	140
2022	Los Angeles Chargers	13	1	69	287	4.2	22	2	14	101	7.2	22	0	388
2023	Los Angeles Chargers	2	1	29	130	4.5	15	1	0	0	—	—	0	130
NFL Totals		39	2	242	873	3.6	33	5	42	287	6.8	35	0	1,160

Year	Team	No.	— Kickoff Returns —				— Punt Returns —				— All-Purpose —		
			Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD	No.	FC	Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD	Yards
2020	Los Angeles Chargers	2	39	19.5	21	0	0	0	0	—	—	0	541
NFL Totals		2	39	19.5	21	0	0	0	0	—	—	0	541

Year	Team	GP	GS	— Rushing —					— Receiving —					— Scrimmage —
				Att	Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD	No.	Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD	Yards
2022	Los Angeles Chargers	1	0	7	20	2.9	5	0	1	8	8.0	8	0	28
NFL Totals		1	0	7	20	2.9	5	0	1	8	8.0	8	0	28



ERIC KENDRICKS ⚡ 6

LINEBACKER | UCLA

6-0 | 232 lbs | FRESNO, CALIF.

FREE AGENT — 2023

EXPERIENCE: 9TH NFL SEASON

1ST YEAR WITH CHARGERS

2023: In his first game as a member of the Chargers, totaled seven tackles (four solo) and one pass defended...Contributed to a unit that totaled 10 passes defended on the day, tying for the second-most in Week 1 across the NFL and the most by any Chargers defense during Kickoff Weekend since at least 1991...
vs. Miami (Sept. 10): Opened the season with seven tackles (four solo) and one pass defended...On third-and-two in the second quarter, forced an incomplection on a QB Tua Tagovailoa pass intended for TE Durham Smythe, leading to a Dolphins punt... Contributed to a defense that limited the Dolphins' offense to an average of 3.5 yards per carry...
at Tennessee (Sept. 17): Inactive (hamstring/NIR-personal).

2023, LOS ANGELES CHARGERS																			
Date	Opp.	Res.	Games		Tackles					Interceptions					Fumbles				
			P/S	Tot	So	As	Sk	Yd	TFL	No.	Yd	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR			
09/10	Mia.	L	1/1	7	4	3	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0		
09/17	Ten.	L (OT)	0/0	— Inactive —															
09/24	at Min.																		
10/01	L.V.																		
10/16	Dal.																		
10/22	at K.C.																		
10/29	Chi.																		
11/06	at NYJ																		
11/12	Det.																		
11/19	at G.B.																		
11/26	Bal.																		
12/03	at N.E.																		
12/10	Den.																		
12/14	at L.V.																		
12/23	Buf.																		
12/31	at Den.																		
TBD	K.C.																		
'23 TOTALS			0-1	1/1	7	4	3	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0

ERIC KENDRICKS NFL STATISTICS

Year	Team	GP	GS	— Tackles —					— Interceptions —					— Fumbles —			ST Tackles		
				Total	Solo	Asst	Sacks	Yds	TFL	No.	Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR		Yds	
2015	Minnesota	14	11	92	72	20	4.0	23	8	0	0	—	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
2016	Minnesota	15	14	109	70	39	2.5	25.5	9	1	77	77t	1	9	1	1	0	0	0
2017	Minnesota	16	16	113	67	46	1.0	4	10	1	31	31t	1	6	0	0	0	0	0
2018	Minnesota	14	14	108	63	45	1.0	12	3	2	3	3	0	7	1	1	0	0	0
2019	Minnesota	15	15	110	70	40	0.5	4.5	4	0	0	—	0	12	2	2	25	0	0
2020	Minnesota	11	11	107	69	38	0.0	0	4	3	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0
2021	Minnesota	15	15	143	81	62	5.0	36	8	2	22	22	0	4	0	1	2	0	0
2022	Minnesota	17	17	137	87	50	1.0	8	8	0	0	—	0	6	0	1	0	0	0
2023	Los Angeles Chargers	1	1	7	4	3	0.0	0	0	0	0	—	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
NFL Totals		118	114	926	583	343	15.0	113	54	9	133	77t	2	52	4	6	27		0

POSTSEASON		GP	GS	— Tackles —					— Interceptions —					— Fumbles —			ST Tackles		
Year	Team			Total	Solo	Asst	Sacks	Yds	TFL	No.	Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR		Yds	
2015	Minnesota	1	1	8	4	4	0.0	0	0	—	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	
2017	Minnesota	2	2	16	13	3	0.0	0	0	0	0	—	0	2	0	0	0	0	
2019	Minnesota	2	2	13	5	8	0.0	0	0	1	4	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	
2022	Minnesota	1	1	6	5	1	1.0	5	1	0	0	—	0	1	0	0	0	0	
Postseason Totals		6	6	43	27	16	1.0	5	1	1	4	4	0	7	0	0	0		0



RAHEEM LAYNE ⚡ 41

SAFETY | INDIANA

5-11 | 192 lbs | DELAND, FLA.

FREE AGENT — 2022

EXPERIENCE: 2ND NFL SEASON

2ND YEAR WITH CHARGERS

2023: Primarily contributed on special teams each of the first two weeks...**vs. Miami (Sept. 10):** Saw action on 15 special teams snaps...**at Tennessee (Sept. 17):** Contributed on 20 special teams plays in the road contest.

Date	Opp.	Res.	Games		Tackles					Interceptions					Fumbles		
			P/S	Tot	So	As	Sk	Yd	TFL	No.	Yd	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	
09/10	Mia.	L	1/0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/17	at Ten.	L (OT)	1/0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/24	at Min.																
10/01	L.V.																
10/16	Dal.																
10/22	at K.C.																
10/29	Chi.																
11/06	at NYJ																
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12/10	Den.																
12/14	at L.V.																
12/23	Buf.																
12/31	at Den.																
TBD	K.C.																
'23 TOTALS			0-2	2/0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

RAHEEM LAYNE NFL STATISTICS

Year	Team	GP	GS	— Tackles —				Yds	TFL	— Interceptions —				— Fumbles —			ST Tackles	
				Total	Solo	Asst	Sacks			No.	Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR		Yds
2022	Los Angeles Chargers	6	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
2023	Los Angeles Chargers	2	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NFL Totals		8	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

POSTSEASON		GP	GS	— Tackles —				Yds	TFL	— Interceptions —				— Fumbles —			ST Tackles	
Year	Team			Total	Solo	Asst	Sacks			No.	Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR		Yds
2022	Los Angeles Chargers	1	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Postseason Totals		1	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



DEANE LEONARD ⚡ 33

DEFENSIVE BACK | MISSISSIPPI

6-0 | 195 lbs | CALGARY, ALBERTA, CANADA

DRAFT 7a — 2022

EXPERIENCE: 2ND NFL SEASON

2ND YEAR WITH CHARGERS

2023: Primarily contributed on special teams in each of the first two weeks...**vs. Miami (Sept. 10):** Opened the season with 18 snaps contributed on special teams...**at Tennessee (Sept. 17):** Saw action on 21 special teams snaps.

Date	Opp.	Res.	Games		Tackles					Interceptions					Fumbles		
			P/S	Tot	So	As	Sk	Yd	TFL	No.	Yd	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	
09/10	Mia.	L	1/0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/17	at Ten.	L (OT)	1/0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/24	at Min.																
10/01	L.V.																
10/16	Dal.																
10/22	at K.C.																
10/29	Chi.																
11/06	at NYJ																
11/12	Det.																
11/19	at G.B.																
11/26	Bal.																
12/03	at N.E.																
12/10	Den.																
12/14	at L.V.																
12/23	Buf.																
12/31	at Den.																
TBD	K.C.																
'23 TOTALS			0-2	2/0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

DEANE LEONARD NFL STATISTICS

Year	Team	GP	GS	— Tackles —					— Interceptions —					— Fumbles —					
				Total	Solo	Asst	Sacks	Yds	TFL	No.	Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	Yds	ST Tackles	
2022	Los Angeles Chargers	16	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	5
2023	Los Angeles Chargers	2	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NFL Totals		18	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	5

Year	Team	GP	GS	— Tackles —					— Interceptions —					— Fumbles —					
				Total	Solo	Asst	Sacks	Yds	TFL	No.	Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	Yds	ST Tackles	
2022	Los Angeles Chargers	1	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Postseason Totals		1	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



COREY LINSLEY ⚡ 63

CENTER | OHIO STATE

6-3 | 301 lbs | BOARDMAN, OHIO

UFA (GB) — 2021

EXPERIENCE: 10TH NFL SEASON

3RD YEAR WITH CHARGERS

2023: Started at C in each of the first two games...In Week 1, helped anchor an offense that totaled 433 net yards and 30 first downs, while becoming the first NFL team since 2010 to rush for 230 yards and two touchdowns on Kickoff Weekend...Protected QB Justin Herbert in Week 2, as the signal-caller registered his 23rd career 300-yard passing game, the third-most by any player in their first four professional seasons in NFL history...**vs. Miami (Sept. 10):** Started at C, his 130th career start and appearance... Supported the offensive unit as the group accounted for 433 net yards offensively with 30 first downs...Helped propel RB Austin Ekeler to total 164 yards from scrimmage, including 117 on the ground and one touchdown, as Ekeler and RB Joshua Kelley became the first pair of Chargers RBs to each eclipse 90 yards rushing in the same game since 2008...As a group, the offense became the league's first unit to rush for 230 yards and two touchdowns on Kickoff Weekend since 2010...**at Tennessee (Sept. 17):** Started at C...Protected QB Justin Herbert in Week 2, as the signal-caller registered his 23rd career 300-yard passing game, the third-most by any player in their first four professional seasons in NFL history...Aided an offense that accounted for three fourth-down conversions in the first half.

COREY LINSLEY NFL GAMES

Year	Team	GP	GS
2014	Green Bay	16	16
2015	Green Bay	13	13
2016	Green Bay	9	9
2017	Green Bay	16	16
2018	Green Bay	16	16
2019	Green Bay	16	16
2020	Green Bay	13	13
2021	Los Angeles Chargers	16	16
2022	Los Angeles Chargers	14	14
2023	Los Angeles Chargers	2	2
NFL Totals		131	131

POSTSEASON

Year	Team	GP	GS
2014	Green Bay	2	2
2015	Green Bay	2	2
2016	Green Bay	3	3
2019	Green Bay	2	2
2020	Green Bay	2	2
2022	Los Angeles Chargers	1	1
Postseason Totals		12	12

*On Reserve/PUP for first seven games of 2016 season.
On Reserve/Injured for three games during 2020 season.*



KHALIL MACK ⚡ 52

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER | BUFFALO

6-3 | 269 lbs | FORT PIERCE, FLA.

TRADE (CHI) — 2022

EXPERIENCE: 10TH NFL SEASON

2ND YEAR WITH CHARGERS

2023: Through the first two weeks, has totaled seven tackles (five solo) and one pass defended...Opened the season with two tackles in Week 1, helping thwart the Dolphins' rushing attack by contributing to a unit that limited Miami to just 3.5 yards per rush attempt...Aided a defensive unit that totaled a season-high five sacks in the Week 2 matchup at Tennessee...**vs. Miami (Sept. 10):** Totaled two tackles in the season opener...**at Tennessee (Sept. 17):** Tallied five tackles (three solo) and one pass defended in the road contest...In the third quarter, batted down a pass intended for RB Derrick Henry in the flat, securing his first pass defended of the season.

Date	Opp.	Res.	Games		Tackles					Interceptions					Fumbles				
			P/S	Tot	So	As	Sk	Yd	TFL	No.	Yd	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR			
09/10	Mia.	L	1/1	2	0	2	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
09/17	at Ten.	L (OT)	1/1	5	3	2	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
09/24	at Min.																		
10/01	L.V.																		
10/16	Dal.																		
10/22	at K.C.																		
10/29	Chi.																		
11/06	at NYJ																		
11/12	Det.																		
11/19	at G.B.																		
11/26	Bal.																		
12/03	at N.E.																		
12/10	Den.																		
12/14	at L.V.																		
12/23	Buf.																		
12/31	at Den.																		
TBD	K.C.																		
'23 TOTALS				0-2	2/2	7	5	2	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0

KHALIL MACK NFL STATISTICS

Year	Team	GP	GS	— Tackles —					Yds	TFL	— Interceptions —					— Fumbles —			ST Tackles
				Total	Solo	Asst	Sacks				No.	Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	Yds	
2014	Oakland	16	16	76	59	17	4.0	29	16	0	0	—	0	3	1	0	0	0	0
2015	Oakland	16	16	77	57	20	15.0	89	23	0	0	—	0	2	2	0	0	0	0
2016	Oakland	16	16	73	54	19	11.0	75	14	1	6	6t	1	3	5	3	1	0	0
2017	Oakland	16	16	78	61	17	10.5	75.5	15	0	0	—	0	3	1	1	0	0	0
2018	Chicago	14	13	47	37	10	12.5	78	10	1	27	27t	1	4	6	2	0	0	0
2019	Chicago	16	16	47	40	7	8.5	80.5	8	0	0	—	0	4	5	1	0	0	0
2020	Chicago	16	16	50	29	21	9.0	64	11	1	33	33	0	3	3	2	0	0	0
2021	Chicago	7	7	19	15	4	6.0	50	6	0	0	—	0	0	0	1	23	0	0
2022	Los Angeles Chargers	17	17	50	33	17	8.0	58	12	0	0	—	0	2	2	2	43	0	0
2023	Los Angeles Chargers	2	2	7	5	2	0.0	0	0	0	0	—	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
NFL Totals		136	135	524	390	134	84.5	599.0	115	3	66	33	2	25	25	12	67	0	0

Year	Team	GP	GS	— Tackles —					Yds	TFL	— Interceptions —					— Fumbles —			ST Tackles
				Total	Solo	Asst	Sacks				No.	Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	Yds	
2016	Oakland	1	1	11	8	3	0.0	0	2	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2018	Chicago	1	1	6	5	1	0.0	0	1	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2020	Chicago	1	1	2	1	1	0.0	0	1	0	0	—	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
2022	Los Angeles Chargers	1	1	3	1	2	1.0	9	1	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Postseason Totals		4	4	22	15	7	1.0	9	5	0	0	—	0	1	0	0	0	0	0



DEAN MARLOWE ⚡ 20

SAFETY | JAMES MADISON

6-1 | 205 lbs | QUEENS, NEW YORK

FREE AGENT — 2023

EXPERIENCE: 8TH NFL SEASON

1ST YEAR WITH CHARGERS

2023: Signed to the Chargers' practice squad in advance of Week 1...Saw first action as a member of the Chargers in the Week 2 matchup against the Titans...at Tennessee (Sept. 17): Made Chargers debut, contributing primarily on special teams.

2023, LOS ANGELES CHARGERS																	
Date	Opp.	Res.	Games P/S	Tackles					Interceptions					Fumbles			
				Tot	So	As	Sk	Yd	TFL	No.	Yd	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	
09/10	Mia.	L	0/0	— Practice Squad —													
09/17	at Ten.	L (OT)	1/0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
09/24	at Min.																
10/01	L.V.																
10/16	Dal.																
10/22	at K.C.																
10/29	Chi.																
11/06	at NYJ																
11/12	Det.																
11/19	at G.B.																
11/26	Bal.																
12/03	at N.E.																
12/10	Den.																
12/14	at L.V.																
12/23	Buf.																
12/31	at Den.																
TBD	K.C.																
'23 TOTALS			0-2	1/0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

DEAN MARLOWE NFL STATISTICS

Year	Team	GP	GS	— Tackles —					Yds	TFL	— Interceptions —					— Fumbles —			ST Tackles
				Total	Solo	Asst	Sacks				No.	Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	Yds	
2015	Carolina	4	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2016	Carolina	1	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2018	Buffalo	2	1	4	3	1	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
2019	Buffalo	9	2	9	9	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
2020	Buffalo	15	4	16	13	3	1.5	9	2	2	39	23	0	3	0	1	0	0	6
2021	Detroit	16	9	65	36	29	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	2
2022	Atlanta	8	1	7	6	1	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
	Buffalo	4	1	3	3	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2023	Los Angeles Chargers	1	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NFL Totals		60	18	104	70	34	1.5	9	2	2	39	23	0	7	0	2	0	0	15

POSTSEASON		GP	GS	— Tackles —					Yds	TFL	— Interceptions —					— Fumbles —			ST Tackles
Year	Team			Total	Solo	Asst	Sacks				No.	Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	Yds	
2019	Buffalo	1	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2020	Buffalo	3	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2022	Buffalo	2	2	7	6	1	0.0	0	0	1	10	10	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Postseason Totals		6	2	7	6	1	0.0	0	0	1	10	10	0	1	0	0	0	0	0



SCOTT MATLOCK ⚡ 99

DEFENSIVE LINE | BOISE STATE
 6-4 | 296 lbs | HOMEDALE, IDAHO
 DRAFT 6 — 2023
 EXPERIENCE: ROOKIE

2023: Saw action in each of the first two games, contributing on defense and on special teams...Appeared in his first-career NFL game, contributing on defense and special teams...**vs. Miami (Sept. 10):** Saw action on 11 defensive snaps, primarily contributing in run support...Supported the field goal unit on each of the two field goal tries, including K Cameron Dicker’s career-long 50-yard field goal in the second quarter, and all four successful PATs...Saw action on two special teams snaps...**at Tennessee (Sept. 17):** Saw action on 17 defensive snaps, while also contributing on special teams, primarily on field goal protection.

2023, LOS ANGELES CHARGERS																
Date	Opp.	Games		Tackles					Interceptions					Fumbles		
		Res.	P/S	Tot	So	As	Sk	Yd	TFL	No.	Yd	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR
09/10	Mia.	L	1/0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/17	at Ten.	L (OT)	1/0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
09/24	at Min.															
10/01	L.V.															
10/16	Dal.															
10/22	at K.C.															
10/29	Chi.															
11/06	at NYJ															
11/12	Det.															
11/19	at G.B.															
11/26	Bal.															
12/03	at N.E.															
12/10	Den.															
12/14	at L.V.															
12/23	Buf.															
12/31	at Den.															
TBD	K.C.															
'23 TOTALS		0-2	2/0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

SCOTT MATLOCK NFL STATISTICS

Year	Team	G	GS	— Tackles —					Yds	TFL	— Interceptions —					— Fumbles —			
				Total	Solo	Asst	Sacks	Yds			No.	Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	Yds	ST Tackles
2023	Los Angeles Chargers	2	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NFL Totals		2	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



JORDAN McFADDEN ⚡ 71

OFFENSIVE LINE | CLEMSON

6-2 | 203 lbs | SPARTANBURG, S.C.

DRAFT 5 — 2023

EXPERIENCE: ROOKIE

2023: Active, did not play each of the first two weeks.

JORDAN McFADDEN NFL GAMES

Year	Team	GP	GS
2023	Los Angeles Chargers	0	0
NFL Totals		0	0



TRE' MCKITTY ⚡ 88

TIGHT END | GEORGIA

6-4 | 246 lbs | WESLEY CHAPEL, FLA.

DRAFT 3b — 2021

EXPERIENCE: 3RD NFL SEASON

3RD YEAR WITH CHARGERS

2023: Saw action in each of the first two weeks...Primarily contributed on special teams Weeks 1 and 2..**vs. Miami (Sept. 10):** Primarily served as a special teams contributor, but served as a key blocking asset as the lead-blocker from the fullback position on RB Austin Ekeler's first-quarter one-yard rushing touchdown...**at Tennessee (Sept. 17):** Saw action on 11 special teams plays and five offensive snaps.

Date	Opp.	Res.	Games		Receiving				Rushing				Scrim		
			P/S	No.	Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD	Att	Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD	Yds	
09/10	Mia.	L	1/0	0	0	—	—	0	0	0	—	—	0	0	
09/17	at Ten.	L (OT)	1/0	0	0	—	—	0	0	0	—	—	0	0	
09/24	at Min.														
10/01	L.V.														
10/16	Dal.														
10/22	at K.C.														
10/29	Chi.														
11/06	at NYJ														
11/12	Det.														
11/19	at G.B.														
11/26	Bal.														
12/03	at N.E.														
12/10	Den.														
12/14	at L.V.														
12/23	Buf.														
12/32	at Den.														
TBD	K.C.														
'23 TOTALS				0-2	2/0	0	0	—	—	0	0	0	—	—	0

TRE' MCKITTY NFL STATISTICS

Year	Team	GP	GS	No.	— Receiving —				Att	— Rushing —				— Scrimmage —
					Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD		Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD	Yards
2021	Los Angeles Chargers	11	4	6	45	7.5	12	0	0	0	—	—	0	45
2022	Los Angeles Chargers	17	8	10	72	7.2	12	0	0	0	—	—	0	72
2023	Los Angeles Chargers	2	0	0	0	—	—	0	0	0	—	—	0	0
NFL Totals		30	12	16	117	7.3	12	0	0	0	—	—	0	117

Year	Team	GP	GS	No.	— Receiving —				Att	— Rushing —				— Scrimmage —
					Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD		Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD	Yards
2022	Los Angeles Chargers	1	1	2	16	8.0	11	0	0	0	—	—	0	16
NFL Totals		1	1	2	16	8.0	11	0	0	0	—	—	0	16



KENNETH MURRAY JR. ⚡ 9

LINEBACKER | OKLAHOMA

6-2 | 241 lbs | HOUSTON, TEXAS

DRAFT 1b — 2020

EXPERIENCE: 4TH NFL SEASON

4TH YEAR WITH CHARGERS

2023: Through the first two weeks, ranks third on the team with 13 tackles (seven solo), along with one sack...Tallied three tackles (two solo) in Week 1, contributing to a unit that limited the Dolphins to 3.5 yards per carry and 70 net yards on the ground... Aided a defensive unit that totaled a season-high five sacks in the Week 2 matchup at Tennessee, totaling 10 tackles (five solo) and one sack in the game...**vs. Miami (Sept. 10):** Recorded three tackles (two solo) in the season opener...Helped the defensive unit hold the Dolphins to a rushing average of just 3.5 yards per attempt...**at Tennessee (Sept. 17):** Secured 10 tackles (five solo), including one sack, in the road contest...On a fourth-down pass attempt on Tennessee's opening drive of the game, blitzed up the middle and dropped QB Ryan Tannehill for a loss of six yards... Supplied an additional tackle for loss, which occurred on a fourth-quarter run stop of RB Derrick Henry, dropping Henry for a loss of three yards.

Date	Opp.	Res.	Games		Tackles					Interceptions					Fumbles	
			P/S	Tot	So	As	Sk	Yd	TFL	No.	Yd	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR
09/10	Mia.	L	1/1	3	2	1	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/17	Ten.	L (OT)	1/1	10	5	5	1.0	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	
09/24	at Min.															
10/01	L.V.															
10/16	Dal.															
10/22	at K.C.															
10/29	Chi.															
11/06	at NYJ															
11/12	Det.															
11/19	at G.B.															
11/26	Bal.															
12/03	at N.E.															
12/10	Den.															
12/14	at L.V.															
12/23	Buf.															
12/31	at Den.															
TBD	K.C.															
'23 TOTALS			0-2	2/2	13	7	6	1.0	6	2	0	0	—	0	0	0

KENNETH MURRAY JR. NFL STATISTICS

Year	Team	GP	GS	— Tackles —					Yds	TFL	— Interceptions —					— Fumbles —			ST Tackles		
				Total	Solo	Asst	Sacks	No.			Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	Yds				
2020	Los Angeles Chargers	16	16	107	68	39	1.0	4	5	0	0	—	0	3	0	0	0	0			
2021	Los Angeles Chargers	11	6	31	17	14	0.0	0	2	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0	0			
2022	Los Angeles Chargers	17	16	76	50	26	1.0	8	7	1	16	16	0	3	1	0	0	0			
2023	Los Angeles Chargers	2	2	13	7	6	1.0	6	2	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0	0			
NFL Totals		46	40	227	142	85	3.0	18	16	1	16	16.0	0	6	1	0	0	0			
POSTSEASON		Year	Team	GP	GS	— Tackles —					Yds	TFL	— Interceptions —					— Fumbles —			ST Tackles
Total	Solo					Asst	Sacks	No.	Yds	Lg			TD	PD	FF	FR	Yds				
2022	Los Angeles Chargers	1	1	8	2	6	0.5	3	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
NFL Totals		1	1	8	2	6	0.5	3	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0	0			



TANNER MUSE ⚡ 44

LINEBACKER | CLEMSON

6-2 | 227 lbs | BELMONT, N.C.

WAIVERS (PIT) — 2023

EXPERIENCE: 4TH NFL SEASON

1ST YEAR WITH CHARGERS

2023: Served as a primary contributor in each of the first two games...Opened the season, and his first game as a member of the Chargers, with a team-leading 25 special teams snaps contributed...After spending the offseason program and training camp with the Pittsburgh Steelers, was waived during final roster cuts and subsequently claimed by the Los Angeles Chargers...**vs. Miami (Sept. 10):** In his first game as a member of the Chargers, tied a team-high with 25 special teams snaps...**at Tennessee (Sept. 17):** Shared the team-lead with 26 special teams snaps contributed.

2022: In his third NFL season, appeared in all 17 games for the Seattle Seahawks, totaling nine tackles (four solo), along with one pass defensed...Finished the season with a career-high seven special teams tackles, ranking tied for fourth-most on the team over the duration of the season...Through the first four weeks of the regular season, led the Seahawks' special teams unit in total tackles...Made first career start in Seattle's Week 18 overtime win against the Rams...The following week, received the starting nod in the Wild Card Round matchup against the 49ers, his first career postseason appearance and starting nod...**vs. Denver (Sept. 12):** Opened the season with two special teams stops, leading the Seahawks in the Week 1 win over the Broncos on *Monday Night Football*...Both tackles occurred on kickoff coverage...**at LA Rams (Dec. 4):** Secured the stop on the game's opening kickoff, collecting his career-best sixth special teams tackle of the season...**vs. San Francisco (Dec. 15):** Totaled a career-high four tackles (one solo) on *Thursday Night Football* against the division-rival 49ers...Secured three of the tackles on the game's final drive...**vs. NY Jets (Jan. 1):** Amassed two solo stops, a single-game career-best, as well as his first-career pass defensed...In the third quarter, deflected away a pass intended for WR Garrett Wilson, causing the incompleteness...**vs. LA Rams (Jan. 8):** Started at LB, the first starting nod of his career, and notched three tackles (two solo) in the overtime home victory...**at San Francisco (NFC Wild Card, Jan. 14):** Started at LB, marking his first career postseason appearance and postseason start, securing four tackles (two solo) and one pass defensed...On third-and-three late in the second quarter, provided coverage on WR Deebo Samuel and knocked away a QB Brock Purdy pass intended for Samuel, forcing a third-down for the 49ers...On San Francisco's opening drive of the third quarter, totaled three tackles inside of the 10-yard line, thwarting RB Christian McCaffrey on three-straight rushes up the middle...Also partnered with OLB Bruce Irvin on a run stuff of McCaffrey late in the third quarter, causing a loss of one yard.

2023, LOS ANGELES CHARGERS

Date	Opp.	Res.	Games		Tackles					Interceptions					Fumbles			
			P/S	Tot	So	As	Sk	Yd	TFL	No.	Yd	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR		
09/10	Mia.	L	1/0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
09/17	at Ten.	L (OT)	1/0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
09/24	at Min.																	
10/01	L.V.																	
10/16	Dal.																	
10/22	at K.C.																	
10/29	Chi.																	
11/06	at NYJ																	
11/12	Det.																	
11/19	at G.B.																	
11/26	Bal.																	
12/03	at N.E.																	
12/10	Den.																	
12/14	at L.V.																	
12/23	Buf.																	
12/31	at Den.																	
TBD	K.C.																	
'23 TOTALS				0-2	2/0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

2021: Appeared in six games for the Seahawks, including each of the final four outings...Primarily contributed on special teams totaling, four stops...**vs. Jacksonville (Oct. 31):** In his NFL debut, secured two special teams tackles, one on kickoff coverage and one on punt coverage.

2020: After being selected by the Las Vegas Raiders in the third round (100th overall) of the 2020 NFL Draft, spent the duration of his rookie season on Reserve/Injured (toe).

COLLEGE: Appeared in 59 career games (39 starts) at safety for Clemson (2015-19), finishing his collegiate career with the most career games played in program history...Totaled 192 tackles (105 solo), four sacks, seven interceptions, 15 passes defensed, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery returned for a touchdown during his career with the Tigers...As team captain as a senior in 2019, was also named a Jim Thorpe Award semifinalist, which is presented annually to the top defensive back in the nation, and earned third-team All-America and first-team All-Atlantic Coast Conference honors.

TANNER MUSE NFL STATISTICS

Year	Team	GP	GS	— Tackles —					— Interceptions —					— Fumbles —			ST Tackles		
				Total	Solo	Asst	Sacks	Yds	TFL	No.	Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR		Yds	
2021	Seattle	6	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2022	Seattle	17	1	9	5	4	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
2023	Los Angeles Chargers	2	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NFL Totals		25	1	9	5	4	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0

POSTSEASON		GP	GS	— Tackles —					— Interceptions —					— Fumbles —			ST Tackles	
Year	Team			Total	Solo	Asst	Sacks	Yds	TFL	No.	Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR		Yds
2022	Seattle	1	1	4	2	2	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Postseason Totals		1	1	4	2	2	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0



NICK NIEMANN ⚡ 31

LINEBACKER | IOWA

6-3 | 244 lbs | SYCAMORE, ILL.

DRAFT 6a — 2021

EXPERIENCE: 3RD NFL SEASON

3RD YEAR WITH CHARGERS

2023: Started at LB in Week 2 at Tennessee, his first career start, and totaled eight tackles (four solo)...Opened the season by contributing on 18 special teams snaps...Aided a defensive unit that totaled a season-high five sacks in the Week 2 matchup at Tennessee, totaling a career-high eight tackles (four solo) in the game...**vs. Miami (Sept. 10):** Saw action on 18 special teams snaps in Week 1...**at Tennessee (Sept. 17):** Started at LB, recording a career-high eight tackles (four solo) in the road bout...Added one tackle on special teams, a stop on punt coverage.

2023, LOS ANGELES CHARGERS																			
Date	Opp.	Res.	Games		Tackles					Interceptions					Fumbles				
			P/S		Tot	So	As	Sk	Yd	TFL	No.	Yd	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR		
09/10	Mia.	L	1/0		0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
09/17	at Ten.	L (OT)	1/1		8	4	4	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
09/24	at Min.																		
10/01	L.V.																		
10/16	Dal.																		
10/22	at K.C.																		
10/29	Chi.																		
11/06	at NYJ																		
11/12	Det.																		
11/19	at G.B.																		
11/26	Bal.																		
12/03	at N.E.																		
12/10	Den.																		
12/14	at L.V.																		
12/23	Buf.																		
12/31	at Den.																		
TBD	K.C.																		
'23 TOTALS					0-2	2/1		8	4	4	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

NICK NIEMANN NFL STATISTICS

Year	Team	GP	GS	— Tackles —					Yds	TFL	— Interceptions —					— Fumbles —			ST Tackles
				Total	Solo	Asst	Sacks				No.	Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	Yds	
2021	Los Angeles Chargers	17	0	8	5	3	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
2022	Los Angeles Chargers	17	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
2023	Los Angeles Chargers	2	1	8	4	4	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
NFL Totals		36	1	16	9	7	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18
POSTSEASON																			
Year	Team	GP	GS	— Tackles —					Yds	TFL	— Interceptions —					— Fumbles —			ST Tackles
				Total	Solo	Asst	Sacks				No.	Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	Yds	
2022	Los Angeles Chargers	1	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Postseason Totals		1	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



AMEN OGBONGBEMIGA ⚡ 57

LINEBACKER | OKLAHOMA STATE

6-0 | 231 lbs | CALGARY, ALBERTA, CANADA

FREE AGENT — 2021

EXPERIENCE: 3RD NFL SEASON

3RD YEAR WITH CHARGERS

2023: Appeared in each of the first two games, primarily contributing on special teams...Opened the season by contributing on a team-high 25 special teams snaps...**vs. Miami (Sept. 10):** Saw action on 25 special teams snaps in Week 1, a team-high...**at Tennessee (Sept. 17):** Totaled one tackle in run defense, partnering with LB Kenneth Murray Jr. on the stop...Also contributed on special teams, supplying support on 24 snaps.

Date	Opp.	Res.	Games		Tackles					Interceptions					Fumbles		
			P/S	Tot	So	As	Sk	Yd	TFL	No.	Yd	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	
09/10	Mia.	L	1/0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/17	at Ten.	L (OT)	1/0	1	0	1	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/24	at Min.																
10/01	L.V.																
10/16	Dal.																
10/22	at K.C.																
10/29	Chi.																
11/06	at NYJ																
11/12	Det.																
11/19	at G.B.																
11/26	Bal.																
12/03	at N.E.																
12/10	Den.																
12/14	at L.V.																
12/23	Buf.																
12/31	at Den.																
TBD	K.C.																
'23 TOTALS			0-2	2/0	1	0	1	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

AMEN OGBONGBEMIGA NFL STATISTICS

Year	Team	GP	GS	— Tackles —					Yds	TFL	— Interceptions —					— Fumbles —			ST Tackles
				Total	Solo	Asst	Sacks	No.			Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	Yds		
2021	Los Angeles Chargers	15	2	21	13	8	1.0	9	1	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
2022	Los Angeles Chargers	17	0	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
2023	Los Angeles Chargers	2	0	1	0	1	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NFL Totals		34	2	25	14	11	1.0	9	1	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
POSTSEASON		GP	GS	— Tackles —					Yds	TFL	— Interceptions —					— Fumbles —			ST Tackles
Year	Team			Total	Solo	Asst	Sacks	No.			Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	Yds		
2022	Los Angeles Chargers	1	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Postseason Totals		1	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0



OTITO OGBONNIA ⚡ 93

DEFENSIVE LINE | UCLA

6-4 | 320 lbs | HOUSTON, TEXAS

DRAFT 5 — 2022

EXPERIENCE: 3RD NFL SEASON

3RD YEAR WITH CHARGERS

2023: Started the season on Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform.

2023, LOS ANGELES CHARGERS																			
Date	Opp.	Res.	Games		Tot	Tackles					Interceptions					Fumbles			
			P/S	P/S		So	As	Sk	Yd	TFL	No.	Yd	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR		
09/10	Mia.	L	0/0			— Reserve/PUP —													
09/17	at Ten.	L (OT)	0/0			— Reserve/PUP —													
09/24	at Min.																		
10/01	L.V.																		
10/16	Dal.																		
10/22	at K.C.																		
10/29	Chi.																		
11/06	at NYJ																		
11/12	Det.																		
11/19	at G.B.																		
11/26	Bal.																		
12/03	at N.E.																		
12/10	Den.																		
12/14	at L.V.																		
12/23	Buf.																		
12/31	at Den.																		
TBD	K.C.																		
'23 TOTALS		0-2	0/0		0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

OTITO OGBONNIA NFL STATISTICS

Year	Team	GP	GS	— Tackles —					Yds	TFL	— Interceptions —					— Fumbles —				
				Total	Solo	Asst	Sacks	No.			Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	Yds	ST Tackles		
2022	Los Angeles Chargers	7	1	14	13	1	0.0	0	1	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2022	Los Angeles Chargers	0	0	0	0	0	0.9	0	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NFL Totals		7	1	14	13	1	0.0	0	1	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



JOSHUA PALMER ⚡ 5

WIDE RECEIVER | TENNESSEE

6-1 | 210 lbs | BRAMPTON, ONTARIO, CANADA

DRAFT 3a — 2021

EXPERIENCE: 3RD NFL SEASON

3RD YEAR WITH CHARGERS

2023: Through the first two games, has totaled four catches for 17 yards (4.3 avg.)...In Week 1, totaled one catch for four yards (4.0 avg.) on first down of the final offensive drive of the first half, which was capped by a Chargers field goal...Secured three catches for 13 yards in Week 2...**vs. Miami (Sept. 10):** In the season opener, hauled-in one catch for four yards, kick-starting a Chargers scoring drive near the end of the first half...**at Tennessee (Sept. 17):** Hauled in a season-best three receptions for 13 yards (4.3 avg.), registering a long grab of six yards.

Date	Opp.	Res.	Games		Receiving					Rushing					Scrim Yds	
			P/S	No.	Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD	Att	Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD			
09/10	Mia.	L	1/0	1	4	4.0	4	0	0	0	—	—	0	4		
09/17	Ten.	L (OT)	1/0	3	13	4.3	6	0	0	0	—	—	0	13		
09/24	at Min.															
10/01	L.V.															
10/16	Dal.															
10/22	at K.C.															
10/29	Chi.															
11/06	at NYJ															
11/12	Det.															
11/19	at G.B.															
11/26	Bal.															
12/03	at N.E.															
12/10	Den.															
12/14	at L.V.															
12/23	Buf.															
12/32	at Den.															
TBD	K.C.															
'23 TOTALS				0-2	2/0	4	17	4.3	6	0	0	0	—	—	0	17

JOSHUA PALMER NFL STATISTICS

Year	Team	GP	GS	— Receiving —					— Rushing —					— Scrimmage —
				No.	Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD	Att	Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD	Yards
2021	Los Angeles Chargers	17	5	33	353	10.7	36	4	1	6	6.0	6	0	359
2022	Los Angeles Chargers	16	11	72	769	10.7	50t	3	1	4	4.0	4	0	773
2023	Los Angeles Chargers	2	0	4	17	4.3	6	0	0	0	—	—	0	17
NFL Totals		35	16	109	1,139	10.4	50t	7	2	10	5.0	6	0	1,149
POSTSEASON														
Year	Team	GP	GS	— Receiving —					— Rushing —					— Scrimmage —
				No.	Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD	Att	Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD	Yards
2022	Los Angeles Chargers	1	0	2	31	15.5	18	0	0	0	—	—	0	31
NFL Totals		1	0	2	31	15.5	18	0	0	0	—	—	0	31



DONALD PARHAM JR. ⚡ 89

TIGHT END | STETSON

6-8 | 237 lbs | LAKELAND, FLA.

FREE AGENT — 2020

EXPERIENCE: 4TH NFL SEASON

4TH YEAR WITH CHARGERS

2023: Through the first two games, has started both at TE and has totaled four catches for 29 yards (7.3 avg.) with one touchdown...Opened the season with three catches for 21 yards (7.0 avg.), including a long of 15 yards and a touchdown...Gave the Bolts the lead in the second quarter with his one-yard touchdown grab in the back of the endzone...Logged one reception for seven yards in Week 2...**vs. Miami (Sept. 10):** In the season opener, caught three passes for 22 yards (7.3 avg.) and one touchdown, securing a long reception of 16 yards...Registered his third-career touchdown reception inside of an opponent's 5-yard line...Helped propel an offense that totaled 433 net yards and secured 30 first downs in the game...**at Tennessee (Sept. 17):** Totaled one catch for seven yards (7.0)...Just after the two-minute warning in the fourth quarter, hauled in a seven-yard grab to help the offense gain a fresh set of downs, leading to K Cameron Dicker's eventual game-tying field goal as time expired in regulation.

Date	Opp.	Res.	Games		Receiving					Rushing					Scrim Yds	
			P/S	No.	Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD	Att	Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD			
09/10	Mia.	L	1/1	3	22	7.3	16	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	
09/10	Mia.	L (OT)	1/1	1	7	7.0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	
09/24	at Min.															
10/01	L.V.															
10/16	Dal.															
10/22	at K.C.															
10/29	Chi.															
11/06	at NYJ															
11/12	Det.															
11/19	at G.B.															
11/26	Bal.															
12/03	at N.E.															
12/10	Den.															
12/14	at L.V.															
12/23	Buf.															
12/32	at Den.															
TBD	K.C.															
'23 TOTALS				0-2	2/2	4	29	7.3	16	1	0	0	0	0	0	29

DONALD PARHAM JR. NFL STATISTICS

Year	Team	GP	GS	— Receiving —					— Rushing —					— Scrimmage —
				No.	Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD	Att	Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD	Yards
2020	Los Angeles Chargers	13	5	10	159	15.9	26	3	0	0	—	—	0	159
2021	Los Angeles Chargers	14	9	20	190	9.5	22†	3	0	0	—	—	0	190
2022	Los Angeles Chargers	6	1	10	130	13.0	24	1	0	0	—	—	0	130
2023	Los Angeles Chargers	2	2	4	29	7.3	16	1	0	0	—	—	0	29
NFL Totals		35	17	44	508	11.5	26	8	0	0	—	—	0	508
POSTSEASON		GP	GS	— Receiving —					— Rushing —					— Scrimmage —
Year	Team			No.	Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD	Att	Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD	Yards
2022	Los Angeles Chargers	1	1	4	23	5.8	12	0	0	0	—	—	0	23
NFL Totals		1	1	4	23	5.8	12	0	0	0	—	—	0	23



TREY PIPKINS III ⚡ 79

TACKLE | SIOUX FALLS

6-6 | 307 lbs | APPLE VALLEY, MINN.

DRAFT 3 — 2019

EXPERIENCE: 5TH NFL SEASON

5TH YEAR WITH CHARGERS

2023: Started at RT each of the first two weeks...In the Week 1 bout against Miami, helped anchor an offense that totaled 433 net yards and 30 first downs, while becoming the first NFL team since 2010 to rush for 230 yards and two touchdowns on Kickoff Weekend...Protected QB Justin Herbert in Week 2 as the signal-caller accounted for his 23rd career 300-yard passing performance...**vs. Miami (Sept. 10):** Started at RT...Supported the offensive unit as the group accounted for 433 net yards offensively with 30 first downs...Helped propel RB Austin Ekeler to total 164 yards from scrimmage, including 117 on the ground and one touchdown, as Ekeler and RB Joshua Kelley became the first pair of Chargers RBs to each eclipse 90 yards rushing in the same game since 2008...As a group, the offense became the league's first unit to rush for 230 yards and two touchdowns on Kickoff Weekend since 2010...**at Tennessee (Sept. 17):** Started at RT...Protected QB Justin Herbert in Week 2, as the signal-caller registered his 23rd career 300-yard passing game, the third-most by any player in their first four professional seasons in NFL history...Aided an offense that accounted for three fourth-down conversions in the first half.

TREY PIPKINS III NFL GAMES

Year	Team	GP	GS
2019	Los Angeles Chargers	13	3
2020	Los Angeles Chargers	13	5
2021	Los Angeles Chargers	12	2
2022	Los Angeles Chargers	14	14
2023	Los Angeles Chargers	2	2
NFL Totals		54	26
POSTSEASON			
Year	Team	GP	GS
2022	Los Angeles Chargers	1	1
Postseason Totals		1	1



CHRIS RUMPH II ⚡ 94

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER | DUKE

6-2 | 244 lbs | GAINESVILLE, FLA.

DRAFT 4 — 2021

EXPERIENCE: 3RD NFL SEASON

3RD YEAR WITH CHARGERS

2023: Inactive (hamstring) each of the first two weeks.

2023, LOS ANGELES CHARGERS																		
Date	Opp.	Res.	Games		Tackles					Interceptions					Fumbles			
			P/S	P/S	Tot	So	As	Sk	Yd	TFL	No.	Yd	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	
09/10	Mia.	L	0/0															
09/17	at Ten.	L (OT)	0/0															
09/24	at Min.																	
10/01	L.V.																	
10/16	Dal.																	
10/22	at K.C.																	
10/29	Chi.																	
11/06	at NYJ																	
11/12	Det.																	
11/19	at G.B.																	
11/26	Bal.																	
12/03	at N.E.																	
12/10	Den.																	
12/14	at L.V.																	
12/23	Buf.																	
12/31	at Den.																	
TBD	K.C.																	
'23 TOTALS		0-2	0/0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

CHRIS RUMPH II NFL STATISTICS

Year	Team	G	GS	— Tackles —					Yds	TFL	— Interceptions —					— Fumbles —				
				Total	Solo	Asst	Sacks	No.			Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	Yds	ST Tackles		
2021	Los Angeles Chargers	16	0	14	7	7	1.0	5	2	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
2022	Los Angeles Chargers	15	0	10	6	4	2.0	17	2	0	0	—	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	5
2023	Los Angeles Chargers	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NFL Totals		31	0	24	13	11	3.0	22	4	0	0	—	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	10

POSTSEASON		GP	GS	— Tackles —					Yds	TFL	— Interceptions —					— Fumbles —				
Year	Team			Total	Solo	Asst	Sacks	No.			Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	Yds	ST Tackles		
2022	Los Angeles Chargers	1	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Postseason Totals		1	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1



JAMAREE SALYER ⚡ 68

GUARD | GEORGIA

6-4 | 325 lbs | ATLANTA, GA.

DRAFT 6a — 2022

EXPERIENCE: 2ND NFL SEASON

2ND YEAR WITH CHARGERS

2023: Started at RG in each of the first two weeks...In the Week 1 bout against Miami, helped anchor an offense that totaled 433 net yards and 30 first downs, while becoming the first NFL team since 2010 to rush for 230 yards and two touchdowns on Kickoff Weekend...Protected QB Justin Herbert in Week 2 as the signal-caller threw for over 300 yards for the 23rd time in his career...**vs. Miami (Sept. 10):** Started at RG, his first-career start and appearance at the position...Supported the offensive unit as the group accounted for 433 net yards offensively with 30 first downs...Helped propel RB Austin Ekeler to total 164 yards from scrimmage, including 117 on the ground and one touchdown, as Ekeler and RB Joshua Kelley became the first pair of Chargers RBs to each eclipse 90 yards rushing in the same game since 2008...As a group, the offense became the league's first unit to rush for 230 yards and two touchdowns on Kickoff Weekend since 2010...**at Tennessee (Sept. 17):** Started at RG...Protected QB Justin Herbert in Week 2, as the signal-caller registered his 23rd career 300-yard passing game, the third-most by any player in their first four professional seasons in NFL history...Aided an offense that accounted for three fourth-down conversions in the first half.

JAMAREE SALYER NFL GAMES

Year	Team	GP	GS
2022	Los Angeles Chargers	17	14
2023	Los Angeles Chargers	2	2
NFL Totals		19	16
POSTSEASON			
Year	Team	GP	GS
2022	Los Angeles Chargers	1	1
Postseason Totals		1	1



ASANTE SAMUEL JR. ⚡ 26

CORNERBACK | FLORIDA STATE

5-11 | 180 lbs | FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA.

DRAFT 2 — 2021

EXPERIENCE: 3RD NFL SEASON

3RD YEAR WITH CHARGERS

2023: Through the first two games, totaled eight tackles (six solo), including one tackle for loss...Opened the season with two tackles (one solo) in Week 1...Aided a defensive unit that totaled a season-high five sacks in the Week 2 matchup at Tennessee, totaling six tackles (five solo) in the matchup...**vs. Miami (Sept. 10):** Totaled two tackles (one solo) in Week 1, aiding a defensive unit that limited the Dolphins to 3.5 yards per rush in the game... **at Tennessee (Sept. 17):** Started at CB, recording six tackles (five solo), including one tackle for loss.

2023, LOS ANGELES CHARGERS																			
Date	Opp.	Res.	Games		Tackles						Interceptions					Fumbles			
			P/S		Tot	So	As	Sk	Yd	TFL	No.	Yd	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR		
09/10	Mia.	L	1/0		2	1	1	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
09/17	at Ten.	L (OT)	1/1		6	5	1	0.0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
09/24	at Min.																		
10/01	L.V.																		
10/16	Dal.																		
10/22	at K.C.																		
10/29	Chi.																		
11/06	at NYJ																		
11/12	Det.																		
11/19	at G.B.																		
11/26	Bal.																		
12/03	at N.E.																		
12/10	Den.																		
12/14	at L.V.																		
12/23	Buf.																		
12/31	at Den.																		
TBD	K.C.																		
'23 TOTALS					0-2	2/1		8	6	2	0.0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

ASANTE SAMUEL JR. NFL STATISTICS

Year	Team	GP	GS	— Tackles —					Yds	TFL	— Interceptions —					— Fumbles —			ST Tackles
				Total	Solo	Asst	Sacks				No.	Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	Yds	
2021	Los Angeles Chargers	12	12	43	33	10	0.0	0	1	2	26	26	0	11	0	0	0	0	0
2022	Los Angeles Chargers	17	15	57	48	9	0.0	0	1	2	11	11	0	11	0	1	0	0	0
2023	Los Angeles Chargers	2	1	8	6	2	0.0	0	1	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NFL Totals		31	28	108	87	21	0.0	0	3	4	37	26	0	22	0	1	0	0	0
POSTSEASON		GP	GS	— Tackles —					Yds	TFL	— Interceptions —					— Fumbles —			ST Tackles
Year	Team			Total	Solo	Asst	Sacks				No.	Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	Yds	
2022	Los Angeles Chargers	1	1	3	3	0	0.0	0	0	3	20	16	0	6	0	0	0	0	0
NFL Totals		1	1	3	3	0	0.0	0	0	3	20	16	0	6	0	0	0	0	0



FOSTER SARELL ⚡ 73

TACKLE | STANFORD

6-6 | 322 lbs | TACOMA, WASH.

FREE AGENT — 2021

EXPERIENCE: 2ND NFL SEASON

3RD YEAR WITH CHARGERS

2023: Primarily contributed on special teams through the first two games...**vs. Miami (Sept. 10):** Supported the field goal unit on each of the two field goal tries, including K Cameron Dicker's career-long 50-yard field goal in the second quarter, and all four successful PATs...Saw action on two special teams snaps...**at Tennessee (Sept. 17):** Supported the field goal unit on all three of Dicker's made field goals, including the game-tying field goal as time expired in regulation, and one made PAT.

FOSTER SARELL NFL GAMES

Year	Team	GP	GS
2022	Los Angeles Chargers	7	3
2023	Los Angeles Chargers	2	0
NFL Totals		9	3
POSTSEASON			
Year	Team	GP	GS
2022	Los Angeles Chargers	1	0
Postseason Totals		1	0



JK SCOTT ⚡ 16

PUNTER | ALABAMA

6-5 | 208 lbs | DENVER, COLO.

FREE AGENT — 2022

EXPERIENCE: 5TH NFL SEASON

2ND YEAR WITH CHARGERS

2023: Over the first two weeks, has punted nine times, averaging 42.1 yards per punt with a 38.7-yard net average, placing four punts that have been downed inside of the opponent's 20-yard line and a long punt of 62 yards...Has handled all holding responsibilities on field goal and extra points, as K Cameron Dicker has gone a perfect five-for-five on field goal tried, including a long of 50 yards, and added five PATs...**vs. Miami (Sept. 10):** Opened the season with a 48.3-yard average (41.7 net) on three punts, including a long punt of 62 yards...Also held on both of K Cameron Dicker's successful field goals, including his career-long 50-yard field goal in the second quarter, and all four converted PATs...**at Tennessee (Sept 17):** Punted six times for 234 yards, averaging 39.0 yards per punt with a 37.2-yard net average, placing four punts inside of the Titans' 20-yard line...Held for Dicker's game-tying 33-yard field goal as time expired in regulation.

Date	Opp.	Res.	GP	No.	Yds	Gross Avg.	Lg	TB	In20	Net Yds	Net Avg.	Blk.	Ret.	Yds	
09/10	Mia.	L	1	3	145	48.3	62	1	0	125	41.7	0	0	0	
09/17	at Ten.	L (OT)	1	6	234	39.0	47	0	4	223	37.2	0	2	11	
09/24	at Min.														
10/01	L.V.														
10/16	Dal.														
10/22	at K.C.														
10/29	Chi.														
11/06	at NYJ														
11/12	Det.														
11/19	at G.B.														
11/26	Bal.														
12/03	at N.E.														
12/10	Den.														
12/14	at L.V.														
12/23	Buf.														
12/31	at Den.														
TBD	K.C.														
'23 TOTALS			0-2	2	9	379	42.1	62	1	4	348	38.7	0	2	11

JK SCOTT NFL STATISTICS

Year	Team	GP	— Gross —				— Opponent —			Net Avg.	In 20	TB	FC	Block
			No.	Yards	Avg.	Lg	Ret	Yards						
2018	Green Bay	16	71	3,176	44.7	67	20	206	38.8	19	9	27	1	
2019	Green Bay	16	77	3,386	44.0	66	26	233	39.9	29	4	25	0	
2020	Green Bay	16	46	2,092	45.5	62	17	291	37.0	15	3	10	1	
2021	Jacksonville	1	4	159	39.8	47	0	0	39.8	0	0	0	0	
2022	Los Angeles Chargers	17	73	3,186	43.6	60	19	58	41.5	28	5	30	0	
2023	Los Angeles Chargers	2	9	379	42.1	62	2	11	38.7	4	1	3	0	
NFL Totals		68	280	12,378	44.2	67	84	799	39.5	95	22	97	2	

POSTSEASON		GP	— Gross —				— Opponent —			Net Avg.	In 20	TB	FC	Block
Year	Team		No.	Yards	Avg.	Lg	Ret	Yards						
2019	Green Bay	2	8	345	43.1	62	2	36	38.6	2	0	2	0	
2020	Green Bay	2	5	222	44.4	55	2	10	42.4	1	0	2	0	
2022	Los Angeles Chargers	1	5	203	40.6	54	2	4	39.8	3	0	1	0	
NFL Totals		5	18	770	42.8	62	6	50	40.0	6	0	5	0	



RASHAWN SLATER ⚡ 70

TACKLE | NORTHWESTERN

6-4 | 315 lbs | SUGAR LAND, TEXAS

DRAFT 1 — 2021

EXPERIENCE: 3RD NFL SEASON

3RD YEAR WITH CHARGERS

2023: Started at LT in each of the first two games...In the Week 1 bout against Miami, helped anchor an offense that totaled 433 net yards and 30 first downs, while becoming the first NFL team since 2010 to rush for 230 yards and two touchdowns on Kickoff Weekend...Protected QB Justin Herbert in Week 2 as the signal-caller registered his 23rd career 300-yard passing performance...**vs. Miami (Sept. 10):** Started at LT...Supported the offensive unit as the group accounted for 433 net yards offensively with 30 first downs...Helped propel RB Austin Ekeler to total 164 yards from scrimmage, including 117 on the ground and one touchdown, as Ekeler and RB Joshua Kelley became the first pair of Chargers RBs to each eclipse 90 yards rushing in the same game since 2008...As a group, the offense became the league's first unit to rush for 230 yards and two touchdowns on Kickoff Weekend since 2010...**at Tennessee (Sept. 17):** Started at LT...Protected QB Justin Herbert in Week 2, as the signal-caller registered his 23rd career 300-yard passing game, the third-most by any player in their first four professional seasons in NFL history...Aided an offense that accounted for three fourth-down conversions in the first half.

RASHAWN SLATER NFL GAMES

Year	Team	GP	GS
2021	Los Angeles Chargers	16	16
2022	Los Angeles Chargers	3	3
2023	Los Angeles Chargers	2	2
NFL Totals		21	21



STONE SMARTT ⚡ 48

TIGHT END | OLD DOMINION

6-4 | 226 lbs | SACRAMENTO, CALIF.

FREE AGENT — 2022

EXPERIENCE: 2ND NFL SEASON

2ND YEAR WITH CHARGERS

2023: Appeared in each of the first two games, securing one catch for 24 yards (24.0 avg.) in Week 2...Primarily contributed on special teams in the season opener...Recorded a career-long 24-yard grab in Week 2...**vs. Miami (Sept. 10):** Opened the season by serving as a primary contributor on special teams...Supplied six snaps of support on offense...**at Tennessee (Sept. 17):** Registered one catch for 24 yards (24.0 avg.) in Week 2...Near the end of the third quarter, hauled-in a career-long 24 yard reception, helping set up a WR Keenan Allen go-ahead touchdown three plays later... Also contributed on special teams.

2023, LOS ANGELES CHARGERS														
Date	Opp.	Games		No.	Receiving				Att	Rushing				Scrim Yds
		Res.	P/S		Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD		Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD	
09/10	Mia.	L	1/0	0	0	—	—	0	0	0	—	—	0	0
09/17	Ten.	L (OT)	1/0	1	24	24.0	24	0	0	0	—	—	0	24
09/24	at Min.													
10/01	L.V.													
10/16	Dal.													
10/22	at K.C.													
10/29	Chi.													
11/06	at NYJ													
11/12	Det.													
11/19	at G.B.													
11/26	Bal.													
12/03	at N.E.													
12/10	Den.													
12/14	at L.V.													
12/23	Buf.													
12/32	at Den.													
TBD	K.C.													
'23 TOTALS		0-2	2/0	1	24	24.0	24	0	0	0	—	—	0	24

STONE SMARTT NFL STATISTICS

Year	Team	GP	GS	No.	— Receiving —				Att	— Rushing —				— Scrimmage —
					Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD		Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD	Yards
2022	Los Angeles Chargers	7	1	4	17	4.3	8	0	0	0	—	—	0	17
2023	Los Angeles Chargers	2	0	1	24	24.0	24	0	0	0	—	—	0	24
NFL Totals		9	1	5	41	8.2	24	0	0	0	—	—	0	41



ISAIAH SPILLER ⚡ 28

RUNNING BACK | TEXAS A&M

6-1 | 215 lbs | SPRING, TEXAS

DRAFT 4 — 2022

EXPERIENCE: 2ND NFL SEASON

2ND YEAR WITH CHARGERS

2023: Inactive (healthy scratch) in Week 1...Made season debut in Week 2...**vs. Miami (Sept. 10):** Inactive (healthy scratch)...**at Tennessee (Sept. 17):** Recorded one rush attempt, gaining three yards on the second-down play in the second quarter.

2023, LOS ANGELES CHARGERS																	
Date	Opp.	Res.	Games		No.	Rushing				Receiving				Scrim Yds			
			P/S	P/S		Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD	Att	Yds	Avg.	Lg		TD		
09/10	Mia.	L	0/0			— Inactive —											
09/17	at Ten.	L (OT)	1/0		1	3	3.0	3	0	0	0	—	—	0	3		
09/24	at Min.																
10/01	L.V.																
10/16	Dal.																
10/22	at K.C.																
10/29	Chi.																
11/06	at NYJ																
11/12	Det.																
11/19	at G.B.																
11/26	Bal.																
12/03	at N.E.																
12/10	Den.																
12/14	at L.V.																
12/23	Buf.																
12/32	at Den.																
TBD	K.C.																
'23 TOTALS					0-2	1/0	1	3	3.0	3	0	0	0	—	—	0	3

ISAIAH SPILLER NFL STATISTICS

Year	Team	GP	GS	No.	— Rushing —				Att	— Receiving —				— Scrimmage —	
					Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD		Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD	Yards	Yards
2022	Los Angeles Chargers	6	0	18	41	2.3	11	0	3	13	4.3	8	0	54	
2023	Los Angeles Chargers	1	0	1	3	3.0	3	0	0	0	—	—	0	3	
NFL Totals		7	0	19	44	2.3	11	0	3	13	4.3	8	0	57	



EASTON STICK ⚡ 2

QUARTERBACK | NORTH DAKOTA STATE

6-1 | 224 lbs | OMAHA, NEB.

DRAFT 5 — 2019

EXPERIENCE: 5TH NFL SEASON

5TH YEAR WITH CHARGERS

2023: Active, did not play each of the first two weeks.

2022, LOS ANGELES CHARGERS														
Date	Opp.	Res.	Games		Att	Cmp	Pct.	Passing				Lg	Sk	Rating
			P/S	P/S				Yards	TD	Int				
09/10	Mia.	L	0/0					— Active, did not play —						
09/17	at Ten.	L (OT)	0/0					— Active, did not play —						
09/24	at Min.													
10/01	L.V.													
10/16	Dal.													
10/22	at K.C.													
10/29	Chi.													
11/06	at NYJ													
11/12	Det.													
11/19	at G.B.													
11/26	Bal.													
12/03	at N.E.													
12/10	Den.													
12/14	at L.V.													
12/23	Buf.													
12/31	at Den.													
TBD	K.C.													
'23 TOTALS			0-2	0/0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

EASTON STICK NFL STATISTICS

Year	Team	GP	GS	Att	Cmp	Pct.	Yards	— Passing —						— Rushing —					
								Y/A	TD	Int	Lg	Sk	Lost	Rating	Att	Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD
2020	Los Angeles Chargers	1	0	1	1	100.0	4	4.0	0	0	4	0	0	83.3	1	-2	-2.0	-2	0
2021	Los Angeles Chargers	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	—	0	0	—	0	0	0.0	0	0	—	—	0
2022	Los Angeles Chargers	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	—	0	0	—	0	0	0.0	0	0	—	—	0
2022	Los Angeles Chargers	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	—	0	0	—	0	0	0.0	0	0	—	—	0
NFL Totals		1	0	1	1	100.0	4	4.0	0	0	4	0	0	83.3	1	-2	-2.0	-2	0



JA'SIR TAYLOR ⚡ 36

DEFENSIVE BACK | WAKE FOREST

5-10 | 185 lbs | ASBURY PARK, N.J.

DRAFT 6b — 2022

EXPERIENCE: 2ND NFL SEASON

2ND YEAR WITH CHARGERS

2023: Through the first two games (one start), has totaled two tackles (one solo) and one pass defensed...Opened the season with one pass defensed in the Week 1 bout against the Dolphins...**vs. Miami (Sept. 10):** Registered one pass defensed in the season opener, helping contribute to the defensive unit's 10 passes defensed on the day, which tied for the second-most in Week 1 across the NFL and the most by any Chargers defense during Kickoff Weekend since at least 1991...Added 18 snaps contributed on special teams...**at Tennessee (Sept. 17):** Started at DB, registering two tackles (one solo) in the matchup... Contributed on 15 special teams snaps.

Date	Opp.	Res.	Games		Tackles					Interceptions				Fumbles			
			P/S	Tot	So	As	Sk	Yd	TFL	No.	Yd	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	
09/10	Mia.	L	1/0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
09/17	at Ten.	L (OT)	1/1	2	1	1	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
09/24	at Min.																
10/01	L.V.																
10/16	Dal.																
10/22	at K.C.																
10/29	Chi.																
11/06	at NYJ																
11/12	Det.																
11/19	at G.B.																
11/26	Bal.																
12/03	at N.E.																
12/10	Den.																
12/14	at L.V.																
12/23	Buf.																
12/31	at Den.																
TBD	K.C.																
'23 TOTALS				0-2	2/1	2	1	1	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

JA'SIR TAYLOR NFL STATISTICS

Year	Team	GP	GS	— Tackles —					Yds	TFL	— Interceptions —				— Fumbles —			ST Tackles
				Total	Solo	Asst	Sacks	No.			Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	Yds	
2022	Los Angeles Chargers	17	3	16	10	6	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	6
2023	Los Angeles Chargers	2	1	2	1	1	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	6
NFL Totals		19	4	18	11	7	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	6
POSTSEASON				— Tackles —					Yds	TFL	— Interceptions —				— Fumbles —			ST Tackles
Year	Team	GP	GS	Total	Solo	Asst	Sacks	No.			Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	Yds	
2022	Los Angeles Chargers	1	0	3	3	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Postseason Totals		1	0	3	3	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



TULI TUIPULOTU ⚡ 45

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER | SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

6-3 | 266 lbs | HAWTHORNE, CALIF.

DRAFT 2 — 2023

EXPERIENCE: ROOKIE

2023: Through the first two games (one start), has totaled nine tackles (five solo), including two tackles for loss, one of which was his first-career sack...In his NFL debut, registered two solo tackles, including one tackle for loss, while also leading the Chargers with 25 special teams snaps...Dropped Titans QB Ryan Tannehill in Week 2 for his first-career sack, aided a defensive unit that totaled a season-high five sacks...**vs. Miami (Sept. 10):** Totaled two solo tackles, including one tackle for loss, in his NFL debut...In the third quarter, dropped RB Salvon Ahmed for a loss of two yards, his first-career tackle for loss...Contributed to a defensive unit that limited the Dolphins to 3.5 yards per rush on the day...Led the Chargers with 25 special teams snaps played in his first career NFL game...**at Tennessee (Sept. 17):** Started at OLB, recording seven tackles (three solo), including his first-career sack...On third-and-four in the fourth quarter, dropped QB Ryan Tannehill for a loss of six yards, the first sack of his career...Contributed to a unit that registered five sacks on the afternoon...Led the team with 26 special teams snaps, totaling 76 total snaps played both defensively and on special teams, a team-high.

2023, LOS ANGELES CHARGERS																
Date	Opp.	Games		Tackles						Interceptions				Fumbles		
		Res.	P/S	Tot	So	As	Sk	Yd	TFL	No.	Yd	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR
09/10	Mia.	L	1/0	2	2	0	0.0	0	1	0	0	—	0	0	0	0
09/17	at Ten.	L (OT)	1/1	7	3	3	1.0	6	1	0	0	—	0	0	0	0
09/24	at Min.															
10/01	L.V.															
10/16	Dal.															
10/22	at K.C.															
10/29	Chi.															
11/06	at NYJ															
11/12	Det.															
11/19	at G.B.															
11/26	Bal.															
12/03	at N.E.															
12/10	Den.															
12/14	at L.V.															
12/23	Buf.															
12/31	at Den.															
TBD	K.C.															
'23 TOTALS		0-2	2/1	9	5	3	1.0	6	2	0	0	—	0	0	0	0

TULI TUIPULOTU NFL STATISTICS

Year	Team	G	GS	— Tackles —				Yds	TFL	— Interceptions —					— Fumbles —				
				Total	Solo	Asst	Sacks			No.	Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	Yds	ST Tackles	
2023	Los Angeles Chargers	2	1	9	5	3	1.0	6	2	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NFL Totals		2	1	9	5	3	1.0	6	2	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



MIKE WILLIAMS ⚡ 81

WIDE RECEIVER | CLEMSON

6-4 | 218 lbs | SANTEE, S.C.

DRAFT 1 — 2017

EXPERIENCE: 7TH NFL SEASON

7TH YEAR WITH CHARGERS

2023: Started each of the first two games at WR...Has caught 12 passes for 128 yards (10.7 avg.) through the first two weeks... Opened the season with four catches for 45 yards (11.3 avg.) with a long of 24 yards, in Week 1 helping propel the offense to 433 net yards on the day, as well as total 30 first downs...**vs. Miami (Sept. 10):** In the season opener, hauled-in four receptions for 45 yards, including 10 yards after the catch and one reception converting for a first down...Aided an offensive unit that finished the day with 433 net yards and 30 total first downs...**at Tennessee (Sept. 17):** Tied for the team-high with eight receptions, accounting for 83 yards (10.4 avg.) and a long reception of 20 yards...Helped QB Justin Herbert record his 23rd career 300-yard passing performance, the third-most by any QB in their first four seasons in league history...Moved the chains on five of his eight catches.

2023, LOS ANGELES CHARGERS														
Date	Opp.	Games		Receiving					Rushing				Scrim	
		Res.	P/S	No.	Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD	Att	Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD	Yds
09/10	Mia.	L	1/1	4	45	11.3	24	0	0	0	—	—	0	45
09/17	at Ten.	L (OT)	1/1	8	83	10.4	20	0	1	3	3.0	3	0	86
09/24	at Min.													
10/01	L.V.													
10/16	Dal.													
10/22	at K.C.													
10/29	Chi.													
11/06	at NYJ													
11/12	Det.													
11/19	at G.B.													
11/26	Bal.													
12/03	at N.E.													
12/10	Den.													
12/14	at L.V.													
12/23	Buf.													
12/32	at Den.													
TBD	K.C.													
'23 TOTALS		0-2	2/2	4	45	11.3	24	0	1	3	3.0	3	0	131

MIKE WILLIAMS NFL STATISTICS

Year	Team	GP	GS	— Receiving —					Att	— Rushing —				— Scrimmage —
				No.	Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD		Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD	Yards
2017	Los Angeles Chargers	10	1	11	95	8.6	20	0	0	0	—	—	0	95
2018	Los Angeles Chargers	15	5	43	664	15.4	55t	10	7	28	4.0	19t	1	692
2019	Los Angeles Chargers	15	15	49	1,001	20.4	56	2	1	2	2.0	2	0	1,003
2020	Los Angeles Chargers	15	11	48	756	15.8	64t	5	1	1	1.0	1	0	757
2021	Los Angeles Chargers	16	14	76	1,146	15.1	72t	9	0	0	—	—	0	1,146
2022	Los Angeles Chargers	13	13	63	895	14.2	55	4	0	0	—	—	0	895
2023	Los Angeles Chargers	2	2	12	128	10.7	24	0	1	3	3.0	3	0	131
NFL Totals		87	61	302	4,685	15.5	72t	30	10	34	3.4	19t	1	4,719
POSTSEASON		GP	GS	— Receiving —					Att	— Rushing —				— Scrimmage —
Year	Team			No.	Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD		Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD	Yards
2018	Los Angeles Chargers	2	2	7	110	15.7	28	0	0	0	—	—	0	110
Postseason Totals		2	2	7	110	15.7	28	0	0	0	—	—	0	110



NICK WILLIAMS ⚡ 95

DEFENSIVE LINE | SAMFORD

6-4 | 310 lbs | BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

FREE AGENT — 2023

EXPERIENCE: 9TH NFL SEASON

1ST YEAR WITH CHARGERS

2023: Through the first two games (one start), secured three tackles (one solo), one of which registered as a tackle for loss, and one fumble recovery...In his first game with the Chargers, recovered a fumble on the game's opening possession...Finished Week 1 with one solo stop, which registered as a tackle for loss... The fumble recovery marked the first time since 2012 that the Chargers' defense recovered a fumble on the opening defensive series of a season...**vs. Miami (Sept. 10):** Totaled one solo tackle, a tackle for loss, and one fumble recovery in his Chargers debut, his third-career fumble recovery...On a short pass to WR Tyreek Hill, corralled Hill and brought down the receiver for a loss of five yards...Helped the defensive unit limit the Dolphins to 3.5 yards per rush on the day...**at Tennessee (Sept. 17):** Totaled two tackles in the road contest, supplying support in the middle of the defense.

Date	Opp.	Res.	Games		Tackles					Interceptions					Fumbles				
			P/S		Tot	So	As	Sk	Yd	TFL	No.	Yd	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR		
09/10	Mia.	L	1/1		1	1	0	0.0	0	1	0	0	—	0	0	0	1		
09/17	Ten.	L (OT)	1/0		2	0	2	0.0	0	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	0		
09/24	at Min.																		
10/01	L.V.																		
10/16	Dal.																		
10/22	at K.C.																		
10/29	Chi.																		
11/06	at NYJ																		
11/12	Det.																		
11/19	at G.B.																		
11/26	Bal.																		
12/03	at N.E.																		
12/10	Den.																		
12/14	at L.V.																		
12/23	Buf.																		
12/31	at Den.																		
TBD	K.C.																		
'23 TOTALS					0-2	2/1	3	1	2	0.0	0	1	0	0	—	0	0	0	1

NICK WILLIAMS NFL STATISTICS

Year	Team	GP	GS	— Tackles —					Yds	TFL	— Interceptions —					— Fumbles —			ST Tackles
				Total	Solo	Asst	Sacks	No.			Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	Yds		
2014	Kansas City	2	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2015	Kansas City	14	0	9	5	4	0.0	0	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2016	Kansas City	5	0	5	4	1	0.0	0	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Miami	5	0	2	2	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2018	Chicago	2	0	2	1	1	0.0	0	1	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2019	Chicago	16	5	42	24	18	6.0	34	5	0	0	—	0	2	0	2	4	0	0
2020	Detroit	14	13	23	12	11	1.0	9	2	0	0	—	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
2021	Detroit	17	17	27	14	13	0.5	4	4	0	0	—	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
2022	New York Giants	8	7	15	5	10	0.0	0	0	0	0	—	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
2023	Los Angeles Chargers	2	1	3	1	2	0.0	0	1	0	0	—	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
NFL Totals		85	43	128	68	60	7.5	47	13	0	0	—	0	7	0	3	4	0	0
POSTSEASON		GP	GS	— Tackles —					Yds	TFL	— Interceptions —					— Fumbles —			ST Tackles
Year	Team			Total	Solo	Asst	Sacks	No.			Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	Yds		
2015	Kansas City	1	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2016	Miami	1	0	2	1	1	0.0	0	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Postseason Totals		2	0	2	1	1	0.0	0	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



JT WOODS ⚡ 22

SAFETY | BAYLOR

6-2 | 193 lbs | SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

DRAFT 3 — 2022

EXPERIENCE: 2ND NFL SEASON

2ND YEAR WITH CHARGERS

2023: Appeared in each of the first two games, contributing defensively and on special teams...In the season opener, totaled four solo tackles...**vs. Miami (Sept. 10):** Registered four solo stops in the Week 1 bout against the Dolphins...Aided a defensive unit that limited the Dolphins to 3.5 yards per carry...Added eight special teams snaps...**at Tennessee (Sept. 17):** Saw action both defensively and on special teams in the Week 2 matchup.

2023, LOS ANGELES CHARGERS																	
Date	Opp.	Res.	Games		Tackles					Interceptions					Fumbles		
			P/S		Tot	So	As	Sk	Yd	TFL	No.	Yd	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR
09/10	Mia.	L	1/0		4	4	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/17	at Ten.	L (OT)	1/0		0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
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12/10	Den.																
12/14	at L.V.																
12/23	Buf.																
12/31	at Den.																
TBD	K.C.																
'23 TOTALS				0-2	2/0	4	4	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

JT WOODS NFL STATISTICS

Year	Team	GP	GS	— Tackles —				Yds	TFL	— Interceptions —					— Fumbles —			
				Total	Solo	Asst	Sacks			No.	Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	Yds	ST Tackles
2022	Los Angeles Chargers	10	1	3	2	1	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2023	Los Angeles Chargers	2	0	4	4	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NFL Totals		12	1	7	6	1	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

RECORDS

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

*NFL Record

POINTS

Most Seasons Leading League

- 1 Nate Kaeding, 2009
- LaDainian Tomlinson, 2006
- John Carney, 1994

Most, Career

- 1,076 John Carney, 1990-2000
- 918 LaDainian Tomlinson, 2001-09
- 889 Nate Kaeding, 2004-12

Most, Season

- 186* LaDainian Tomlinson, 2006
- 146 Nate Kaeding, 2009
- 144 Nick Novak, 2013

Most, Season, Non-Kickers

- 186* LaDainian Tomlinson, 2006
- 124 Austin Ekeler, 2021
- 120 LaDainian Tomlinson, 2005

Most, Season, Rookie

- 114 Nate Kaeding, 2004
- 106 Josh Lambo, 2015
- Dennis ParTEE, 1968
- 94 Herb Travenio, 1965

Most, Game

- 30 Kellen Winslow, Nov. 22, 1981 at Oakland
- 24 (10x) Last: Austin Ekeler, Nov. 21, 2021 vs. Pit.
- 20 Mike Williams, Dec. 13, 2018 at Kansas City

TOUCHDOWNS

Most Seasons Leading League

- 3 Lance Alworth, 1964, 1965, 1966
- 2 Austin Ekeler, 2021, 2022
- 1 LaDainian Tomlinson, 2006
- Chuck Muncie, 1981

Most, Career

- 153 LaDainian Tomlinson, 2001-09
- 116 Antonio Gates, 2003-18
- 83 Lance Alworth, 1962-70

Most, Season

- 31* LaDainian Tomlinson, 2006
- 20 Austin Ekeler, 2021
- LaDainian Tomlinson, 2005
- 19 Chuck Muncie, 1981

Most, Game

- 5 Kellen Winslow, Nov. 22, 1981 at Oakland
- 4 (10x) Last: Austin Ekeler, Nov. 21, 2021 vs. Pit.
- 3 (46x) Last: A.Ekeler, Oct. 2, 2022 at Hou.

Most Consecutive Games

- 18* LaDainian Tomlinson, 2004-05
- 10 LaDainian Tomlinson, 2006
- 9 Antonio Gates, 2009-10
- Natrone Means, 1993-94
- Lance Alworth, 1963

POINTS AFTER TOUCHDOWN

Most Seasons Leading League

- 2 Nate Kaeding, 2006
- Rolf Benirschke, 1981, 1982
- 1 Herb Travenio, 1965

Most, Career

- 349 Nate Kaeding, 2004-12
- 328 Rolf Benirschke, 1977-86
- 293 John Carney, 1990-2000

Most, Season

- 58 Nate Kaeding, 2006
- 55 Rolf Benirschke, 1981
- 54 Nate Kaeding, 2004

Most, Game

- 7 (6x) Last: N.Kaeding, Dec. 28, 2008 vs. Den.
- 6 (30x) Last: M.Badgley, Dec. 8, 2019 at. Jax.
- 5 (54x) Last: D.Hopkins, Nov. 21, 2021 vs. Pit.

Most Consecutive

- 250 Nate Kaeding, 2004-09
- 128 Nick Novak, 2011-14
- 87 Rolf Benirschke, 1983-86

Most Attempts, Career

- 352 Rolf Benirschke, 1977-86
- 351 Nate Kaeding, 2004-12
- 298 John Carney, 1990-2000

Most Attempts, Season

- 61 Rolf Benirschke, 1981
- 58 Nate Kaeding, 2006
- 55 Nate Kaeding, 2004
- Bob Thomas, 1985

Most Attempts, Game

- 8 Rolf Benirschke, Nov. 22, 1981 at Oakland
- 7 (6x) Last: N.Kaeding, Dec. 28, 2008 vs. Den.
- 6 (38x) Last: M. Badgley, Dec. 8, 2019 at. Jax.

TWO-POINT CONVERSIONS

Most Seasons Leading League

- 1 Ladarius Green, 2015
- Mikhael Ricks, 1999
- Ronnie Harmon, 1994

Most, Career

- 3 Ronnie Harmon, 1990-95
- 2 Keenan Allen, 2013-23
- Jared Cook, 2021
- Austin Ekeler, 2017-23
- Mike Williams, 2017-23
- Antonio Gates, 2003-18
- Melvin Gordon, 2015-19
- Ladarius Green, 2012-15
- Legedu Naanee, 2007-10
- Dave Kocourek, 1960-65

Most, Season

- 3 Ronnie Harmon, 1994
- 2 Jared Cook, 2021
- Austin Ekeler, 2021
- Melvin Gordon, 2018
- Antonio Gates, 2018
- 1 (36x) Last: Trey Pipkins, 2023

Most, Game

- 2* Ladarius Green, Oct. 25, 2015 vs. Oakland
- 1 (44x) Last: Trey Pipkins, Sept. 17, 2023 at Ten.

FIELD GOALS

Most Seasons Leading League

- 1 Nate Kaeding, 2009
- John Carney, 1994

Most, Career

- 261 John Carney, 1990-2000
- 180 Nate Kaeding, 2004-12
- 146 Rolf Benirschke, 1977-86

Most, Season

- 34 Nick Novak, 2013
- John Carney, 1994
- 32 Nate Kaeding, 2009
- 31 John Carney, 1993, 1999

Most, Game

- 6 (3x) Last: G.Davis, Oct. 5, 1997 at Oakland
- 5 (11x) Last: N.Kaeding, Sept. 10, 2012 at Oak.
- 4 (37x) Last: D.Hopkins, Oct. 17, 2022 vs. Den. (OT)

Most, Game, No Misses

- 6 (3x) Last: G.Davis, Oct. 5, 1997 at Oakland
- 5 (10x) Last: N.Kaeding, Sept. 10, 2012 at Oak.
- 4 (26x) Last: D.Hopkins, Oct. 17, 2022 vs. Den. (OT)

Highest Percentage, Career (min. 100 att.)

- 87.0 Nate Kaeding, 2004-12 (180-of-207)
- 84.6 Nick Novak, 2011-14, '17 (110-of-130)
- 81.6 John Carney, 1990-00 (261-of-320)

Highest Percentage, Season (min. 15 att.)

- 95.0 Cameron Dicker, 2022 (19-of-20)
- 93.8 Michael Badgley, 2018 (15-of-16)
- 91.9 Nick Novak, 2013 (34-of-37)

Most Consecutive

- 32 Nick Novak, 2013-14
- 29 John Carney, 1992-93
- 22 Nate Kaeding, 2009-10

Most Attempts, Career

- 320 John Carney, 1990-2000
- 208 Rolf Benirschke, 1977-86
- 207 Nate Kaeding, 2004-12

Most Attempts, Season

- 40 John Carney, 1993
- 39 Michael Badgley, 2020
- 38 John Carney, 1994

Most Attempts, Game

- 7 Dick Van Raaphorst, Oct. 8, 1966 at N.Y. Jets
- 6 (6x) Last: Steve Christie, Dec. 1, 2002 vs. Den.
- 5 (25x) Last: N.Novak, Nov. 19, 2017 vs. Buf.

Longest

- 59 Michael Badgley, Dec. 9, 2018 vs. Cincinnati
- 57 Nate Kaeding, Dec. 21, 2008 at Tampa Bay
- 55 Nate Kaeding, Nov. 29, 2009 vs. Kansas City

RUSHING YARDS

Most Seasons Leading League

- 2 LaDainian Tomlinson, 2006, 2007
- 1 Dick Post, 1968
Paul Lowe, 1965

Most, Career

- 12,490 LaDainian Tomlinson, 2001-09
- 4,972 Paul Lowe, 1960-68
- 4,297 Marion Butts, 1989-93

Most, Season

- 1,815 LaDainian Tomlinson, 2006
- 1,683 LaDainian Tomlinson, 2002
- 1,645 LaDainian Tomlinson, 2003

Most, Game

- 243 LaDainian Tomlinson, Dec. 28, 2003 vs. Oak.
- 220 LaDainian Tomlinson, Dec. 1, 2002 vs. Denver
- 217 LaDainian Tomlinson, Sept. 29, 2002 vs. N.E.
Gary Anderson, Dec. 18, 1988 vs. Kansas City

Most Games 100 Yards or More, Career

- 46 LaDainian Tomlinson, 2001-09
- 15 Natrone Means, 1993-99
Paul Lowe, 1960-68
- 12 Ryan Mathews, 2010-14

Most Games 100 Yards or More, Season

- 10 LaDainian Tomlinson, 2006
- 7 LaDainian Tomlinson, 2002
Don Woods, 1974
- 6 Ryan Mathews, 2013
LaDainian Tomlinson, 2007
LaDainian Tomlinson, 2004
LaDainian Tomlinson, 2003
Natrone Means, 1994

Most Consecutive Games, 100 Yards or More

- 9 LaDainian Tomlinson, 2006
- 5 Natrone Means, 1994
- 4 LaDainian Tomlinson, 2007

Most Games 200 Yards or More, Career

- 4 LaDainian Tomlinson, 2001-09
- 1 Gary Anderson, 1985-88

Longest Run

- 87t Melvin Gordon, Oct. 29, 2017 at New England
Paul Lowe, Sept. 10, 1961 at Dallas Texans
- 86t Keith Lincoln, Sept. 30, 1962 at Oakland
- 85t LaDainian Tomlinson, Dec. 17, 2006 vs. K.C.

RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS

Most Seasons Leading League

- 3 LaDainian Tomlinson, 2004, 2006, 2007
- 1 Chuck Muncie, 1981
Paul Lowe, 1961, 1965

Most, Career

- 138 LaDainian Tomlinson, 2001-09
- 43 Chuck Muncie, 1980-84
- 38 Paul Lowe, 1960-68

Most, Season

- 28* LaDainian Tomlinson, 2006
- 19 Chuck Muncie, 1981
- 18 LaDainian Tomlinson, 2005

Most, Game

- 4 LaDainian Tomlinson, Oct. 14, 2007 vs. Oak.
LaDainian Tomlinson, Nov. 12, 2006 at Cin.
LaDainian Tomlinson, Oct. 15, 2006 at S.F.
Chuck Muncie, Nov. 29, 1981 vs. Denver
Clarence Williams, Sept. 16, 1979 vs. Buffalo
- 3 (22x), Last: M.Gordon, Oct. 15, 2018 at Cle.
- 2 (122x), Last: A.Ekeler, Jan. 1, 2023 vs. LAR

Most Consecutive Games

- 18* LaDainian Tomlinson, 2004-05
- 9 Natrone Means, 1993-94
- 8 LaDainian Tomlinson, 2006

RUSHING AVERAGE

Most Seasons Leading League (min. 100 att.)

- 2 Paul Lowe, 1960, 1965
- 1 Dickie Post, 1968
Brad Hubbard, 1967
Keith Lincoln, 1963

Highest, Career (minimum 500 att.)

- 4.90 Paul Lowe, 1960-68
- 4.71 Keith Lincoln, 1961-66, '68
- 4.65 Austin Ekeler, 2017-23

Highest, Season (minimum 100 att.)

- 6.45 Keith Lincoln, 1963
- 6.29 Paul Lowe, 1960
- 5.71 Paul Lowe, 1963

Highest, Game (minimum 10 att.)

- 14.7 Michael Turner, Oct. 7, 2007 at Denver
- 13.8 Keith Lincoln, Sept. 30, 1962 at Oakland
- 12.7 Keith Lincoln, Oct. 20, 1963 at Kansas City

RUSHING ATTEMPTS

Most, Career

- 2,880 LaDainian Tomlinson, 2001-09
- 1,059 Melvin Gordon, 2015-19
- 1,031 Marion Butts, 1989-93

Most, Season

- 372 LaDainian Tomlinson, 2002
- 348 LaDainian Tomlinson, 2006
- 343 Natrone Means, 1994

Most, Game

- 39 LaDainian Tomlinson, Oct. 20, 2002 at Oak.
Marion Butts, Dec. 17, 1989 at Kansas City
- 37 (3x) Last: L.Tomlinson, Nov. 21, 2004 at Oak.
- 36 LaDainian Tomlinson, Sept. 9, 2001 vs. Was.
Gary Brown, Oct. 5, 1997 at Oakland

PASSING ATTEMPTS

Most Seasons Leading League

- 2 Dan Fouts, 1980, 1981
John Hadl, 1968, 1971
- 1 Philip Rivers, 2015

Most, Career

- 7,591 Philip Rivers, 2004-19
- 5,604 Dan Fouts, 1973-87
- 3,640 John Hadl, 1962-72

Most, Season

- 699 Justin Herbert, 2022
- 672 Justin Herbert, 2021
- 661 Philip Rivers, 2015

Most, Game

- 65 Philip Rivers, Oct. 18, 2015 at Green Bay
- 64 Justin Herbert, Jan. 9, 2022 at Las Vegas (OT)
- 58 Philip Rivers, Oct. 25, 2015 vs. Oakland
Mark Herrmann, Dec. 22, 1985 at K.C.

PASS COMPLETIONS

Most Seasons Leading League

- 2 Dan Fouts, 1980, 1981
John Hadl, 1968, 1971
- 1 Philip Rivers, 2015

Most, Career

- 4,908 Philip Rivers, 2004-19
- 3,297 Dan Fouts, 1973-1987
- 1,824 John Hadl, 1962-1972

Most, Season

- 477 Justin Herbert, 2022
- 443 Justin Herbert, 2021
- 437 Philip Rivers, 2015

Most, Game

- 43 Philip Rivers, Oct. 18, 2015 at Green Bay
- 39 Justin Herbert, Dec. 11, 2022 vs. Miami
- 38 Philip Rivers, Oct. 25, 2015 vs. Oakland

Most Consecutive

- 25* Philip Rivers, Nov. 25, 2018 vs. Arizona
- 22 Philip Rivers, Sept. 13, 2015 vs. Detroit –
Sept. 20, 2015 at Cincinnati
- 20 Philip Rivers, Sept. 13, 2015 vs. Detroit

COMPLETION PERCENTAGE

Most Seasons Leading League (min. 140 att.)

- 1 Philip Rivers, 2013
Mark Herrmann, 1985
Dan Fouts, 1979
Tobin Rote, 1963

Highest, Career (minimum 500 att.)

- 67.0 Justin Herbert, 2020-23
- 64.7 Philip Rivers, 2004-19
- 62.2 Drew Brees, 2001-05

Highest, Season (minimum 140 att.)

- 69.5 Philip Rivers, 2013
- 68.2 Justin Herbert, 2022
- 68.3 Philip Rivers, 2018

Highest, Game (minimum 20 att.)

- 96.6 Philip Rivers, Nov. 25, 2018 vs. Ari. (28-of-29)
- 90.0 Philip Rivers, Nov. 1, 2012 vs. K.C. (18-of-20)
- 88.0 Drew Brees, Oct. 31, 2004 vs. Oak. (22-of-25)

PASSING YARDS

Most Seasons Leading League

- 4 Dan Fouts, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982
- 3 John Hadl, 1965, 1968, 1971
- 1 Philip Rivers, 2010

Most, Career

- 59,271 Philip Rivers, 2004-19
- 43,040 Dan Fouts, 1973-87
- 26,938 John Hadl, 1962-72

Most, Season

- 5,014 Justin Herbert, 2021
- 4,802 Dan Fouts, 1981
- 4,792 Philip Rivers, 2015

Most, Game

- 503 Philip Rivers, Oct. 18, 2015 at Green Bay
- 455 Philip Rivers, Sept. 26, 2010 at Seattle
- 444 Dan Fouts, Dec. 11, 1982 at San Francisco
Dan Fouts, Oct. 19, 1980 vs. N.Y. Giants

Most Games 300 Yards or More, Career

- 70 Philip Rivers, 2004-19
- 51 Dan Fouts, 1973-87
- 23 Justin Herbert, 2020-23

Most Games 300 Yards or More, Season

- 9 Justin Herbert, 2021
- 8 Justin Herbert, 2020
Philip Rivers, 2015, 2019
Dan Fouts, 1980
- 7 Dan Fouts, 1981, 1985

Most Consecutive Games, 300 Yards or More

- 5 Philip Rivers, 2015
- 4 Dan Fouts, 1979, 1980-81
- 3 Justin Herbert, 2020-21, 2021, 2022
Philip Rivers, 2010-11, 2016, 2017
Dan Fouts, 1980, 1985
John Hadl, 1967

Most Games 400 Yards or More, Career

- 11 Philip Rivers, 2004-19
- 6 Dan Fouts, 1973-87
- 1 Jim Harbaugh, 1999-2000

Longest Completion

- 99t* Stan Humphries, Sept. 18, 1994 at Seattle
- 91t Jack Kemp, Nov. 12, 1961 at Denver
- 88t Ed Luther, Dec. 3, 1984 vs. Chicago

TOUCHDOWN PASSES

Most Seasons Leading League

- 2 Dan Fouts, 1981, 1982
John Hadl, 1968, 1971
- 1 Philip Rivers, 2008

Most, Career

- 397 Philip Rivers, 2004-19
- 254 Dan Fouts, 1973-87
- 201 John Hadl, 1962-72

Most, Season

- 38 Justin Herbert, 2021
- 34 Philip Rivers, 2008
- 33 Philip Rivers, 2016
Dan Fouts, 1981

Most, Game

- 6 Dan Fouts, Nov. 22, 1981 at Oakland
- 5 (4x), Last: Drew Brees, Oct. 31, 2004 vs. Oak.
- 4 (31x), Last: J.Herbert, Oct. 10, 2021 vs. Cle.

Most Consecutive Games

- 28 Philip Rivers, 2012-14
- 27 Philip Rivers, 2017-18
- 26 Justin Herbert, 2020-23

INTERCEPTIONS THROWN

Most Seasons Leading League (Most INTs)

- 2 Philip Rivers, 2014, 2016
John Hadl, 1968, 1972

Most, Career

- 242 Dan Fouts, 1973-87
- 211 John Hadl, 1962-72
- 198 Philip Rivers, 2004-19

Most, Season

- 32 John Hadl, 1968
- 26 John Hadl, 1972
- 25 John Hadl, 1971
Jack Kemp, 1960

Most, Game

- 6 Ed Luther, Oct. 31, 1983 vs. Washington
John Hadl, Dec. 8, 1968 vs. Kansas City
- 5 (9x), Last: C.Wheilihan, Dec. 13, 1998 at Sea.
- 4 (33x), Last: P.Rivers, Nov. 18, 2019 vs. K.C.

Fewest, Season (minimum 150 att.)

- 3 Ed Luther, 1984 (151 att.)
- 4 Doug Flutie, 2003 (167 att.)
John Friesz, 1993 (238 att.)
- 6 Stan Humphries, 1997 (225 att.)

Most Consecutive Attempts, None Intercepted

- 194 Drew Brees, Oct. 17-Dec. 5, 2004
- 170 Philip Rivers, Nov. 27-Dec. 24, 2011
- 168 Dan Fouts, Sept. 27-Oct. 25, 1981
- 166 Justin Herbert, Dec. 26, 2022-Sept. 17, 2023

Lowest Percentage, Season (minimum 150 att.)

- 1.4 Justin Herbert, 2022
- 1.7 Justin Herbert, 2020
Philip Rivers, 2017
John Friesz, 1993
- 1.8 Drew Brees, 2004

PASSER RATING

Most Seasons Leading League (min. 300 att.)

- 1 Philip Rivers, 2008

Highest, Career (minimum 500 att.)

- 96.5 Justin Herbert, 2020-23
- 95.1 Philip Rivers, 2004-19
- 84.9 Drew Brees, 2001-05

Highest, Season (minimum 300 att.)

- 105.5 Philip Rivers, 2008, 2013, 2018
- 104.8 Drew Brees, 2004
- 104.4 Philip Rivers, 2009

Highest, Game (minimum 20 att.)

- 157.1 Dan Fouts, Sept. 7, 1981 at Cleveland
- 154.4 Philip Rivers, Dec. 8, 2019 at Jacksonville
- 153.1 Drew Brees, Oct. 31, 2004 vs. Oakland

RECEIVING YARDS

Most Seasons Leading League

- 3 Lance Alworth, 1965, 1966, 1968
- 1 Wes Chandler, 1982
John Jefferson, 1980

Most, Career

- 11,841 Antonio Gates, 2003-18
- 9,584 Lance Alworth, 1962-70
- 9,474 Keenan Allen, 2013-23

Most, Season

- 1,602 Lance Alworth, 1965
- 1,393 Keenan Allen, 2017
- 1,383 Lance Alworth, 1966

Most, Game

- 260 Wes Chandler, Dec. 20, 1982 vs. Cincinnati
- 243 Wes Chandler, Sept. 15, 1985 vs. Seattle
- 232 Lance Alworth, Oct. 20, 1963 at Kansas City

Most Games 100 Yards or More, Career

- 41 Lance Alworth, 1962-70
- 34 Keenan Allen, 2013-23
- 24 Kellen Winslow, 1979-87

Most Games 100 Yards or More, Season

- 9 Lance Alworth, 1965
- 8 Lance Alworth, 1966
- 7 Keenan Allen, 2017
John Jefferson, 1980

Most Consecutive Games, 100 Yards or More

- 5 Lance Alworth, 1966
- 4 Keenan Allen, 2017
Wes Chandler, 1982
John Jefferson, 1979-80
Charlie Joiner, 1976
Lance Alworth, 1968
Lance Alworth, 1965
- 3 Kellen Winslow, 1982
Kellen Winslow, 1980
John Jefferson, 1980
John Jefferson, 1979
Gary Garrison, 1971
Lance Alworth, 1967
Lance Alworth, 1965
Lance Alworth, 1964

Most Games 200 Yards or More, Career

- 5* Lance Alworth, 1962-70
- 2 Wes Chandler, 1981-87
- 1 Malcom Floyd, 2004-15

Longest Reception

- 99t* Tony Martin, Sept. 18, 1994 at Seattle
- 91t Keith Lincoln, Nov. 12, 1961 at Denver
- 88t Bobby Duckworth, Dec. 3, 1984 at Chicago

RECEIVING AVERAGE

Most Seasons Leading League (min. 35 rec.)

- 1 Mike Williams, 2019
Malcom Floyd, 2011
Wes Chandler, 1982
Gary Garrison, 1970
Lance Alworth, 1965

Average per Catch, Career (minimum 250 rec.)

- 19.4 Lance Alworth, 1962-70
- 18.6 Gary Garrison, 1966-76
- 17.5 Vincent Jackson, 2005-11

Average per Catch, Season (minimum 35 rec.)

- 23.2 Lance Alworth, 1965
- 22.9 Gary Garrison, 1970d
- 21.2 Gary Garrison, 1968, 1971

Highest, Game (minimum 5 rec.)

- 36.0 Lance Alworth, Nov. 2, 1963 at New York Jets
- 33.6 Lance Alworth, Nov. 15, 1964 at Kansas City
- 32.0 Lance Alworth, Dec. 19, 1965 vs. Oakland

RECEPTIONS

Most Seasons Leading League

- 3 Lance Alworth, 1966, 1968, 1969
- 2 Kellen Winslow, 1980, 1981

Most, Career

- 955 Antonio Gates, 2003-18
- 810 Keenan Allen, 2013-23
- 586 Charlie Joiner, 1976-86

Most, Season

- 107 Austin Ekeler, 2022
- 106 Keenan Allen, 2021
- 104 Keenan Allen, 2019

Most, Game

- 16 Keenan Allen, Nov. 22, 2020 vs. N.Y. Jets
- 15 Austin Ekeler, Oct. 6, 2019 vs. Denver
Keenan Allen, Sept. 13, 2015 vs. Detroit
Kellen Winslow, Oct. 7, 1984 at Green Bay
- 14 Keenan Allen, Dec. 2, 2018 at Pittsburgh
Keenan Allen, Oct. 18, 2015 at Green Bay
David Boston, Oct. 5, 2003 at Jacksonville
Kellen Winslow, Dec. 11, 1983 vs. Kansas City

Most Consecutive Games With a Catch

- 96 Lance Alworth, 1962-69
- 80 Antonio Gates, 2003-08
- 78 Charlie Joiner, 1978-84

RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS

Most Seasons Leading League

- 3 Lance Alworth, 1964, 1965, 1966
- 2 John Jefferson, 1978, 1980
- 1 Tony Martin, 1996
Wes Chandler, 1982

Most, Career

- 116 Antonio Gates, 2003-18
 - 81 Lance Alworth, 1962-70
 - 58 Gary Garrison, 1966-76
- ### Most, Season
- 14 Tony Martin, 1996
Lance Alworth, 1965
 - 13 Antonio Gates, 2004
John Jefferson, 1978, 1980
Lance Alworth, 1964, 1966
 - 12 Antonio Gates, 2014
Gary Garrison, 1970

Most, Game

- 5* Kellen Winslow, Nov. 22, 1981 at Oakland
- 4 Lance Alworth, Dec. 1, 1968 at Denver
- 3 (14x) Last: D.Woodhead, Dec. 20, 2015 vs. Mia.

Most Consecutive Games

- 9 Antonio Gates, 2009-10
Lance Alworth, 1963
- 7 Lance Alworth, 1967
- 6 John Jefferson, 1980
Lance Alworth, 1964

SCRIMMAGE YARDS

Most Seasons Leading League

- 2 Lance Alworth, 1965, 1968
- 1 LaDainian Tomlinson, 2003

Most, Career

- 16,445 LaDainian Tomlinson, 2001-09
11,841 Antonio Gates, 2003-18
9,721 Lance Alworth, 1962-70

Most, Season

- 2,370 LaDainian Tomlinson, 2003
2,323 LaDainian Tomlinson, 2006
2,172 LaDainian Tomlinson, 2002

Most, Game

- 271 LaDainian Tomlinson, Dec. 1, 2002 vs. Den.
261 Melvin Gordon, Nov. 6, 2016 vs. Tennessee
260 LaDainian Tomlinson, Dec. 28, 2003 vs. Oak.
Wes Chandler, Dec. 20, 1982 vs. Cincinnati

Most Games 100 Yards or More, Career

- 79 LaDainian Tomlinson, 2001-09
44 Lance Alworth, 1962-70
35 Keenan Allen, 2013-23

Most Games 100 Yards or More, Season

- 14 LaDainian Tomlinson, 2006
11 LaDainian Tomlinson, 2003
10 Ryan Mathews, 2011
LaDainian Tomlinson, 2004
LaDainian Tomlinson, 2002

Most Consecutive Games, 100 Yards or More

- 11 LaDainian Tomlinson, 2006
6 Melvin Gordon, 2018
Ryan Mathews, 2011
LaDainian Tomlinson, 2007
LaDainian Tomlinson, 2004
5 Natrone Means, 1994
Lydell Mitchell, 1978

Most Games 200 Yards or More, Career

- 12 LaDainian Tomlinson, 2001-09
5 Lance Alworth, 1962-70
2 Lionel James, 1984-88
Wes Chandler, 1981-87

INTERCEPTIONS

Most Seasons Leading League

- 1 Casey Hayward, 2016
- Eric Weddle, 2011
- Antonio Cromartie, 2007

Most, Career

- 42 Gill Byrd, 1983-92
29 Dick Harris, 1960-65
26 Rodney Harrison, 1994-2002

Most, Season

- 10 Antonio Cromartie, 2007
9 Charlie McNeil, 1961
8 (4x) Last: Ryan McNeil, 2001

Most, Game

- 3 Antonio Cromartie, Nov. 11, 2007 vs. Ind.
Dwayne Harper, Nov. 27, 1995 vs. Oakland
Pete Shaw, Nov. 2, 1980 at Cincinnati
Clarence Duren, Oct. 30, 1977 at Miami
Chris Fletcher, Nov. 30, 1975 at Denver (OT)
Joe Beauchamp, Sept. 24, 1972 vs. Denver
Leslie "Speedy" Duncan, Sept. 25, 1966 at Oak.
Bud Whitehead, Oct. 10, 1965 at Buffalo
Dick Harris, Nov. 17, 1963 at Buffalo
C.McNeil, Sept. 24, 1961 vs. Houston Oilers
C.McNeil, Dec. 18, 1960 vs. Titans of N.Y.
2 (86x) Last: Kyzir White, Oct. 17, 2021 at Bal.

Most Consecutive Games

- 5 Charlie McNeil, 1961
4 Greg Jackson, 1998
Gill Byrd, 1989
Mike Fuller, 1977
Bryant Salter, 1972
3 (18x) Last: Stephen Cooper, 2008

INTERCEPTION RETURN YARDS

Most Seasons Leading League

- 1 Vencie Glenn, 1987
- Charlie McNeil, 1961

Most, Career

- 546 Gill Byrd, 1983-92
502 Charlie McNeil, 1960-64
477 Kenny Graham, 1964-69

Most, Season

- 349 Charlie McNeil, 1961
224 Stanley Richard, 1994
166 Vencie Glenn, 1987

Most, Game

- 177* C.McNeil, Sept. 24, 1961 vs. Houston Oilers
106 Woodrow Lowe, Nov. 18, 1979 vs. Pittsburgh
103 Vencie Glenn, Nov. 29, 1987 vs. Denver

Longest Return

- 103t Vencie Glenn, Nov. 29, 1987 vs. Denver
102t Donald Frank, Oct. 31, 1993 at L.A. Raiders
100t Leslie "Speedy" Duncan, Oct. 15, 1967 vs. K.C.

INTERCEPTION TOUCHDOWNS

Most Seasons Leading League

- 1 Clinton Hart, 2005
- Jeffery Dale, 1985
- John Hendy, 1985
- Gill Byrd, 1984
- Woodrow Lowe, 1979
- Fred Dean, 1977
- Leroy Jones, 1977
- Kenny Graham, 1969
- Joe Beauchamp, 1968
- Earl Faison, 1964
- Henry Schmidt, 1964
- Claude Gibson, 1962
- Dick Harris, 1961

Most, Career

- 5 Kenny Graham, 1964-69
Dick Harris, 1960-65
4 Woodrow Lowe, 1976-86
3 Eric Weddle, 2007-15
Joe Beauchamp, 1966-75

Most, Season

- 3 Dick Harris, 1961
2 (9x) Last: Demorrio Williams, 2012
1 (77x) Last: Bryce Callahan, 2022

Most, Game

- 1 (98x) Last: B.Callahan, Dec. 4, 2022 at L.V.

SACKS

Most Seasons Leading League

- 1 Shawne Merriman, 2006

Most, Career

- 105.5 Leslie O'Neal, 1986-95
69.5 Shaun Phillips, 2004-12
67.0 Gary Johnson, 1975-84

Most, Season

- 17.5 Gary Johnson, 1980
17.0 Shawne Merriman, 2006
Leslie O'Neal, 1992
Steve DeLong, 1969
15.5 Fred Dean, 1978

Most, Game (since 1982)

- 5.0 Leslie O'Neal, Nov. 16, 1986 vs. Dallas
4.0 Antwan Barnes, Dec. 18, 2011 vs. Baltimore
Shaun Phillips, Oct. 3, 2010 vs. Arizona
Leslie O'Neal, Oct. 22, 1995 at Seattle
Leslie O'Neal, Dec. 6, 1992 at Phoenix
Leslie O'Neal, Dec. 22, 1991 vs. Denver
3.5 (3x) Last: Kendall Reyes, Dec. 23, 2012 at NYJ

PUNTS

Most Seasons Leading League

- 1 Paul Maguire, 1962

Most, Career

- 771 Darren Bennett, 1995-2003
756 Mike Scifres, 2003-15
519 Dennis Pardee, 1968-75

Most, Season

- 95 Darren Bennett, 1998
92 Darren Bennett, 2000
89 Darren Bennett, 1997, 1999

Most, Game

- 11 (5x), Last: D.Bennett, Oct. 11, 1998 at Oak.
10 (10x) Last: D.Kaser, Nov. 12, 2017 at Jax.
9 (14x), Last: D.Kaser, Dec. 24, 2017 at N.Y. Jets

PUNT YARDS

Most Seasons Leading League

- 1 Paul Maguire, 1962

Most, Career

- 34,152 Mike Scifres, 2003-15
33,776 Darren Bennett, 1995-2003
21,417 Dennis Pardee, 1968-75

Most, Season

- 4,248 Darren Bennett, 2000
4,174 Darren Bennett, 1998
3,972 Darren Bennett, 1997

Most, Game

- 522 Darren Bennett, Oct. 11, 1998 at Oakland
493 Mike Scifres, Nov. 18, 2012 at Denver
492 Dennis Pardee, Nov. 10, 1974 at Kansas City
Longest Punt
82 Paul Maguire, Nov. 19, 1961 vs. Dallas Texans
73 Dennis Pardee, Oct. 17, 1971 at Denver
72 Mike Scifres, Sept. 21, 2014 at Buffalo

PUNTING AVERAGE

Most Seasons Leading League (min. 50 punts)

- 1 Darren Bennett, 2000

Highest, Career (minimum 100 punts)

- 47.4 Drew Kaser, 2016-18
46.5 Ty Long, 2019-21
45.2 Mike Scifres, 2003-15

Highest, Season (minimum 50 punts)

- 48.3 Mike Scifres, 2012
48.1 Drew Kaser, 2017
46.8 Ty Long, 2020

Highest, Game (minimum 4 punts)

- 59.5 Mike Scifres, Oct. 17, 2010 at St. Louis
Darren Bennett, Oct. 1, 1995 at Pittsburgh
57.0 Drew Kaser, Oct. 30, 2016 at Denver
Mike Scifres, Oct. 19, 2014 vs. Kansas City
Darren Bennett, Sept. 17, 2000 at Kansas City
56.7 Darren Bennett, Oct. 6, 1996 at Denver

PUNT RETURN YARDS

Most Seasons Leading League

- 1 Leslie "Speedy" Duncan, 1965

Most, Career

- 2,388 Mike Fuller, 1975-80
1,651 Leslie "Speedy" Duncan, 1964-70
1,407 Darrien Gordon, 1993-96

Most, Season

- 537 Darrien Gordon, 1996
489 Eric Metcalf, 1997
475 Darrien Gordon, 1994

Most, Game

- 168 Eric Metcalf, Nov. 2, 1997 at Cincinnati
136 Mike Fuller, Nov. 21, 1976 at Buffalo
133 Andre Coleman, Sept. 17, 1995 at Philadelphia
Longest Return
95t Leslie "Speedy" Duncan, Nov. 24, 1968 vs. NYJ
90t Darrien Gordon, Sept. 25, 1994 at L.A. Raiders
88t Andre Coleman, Sept. 17, 1995 at Philadelphia
Mike Fuller, Oct. 9, 1977 at New Orleans

PUNT RETURN AVERAGE

Most Seasons Leading League (min. 20 ret.)

- 1 Ron Smith, 1973
Leslie "Speedy" Duncan, 1965

Highest, Career (minimum 50 ret.)

- 13.7 Darrien Gordon, 1993-96
- 12.0 Leslie "Speedy" Duncan, 1964-70
- 11.3 Mike Fuller, 1975-80

Highest, Season (minimum 20 ret.)

- 15.5 Leslie "Speedy" Duncan, 1965
- 14.9 Darrien Gordon, 1996
- 13.8 Desmond King, 2018

PUNT RETURN TOUCHDOWNS

Most Seasons Leading League

- 2 Leslie "Speedy" Duncan, 1965, 1966
- 1 Desmond King, 2018
Eric Metcalf, 1997
Andre Coleman, 1995
Darrien Gordon, 1994
Nate Lewis, 1990
Kitrick Taylor, 1990
Ron Smith, 1973

Most, Career

- 4 Leslie "Speedy" Duncan, 1964-70
- 3 Eric Metcalf, 1997
Darrien Gordon, 1993-96
- 2 (5x) Last: Desmond King, 2017-19

Most, Season

- 3 Eric Metcalf, 1997
- 2 (3x) Last: Darrien Gordon, 1994
- 1 (19x) Last: Desmond King, 2019

Most, Game

- 2* Eric Metcalf, Nov. 2, 1997 at Cincinnati
- 1 (25x) Last: D.King, Oct. 6, 2019 vs. Den.

PUNT RETURNS

Most, Career

- 212 Mike Fuller, 1975-80
- 138 Leslie "Speedy" Duncan, 1964-70
- 124 Lionel James, 1984-88

Most, Season

- 46 Mike Fuller, 1979
- 45 Eric Metcalf, 1997
- 39 Mike Fuller, 1978

Most, Game

- 8 (4x) Last: Leon Johnson, Dec. 7, 2003 at Det.
- 7 (4x) Last: M.Fuller, Dec. 17, 1978 at Houston Oilers
- 6 (9x) Last: J.Herndon, Dec. 20, 2015 vs. Mia.

Most Fair Catches, Season

- 25 Travis Benjamin, 2017
- 24 Kenny Graham, 1969
- 19 Chris Penn, 1999
Darrien Gordon, 1994

Most Fair Catches, Game

- 6 Phil McConkey, Dec. 17, 1989 at Kansas City
- 5 Travis Benjamin, Oct. 22, 2017 vs. Denver
Jeff Graham, Sept. 3, 2000 at Oakland
Kenny Graham, Oct. 4, 1969 vs. Cincinnati

KICKOFF RETURN YARDS

Most Seasons Leading League

- 1 Ronney Jenkins, 2001
Lionel James, 1984
James Brooks, 1982

Most, Career

- 6,469 Darren Sproles, 2005-10
- 3,997 Ronney Jenkins, 2000-02
- 3,914 Andre Coleman, 1994-96

Most, Season

- 1,541 Ronney Jenkins, 2001
- 1,531 Ronney Jenkins, 2000
- 1,528 Darren Sproles, 2005

Most, Game

- 250 Ronney Jenkins, Nov. 18, 2001 at Oakland
- 221 Ronney Jenkins, Sept. 10, 2000 vs. N.O.
- 215 Richard Goodman, Jan. 1, 2012 at Oakland

Longest Return

- 105t Richard Goodman, Jan. 1, 2012 at Oakland
- 103t Darren Sproles, Sept. 14, 2008 at Denver
Keith Lincoln, Sept. 16, 1962 vs. Titans of N.Y.
- 101t Andre Roberts, Jan. 2, 2022 vs. Denver

KICKOFF RETURN AVERAGE

Most Seasons Leading League (min. 10 ret.)

- 1 Jimmy Warren, 1964

Highest, Career (minimum 75 ret.)

- 25.3 Leslie "Speedy" Duncan, 1964-70
- 25.1 Darren Sproles, 2005-10
- 24.2 Ronney Jenkins, 2000-02

Highest, Season (minimum 10 ret.)

- 32.8 Andre Roberts, 2021
- 29.7 Antonio Cromartie, 2006
- 28.9 Nasir Adderley, 2020

KICKOFF RETURN TOUCHDOWNS

Most Seasons Leading League

- 2 Anthony Miller, 1988, 1989
- 1 Richard Goodman, 2011
Ronney Jenkins, 2001
Andre Coleman, 1995
Nate Lewis, 1991
Jamie Holland, 1988
Keith Lincoln, 1962

Most, Career

- 4 Andre Coleman, 1994-96
- 3 Ronney Jenkins, 2000-02
- 2 Darren Sproles, 2005-10
Anthony Miller, 1988-93

Most, Season

- 2 Ronney Jenkins, 2001
Andre Coleman, 1995
Andre Coleman, 1994
- 1 (14x) Last: Andre Roberts, 2021

Most, Game

- 1 (20x) Last: A.Roberts, Jan. 2, 2022 vs. Den.

KICKOFF RETURNS

Most Seasons Leading League

- 1 Lionel James, 1984
James Brooks, 1982

Most, Career

- 258 Darren Sproles, 2005-10
- 166 Andre Coleman, 1994-96
- 165 Ronney Jenkins, 2000-02

Most, Season

- 67 Ronney Jenkins, 2000
- 63 Darren Sproles, 2005
- 62 Andre Coleman, 1995

Most, Game

- 8 (5x) Last: Darren Sproles, Oct. 26, 2008
at N.O. in London
- 7 (13x) Last: D.Sproles, Oct. 19, 2009 vs. Den.
- 6 (36x) Last: R.Goodman, Jan. 1, 2012 at Oak.

COMBINED KICK & PUNT RETURN YARDS

Most Seasons Leading League

- 1 James Brooks, 1982
Leslie "Speedy" Duncan, 1965

Most, Career

- 7,404 Darren Sproles, 2005-10
- 5,037 Leslie "Speedy" Duncan, 1964-70
- 4,240 Andre Coleman, 1994-96

Most, Season

- 1,737 Andre Coleman, 1995
- 1,636 Darren Sproles, 2005
- 1,625 Darren Sproles, 2008

COMBINED KICK & PUNT RETURNS

Most Seasons Leading League

- 1 Leslie "Speedy" Duncan, 1965

Most, Career

- 372 Darren Sproles, 2005-10
- 289 Mike Fuller, 1975-80
- 272 Leslie "Speedy" Duncan, 1964-70

Most, Season

- 90 Andre Coleman, 1995
- 81 Darren Sproles, 2005
- 80 Darren Sproles, 2009

SERVICE

Most Seasons

- 17 David Binn, 1994-2010
- 16 Antonio Gates, 2003-18
Philip Rivers, 2004-19
- 15 Dan Fouts, 1973-87
Russ Washington, 1968-82
- 14 Don Macek, 1976-89
Doug Wilkerson, 1971-84

Most Games

- 256 David Binn, 1994-10
- 236 Antonio Gates, 2003-18
- 228 Philip Rivers, 2004-19
- 200 Junior Seau, 1990-2002
Russ Washington, 1968-82

Most Consecutive Games

- 225 Philip Rivers, 2005-19
- 179 David Binn, 1994-10
- 178 Russ Washington, 1968-80

Most Consecutive Starts

- 224 Philip Rivers, 2006-19
- 148 Russ Washington, 1970-80
- 140 Walt Sweeney, 1964-73

TEAM RECORDS

*NFL Record | †strike-shortened 1982 season

GAMES WON

Most, Season

- 14 2006
- 13 2009
- 12 1961, 1979, 2004, 2018

Fewest, Season

- 1 2000
- 2 1973, 1975
- 4 1962, 1972, 1986, 1991, 1997, 2003, 2015

Most Consecutive

- 15 Nov. 27, 1960–Dec. 3, 1961
- 11 (3x) Last: Oct. 25, 2009–Jan. 3, 2010
- 8 (7x) Last: Oct. 25, 2004–Dec. 13, 2004

Most Consecutive at Home

- 10 Nov. 5, 1978–Nov. 25, 1979
- 9 (3x) Last: Sept. 17, 2006–Sept. 9, 2007
- 8 (4x) Last: Sept. 17, 2006–Dec. 31, 2006

Most Consecutive on Road

- 11 Oct. 2, 1960–Nov. 12, 1961
- 6 (4x) Last: Oct. 14, 2018–Dec. 30, 2018
- 5 (5x) Last: Oct. 14, 2018–Dec. 13, 2018

Most Consecutive at Start of Season

- 11 1961
- 6 1994
- 4 1966, 1980, 2002

GAMES LOST

Most, Season

- 15 2000
- 12 1975, 1986, 1991, 1997, 2003, 2015
- 11 1973, 1998, 2001, 2016, 2019

Fewest, Season

- 2 1961, 1965, 2006
- 3 2009, 1963, 1982†
- 4 1960, 1979, 2004

Most Consecutive

- 11 (2x) Last: Sept. 3, 2000–Nov. 19, 2000
- 9 (5x) Last: Dec. 4, 2016–Oct. 1, 2017
- 8 (9x) Last: Dec. 4, 2016–Sept. 24, 2017

Most Consecutive at Home

- 7 Nov. 13, 2016–Oct. 1, 2017
- 6 (2x) Last: Nov. 13, 2016–Sept. 24, 2017
- 5 (10x) Last: Nov. 18, 2019–Sept. 27, 2020

Most Consecutive on Road

- 11 Oct. 6, 1985–Oct. 26, 1986
- 8 (4x) Last: Sept. 3, 2000–Dec. 17, 2000
- 7 (7x) Last: Nov. 10, 2002–Oct. 5, 2003

Most Consecutive on Road w/o Victory (Ties incl.)

- 14 Nov. 22, 1970–Nov. 19, 1972

POINTS

Most Seasons Leading League

- 6 1963, 1965, 1981, 1982, 1985, 2006

Most, Season

- 492 2006
- 478 1981
- 474 2021

Most, Game

- 58 Dec. 22, 1963 vs. Denver
- 55 Nov. 22, 1981 at Oakland
- Oct. 20, 1968 vs. Denver
- 54 Nov. 19, 2017 vs. Buffalo

Most Game, Both Teams

- 98 Dec. 8, 1985 vs. Pittsburgh
- 93 Dec. 18, 1960 vs. Titans of New York
- 90 Nov. 12, 2006 at Cincinnati

Most, Half

- 42 Nov. 12, 2006 at Cincinnati (2nd half)
- 41 Nov. 5, 1961 vs. Titans of N.Y. (2nd half)
- 37 Nov. 19, 2017 vs. Buffalo (1st half)

Most, Quarter

- 28 Nov. 25, 2018 vs. Arizona (2nd quarter)
- Nov. 15, 1964 at K.C. (2nd quarter)
- Nov. 5, 1961 vs. Titans of N.Y. (3rd quarter)
- Sept. 24, 1961 vs. Houston Oilers (2nd quarter)

Most, Quarter, Both Teams

- 41 Nov. 21, 2021 vs. Pittsburgh (4th quarter)
- Oct. 10, 2021 vs. Cleveland (4th quarter)
- 38 Dec. 26, 2021 at Houston (4th quarter)
- Sept. 14, 2008 at Denver (2nd quarter)
- Oct. 19, 1986 at Kansas City (2nd quarter)
- Oct. 6, 1963 at Denver (2nd quarter)
- Oct. 7, 1961 at Boston (2nd quarter)

Fewest, Season

- 188 1973
- 189 1975
- 212 1974

Fewest, Game

- 0 (29x) Last: Dec. 6, 2020 vs. New England

Most Consecutive Games Not Shutout

- 240 Nov. 7, 1999–Nov. 2, 2014
- 114 Oct. 4, 1992–Oct. 24, 1999
- 105 Sept. 7, 1962–Oct. 26, 1969
- 98 Nov. 16, 2014–Nov. 29, 2020

TOUCHDOWNS

Most Seasons Leading League

- 6 1963, 1979, 1981, 1982, 1985, 2006

Most, Season

- 61 1981
- 60 1985
- 59 2006

Most, Game

- 8 Dec. 8, 1985 vs. Pittsburgh
- Nov. 22, 1981 at Oakland
- 7 (9x) Last: Oct. 10, 2021 vs. Cleveland
- 6 (37x) Last: Dec. 8, 2019 at Jacksonville

Fewest, Season

- 22 1973, 1975
- 23 1998
- 25 1977, 1999

POINTS AFTER TOUCHDOWN

Most Seasons Leading League

- 5 1965, 1981, 1982, 1985, 2006

Most, Season

- 58 2006
- 55 1981
- 54 2004

Most, Game

- 7 (7x) Last: Dec. 28, 2008 vs. Denver
- 6 (30x) Last: Dec. 8, 2019 at Jacksonville
- 5 (53x) Last: Nov. 21, 2021 vs. Pittsburgh

Fewest, Season

- 19 1973, 1998
- 20 1975
- 21 1977

TWO-POINT CONVERSIONS

Most Seasons Leading League

- 4 2008, 2010, 2018, 2021

Most, Season

- 7 2021
- 6 2018
- 3 1994

Most, Game (since 1994)

- 2 Dec. 2, 2018 at Pittsburgh
- Sept. 9, 2018 vs. Kansas City
- Oct. 25, 2015 vs. Oakland
- 1 (39x) Last: Sept. 17, 2023 at Tennessee

Most Attempts, Season

- 11 2021
- 8 2018
- 7 1994

Most Attempts, Game (since 1994)

- 3 Dec. 26, 2021 at Houston
- Sept. 9, 2018 vs. Kansas City
- Sept. 4, 1994 at Denver
- 2 (6x) Last: Oct. 10, 2021 vs. Cleveland
- 1 (50x) Last: Sept. 17, 2023 at Tennessee

FIELD GOALS

Most Seasons Leading League

- 2 1994, 2009

Most, Season

- 34 1994, 2013
- 32 2009
- 31 1993, 1999, 2022

Most, Game

- 6 (3x) Last: Oct. 5, 1997 at Oakland
- 5 (11x) Last: Sept. 10, 2012 at Oakland
- 4 (38x) Last: Oct. 17, 2022 vs. Denver (OT)

Most Attempts, Season

- 43 2001
- 40 1993
- 38 1994

Most Attempts, Game

- 7 Oct. 8, 1966 at N.Y. Jets
- 6 (6x) Last: Nov. 19, 2017 vs. Buffalo
- 5 (27x) Last: Nov. 3, 2019 vs. Green Bay

Most, Game, Both Teams

- 9 Sept. 29, 1996 vs. Kansas City
- 8 Nov. 3, 1996 at Indianapolis
- Nov. 9, 1975 vs. New England
- 7 (17x) Last: Oct. 17, 2022 vs. Denver (OT)

Most Attempts, Game, Both Teams

- 10 (4x) Last: Dec. 12, 1999 vs. Seattle
- 9 (3x) Last: Dec. 1, 2002 vs. Denver
- 8 (23x) Last: Dec. 27, 2020 vs. Denver

Fewest Made, Season

- 6 1974
- 10 1976
- 12 1964, 1970, 1973, 1975

Fewest Attempts, Season

- 16 1974
- 19 1970
- 20 1962, 1976, 1988, 2003

FIRST DOWNS

Most Seasons Leading League (Total)

7 1965, 1969, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1985

Most, Season

401 2021
380 1985
379 1981

Most, Game

35 Oct. 19, 1986 at Kansas City
34 Nov. 18, 1984 vs. Miami (OT)
Dec. 20, 1982 vs. Cincinnati
33 Nov. 21, 2021 vs. Pittsburgh
Sept. 9, 2018 vs. Kansas City
Sept. 15, 2013 at Philadelphia
Oct. 31, 2004 vs. Oakland

Most, Game, Both Teams

62 Sept. 15, 1985 vs. Seattle
60 Sept. 10, 2023 vs. Miami
58 Dec. 29, 2002 vs. Seattle (OT)
Sept. 22, 1985 at Cincinnati
Nov. 18, 1984 vs. Miami (OT)

Fewest, Season

198 1973, 1975
208 1961
217 1962

Fewest, Game

3 Nov. 30, 1975 at Denver (OT)
5 Nov. 16, 2003 at Denver
Oct. 5, 1970 vs. Oakland
6 Dec. 24, 2000 vs. Pittsburgh
Nov. 22, 1987 at Seattle

Most Seasons Leading League (Rushing)

3 1963, 1965, 2006

Most by Rushing, Season

137 2006
131 2004
127 1965, 1981

Most by Rushing, Game

19 Nov. 27, 1960 vs. Oakland
18 Oct. 3, 1965 vs. Houston Oilers
17 (4x) Last: Sept. 10, 2023 vs. Miami

Fewest by Rushing, Game

0 Dec. 5, 2010 vs. Oakland
Nov. 14, 1999 at Oakland
1 (17x) Last: Sept. 25, 2016 at Indianapolis
2 (52x) Last: Sept. 25, 2022 vs. Jacksonville

Most Seasons Leading League (Passing)

7 1968, 1971, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1985

Most by Passing, Season

259 1985
256 2021
244 1980

Most by Passing, Game

27 Sept. 15, 1985 vs. Seattle
26 Oct. 18, 2015 at Green Bay
23 Dec. 20, 1982 vs. Cincinnati
Oct. 19, 1980 vs. N.Y. Giants

Fewest by Passing, Season

89 1975
93 1973
110 1961

Fewest by Passing, Game

0 Sept. 20, 1998 at Kansas City
1 Nov. 30, 1975 at Denver (OT)
2 (3x) Last: Nov. 16, 2003 at Denver

Most Seasons Leading League (Penalty)

2 1960, 1970

Most by Penalty, Season

39 2013, 2019
37 2004, 2014
36 2016, 2020

Most by Penalty, Game

7 Oct. 17, 2022 vs. Denver (OT)
Nov. 13, 2016 vs. Tennessee
Nov. 15, 1998 vs. Baltimore
Nov. 30, 1997 vs. Denver
6 (5x) Last: Nov. 30, 2014 at Baltimore
5 (23x) Last: Nov. 21, 2021 vs. Pittsburgh

Fewest by Penalty, Season

11 1975
12 1964
13 1968

NET YARDS GAINED

Most Seasons Leading League

8 1963, 1965, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1985, 2010

Most, Season

6,744 1981
6,634 2021
6,535 1985

Most, Game

661 Dec. 20, 1982 vs. Cincinnati
593 Nov. 10, 1985 vs. L.A. Raiders
581 Oct. 20, 1968 vs. Denver

Most, Game, Both Teams

1,102 Dec. 20, 1982 vs. Cincinnati
1,057 Oct. 20, 1968 vs. Denver
1,050 Sept. 15, 2013 at Philadelphia

Fewest, Season

3,411 1975
3,622 1973
3,953 1970

Fewest, Game

70 Nov. 2, 1969 at Denver
93 Oct. 5, 1975 vs. Oakland
96 Nov. 16, 2003 at Denver

Most Total Offensive Plays, Season

1,154 1984, 2022
1,135 1980
1,129 1981

Fewest Total Offensive Plays, Season

617 1982[†]
753 1963
759 1964

RUSHING

Most Seasons Leading League (Attempts)

1 1965

Most Attempts, Season

590 1978
525 2004
522 2006

Most Attempts, Game

58 Nov. 20, 1977 vs. Oakland
53 Dec. 16, 2007 vs. Detroit
Sept. 10, 1978 vs. Oakland
Dec. 3, 1972 vs. Oakland
52 Nov. 27, 1960 vs. Oakland

Fewest Attempts, Season

267 1982[†]
351 2000
361 1966

Most Seasons Leading League (Yards)

2 1963, 1965

Most Yards, Season

2,578 2006
2,257 1990
2,248 1991

Most Yards, Game

289 Dec. 28, 2008 vs. Denver
287 Oct. 13, 1963 vs. N.Y. Jets
274 Dec. 16, 2007 vs. Detroit

Fewest Yards, Game

2 Dec. 17, 1961 vs. Boston
3 Nov. 19, 1961 vs. Dallas Texans
11 Nov. 20, 1960 vs. Buffalo

Most Seasons Leading League (Touchdowns)

4 1961, 1981, 1982, 2006

Most Touchdowns, Season

32 2006
26 1981
25 1979

Fewest Touchdowns, Season

4 2012, 2015
5 1997
6 2014

Most Touchdowns, Game

5 (4x) Last: Dec. 28, 2008 vs. Denver
4 (22x) Last: Dec. 25, 2009 at Tennessee
3 (49x) Last: Sept. 10, 2023 vs. Miami

RUSHING AVERAGE

Most Seasons Leading League

6 1960, 1963, 1965, 1969, 1991, 2003

Most, Season

5.6 1963
5.1 2003
4.9 2006

Highest, Game

8.52 Dec. 24, 1967 vs. N.Y. Jets
8.44 Dec. 22, 1963 vs. Denver
8.26 Nov. 5, 2006 vs. Cleveland

PASSING

Most Seasons Leading League (Attempts)

3 1968, 1984, 1985

Most Attempts, Season

711 2022

674 2021

667 2015

Most Attempts, Game

65 Oct. 18, 2015 at Green Bay

Oct. 19, 1986 at Kansas City

64 Jan. 9, 2022 at Las Vegas (OT)

58 Oct. 25, 2015 vs. Oakland

Dec. 22, 1985 at Kansas City

Fewest Attempts, Season

337 1975

338 1982[†]

349 1974

Fewest Attempts, Game

6 Dec. 19, 2004 at Cleveland

10 Dec. 18, 1988 vs. Kansas City

11 (2x) Last: Oct. 28, 2007 vs. Houston

Most Seasons Leading League (Completions)

3 1983, 1984, 1985

Most Completions, Season

485 2022

443 2021

442 2015

Most Completions, Game

43 Oct. 18, 2015 at Green Bay

39 Dec. 11, 2022 vs. Miami

38 Oct. 25, 2015 vs. Oakland

Fewest Completions, Game

1 at Kansas City Sept. 20, 1998

3 vs. Oakland Oct. 5, 1975

4 at Cleveland Dec. 19, 2004

vs. Kansas City Nov. 2, 1986

Most Seasons Leading League (Net Yards)

11 1965, 1968, 1971, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982,
1983, 1985, 2017

Most Net Yards Gained, Season

4,870 1985

4,800 2021

4,739 1981

Most Net Yards Gained, Game

494 Sept. 15, 1985 vs. Seattle

488 Oct. 18, 2015 at Green Bay

486 Dec. 20, 1982 vs. Cincinnati

Fewest Net Yards Gained, Season

1,610 1975

1,808 1973

2,244 1977

Fewest Net Yards Gained, Game

-22 Oct. 5, 1975 vs. Oakland

-19 Sept. 20, 1998 at Kansas City

7 Sept. 16, 1973 at Washington

Most Seasons Leading League (Touchdowns)

5 1971, 1981, 1982, 1985, 2008

Most Touchdowns, Season

38 2021

37 1985

34 1981, 2008

Fewest Touchdowns, Season

7 1975

9 1973

11 1977, 1988, 1998

Most Touchdowns, Game

7* Nov. 22, 1981 at Oakland

5 (9x) Last: Oct. 31, 2004 vs. Oakland

4 (33x) Last: Oct. 10, 2021 vs. Cleveland

Most Seasons Leading League (Fewest INTs)

2 1966, 2004

Most Had Intercepted, Season

34 1962, 1998

33 1968, 1983, 1986

30 1964, 1973, 1978, 1985, 2000

Most Had Intercepted, Game

7 Dec. 13, 1998 at Seattle

Dec. 8, 1968 vs. Kansas City

6 (6x) Last: Oct. 24, 1999 vs. Green Bay

5 (14x) Last: Dec. 27, 1987 at Denver

Fewest Had Intercepted, Season

8 2004

9 2006

10 2009, 2020, 2022

SACKED ATTEMPTING TO PASS

Most Seasons Leading League (Least Sacked)

5 1963, 1964, 1967, 1968, 2017

Most Times, Season

57 1970

53 2000

51 1997

Fewest Times, Season

11 1967

12 1982[†]

18 1968, 2017

Most Times Sacked Opponent, Season

62 1986

61 2006

60 1980

Most Times Sacked Opponent, Game

11 Dec. 23, 2012 at N.Y. Jets

Nov. 16, 1986 vs. Dallas

10 Sept. 24, 1978 vs. Green Bay

9 (5x) Last: Dec. 24, 2016 at Cleveland

INTERCEPTIONS

Most Seasons Leading League (Interceptions)

3 1961, 2007, 2016

Most, Season

49* 1961

31 1969

30 1964, 2007

Most, Game

6 (6x) Last: vs. Indianapolis Nov. 11, 2007

5 (9x) Last: vs. Buffalo Nov. 19, 2017

4 (30x) Last: at Indianapolis Nov. 28, 2010

Most, Game, Both Teams

10 Dec. 13, 1998 at Seattle

9 Sept. 21, 1980 at Denver

Nov. 1, 1964 at Oakland

8 (11x) Last: Nov. 11, 2007 vs. Indianapolis

Fewest, Season

7 2014

9 1970

10 2005

Most Consecutive Games

46* 1960-63

Most Seasons Leading League (Return Yards)

2 1961, 1964

Most Yards Returned, Season

929* 1961

562 1979

499 1984

Most Yards Returned, Game

194 Sept. 24, 1961 vs. Houston Oilers

174 Oct. 29, 1961 vs. Denver

171 Nov. 18, 1979 vs. Pittsburgh

Fewest Yards Returned, Season

65 2014

90 1970

123 1999

Most Seasons Leading League (Return TDs)

1 1961

Most Touchdowns by Returns, Season

9* 1961

5 2012

4 1984, 2000

Most Touchdowns by Returns, Game

2 Nov. 28, 2010 at Indianapolis

Oct. 29, 1961 vs. Denver

1 (93x) Last: Dec. 4, 2022 at Las Vegas

PUNTS

Most, Season

95 1998
92 2000
90 1997

Most, Game

11 (5x) Last: Oct. 11, 1998 at Oakland
10 (11x) Last: Nov. 12, 2017 at Jacksonville
9 (12x) Last: Dec. 24, 2017 at N.Y. Jets

Fewest, Season

23 1982[†]
45 1972
47 2011

Fewest, Game

0 (8x) Last: Sept. 19, 2021 vs. Dallas
1 (38x) Last: Oct. 9, 2022 at Cleveland
2 (82x) Last: Sept. 12, 2021 at Washington

Fewest, Game, Both Teams

1 (3x) Last: Sept. 19, 2021 vs. Dallas
2 (9x) Last: Dec. 16, 2021 vs. Kansas City
3 (17x) Last: Oct. 9, 2022 at Cleveland

PUNT YARDS

Most Seasons Leading League (Yards)

1 1962

Most, Season

4,248 2000
4,174 1998
3,972 1997

Most, Game

522 Oct. 11, 1998 at Oakland
493 Nov. 18, 2012 at Denver
492 Nov. 10, 1974 at Kansas City

Fewest, Season

868 1982[†]
1,813 1972
2,123 2021

Most Seasons Leading League (Average)

4 1960, 1969, 1987, 2000

Highest Average, Season

48.1 2017
47.5 2011
47.0 2019

Lowest Average, Season

36.3 1978
36.5 1979
36.8 1975

PUNT RETURNS

Most Seasons Leading League (Returns)

1 1965

Most, Season

57 1978
52 1979
49 2003

Most, Game

8 (4x) Last: Dec. 7, 2003 at Detroit
7 (7x) Last: Dec. 7, 1978 at Houston
6 (13x) Last: Dec. 20, 2015 vs. Miami

Fewest, Season

12 1982[†]
18 2021
20 2015

Most Seasons Leading League (Fair Catches)

3 1968, 1969, 1991

Most Fair Catches, Season

32 1969
26 2015, 2017
25 1991, 1999

Most Fair Catches, Game

6 Dec. 17, 1989 at Kansas City
Dec. 4, 1978 vs. Chicago
5 (3x) Last: Sept. 3, 2000 at Oakland
4 (12x) Last: Dec. 11, 2022 vs. Miami

Fewest Fair Catches, Season

0 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1975
1 1976
3 1977

PUNT RETURN YARDS

Most Seasons Leading League (Return Yards)

1 1965

Most, Season

590 1978
559 1996
542 1998

Most, Game

168 Nov. 2, 1997 at Cincinnati
151 Sept. 20, 1965 vs. Kansas City
139 Nov. 5, 1961 vs. Titans of N.Y.

Fewest, Season

84 2015
100 2020
107 2021

Most Seasons Leading League (Average)

3 1965, 1966, 1973

Highest Average, Season

15.5 1961
14.7 1996
13.4 1965

Lowest Average, Season

4.2 2015
5.4 2019
5.6 1970, 2020

PUNT RETURN TOUCHDOWNS

Most Seasons Leading League

7 1965, 1973, 1990, 1994, 1995, 1997, 2018

Most, Season

3 1997
2 1965, 1973, 1990, 1994
1 (16x) Last: 2019

Most, Game

2* Nov. 2, 1997 at Cincinnati
1 (25x) Last: Oct. 26, 2019 vs. Denver

KICKOFF RETURNS

Most Seasons Leading League

2 1982, 2003

Most, Season

84 2003
83 2000
75 1997

Most, Game

9 (7x) Last: Nov. 3, 2002 vs. N.Y. Jets
8 (15x) Last: Oct. 26, 2008 at N.O. in London
7 (51x) Last: Sept. 26, 2010 at Seattle

Most, Game, Both Teams

17 Dec. 8, 1985 vs. Pittsburgh
16 Dec. 18, 1960 vs. Titans of New York
15 (3x) Last: Oct. 2, 1983 at N.Y. Giants

KICKOFF RETURN YARDS

Most Seasons Leading League

1 1962

Most, Season

1,804 2003
1,792 2000
1,716 2001

Most, Game

269 Nov. 18, 2001 at Oakland
242 Oct. 21, 1973 vs. Atlanta
232 Dec. 13, 1964 vs. Kansas City

Fewest, Season

474 2017
508 2016
512 2022

Most Seasons Leading League (Average)

3 1988, 1990, 2001

Highest Average, Season

26.0 2001
25.6 2011
25.5 2007

Lowest Average, Season

16.5 1961
17.5 1986
18.0 1992

KICKOFF RETURN TOUCHDOWNS

Most Seasons Leading League

6 1988, 1989, 1991, 1995, 2001, 2011

Most, Season

2 1988, 1994, 1995, 2001
1 1962, 1985, 1989, 1991, 1997, 2000, 2004,
2007, 2008, 2011, 2012, 2021

Most, Game

1 (20x) Last: Jan. 2, 2022 vs. Denver

PENALTIES

Most Seasons Leading League (Penalties)

3 1960, 1961, 1988

Most, Season

137 1998
129 1997
128 1981

Most, Game

19 Nov. 16, 1997 at Kansas City
16 Nov. 15, 1998 vs. Baltimore
15 Nov. 3, 1997 at Indianapolis

Fewest, Season

63 1969
64 1982[†]
68 1966

Fewest, Game

0 (5x) Last: Oct. 9, 2011 at Denver
1 (30x) Last: Nov. 13, 2022 at San Francisco
2 (39x) Last: Dec. 22, 2019 at Oakland

Most Seasons Leading League (Penalty Yards)

3 1960, 1961, 1966

Most Yards, Season

1,229 1998
1,101 1997
1,039 1988

Most Yards, Game

148 Oct. 13, 1963 vs. N.Y. Jets
146 Nov. 15, 1998 vs. Baltimore
Nov. 16, 1997 at Kansas City
138 Nov. 16, 1981 at Seattle

FUMBLES

Most Seasons Leading League (Fewest Fumbles)

4 1963, 1966, 1993, 2021

Most, Season

44 1985
42 1983
40 1972, 1973, 1980

Most, Game

9 Sept. 24, 1978 vs. Green Bay
7 Sept. 30, 1973 vs. Cincinnati
6 (5x) Last: Dec. 13, 1987 vs. Pittsburgh

Most by Opponent, Game

9 Nov. 15, 1964 at Kansas City
7 (3x) Last: Sept. 9, 2001 vs. Washington
6 (6x) Last: Dec. 9, 1995 vs. Arizona

Most, Game, Both Teams

11 (3x) Last: Oct. 13, 1985 vs. Kansas City
10 (5x) Last: Nov. 25, 1990 vs. Seattle
9 (7x) Last: Sept. 9, 2001 vs. Washington

Fewest, Season

10 2021
13 1993
14 2009, 2013

Most Seasons Leading League (Fewest Lost Fum.)

5 1963, 1966, 1970, 1979, 1993

Most Lost, Season

22 1980, 1981, 1983
21 1973, 1978
20 1972, 1987, 2000

Most Lost, Game

6 Sept. 24, 1978 vs. Green Bay
4 (10x) Last: Dec. 10, 2000 at Baltimore
3 (40x) Last: Sept. 25, 2016 at Indianapolis

Most Own Recovered, Season

25 1985
21 1979
20 1972, 1973, 1975, 1983

Most Own Recovered, Game

5 (5x) Last: Dec. 26, 1999 vs. Oakland
4 (7x) Last: Sept. 14, 2014 vs. Seattle
3 (42x) Last: Jan. 3, 2016 at Denver

Fewest Own Recovered, Season

3 2021
4 1963, 2013
7 1989, 2009

Most Opponents Recovered, Season

22 1986
18 1973, 1979, 1980, 1981, 2007
17 1960, 1961, 1963, 1983, 1984

Fewest Opponents Recovered, Season

3 2019
4 2011
5 1963

POINTS ALLOWED

Most Seasons Leading League (Fewest Points)

2 1961, 1963

Most, Season

462 1983
459 2021
441 2003

Most, Game

57 at St. Louis Oct. 1, 2000
52 at Pittsburgh Nov. 25, 1984
51 at Oakland Oct. 29, 1967

Most, Quarter

31 Dec. 8, 1963 at Oakland (4th quarter)
30 Nov. 20, 1983 at St. Louis Cardinals (2nd quarter)
28 (5x) Last: Nov. 28, 1999 at Min. (2nd quarter)

Fewest, Season

205 1977
219 1961
221 1982[†]

Fewest, Game

0 (18x) Last: Oct. 22, 2017 vs. Denver
3 (17x) Last: Dec. 26, 2022 at Indianapolis
6 (19x) Last: Nov. 23, 2017 at Dallas

FIRST DOWNS ALLOWED

Most Seasons Leading League (Fewest Total)

1 2010

Most, Season

383 2021
365 1981
364 1985

Most, Game

34 Sept. 14, 2008 at Denver
Dec. 29, 2002 vs. Seattle
Nov. 19, 2000 at Denver

33 Sept. 26, 2021 at Kansas City
Sept. 23, 2018 at L.A. Rams
Nov. 23, 2003 vs. Cincinnati

32 Oct. 4, 2009 at Pittsburgh

Fewest, Season

190 1965
196 1982[†]
224 1962

Fewest, Game

5 Dec. 12, 2010 vs. Kansas City
Sept. 19, 1976 at Tampa Bay
6 Oct. 11, 1998 at Oakland

6 Oct. 22, 1961 at Oakland

7 (5x) Last: Sept. 15, 2002 vs. Houston

Most by Rushing, Season

154 1975
144 2021
143 1971

Most by Rushing, Game

19 (3x) Last: Nov. 22, 1987 at Seattle
17 Sept. 23, 1962 vs. Houston
16 Oct. 16, 1977 vs. New England

16 Dec. 18, 1966 vs. Kansas City

Fewest by Rushing, Season

54 1965
65 1982
71 1969

Fewest by Rushing, Game

0 (5x) Last: Nov. 28, 2010 at Indianapolis
1 (24x) Last: Sept. 11, 2022 vs. Las Vegas
2 (46x) Last: Dec. 26, 2022 at Indianapolis

Most Seasons Leading League (Fewest Passing)

1 2014

Most by Passing, Season

218 1985
216 1981
213 2008

Most by Passing, Game

24 Nov. 19, 2000 at Denver
23 Sept. 10, 2023 vs. Miami
Sept. 18, 2011 at New England

22 (4x) Last: Nov. 15, 2009 vs. Philadelphia

Fewest by Passing, Season

105 1977
114 1971
116 1965

Fewest by Passing, Game

1 (3x) Last: Dec. 28, 2003 vs. Oakland
2 (6x) Last: Dec. 19, 2004 at Cleveland
3 (12x) Last: Sept. 11, 2011 vs. Minnesota

Most Seasons Leading League (Fewest Penalty)

1 1992

Most by Penalty, Season

41 2000, 2004, 2014
40 2021
35 1981, 1997, 1998

Most by Penalty, Game

7 Nov. 5, 2006 vs. Cleveland
6 (9x) Last: Sept. 24, 2017 vs. Kansas City
5 (23x) Last: Jan. 9, 2022 at Las Vegas (OT)

Fewest by Penalty, Season

12 1982[†]
13 1969, 1992
14 1976

NET YARDS ALLOWED

Most Seasons Leading League (Fewest Net Yards)

4 1961, 1965, 1998, 2010

Most, Season

6,265 1985
6,136 1981
6,122 2021

Most, Game

614 Oct. 1, 2000 at St. Louis
591 Dec. 29, 2002 vs. Seattle
553 Sept. 22, 1996 at Oakland

Fewest, Season

3,253 1982[†]
3,268 1965
3,652 1977

Fewest, Game

58 Oct. 22, 1961 at Oakland
67 Dec. 12, 2010 vs. Kansas City
99 Nov. 1, 1992 vs. Indianapolis

RUSHING ALLOWED

Most Seasons Leading League (Fewest Att.)

3 1965, 1979, 2004

Most Attempts, Season

606 1975
559 1973
552 1983

Most Attempts, Game

61 Oct. 25, 1981 at Chicago (OT)
60 Nov. 30, 1975 at Denver (OT)
59 Sept. 18, 1977 at Oakland

Fewest Attempts, Season

230 1982[†]
306 1965
355 2004

Fewest Attempts, Game

9 Dec. 16, 2007 vs. Detroit
Sept. 7, 1986 vs. Miami
10 (2x) Last: Sept. 16, 2012 vs. Tennessee
11 (6x) Last: Nov. 3, 2019 vs. Green Bay

Most Seasons Leading League (Fewest Yards)

3 1965, 1998, 2005

Most Yards, Season

2,478 2022
2,442 1975
2,403 1966

Most Yards, Game

378 Nov. 4, 2007 at Minnesota
355 Dec. 20, 2014 at San Francisco
328 Nov. 30, 1975 at Denver (OT)

Fewest Yards, Season

961 1982[†]
1,094 1965
1,140 1998

Fewest Yards, Game

2 Oct. 22, 1961 at Oakland
11 Dec. 17, 2000 at Carolina
13 Oct. 5, 1997 at Oakland

Most Seasons Leading League (Fewest TDs)

2 1961, 1963

Most Touchdowns, Season

26 1983
25 1971, 1981, 1985
23 1973, 1984

Fewest Touchdowns, Season

7 1961, 1965
8 1999, 2011
10 (12x) Last: 2012

Most Touchdowns, Game

5 Oct. 21, 1973 vs. Atlanta
Sept. 18, 1960 at Houston
4 (11x) Last: Nov. 3, 2013 at Washington
3 (50x) Last: Oct. 9, 2022 at Cleveland

PASSING ALLOWED

Most Seasons Leading League (Fewest Att.)

2 1966, 2019

Most Attempts, Season

636 1996
607 2002, 2004
605 2008

Most Attempts, Game

61 Sept. 20, 1987 vs. St. Louis
58 (2x) Last: Oct. 3, 2004 vs. Tennessee
57 (2x) Last: Sept. 22, 1996 at Oakland

Fewest Attempts, Season

330 1977
341 1973
342 1982[†]

Fewest Attempts, Game

7 Nov. 6, 1977 at Detroit
12 (2x) Last: Dec. 10, 1972 at Denver
13 (4x) Last: Oct. 4, 1987 at Cincinnati

Most Seasons Leading League (Fewest Cmp.)

1 1966

Most Completions, Season

411 2008
375 2002
372 2004

Most Completions, Game

40 Dec. 20, 1982 vs. Cincinnati
39 Oct. 3, 2004 vs. Tennessee
37 Oct. 9, 1994 Kansas City

Fewest Completions, Season

170 1966
172 1977
177 1973

Fewest Completions, Game

3 Sept. 19, 1976 at Tampa Bay
5 (5x) Last: Oct. 4, 1987 at Cincinnati
6 (6x) Last: Dec. 28, 2003 vs. Oakland

Most Seasons Leading League (Fewest Net Yds)

4 1961, 1964, 1965, 2010

Most Net Yards, Season

4,311 1981
4,295 2002
4,293 1985

Most Net Yards, Game

466 Sept. 10, 2023 vs. Miami
453 Nov. 10, 2002 at St. Louis
451 Oct. 1, 2000 at St. Louis

Fewest Net Yards, Season

1,725 1977
2,155 1966
2,174 1965

Fewest Net Yards, Game

-13 Oct. 4, 1987 at Cincinnati
-4 Sept. 19, 1976 at Tampa Bay
0 Dec. 28, 2003 vs. Oakland
Dec. 6, 1970 vs. Cincinnati

Most Seasons Leading League (Fewest TDs)

4 1963, 1965, 1966, 1979

Most Touchdowns, Season

36 2003
33 2000
31 1997

Most Touchdowns, Game

5 (8x) Last: Oct. 4, 2020 at Tampa Bay
4 (30x) Last: Sept. 9, 2018 vs. Kansas City
3 (115x) Last: Sept. 10, 2023 vs. Miami

Fewest Touchdowns, Season

10 1982[†]
11 1979
13 1966, 1970, 1974

PUNT RETURNS ALLOWED

Most Seasons Leading League (Fewest Returns)

7 1960, 1963, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1982, 2004

Most by Opponents, Season

56 1988
51 1996, 2000
49 1998

Fewest by Opponents, Season

7 1982[†]
16 1968
17 1960, 1972

Most Yards by Opponents, Season

722 2000
612 1996
601 1976

Most Yards by Opponent, Game

160 Sept. 13, 2010 at Kansas City
150 Dec. 27, 1987 at Denver
145 Dec. 6, 2020 vs. New England

KICKOFF RETURNS ALLOWED

Most Seasons Leading League (Fewest Returns)

1 1975

Most by Opponent, Season

90 2006
88 1981
87 2009

Fewest by Opponent, Season

15 2022
21 2016
32 2015

Most by Opponent, Game

10 (4x) Last: Dec. 16, 2007 vs. Detroit
9 (7x) Last: Nov. 28, 2010 at Indianapolis
8 (25x) Last: Nov. 24, 2013 at Kansas City

CAREER TOP-10

RUSHING YARDS

1. LaDainian Tomlinson, 2001-09	12,490
2. Paul Lowe, 1960-68	4,972
3. Marion Butts, 1989-93	4,297
4. Melvin Gordon, 2015-19	4,240
5. Ryan Mathews, 2010-14	4,061
6. Natrone Means, 1993-95, 98-99	3,885
7. Austin Ekeler, 2017-23	3,844
8. Chuck Muncie, 1980-84	3,309
9. Don Woods, 1974-80	2,858
10. Keith Lincoln, 1961-66, 68	2,698

RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS

1. LaDainian Tomlinson, 2001-09	138
2. Chuck Muncie, 1980-84	43
3. Paul Lowe, 1960-68	38
4. Melvin Gordon, 2015-19	36
5. Austin Ekeler, 2017-23	35
6. Natrone Means, 1993-95, 98-99	34
7. Marion Butts, 1989-93	31
8. Ryan Mathews, 2010-14	23
9. Mike Tolbert, 2008-11	20
10. Tim Spencer, 1985-90	19

RUSHING ATTEMPTS

1. LaDainian Tomlinson, 2001-09	2,880
2. Melvin Gordon, 2015-19	1,059
3. Marion Butts, 1989-93	1,031
4. Paul Lowe, 1960-68	1,015
5. Natrone Means, 1993-95, 98-99	1,013
6. Ryan Mathews, 2010-14	923
7. Austin Ekeler, 2017-23	827
8. Chuck Muncie, 1980-84	773
9. Don Woods, 1974-80	713
10. Keith Lincoln, 1961-66, 68	573

TOTAL YARDS FROM SCRIMMAGE

1. LaDainian Tomlinson, 2001-09	16,445
2. Antonio Gates, 2003-18	11,841
3. Lance Alworth, 1962-70	9,721
4. Keenan Allen, 2013-23	9,587
5. Charlie Joiner, 1976-86	9,191
6. Gary Garrison, 1966-76	7,562
7. Austin Ekeler, 2017-23	7,339
8. Kellen Winslow, 1979-87	6,741
9. Wes Chandler, 1981-87	6,197
10. Melvin Gordon, 2015-19	6,113

PASSING YARDS

1. Philip Rivers, 2004-19	59,271
2. Dan Fouts, 1973-87	43,040
3. John Hadl, 1962-72	26,938
4. Stan Humphries, 1992-97	16,085
5. Justin Herbert, 2020-23	14,623
6. Drew Brees, 2001-05	12,348
7. Jack Kemp, 1960-62	5,996
8. Doug Flutie, 2001-04	4,901
9. John Friesz, 1990-93	4,396
10. Jim Harbaugh, 1999-2000	4,177

TOUCHDOWN PASSES

1. Philip Rivers, 2004-19	397
2. Dan Fouts, 1973-87	254
3. John Hadl, 1962-72	201
4. Justin Herbert, 2020-23	97
5. Stan Humphries, 1992-97	85
6. Drew Brees, 2001-05	80
7. Jack Kemp, 1960-62	37
8. Tobin Rote, 1963-64	29
9. Doug Flutie, 2001-04	25
10. Billy Joe Tolliver, 1989-90	21

PASS ATTEMPTS

1. Philip Rivers, 2004-19	7,591
2. Dan Fouts, 1973-87	5,604
3. John Hadl, 1962-72	3,640
4. Stan Humphries, 1992-97	2,350
5. Justin Herbert, 2020-23	2,040
6. Drew Brees, 2001-05	1,809
7. Jack Kemp, 1960-62	815
8. John Friesz, 1990-93	747
9. Doug Flutie, 2001-04	737
10. Jim Harbaugh, 1999-2000	636

PASS COMPLETIONS

1. Philip Rivers, 2004-19	4,908
2. Dan Fouts, 1973-87	3,297
3. John Hadl, 1962-72	1,824
4. Justin Herbert, 2020-23	1,366
5. Stan Humphries, 1992-97	1,335
6. Drew Brees, 2001-05	1,125
7. Doug Flutie, 2001-04	408
8. John Friesz, 1990-93	401
9. Jack Kemp, 1960-62	389
10. Jim Harbaugh, 1999-2000	372

PASSES INTERCEPTED

1. Dan Fouts, 1973-87	242
2. John Hadl, 1962-72	211
3. Philip Rivers, 2004-19	198
4. Stan Humphries, 1992-97	73
5. Drew Brees, 2001-05	53
6. Jack Kemp, 1960-62	49
7. Justin Herbert, 2020-23	35
8. Ryan Leaf, 1998-2000	33
9. Tobin Rote, 1963-64	32
10. Craig Whelihan, 1995-98	29

RECEIVING YARDS

1. Antonio Gates, 2003-18	11,841
2. Lance Alworth, 1962-70	9,584
3. Keenan Allen, 2013-23	9,474
4. Charlie Joiner, 1976-86	9,203
5. Gary Garrison, 1966-76	7,533
6. Kellen Winslow, 1979-87	6,741
7. Wes Chandler, 1981-87	6,132
8. Anthony Miller, 1988-93	5,582
9. Malcom Floyd, 2004-15	5,550
10. Vincent Jackson, 2005-11	4,754

RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS

1. Antonio Gates, 2003-18	116
2. Lance Alworth, 1962-70	81
3. Gary Garrison, 1966-76	58
4. Keenan Allen, 2013-23	54
5. Charlie Joiner, 1976-86	47
6. Kellen Winslow, 1979-87	45
7. Wes Chandler, 1981-87	41
8. Vincent Jackson, 2005-11	37
9. Anthony Miller, 1988-93	37
10. John Jefferson, 1978-80	36

RECEPTIONS

1. Antonio Gates, 2003-18	955
2. Keenan Allen, 2013-23	810
3. Charlie Joiner, 1976-86	586
4. Kellen Winslow, 1979-87	541
5. LaDainian Tomlinson, 2001-09	530
6. Lance Alworth, 1962-70	493
7. Gary Garrison, 1966-76	404
8. Austin Ekeler, 2017-23	393
9. Ronnie Harmon, 1990-95	377
10. Anthony Miller, 1988-93	374

QUARTERBACK SACKS

1. Leslie O'Neal, 1986, 1988-95	105.5
2. Shaun Phillips, 2004-12	69.5
3. Gary Johnson, 1975-84	67.0
4. Lee Williams, 1984-90	65.5
5. Joey Bosa, 2016-23	62.5
6. Fred Dean, 1975-81	53.5
7. Melvin Ingram, 2012-20	49.0
8. Junior Seau, 1990-2002	47.0
9. Raylee Johnson, 1993-2003	46.0
10. Shawne Merriman, 2005-09	43.5
Leroy Jones, 1976-83	43.5

INTERCEPTIONS

1. Gill Byrd, 1983-92	42
2. Dick Harris, 1960-65	29
3. Rodney Harrison, 1994-2002	26
4. Kenny Graham, 1964-69	25
5. Mike Williams, 1975-82	24
6. Joe Beachamp, 1966-75	23
7. Quentin Jammer, 2002-12	21
Woodrowe Lowe, 1976-86	21
Bob Howard, 1967-74	21
Leslie "Speedy" Duncan, 1964-70	21

INTERCEPTION RETURN YARDS

1. Gill Byrd, 1983-92	546
2. Charlie McNeil, 1960-64	502
3. Kenny Graham, 1964-69	477
4. Joe Beachamp, 1966-75	433
5. Dick Harris, 1960-65	413
6. Rodney Harrison, 1994-2002	345
7. Woodrowe Lowe, 1976-86	343
8. Darren Carrington, 1991-94	337
9. Leslie "Speedy" Duncan, 1964-70	322
10. Glen Edwards, 1978-81	309

INTERCEPTION TOUCHDOWNS

1. Kenny Graham, 1964-69	5
Dick Harris, 1960-65	5
Woodrowe Lowe, 1976-86	4
Eric Weddle, 2007-13	3
Joe Beachamp, 1966-75	3
6. Desmond King, 2017-20	2
Shaun Phillips, 2004-12	2
Demorrio Williams, 2012	2
Antonio Cromartie, 2006-09	2
Clinton Hart, 2004-09	2
Donnie Edwards, 2002-06	2
Rodney Harrison, 1994-2002	2
Stanley Richard, 1991-94	2
Donald Frank, 1990-93	2
Gill Byrd, 1983-92	2
Gary Johnson, 1975-84	2
Leslie "Speedy" Duncan, 1964-70	2
Earl Faison, 1961-66	2
Charlie McNeil, 1960-64	2
Bob Laraba, 1960-61	2

TOUCHDOWNS SCORED

1. LaDainian Tomlinson, 2001-09	153
2. Antonio Gates, 2003-18	116
3. Lance Alworth, 1962-70	83
4. Austin Ekeler, 2017-23	64
5. Gary Garrison, 1966-76	58
6. Keenan Allen, 2013-23	55
7. Melvin Gordon, 2015-19	47
Charlie Joiner, 1976-86	47
9. Paul Lowe, 1960-68	46
10. Kellen Winslow, 1979-87	45
Chuck Muncie, 1980-84	45

POINTS SCORED

1. John Carney, 1990-2000.....	1,076
2. LaDainian Tomlinson, 2001-09	918
3. Nate Kaeding, 2004-12.....	889
4. Rolf Benirschke, 1977-86.....	766
5. Antonio Gates, 2003-18.....	700
6. Nick Novak, 2011-14, 17.....	503
7. Lance Alworth, 1962-70.....	500
8. Austin Ekeler, 2017-23	388
9. Dennis Partee, 1968-75.....	380
10. Gary Garrison, 1966-76.....	348

FIELD GOALS

1. John Carney, 1990-2000.....	261
2. Nate Kaeding, 2004-12.....	180
3. Rolf Benirschke, 1977-86.....	146
4. Nick Novak, 2011-14, 17.....	110
5. Dennis Partee, 1968-75.....	71
6. Michael Badgley, 2018-20.....	52
Josh Lambo, 2015-16.....	52
8. George Blair, 1961-64.....	50
9. Steve Christie, 2001-03.....	42
10. Ray Wersching, 1973-76.....	32

FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS

1. John Carney, 1990-2000.....	320
2. Rolf Benirschke, 1977-86.....	208
3. Nate Kaeding, 2004-12.....	207
4. Nick Novak, 2011-14, 17.....	130
5. Dennis Partee, 1968-75.....	121
6. George Blair, 1961-64.....	80
7. Ray Wersching, 1973-76.....	68
8. Michael Badgley, 2018-20.....	65
9. Josh Lambo, 2015-16.....	64
10. Dick Van Raaphorst, 1966-67.....	61

KICKOFF RETURN YARDS

1. Darren Sproles, 2005-10.....	6,469
2. Ronney Jenkins, 2000-02.....	3,997
3. Andre Coleman, 1994-96.....	3,914
4. Leslie "Speedy" Duncan, 1964-70.....	3,386
5. James Brooks, 1981-83.....	2,305
6. Kenny Bynum, 1997-2000.....	2,182
7. Lionel James, 1984-88.....	2,094
8. Nate Lewis, 1990-93.....	2,047
9. Artie Owens, 1976-79.....	1,998
10. Tim Dwight, 2001-04.....	1,876

KICKOFF RETURN TOUCHDOWNS

1. Andre Coleman, 1994-96.....	4
2. Ronney Jenkins, 2000-02.....	3
3. Darren Sproles, 2005-10.....	2
Anthony Miller, 1988-93.....	2
5. Andre Roberts, 2021.....	1
Micheal Spurlock, 2012.....	1
Tim Dwight, 2001-04.....	1
Richard Goodman, 2010-11.....	1
Rodney Harrison, 1994-2002.....	1
Nate Lewis, 1990-93.....	1
Jamie Holland, 1987-89.....	1
Gary Anderson, 1985-88.....	1
Keith Lincoln, 1960-66.....	1

KICKOFF RETURNS

1. Darren Sproles, 2005-10.....	258
2. Andre Coleman, 1994-96.....	166
3. Ronney Jenkins, 2000-02.....	165
4. Leslie "Speedy" Duncan, 1964-70.....	134
5. Kenny Bynum, 1997-2000.....	107
6. James Brooks, 1981-83.....	105
7. Lionel James, 1984-88.....	99
8. Nate Lewis, 1990-93.....	92
9. Artie Owens, 1976-79.....	88
10. Tim Dwight, 2001-04.....	80

PUNT RETURN YARDS

1. Mike Fuller, 1975-80.....	2,388
2. Leslie "Speedy" Duncan, 1964-70.....	1,651
3. Darrien Gordon, 1993-94, 96.....	1,407
4. Lionel James, 1984-88.....	1,193
5. Darren Sproles, 2005-10.....	935
6. Eric Parker, 2002-06.....	881
7. James Brooks, 1981-83.....	565
8. Tim Dwight, 2001-04.....	508
9. Eric Metcalf, 1997.....	489
10. Desmond King, 2017-20.....	438

PUNT RETURN TOUCHDOWNS

1. Leslie "Speedy" Duncan, 1964-70.....	4
2. Eric Metcalf, 1997.....	3
Darrien Gordon, 1993-94, 96.....	3
4. Desmond King, 2017-20.....	2
Darren Sproles, 2005-10.....	2
Lionel James, 1984-88.....	2
Mike Fuller, 1975-80.....	2
Ron Smith, 1973.....	2
9. Travis Benjamin, 2017-19.....	1
Micheal Spurlock, 2012.....	1
Tim Dwight, 2001-04.....	1
Andre Coleman, 1994-96.....	1
Nate Lewis, 1990-93.....	1
Kitrick Taylor, 1990-91.....	1
Keith Lincoln, 1961-68.....	1

PUNT RETURNS

1. Mike Fuller, 1975-80.....	212
2. Leslie "Speedy" Duncan, 1964-70.....	138
3. Lionel James, 1984-88.....	124
4. Darren Sproles, 2005-10.....	114
5. Eric Parker, 2002-06.....	105
6. Darrien Gordon, 1993-94, 96.....	103
7. James Brooks, 1981-83.....	52
8. Tim Dwight, 2001-04.....	46
9. Desmond King, 2017-20.....	45
Eric Metcalf, 1997.....	45

SEASONS

1. David Binn, 1994-2010.....	17
2. Philip Rivers, 2004-16.....	16
Antonio Gates, 2003-18.....	16
3. Dan Fouts, 1973-87.....	15
Russ Washington, 1968-82.....	15
6. Doug Wilkerson, 1971-84.....	14
Don Macek, 1976-89.....	14
8. Mike Scifres, 2003-15.....	13
Junior Seau, 1990-2002.....	13
10. Jamal Williams, 1998-2009.....	12

GAMES PLAYED

1. David Binn, 1994-2010.....	256
2. Antonio Gates, 2003-18.....	236
3. Philip Rivers, 2004-19.....	228
4. Junior Seau, 1990-2002.....	200
Russ Washington, 1968-82.....	200
6. Mike Scifres, 2003-15.....	195
Doug Wilkerson, 1971-84.....	195
8. Dan Fouts, 1973-87.....	181
9. Quentin Jammer, 2002-12.....	172
10. Charlie Joiner, 1976-86.....	164
Woodrow Lowe, 1976-86.....	164

SINGLE-SEASON TOP-10

RUSHING YARDS

1. LaDainian Tomlinson, 2006	1,815
2. LaDainian Tomlinson, 2002	1,683
3. LaDainian Tomlinson, 2003	1,645
4. LaDainian Tomlinson, 2007	1,474
5. LaDainian Tomlinson, 2005	1,462
6. Natrone Means, 1994	1,350
7. LaDainian Tomlinson, 2004	1,335
8. Ryan Mathews, 2013	1,255
9. LaDainian Tomlinson, 2001	1,236
10. Marion Butts, 1990	1,225

RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS

1. LaDainian Tomlinson, 2006	28
2. Chuck Muncie, 1981	19
3. LaDainian Tomlinson, 2005	18
4. LaDainian Tomlinson, 2004	17
5. LaDainian Tomlinson, 2007	15
6. LaDainian Tomlinson, 2002	14
7. Austin Ekeler, 2022	13
LaDainian Tomlinson, 2003	13
8. Austin Ekeler, 2021	12
LaDainian Tomlinson, 2009	12
Natrone Means, 1994	12
Chuck Muncie, 1983	12
Clarence Williams, 1979	12

RUSHING ATTEMPTS

1. LaDainian Tomlinson, 2002	372
2. LaDainian Tomlinson, 2006	348
3. Natrone Means, 1994	343
4. LaDainian Tomlinson, 2005	339
LaDainian Tomlinson, 2004	339
LaDainian Tomlinson, 2001	339
7. LaDainian Tomlinson, 2007	315
8. LaDainian Tomlinson, 2003	313
9. Earnest Jackson, 1984	296
10. LaDainian Tomlinson, 2008	292

TOTAL YARDS FROM SCRIMMAGE

1. LaDainian Tomlinson, 2003	2,370
2. LaDainian Tomlinson, 2006	2,323
3. LaDainian Tomlinson, 2002	2,172
4. LaDainian Tomlinson, 2007	1,949
5. LaDainian Tomlinson, 2005	1,832
6. LaDainian Tomlinson, 2004	1,776
7. Austin Ekeler, 2022	1,637
8. LaDainian Tomlinson, 2001	1,603
9. Lance Alworth, 1965	1,590
10. Natrone Means, 1994	1,585

PASSING YARDS

1. Justin Herbert, 2021	5,014
2. Dan Fouts, 1981	4,802
3. Philip Rivers, 2015	4,792
4. Justin Herbert, 2022	4,739
5. Dan Fouts, 1980	4,715
6. Philip Rivers, 2010	4,710
7. Philip Rivers, 2011	4,624
8. Philip Rivers, 2019	4,615
9. Philip Rivers, 2017	4,515
10. Philip Rivers, 2013	4,478

TOUCHDOWN PASSES

1. Justin Herbert, 2021	38
2. Philip Rivers, 2008	34
Philip Rivers, 2016	33
Dan Fouts, 1981	33
5. Philip Rivers, 2018	32
Philip Rivers, 2013	32
7. Justin Herbert, 2020	31
Philip Rivers, 2014	31
9. Philip Rivers, 2010	30
Dan Fouts, 1980	30

PASS ATTEMPTS

1. Justin Herbert, 2022	699
2. Justin Herbert, 2021	672
3. Philip Rivers, 2015	661
4. Dan Fouts, 1981	609
5. Justin Herbert, 2020	595
6. Philip Rivers, 2019	591
7. Dan Fouts, 1980	589
8. Philip Rivers, 2011	582
9. Philip Rivers, 2016	578
10. Philip Rivers, 2017	575

PASS COMPLETIONS

1. Justin Herbert, 2022	477
2. Justin Herbert, 2021	443
3. Philip Rivers, 2015	437
4. Justin Herbert, 2020	396
5. Philip Rivers, 2019	390
6. Philip Rivers, 2014	379
7. Philip Rivers, 2013	378
8. Philip Rivers, 2011	366
9. Dan Fouts, 1981	360
Philip Rivers, 2017	360

PASSES INTERCEPTED

1. John Hadl, 1968	32
2. John Hadl, 1972	26
3. John Hadl, 1971	25
Jack Kemp, 1960	25
5. Dan Fouts, 1980	24
Dan Fouts, 1979	24
John Hadl, 1962	24
8. Dan Fouts, 1986	22
John Hadl, 1967	22
Jack Kemp, 1961	22

RECEIVING YARDS

1. Lance Alworth, 1965	1,602
2. Keenan Allen, 2017	1,393
3. Lance Alworth, 1966	1,383
4. John Jefferson, 1980	1,340
5. Lance Alworth, 1968	1,312
6. Kellen Winslow, 1980	1,290
7. Anthony Miller, 1989	1,252
8. Lance Alworth, 1964	1,235
9. Tony Martin, 1995	1,224
10. Lance Alworth, 1963	1,205

RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS

1. Tony Martin, 1996	14
Lance Alworth, 1965	14
3. Antonio Gates, 2004	13
John Jefferson, 1980	13
John Jefferson, 1978	13
Lance Alworth, 1966	13
Lance Alworth, 1964	13
8. Antonio Gates, 2014	12
Gary Garrison, 1970	12
10. Lance Alworth, 1963	11

RECEPTIONS

1. Austin Ekeler, 2022	107
2. Keenan Allen, 2021	106
3. Keenan Allen, 2019	104
4. Keenan Allen, 2017	102
5. Keenan Allen, 2020	100
LaDainian Tomlinson, 2003	100
7. Keenan Allen, 2018	97
8. Austin Ekeler, 2019	92
9. Tony Martin, 1995	90
10. Antonio Gates, 2005	89
Kellen Winslow, 1980	89

QUARTERBACK SACKS (since 1982)

1. Shawne Merriman, 2006	17.0
Leslie O'Neal, 1992	17.0
3. Lee Williams, 1986	15.0
4. Lee Williams, 1989	14.0
5. Leslie O'Neal, 1990	13.5
6. Marcellus Wiley, 2001	13.0
7. Joey Bosa, 2017	12.5
Shawne Merriman, 2007	12.5
Leslie O'Neal, 1995	12.5
Leslie O'Neal, 1994	12.5
Leslie O'Neal, 1989	12.5
Leslie O'Neal, 1986	12.5

INTERCEPTIONS

1. Antonio Cromartie, 2007	10
2. Charlie McNeil, 1961	9
3. Ryan McNeil, 2001	8
Dick Harris, 1963	8
Claude Gibson, 1962	8
Bob Zeman, 1961	8
7. Casey Hayward, 2016	7
Eric Weddle, 2011	7
Darren Carrington, 1993	7
Gill Byrd, 1990	7
Gill Byrd, 1989	7
Gill Byrd, 1988	7
Danny Walters, 1983	7
Bryant Salter, 1972	7
Jim Hill, 1969	7
Leslie "Speedy" Duncan, 1966	7
Bud Whitehead, 1965	7
Dick Harris, 1961	7

INTERCEPTION RETURN YARDS

1. Charlie McNeil, 1961	349
2. Stanley Richard, 1994	224
3. Vencie Glenn, 1987	166
4. Gill Byrd, 1984	157
5. Jeff Dale, 1986	153
6. Darren Carrington, 1992	152
7. Bob Laraba, 1961	151
8. Woodrow Lowe, 1979	150
9. Antonio Cromartie, 2007	144
10. Dick Harris, 1961	140

INTERCEPTION TOUCHDOWNS

1. Dick Harris, 1961	3
2. Demorrio Williams, 2012	2
Clinton Hart, 2005	2
Stanley Richard, 1994	2
Gill Byrd, 1984	2
Woodrow Lowe, 1979	2
Kenny Graham, 1969	2
Joe Beauchamp, 1968	2
Bob Laraba, 1961	2
Charlie McNeil, 1961	2

TOUCHDOWNS SCORED

1. LaDainian Tomlinson, 2006	31
2. Austin Ekeler, 2021	20
LaDainian Tomlinson, 2005	20
4. Chuck Muncie, 1981	19
5. Austin Ekeler, 2022	18
LaDainian Tomlinson, 2007	18
LaDainian Tomlinson, 2004	18
8. LaDainian Tomlinson, 2003	17
9. LaDainian Tomlinson, 2002	15
Lance Alworth, 1964	15

POINTS SCORED

1. LaDainian Tomlinson, 2006	186
2. Nate Kaeding, 2009	146
3. Nick Novak, 2013	144
4. Nate Kaeding, 2006	136
5. John Carney, 1994	135
6. Nate Kaeding, 2008	127
7. Austin Ekeler, 2021	124
John Carney, 1993	124
9. Nick Novak, 2011	122
10. Josh Lambo, 2016	120
LaDainian Tomlinson, 2005	120

FIELD GOALS

1. Nick Novak, 2013	34
John Carney, 1994	34
3. Nate Kaeding, 2009	32
4. John Carney, 1999	31
John Carney, 1993	31
6. John Carney, 1996	29
7. Nick Novak, 2011	27
Nate Kaeding, 2008	27
9. Josh Lambo, 2016	26
Josh Lambo, 2015	26
Nate Kaeding, 2006	26
John Carney, 1998	26
John Carney, 1992	26

FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS

1. John Carney, 1993	40
2. John Carney, 1994	38
3. Nick Novak, 2013	37
4. John Carney, 1999	36
John Carney, 1996	36
Rolf Benirschke, 1980	36
7. Nate Kaeding, 2009	35
8. Nick Novak, 2011	34
9. Michael Badgley, 2020	33
10. Josh Lambo, 2016	32
Josh Lambo, 2015	32
Nate Kaeding, 2008	32
Wade Richey, 2001	32
John Carney, 1992	32
Dennis Partee, 1968	32

KICKOFF RETURN YARDS

1. Ronney Jenkins, 2001	1,541
2. Ronney Jenkins, 2000	1,531
3. Darren Sproles, 2005	1,528
4. Andre Coleman, 1995	1,411
5. Darren Sproles, 2008	1,376
6. Darren Sproles, 2009	1,300
7. Andre Coleman, 1994	1,293
8. Darren Sproles, 2010	1,257
9. Tim Dwight, 2004	1,222
10. Andre Coleman, 1996	1,210

KICKOFF RETURN TOUCHDOWNS

1. Ronney Jenkins, 2001	2
Andre Coleman, 1995	2
Andre Coleman, 1994	2
4. Andre Roberts, 2021	1
Micheal Spurlock, 2012	1
Richard Goodman, 2011	1
Darren Sproles, 2008	1
Darren Sproles, 2007	1
Tim Dwight, 2004	1
Ronney Jenkins, 2000	1
Rodney Harrison, 1997	1
Nate Lewis, 1991	1
Anthony Miller, 1989	1
Jamie Holland, 1988	1
Anthony Miller, 1988	1
Gary Anderson, 1985	1
Keith Lincoln, 1962	1

KICKOFF RETURNS

1. Ronney Jenkins, 2000	67
2. Darren Sproles, 2005	63
3. Andre Coleman, 1995	62
4. Ronney Jenkins, 2001	58
5. Andre Coleman, 1996	55
6. Darren Sproles, 2009	54
7. Darren Sproles, 2008	53
8. Darren Sproles, 2010	51
9. Tim Dwight, 2004	50
Leon Johnson, 2003	50

PUNT RETURN YARDS

1. Darrien Gordon, 1996	537
2. Eric Metcalf, 1997	489
3. Darrien Gordon, 1994	475
4. Leslie "Speedy" Duncan, 1965	464
5. Mike Fuller, 1979	448
6. Mike Fuller, 1978	436
Mike Fuller, 1976	436
8. Leslie "Speedy" Duncan, 1967	434
9. Mike Fuller, 1975	410
10. Lionel James, 1987	400

PUNT RETURN TOUCHDOWNS

1. Eric Metcalf, 1997	3
2. Darrien Gordon, 1994	2
Ron Smith, 1973	2
Leslie "Speedy" Duncan, 1965	2
5. Desmond King, 2019	1
Desmond King, 2018	1
Travis Benjamin, 2017	1
Micheal Spurlock, 2012	1
Darren Sproles, 2009	1
Darren Sproles, 2007	1
Tim Dwight, 2001	1
Darrien Gordon, 1996	1
Andre Coleman, 1995	1
Nate Lewis, 1990	1
Kitrick Taylor, 1990	1
Lionel James, 1987	1
Lionel James, 1984	1
Mike Fuller, 1977	1
Mike Fuller, 1975	1
Leslie "Speedy" Duncan, 1968	1
Leslie "Speedy" Duncan, 1966	1
Keith Lincoln, 1961	1

PUNT RETURNS

1. Mike Fuller, 1979	46
2. Eric Metcalf, 1997	45
3. Mike Fuller, 1978	39
4. Eric Parker, 2006	37
5. Darrien Gordon, 1996	36
Darrien Gordon, 1994	36
Mike Fuller, 1975	36
Leslie "Speedy" Duncan, 1967	36
9. Mike Fuller, 1976	33
10. Latario Rachal, 1998	32
Lionel James, 1987	32

CHARGERS AND OPPONENT 10 LONGEST

RUNS FROM SCRIMMAGE

CHARGERS

87t	Melvin Gordon, Oct. 29, 2017 at New England
	Paul Lowe, Sept. 10, 1961 at Dallas Texans
86t	Keith Lincoln, Sept. 30, 1962 at Oakland
85t	LaDainian Tomlinson, Dec. 17, 2006 vs. K.C.
83t	Michael Turner, Dec. 18, 2005 at Indianapolis
80t	Brad Hubbert, Dec. 24, 1967 vs. N.Y. Jets
76t	Keith Lincoln, Oct. 20, 1963 at Kansas City
76	LaDainian Tomlinson, Dec. 1, 2002 vs. Den.
75	Justin Jackson, Oct. 31, 2021 vs. New England
74t	Michael Turner, Oct. 7, 2007 at Denver

OPPONENT

90t	Colin Kaepernick, Dec. 20, 2014 at S.F.
89t	Kenny King, Oct. 12, 1980 at Oakland
84t	Damien Williams, Dec. 29, 2019 at K.C.
81	Billy Sims, Sept. 30, 1984 vs. Detroit
77	Napoleon Kaufman, Sept. 22, 1996 at Oak.
75t	Dameon Pierce, Oct. 2, 2022 at Houston
74t	Kenneth Walker III, Oct. 23, 2022 vs. Seattle
	Jack Spikes, Sept. 10, 1961 at Dallas Texans
71t	Corey Dillon, Nov. 2, 1997 at Cincinnati
69t	Kareem Hunt, Sept. 24, 2017 vs. K.C.
	Herman Heard, Oct. 14, 1984 at K.C.

PASS COMPLETIONS

CHARGERS

99t	S.Humphries to T.Martin, Sept. 18, 1994 at Sea.
91t	J.Kemp to K.Lincoln, Nov. 12, 1961 at Denver
88t	E.Luther to B.Duckworth, Dec. 3, 1984 vs. Chi.
85t	J.Hadl to L.Alworth, Oct. 17, 1965 at Boston
	T.Rote to L.Alworth, Oct. 6, 1963 at Denver
84t	P.Rivers to A.Ekeler, Dec. 8, 2019 at Jax.
	J.Hadl to G.Garrison, Oct. 5, 1968 at N.Y. Jets
83t	R.Leaf to J.Graham, Nov. 19, 2000 at Denver
82t	T.Rote to L.Alworth, Dec. 6, 1964 vs. N.Y. Jets
81t	P.Rivers to D.Sproles, Sept. 20, 2009 vs. Bal.
	D.Fouts to C.Joiner, Oct. 17, 1976 vs. Hou. Oilers

OPPONENT

99t	T.Green to M.Boerigter, Dec. 22, 2002 at K.C.
98t	J.Lee to W.Dewveall, Nov. 25, 1962 at Hou. Oilers
96t	J.Montana to J.Rice, Nov. 27, 1988 vs. S.F.
93t	C.Morton to S.Watson, Sept. 27, 1981 at Denver
90t	S.DeBerg to J.Birden, Nov. 18, 1990 at K.C.
	C.Davidson to D.Dorsey, Dec. 2, 1962 vs. Oak.
89t	N.O'Donnell to D.Stone, Sept. 1, 1991 at Pit.
87t	D.Carr to A.Cooper, Dec. 31, 2017 vs. Oak.
	J.Namath to D.Maynard, Nov. 24, 1968 vs. N.Y. Jets
	F.Tripucka to A.Frazier, Nov. 12, 1961 at Den.

FIELD GOALS

CHARGERS

59	Michael Badgley, Dec. 9, 2018 vs. Cincinnati
57	Nate Kaeding, Dec. 21, 2008 at Tampa Bay
55	Nate Kaeding, Nov. 29, 2009 vs. Kansas City
54	Josh Lambo, Oct. 12, 2015 vs. Pittsburgh
	Nate Kaeding, Oct. 1, 2006 at Baltimore
	John Carney, Sept. 17, 2000 at Kansas City
	John Carney, Sept. 6, 1998 vs. Buffalo
	John Carney, Nov. 10, 1991 vs. Seattle
53	Michael Badgley, Oct. 4, 2020 at Tampa Bay
	Nick Novak, Nov. 27, 2011 vs. Denver
	Nate Kaeding, Oct. 17, 2004 at Atlanta
	Steve Christie, Dec. 15, 2002 at Buffalo
	John Carney, Sept. 1, 1996 vs. Seattle
	John Carney, Nov. 24, 1991 at N.Y. Jets
	Chris Bahr, Dec. 24, 1989 vs. Denver
	Rolf Benirschke, Sept. 21, 1980 at Denver

OPPONENT

61	Brandon McManus, Jan. 2, 2022 vs. Denver
58	Harrison Butker, Sept. 20, 2020 vs. K.C. (OT)
	Harrison Butker, Sept. 20, 2020 vs. K.C. (OT)
	Dan Miller, Dec. 26, 1982 vs. Baltimore Colts
56	Greg Zuerlein, Sept. 19, 2021 vs. Dallas
	Justin Tucker, Dec. 22, 2018 vs. Baltimore
	Sebastian Janikowski, Oct. 9, 2016 at Oak.
55	Jason Sanders, Dec. 11, 2022 vs. Miami
	Daniel Carlson, Dec. 4, 2022 at Las Vegas
	Daniel Carlson, Sept. 11, 2022 vs. Las Vegas
	Jason Elam, Nov. 7, 1999 vs. Denver
	Gary Anderson, Nov. 25, 1984 at Pittsburgh
	George Blanda, Dec. 3, 1961 vs. Houston Oilers

PUNTS

CHARGERS

82	Paul Maguire, Nov. 19, 1961 vs. Dallas Texans
73	Dennis Pardee, Oct. 17, 1971 at Denver
72	Mike Scifres, Sept. 21, 2014 at Buffalo
71	Mike Scifres, Nov. 10, 2011 vs. Oakland
	Mike Scifres, Oct. 1, 2006 at Baltimore
	Mike Scifres, Dec. 4, 2005 vs. Oakland
	Maury Buford, Sept. 12, 1982 at Denver
	John Hadl, Nov. 8, 1964 at Denver
70	Mike Scifres, Nov. 25, 2007 vs. Baltimore
69	Ty Long, Oct. 17, 2021 at Baltimore
	Drew Kaser, Oct. 22, 2017 vs. Denver
	Drew Kaser, Dec. 18, 2016 vs. Oakland

OPPONENT

81	Dustin Colquitt, Dec. 2, 2007 at Kansas City
79	Drew Butler, Dec. 9, 2012 at Pittsburgh
77	Greg Montgomery, Sept. 19, 1993 vs. Hou. Oilers
75	Kevin Huber, Dec. 1, 2013 vs. Cincinnati
74	Tommy Townsend, Sept. 15, 2022 at Kansas City
	Bob Grupp, Nov. 4, 1979 at Kansas City
73	Shane Lechler, Sept. 28, 2003 vs. Oakland
72	Ryan Plackemeier, Dec. 24, 2006 at Seattle
	Chris Gardocki, Oct. 26, 1997 vs. Indianapolis
	Bob Scarpitto, Oct. 22, 1967 at Denver
	Jerrel Wilson, Sept. 29, 1963 vs. Kansas City

INTERCEPTION RETURNS

CHARGERS

103t	Vencie Glenn, Nov. 29, 1987 vs. Denver
102t	Donald Frank, Oct. 31, 1993 at L.A. Raiders
100t	Leslie "Speedy" Duncan, Oct. 15, 1967 vs. K.C.
99t	Shaun Gayle, Dec. 23, 1995 at N.Y. Giants
	Stanley Richard, Sept. 4, 1994 at Denver
	Gill Byrd, Oct. 4, 1984 at Kansas City
90t	Desmond King, Nov. 23, 2017 at Dallas
	Shahleel Addae, Jan. 1, 2017 vs. Kansas City
86	Trevor Williams, Sept. 30, 2018 vs. S.F.
83t	Willie Clark, Sept. 22, 1996 at Oakland

OPPONENT

102t	Louis Breeden, Nov. 8, 1981 vs. Cincinnati
99t	Jaylen Watson, Sept. 15, 2022 at Kansas City
	Janoris Jenkins, Nov. 23, 2014 vs. St. Louis
	Kevin Ross, Sept. 6, 1992 vs. Kansas City
96t	Ray Griffin, Nov. 11, 1979 at Cincinnati
	Bashaud Breeland, Dec. 10, 2017 vs. Was.
91t	Chad Greenway, Sept. 27, 2015 at Minnesota
	Fred Williamson, Sept. 30, 1962 at Oakland
90t	Leroy Butler, Sept. 15, 1996 at Green Bay
	Deion Sanders, Dec. 11, 1994 vs. S.F.
87t	Mark McMillian, Dec. 14, 1997 vs. K.C.

KICKOFF RETURNS

CHARGERS

105t	Richard Goodman, Jan. 1, 2012 at Oakland
103t	Darren Sproles, Sept. 14, 2008 at Denver
	Keith Lincoln, Sept. 16, 1962 vs. Titans of N.Y.
101t	Andre Roberts, Jan. 2, 2022 vs. Denver
99t	Micheal Spurlock, Dec. 30, 2012 vs. Oakland
98t	Gary Anderson, Nov. 17, 1985 at Denver
95t	Nate Lewis, Nov. 17, 1991 vs. New Orleans
94t	Jamie Holland, Dec. 18, 1988 vs. Kansas City
93t	Ronney Jenkins, Nov. 18, 2001 at Oakland
	Ronney Jenkins, Sept. 10, 2000 vs. N.O.
	Anthony Miller, Nov. 20, 1988 at L.A. Rams

OPPONENT

104t	Mecole Hardman, Dec. 29, 2019 at K.C.
	Ira Mathews, Oct. 25, 1979 at Oakland
103t	Percy Harvin, Sept. 11, 2011 vs. Minnesota
101t	Leon Washington, Sept. 26, 2010 at Seattle
	Brian Mitchell, Dec. 6, 1998 at Washington
99t	Leon Washington, Sept. 26, 2010 at Seattle
	Byron Hanspard, Dec. 7, 1997 vs. Atlanta
98t	Will Blackwell, Dec. 24, 2000 vs. Pittsburgh
97t	Cassius Vaughn, Jan. 2, 2011 at Denver
	Tim Brown, Sept. 4, 1988 at L.A. Raiders

PUNT RETURNS

CHARGERS

95t Leslie "Speedy" Duncan, Nov. 24, 1968 vs. NYJ
90t Darrien Gordon, Sept. 25, 1994 at L.A. Raiders
88t Andre Coleman, Sept. 17, 1995 at Philadelphia
Mike Fuller, Oct. 9, 1977 at New Orleans
85t Eric Metcalf, Nov. 2, 1997 at Cincinnati
84t Tim Dwight, Sept. 9, 2001 vs. Washington
Ron Smith, Nov. 18, 1973 vs. New Orleans
83t Eric Metcalf, Nov. 30, 1997 vs. Denver
82t Paul Lowe, Oct. 7, 1961 at Boston
81t Darrien Gordon, Sept. 29, 1996 vs. K.C.
Lionel James, Sept. 20, 1987 vs. St. Louis
Leslie "Speedy" Duncan, Sept. 4, 1966 vs. Buf.

OPPONENT

95t Tyreek Hill, Jan. 1, 2017 vs. Kansas City
94t Dexter McCluster, Sept. 13, 2010 at K.C.
92t Rick Upchurch, Oct. 3, 1976 at Denver
91t Tyreek Hill, Sept. 9, 2018 vs. Kansas City
86t Tamarick Vanover, Oct. 9, 1995 at Kansas City
82t George Atkinson, Oct. 13, 1968 at Oakland
82 Ray Buchanan, Nov. 3, 1996 at Indianapolis
81 Dennis Northcutt, Nov. 5, 2006 vs. Cleveland
80t Phillip Buchanon, Dec. 28, 2003 vs. Oakland
79t Lemar Parrish, Dec. 6, 1970 vs. Cincinnati

FUMBLE RETURNS

CHARGERS

86t Eric Weddle, Nov. 30, 2008 vs. Atlanta
82t Donnie Edwards, Nov. 10, 2002 at St. Louis
81t Vencie Glenn, Oct. 22, 1989 vs. N.Y. Giants
79t Marlon McCree, Oct. 29, 2006 vs. St. Louis
78t Paul Bradford, Nov. 23, 1997 at San Francisco
75t Keith Browner (25 yds.) lateral to
Sam Seale(50 yds.), Nov. 20, 1988
at L.A. Rams
61t Tevaughn Campbell, Dec. 5, 2021 at Cincinnati
Caraun Reid, Sept. 25, 2016 at Indianapolis
58t Rick Redman, Oct. 2, 1966 vs. Miami
53t Darrell Stuckey, Dec. 7, 2014 vs. New England
53 Henry Rolling, Oct. 6, 1991 at L.A. Raiders

OPPONENT

68 A.J. Duhe, Oct. 15, 1978 vs. Miami
65t Tony Carter, Oct. 15, 2012 vs. Denver
64t Tyvon Branch, Oct. 10, 2010 at Oakland
63t Joey Browner, Sept. 2, 1984 at Minnesota
63 Rob Ninkovich, Oct. 24, 2010 vs. N.E.
62 Carlton Gray, Oct. 27, 1996 at Seattle
59t George Atkinson, Nov. 25, 1973 at Oakland
57t Tyreek Hill, Dec. 11, 2022 vs. Miami
56t Ifeadi Odenigbo, Dec. 15, 2019 vs. Minnesota
55t Robert Lyles, Dec. 6, 1987 at Houston

BLOCKED PUNT RETURNS

CHARGERS

35t Bob Zeman, Oct. 7, 1961 at Boston
21t Derrie Nelson, Nov. 13, 1983 vs. Dallas
19 Pete Lazetich, Sept. 24, 1972 vs. Denver
5 Gene Selawski, Oct. 22, 1961 at Oakland
4 Wayne Davis, Nov. 17, 1985 at Denver
3 Steve Heiden, Dec. 17, 2000 at Carolina
0t Jacob Hester, Oct. 25, 2009 at Kansas City
Darryll Lewis, Sept. 26, 1999 vs. Indianapolis
0s Carlos Polk, Sept. 22, 2002 at Arizona
0 Corey Lynch, Sept. 10, 2012 at Oakland

OPPONENT

37t Frank Warren, Nov. 17, 1991 vs. New Orleans
29t Adam Hayward, Nov. 11, 2012 at Tampa Bay
16 Randy McClanahan, Sept. 18, 1977 at Oak.
15 Walt Landers, Sept. 24, 1978 vs. Green Bay
14 Glen Cadrez, Oct. 13, 2002 vs. Kansas City
9 Tyrone Braxton, Oct. 2, 1988 vs. Denver
5t Hiram Eugene, Oct. 10, 2010 at Oakland
2t Jerry Robinson, Nov. 20, 1986 vs. L.A. Raiders
0s Nick Schommer, Oct. 31, 2010 vs. Tennessee
Rock Cartwright, Oct. 10, 2010 at Oakland

BLOCKED FIELD GOAL RETURNS

CHARGERS

72t Leslie "Speedy" Duncan, Nov. 23, 1967 vs. Den.
35 Tom Day, Oct. 15, 1967 vs. Kansas City
28 Jim Tolbert, Nov. 15, 1971 vs. St. Louis
27 Kenny Graham, Nov. 15, 1964 at Kansas City
25 Jeff Staggs, Oct. 25, 1970 vs. Houston Oilers

OPPONENT

66 Tommy Casanova, Sept. 22, 1974 at Cin.
65t Matt Ware, Oct. 23, 2005 at Philadelphia
60 Louis Wright, Nov. 17, 1985 at Denver
54t Doug Evans, Dec. 17, 2000 at Carolina
44t Devin McCourty, Dec. 6, 2020 vs. N.E.
42t Ray McElroy, Oct. 26, 1997 vs. Indianapolis
28 John Barmlett, Nov. 27, 1966 vs. Denver
17 Charlie West, Dec. 5, 1971 vs. Minnesota
Mike Statton, Oct. 1, 1967 vs. Buffalo
16 Daniel Thomas, Oct. 25, 2020 vs. Jax.
Fletcher Smith, Oct. 15, 1967 vs. Kansas City

MISSED FIELD GOAL RETURNS

CHARGERS

109t Antonio Cromartie, Nov. 4, 2007 at Min.

INDIVIDUAL POSTSEASON RECORDS

*NFL Record

SCORING

Most Points, Career

- 42 Nate Kaeding, 2004-09
- 37 Rolf Benirschke, 1977-86
- 30 John Carney, 1990-2000

Most Points, Game

- 15 Michael Badgley, AFC Wild Card, Jan. 6, 2019, at Baltimore
- 12 (10x) Last: Cameron Dicker and Austin Ekeler, AFC Wild Card, Jan. 14, 2023 at Jax.
- 11 Rolf Benirschke, AFC Divisional, Jan. 2, 1982 at Miami

Most Touchdowns, Career

- 4 Darren Sproles, 2005-09
- LaDainian Tomlinson, 2001-09
- Kellen Winslow, 1979-87
- Charlie Joiner, 1976-86
- 3 (4x) Last: Keenan Allen, 2013-22
- 2 (8x) Last: Austin Ekeler, 2017-22

Most Touchdowns, Game

- 2 (8x) Last: Austin Ekeler, AFC Wild Card Jan. 14, 2023 at Jacksonville
- 1 (53x) Last: Gerald Everett, AFC Wild Card Jan. 14, 2023 at Jacksonville

Most Points After Touchdown, Career

- 18 Nate Kaeding, 2004-09
- 16 Rolf Benirschke, 1977-86
- 9 John Carney, 1990-2000

Most Points After Touchdown, Game

- 6 George Blair, AFL Championship, Jan. 5, 1964 vs. Boston
- 5 Rolf Benirschke, AFC Divisional, Jan. 2, 1982 at Miami
- 4 (2x) Last: Nate Kaeding, AFC Divisional, Jan. 13, 2008 at Indianapolis

Most Two-Point Conversions, Game

- 1 (4x) Last: Keenan Allen, AFC Divisional, Jan. 13, 2019 at New England

FIELD GOALS

Most, Career

- 8 Nate Kaeding, 2004-09
- 7 John Carney, 1990-2000
- Rolf Benirschke, 1977-86
- 5 Michael Badgley, 2018-20

Most, Game

- 5 Michael Badgley, AFC Wild Card, Jan. 6, 2019 at Baltimore
- 4 Nate Kaeding, AFC Championship, Jan. 20, 2008 at New England
- 3 Cameron Dicker, AFC Wild Card, Jan. 14, 2023 at Jacksonville
- Ben Agajanian, AFL Championship, Jan. 1, 1961 vs. Houston Oilers

Longest

- 54 John Carney, AFC Wild Card, Dec. 31, 1995 vs. Indianapolis
- 53 Michael Badgley, AFC Wild Card, Jan. 6, 2019 at Baltimore
- 50 Cameron Dicker, AFC Wild Card, Jan. 14, 2023 at Jacksonville

RUSHING

Most Attempts, Career

- 110 Chuck Muncie, 1980-84
- 96 LaDainian Tomlinson, 2001-09
- 63 Natrone Means, 1993-95, 98-99

Most Attempts, Game

- 26 LaDainian Tomlinson, AFC Wild Card, Jan. 8, 2005 vs. New York Jets
- 25 Chuck Muncie, AFC First Round, Jan. 9, 1983 at Pittsburgh
- 24 Natrone Means, AFC Divisional, Jan. 8, 1995 vs. Miami
- Chuck Muncie, AFC Divisional, Jan. 2, 1982 at Miami

Most Yards, Career

- 516 Chuck Muncie, 1980-84
- 380 Paul Lowe, 1960-68
- 327 LaDainian Tomlinson, 2001-09

Most Yards, Game

- 206 Keith Lincoln, AFL Championship, Jan. 5, 1964 vs. Boston
- 165 Paul Lowe, AFL Championship, Jan. 1, 1961 at Houston Oilers
- 139 Natrone Means, AFC Divisional, Jan. 8, 1995 vs. Miami

Most Touchdowns, Career

- 4 LaDainian Tomlinson, 2001-09
- 3 Chuck Muncie, 1980-84
- 2 (6x) Last: Austin Ekeler, 2017-22

Most Touchdowns, Game

- 2 Austin Ekeler, AFC Wild Card, Jan. 14, 2023 at Jacksonville
- Darren Sproles, AFC Wild Card, Jan. 3, 2009 vs. Indianapolis
- LaDainian Tomlinson, AFC Divisional, Jan. 14, 2007 vs. New England
- 1 (24x) Last: Melvin Gordon, AFC Divisional, Jan. 13, 2019 at New England

Longest Run

- 67t Keith Lincoln, AFL Championship, Jan. 5, 1964 vs. Boston
- 58t Ronnie Brown, AFC Wild Card, Jan. 5, 2014 at Cincinnati
- Paul Lowe, AFL Championship, Jan. 5, 1964 vs. Boston
- 56t Keith Lincoln, AFL Championship, Jan. 5, 1964 vs. Boston

PASSING

Most Attempts, Career

- 355 Philip Rivers 2004-19
- 286 Dan Fouts 1973-87
- 228 Stan Humphries 1992-97

Most Completions, Career

- 211 Philip Rivers, 2004-19
- 159 Dan Fouts, 1973-1987
- 118 Stan Humphries, 1992-97

Highest Completion Pct., Career (min. 40 att.)

- 73.8 Drew Brees, 2001-04
- 59.4 Philip Rivers, 2004-19
- 58.1 Justin Herbert, 2020-22

Most Attempts, Game

- 53 Dan Fouts, AFC Divisional, Jan. 2, 1982 at Miami (OT)
- 51 Philip Rivers, AFC Divisional, Jan. 13, 2019 at New England
- 49 Stan Humphries, Super Bowl XXIX, Jan. 29, 1995 vs. San Francisco

Most Completions, Game

- 33 Dan Fouts, AFC Divisional, Jan. 2, 1982 at Miami (OT)
- 31 Drew Brees, AFC Wild Card, Jan. 8, 2005 vs. New York Jets
- 28 Stan Humphries, AFC Wild Card, Dec. 31, 1995 vs. Indianapolis

Highest Completion Pct, Game (min. 10 att.)

- 75.0 Philip Rivers, AFC Wild Card, Jan. 5, 2014 at Cincinnati
- 73.8 Drew Brees, AFC Wild Card, Jan. 8, 2005 vs. New York Jets
- 73.7 Philip Rivers, AFC Divisional, Jan. 13, 2008 at Indianapolis

Most Yards, Career

- 2,656 Philip Rivers, 2004-19
- 2,125 Dan Fouts, 1973-87
- 1,347 Stan Humphries, 1992-97

Most Yards, Game

- 433 Dan Fouts, AFC Divisional, Jan. 2, 1982 at Miami (OT)
- 336 Dan Fouts, AFC Championship, Jan. 11, 1981 vs. Oakland
- 333 Dan Fouts, AFC First Round, Jan. 9, 1983 at Pittsburgh

Most Touchdowns, Career

- 14 Philip Rivers, 2004-19
- 12 Dan Fouts, 1973-87
- 6 Stan Humphries, 1992-97

Most Touchdowns, Game

- 3 (5x) Last: Philip Rivers, AFC Divisional, Jan. 13, 2019 at New England
- 2 (6x) Last: Philip Rivers, AFC Divisional, Jan. 12, 2014 at Denver
- 1 (10x) Last: Justin Herbert, AFC Wild Card, Jan. 14, 2023 at Jacksonville

Highest Passer Rating, Career (min. 40 att.)

- 101.2 Drew Brees, 2001-04
- 84.7 Justin Herbert, 2020-22
- 84.2 Philip Rivers, 2004-19

Highest Passer Rating, Game (min. 10 att.)

- 145.3 Tobin Rote, AFL Championship, Jan. 5, 1964 vs. Boston
- 133.2 Philip Rivers, AFC Divisional, Jan. 13, 2008 at Indianapolis
- 132.1 John Hadl, AFL Championship, Jan. 5, 1964 vs. Boston

Most Games 300 Yards or More, Career

- 5 Dan Fouts, 1973-87
- 2 Philip Rivers, 2004-19
- 1 Drew Brees, 2001-04

Most Games 400 Yards or More, Career

- 1 Dan Fouts, 1973-87

Longest Completion

- 62t Philip Rivers, AFC Divisional, Jan. 11, 2009 at Pittsburgh
- 58 Philip Rivers, AFC Divisional, Jan. 14, 2007 vs. New England
- 56t Philip Rivers, AFC Divisional, Jan. 13, 2008 at Indianapolis

Most Interceptions, Career

- 16 Dan Fouts, 1973-87
- 13 Stan Humphries, 1992-97
- 10 Philip Rivers, 2004-19

Most Interceptions, Game

- 5 Dan Fouts, AFC Second Round, Jan. 16, 1983 at Miami
- Dan Fouts, AFC Divisional, Dec. 29, 1979 vs. Houston Oilers
- 4 (3x) Last: Stan Humphries, AFC Wild Card, Dec. 31, 1995 vs. Indianapolis
- 2 (9x) Last: Philip Rivers, AFC Divisional, Jan. 17, 2010 vs. New York Jets

RECEIVING

Most Receptions, Career

- 51 Antonio Gates, 2003-18
- 39 Ronnie Harmon, 1990-95
- 30 Charlie Joiner, 1976-86

Most Receptions, Game

- 13 Kellen Winslow, AFC Divisional, Jan. 2, 1982 at Miami (OT)
- 10 Ronnie Harmon, AFC Wild Card, Dec. 31, 1995 vs. Indianapolis
- 9 (4x) Last: Eric Parker, AFC Wild Card, Jan. 8, 2005 vs. New York Jets

Most Yards, Career

- 540 Antonio Gates, 2003-18
- 539 Charlie Joiner, 1976-86
- 503 Vincent Jackson, 2005-09

Most Yards, Game

- 166 Kellen Winslow, AFC Divisional, Jan. 2, 1982 at Miami (OT)
- 142 Keenan Allen, AFC Divisional, Jan. 12, 2014 at Denver
- 133 Ronnie Harmon, AFC Wild Card, Dec. 31, 1995 vs. Indianapolis

Most Touchdowns, Career

- 4 Kellen Winslow, 1979-87
- Charlie Joiner, 1976-86
- 3 Keenan Allen, 2013-22
- Vincent Jackson, 2005-11
- 2 (5x) Last: Antonio Gates, 2003-18

Most Touchdowns, Game

- 2 (4x) Last: Keenan Allen, AFC Divisional, Jan. 12, 2014 at Denver
- 1 (31x) Last: Gerald Everett, AFC Wild Card, Jan. 14, 2023 at Jacksonville

SCRIMMAGE YARDS

Most, Career

- 644 Chuck Muncie, 1980-84
- 540 Antonio Gates, 2003-18
- 539 Charlie Joiner, 1976-86

Most, Game

- 329 Keith Lincoln, AFL Championship, Jan. 5, 1964 vs. Boston
- 187 LaDainian Tomlinson, AFC Divisional, Jan. 14, 2007 vs. New England
- 170 Paul Lowe, AFL Championship, Jan. 1, 1961 at Houston Oilers

INTERCEPTIONS

Most Interceptions, Career

- 3 Asante Samuel, 2020-22
- Drayton Florence, 2003-07
- Glen Edwards, 1978-81
- 2 (5x) Last: Quentin Jammer, 2002-09
- 1 (21x) Last: Drue Tranquill, 2019-22

Most Interceptions, Game

- 3 Asante Samuel, AFC Wild Card Jan. 14, 2023 at Jacksonville
- 2 (4x) Last: Glen Edwards, AFC Divisional, Jan. 3, 1981 vs. Buffalo
- 1 (29x) Last: Drue Tranquill, AFC Wild Card, Jan. 14, 2023 at Jacksonville

Most Interception Return Yards, Career

- 62 Glen Edwards, 1978-81
- 45 Bud Whitehead, 1961-68
- 40 Darren Carrington, 1991-94

Most Interception Return Yards, Game

- 45 Bud Whitehead, AFL Championship Dec. 24, 1961 vs. Houston Oilers
- 40 Darren Carrington, AFC Wild Card, Jan. 12, 1993 vs. Kansas City
- 35 Bruce Laird, AFC First Round, Jan. 9, 1983 at Pittsburgh
- Glen Edwards, AFC Divisional, Jan. 2, 1982 at Miami (OT)

Longest Interception Return

- 40 Darren Carrington, AFC Wild Card, Jan. 12, 1993 vs. Kansas City
- 30 Shareece Wright, AFC Wild Card, Jan. 5, 2014 at Cincinnati
- Antonio Cromartie, AFC Divisional, Jan. 13, 2008 at Indianapolis
- 24 Quentin Jammer, AFC Divisional, Jan. 17, 2010 vs. New York Jets

SACKS

Most, Career (since 1982)

- 3.0 Shawn Lee, 1992-95
- 2.5 Leslie O'Neal, 1992-95
- 2.0 Melvin Ingram, 2012-20
- Eric Weddle, 2007-15
- Luis Castillo, 2005-11
- Shawne Merriman, 2005-10
- Raylee Johnson, 1993-2003
- Burt Grossman, 1989-93

Most, Game (since 1982)

- 2.5 Leslie O'Neal, AFC Wild Card, Jan. 2, 1993 vs. Kansas City
- 2.0 (6x) Last: Melvin Ingram, AFC Wild Card, Jan. 6, 2019 at Baltimore
- 1.5 Steve Foley, AFC Wild Card, Jan. 8, 2005 vs. New York Jets

PUNTING

Most Punts, Career

- 52 Mike Scifres, 2003-13
- 13 John Kidd, 1990-94
- 11 Donnie Jones, 2018
- Bryan Wagner, 1994

Most Punts, Game

- 7 Mike Scifres, AFC Divisional, Jan. 14, 2007 vs. New England
- John Kidd, AFC Divisional, Jan. 10, 1993 at Miami
- 6 (7x) Last: Donnie Jones, AFC Divisional, Jan. 13, 2019 at New England
- 5 (7x) Last: JK Scott, AFC Wild Card, Jan. 14, 2023 at Jacksonville

Most Yards, Career

- 2,330 Mike Scifres, 2003-13
- 587 John Kidd, 1990-94
- 474 Bryan Wagner, 1994

Most Yards, Game

- 324 John Kidd, AFC Divisional, Jan. 10, 1993 at Miami
- 316 Mike Scifres, AFC Wild Card, Jan. 3, 2009 vs. Indianapolis (OT)
- 297 Mike Scifres, AFC Wild Card, Jan. 17, 2010 vs. New York Jets

Longest Punt

- 67 Mike Scifres, AFC Wild Card, Jan. 3, 2009 vs. Indianapolis (OT)
- 66 Mike Scifres, AFC Divisional, Jan. 13, 2008 at Indianapolis
- 65 Darren Bennett, AFC Wild Card, Dec. 31, 1995 vs. Indianapolis

Highest, Career (minimum 4 punts)

- 45.2 John Kidd, 1990-94
- 44.8 Mike Scifres, 2003-13
- 43.9 John Hadl, 1962-72

Highest, Game (minimum 2 punts)

- 59.0 Mike Scifres, AFC Divisional, Jan. 13, 2008 at Indianapolis
- 54.5 Darren Bennett, AFC Wild Card, Dec. 31, 1995 vs. Indianapolis
- 52.7 Mike Scifres, AFC Wild Card, Jan. 3, 2009 vs. Indianapolis (OT)

PUNT RETURNS

Most Returns, Career

- 12 Darren Sproles, 2005-09
- 8 Mike Fuller, 1975-80
- 7 Eric Parker, 2002-06

Most Returns, Game

- 5 Eric Parker, AFC Divisional, Jan. 14, 2007 vs. New England
- 4 (2x) Last: Desmond King, AFC Wild Card, Jan. 6, 2019 at Baltimore
- 3 (6x) Last: Darren Sproles, AFC Wild Card, Jan. 3, 2009 vs. Indianapolis (OT)

Most Yards, Career

- 107 Darren Sproles, 2005-09
- 99 Mike Fuller, 1975-80
- 63 Wes Chandler, 1981-87

Most Yards, Game

- 72 Darren Sproles, AFC Wild Card, Jan. 3, 2009 vs. Indianapolis (OT)
- 56 Wes Chandler, AFC Divisional, Jan. 2, 1982 at Miami (OT)
- 46 Desmond King, AFC Wild Card, Jan. 6, 2019 at Baltimore

Longest Return

- 56t Wes Chandler, AFC Divisional, Jan. 2, 1982 at Miami (OT)
- 33 Desmond King, AFC Wild Card, Jan. 6, 2019 at Baltimore

Most Touchdowns, Career

- 1 Wes Chandler, 1981-87

KICKOFF RETURNS

Most Returns, Career

- 21 Darren Sproles, 2005-09
- 19 Andre Coleman, 1994-96
- 17 James Brooks, 1981-83

Most Returns, Game

- 8 Andre Coleman, Super Bowl XXIX, Jan. 29, 1995 vs. San Francisco
- 6 Andre Coleman, AFC Wild Card, Dec. 31, 1995 vs. Indianapolis
- 5 (6x) Last: Desmond King, AFC Divisional, Jan. 13, 2019 at New England

Most Yards, Career

- 537 Darren Sproles, 2005-09
- 483 Andre Coleman, 1994-96
- 283 James Brooks, 1981-83

Most Yards, Game

- 244 Andre Coleman, Super Bowl XXIX, Jan. 29, 1995 vs. San Francisco
- 164 Darren Sproles, AFC Divisional, Jan. 11, 2009 at Pittsburgh
- 147 Leslie "Speedy" Duncan, AFL Championship, Dec. 26, 1964 at Buffalo

Longest Return

- 98t Andre Coleman, Super Bowl XXIX, Jan. 29, 1995 vs. San Francisco
- 72 Desmond King, AFC Wild Card, Jan. 6, 2019 at Baltimore
- 63 Darren Sproles, AFC Divisional, Jan. 11, 2009 at Pittsburgh

Most Touchdowns, Career

- 1 Andre Coleman, 1994-96

SERVICE

Most Games

- 12 Antonio Gates, 2003-18
- David Binn, 1994-2010
- 11 Philip Rivers, 2004-19
- 10 Nick Hardwick, 2004-13
- Mike Scifres, 2004-13

TEAM POSTSEASON RECORDS

*NFL Record

POINTS

Most, Quarter

- 24 AFC Championship, Jan. 2, 1982 at Miami (1st Q)
- 21 AFL Championship,
Jan. 5, 1964 vs. Boston (1st Q)
- 17 AFC Wild Card, Jan. 14, 2023 at Jax. (1st Q)
- AFC Divisional, Jan. 10, 2014 at Den. (4th Q)

Most, Quarter, Opponent

- 21 AFC Divisional,
Jan. 13, 2019 at New England (2nd Q)
- AFC Divisional, Jan. 10, 1993 at Mia. (2nd Q)
- AFC Championship,
Jan. 11, 1981 vs. Oakland (1st Q)
- 20 AFC Second Round,
Jan. 16, 1983 at Miami (2nd Q)
- 14 (11x) Last: AFC Wild Card, Jan. 6, 2019 at Bal.

Most Quarter, Both Teams

- 33 AFC Second Round,
Jan. 16, 1983 at Miami (2nd Q)
- 28 (4x) Last: AFC Divisional,
Jan. 11, 2009 at Pittsburgh (4th Q)
- 25 AFC Wild Card, Jan. 6, 2019 at Bal. (4th Q)

Most, Game

- 51 AFL Championship, Jan. 5, 1964 vs. Boston
- 41 AFC Divisional, Jan. 2, 1982 at Miami (OT)
- 31 AFC First Round, Jan. 9, 1983 at Pittsburgh

Most, Game, Opponent

- 49 Super Bowl XXIX, Jan. 29, 1995 vs. S.F.
- 41 AFC Divisional, Jan. 13, 2019 at New England
- 38 AFC Divisional, Jan. 2, 1982 at Miami (OT)

Most, Game, Both Teams

- 79 AFC Divisional, Jan. 2, 1982 at Miami (OT)
- 75 Super Bowl XXIX, Jan. 29, 1995 vs. S.F.
- 69 AFC Divisional, Jan. 13, 2019 at New England

Fewest, Game

- 0 AFC Divisional, Jan. 10, 1993 at Miami
- AFL Championship, Dec. 26, 1965 vs. Buffalo
- 3 AFL Championship,
Dec. 24, 1961 vs. Houston Oilers
- 7 AFC Championship,
Jan. 10, 1982 at Cincinnati
- AFL Championship, Dec. 26, 1964 at Buffalo

Fewest, Game, Opponent

- 0 AFC Wild Card, Jan. 2, 1993 vs. Kansas City
- 6 AFC Wild Card, Jan. 6, 2008 vs. Tennessee
- 10 (3x) Last: AFC Wild Card,
Jan. 5, 2014 at Cincinnati

Fewest, Game, Both Teams

- 13 AFL Championship,
Dec. 24, 1961 vs. Houston Oilers
- 17 AFC Wild Card, Jan. 2, 1993 vs. Kansas City
- 23 (2x) Last: AFC Wild Card,
Jan. 6, 2008 vs. Tennessee

TOUCHDOWNS

Most, Game

- 7 AFL Championship, Jan. 5, 1964 vs. Boston
- 5 AFC Divisional, Jan. 2, 1982 at Miami (OT)
- 4 (3x) Last: AFC Divisional,
Jan. 13, 2019 at New England

Most, Game, Opponent

- 7 Super Bowl XXIX, Jan. 29, 1995 vs. S.F.
- 5 (4x) Last: AFC Divisional,
Jan. 13, 2019 at New England
- 4 (5x) Last: AFC Wild Card,
Jan. 14, 2023 at Jacksonville

Most, Game, Both Teams

- 10 Super Bowl XXIX, Jan. 29, 1995 vs. S.F.
- AFC Divisional, Jan. 2, 1982 at Miami (OT)
- 9 AFC Divisional, Jan. 13, 2019 at New England
- 8 (3x) Last: AFC Divisional,
Jan. 11, 2009 at Pittsburgh

POINTS AFTER TOUCHDOWN

Most, Game

- 6 AFL Championship, Jan. 5, 1964 vs. Boston
- 5 AFC Divisional, Jan. 2, 1982 at Miami (OT)
- 4 (2x) Last: AFC Divisional,
Jan. 13, 2008 at Indianapolis

Most, Game, Opponent

- 7 Super Bowl XXIX, Jan. 29, 1995 vs. S.F.
- 5 (4x) Last: AFC Divisional,
Jan. 13, 2019 at New England
- 4 (4x) Last: AFC Divisional,
Jan. 10, 1993 at Miami

Most, Game, Both Teams

- 10 Super Bowl XXIX, Jan. 29, 1995 vs. S.F.
- AFC Divisional, Jan. 2, 1982 at Miami (OT)
- 8 (2x) Last: AFC Divisional,
Jan. 11, 2009 at Pittsburgh
- 7 (5x) Last: AFC Divisional,
Jan. 13, 2019 at New England

Most Two-Point Conversions, Game

- 2 Super Bowl XXIX, Jan. 29, 1995 vs. S.F.

- 1 AFC Divisional, Jan. 13, 2019 at New England

Most Two-Point Conversions, Game, Opponent

- 1 AFC Wild Card, Jan. 14, 2023 at Jacksonville
- AFC Divisional, Jan. 14, 2007 vs. N.E.

FIELD GOALS

Most, Game

- 5 AFC Wild Card, Jan. 6, 2019 at Baltimore
- 4 AFC Championship, Jan. 20, 2008 at N.E.
- 3 AFC Wild Card, Jan. 14, 2023 at Jacksonville
- AFL Championship,
Jan. 1, 1961 at Houston Oilers

Most, Game, Opponent

- 4 AFC Championship, Jan. 20, 2008 at N.E.
- 3 (2x) Last: AFC Divisional,
Jan. 14, 2007 at New England
- 2 (7x) Last: AFC Divisional,
Jan. 13, 2019 at New England

Most, Game, Both Teams

- 6 AFC Wild Card, Jan. 6, 2019 at Baltimore
- 4 (4x) Last: AFC Wild Card,
Jan. 14, 2023 at Jacksonville
- 3 (7x) Last: AFC Wild Card,
Jan. 5, 2014 at Cincinnati

FIRST DOWNS

Most, Game

- 33 AFC Divisional, Jan. 2, 1982 at Miami (OT)
- 29 AFC First Round, Jan. 9, 1983 at Pittsburgh
- 28 AFC Divisional, Jan. 8, 1995 vs. Miami

Most, Game, Opponent

- 30 AFC Divisional, Jan. 13, 2019 at New England
- 29 AFC Second Round, Jan. 16, 1983 at Miami
- 28 Super Bowl XXIX, Jan. 29, 1995 vs. S.F.

Most, Game, Both Teams

- 58 AFC Divisional, Jan. 2, 1982 at Miami (OT)
- 55 AFC First Round, Jan. 9, 1983 at Pittsburgh
- 52 AFC Divisional, Jan. 13, 2019 at New England

Fewest, Game

- 10 AFC Divisional, Jan. 10, 1993 at Miami
- 12 AFL Championship, Dec. 26, 1965 vs. Buffalo
- 13 (2x) Last: AFC Divisional,
Jan. 12, 2014 at Denver

Fewest, Game, Opponent

- 11 AFC Wild Card, Jan. 6, 2019 at Baltimore
- 14 (3x) Last: AFC Divisional,
Jan. 17, 2010 vs. New York Jets
- 15 (2x) Last: AFC Wild Card,
Jan. 6, 2008 vs. Tennessee

Fewest, Game, Both Teams

- 25 AFC Wild Card, Jan. 6, 2019 at Baltimore
- 26 AFL Championship, Dec. 26, 1965 vs. Buffalo
- 28 AFC Divisional, Jan. 10, 1993 at Miami

FIRST DOWNS RUSHING

Most, Game

- 12 AFC Divisional, Jan. 14, 2007 at N.E.
- AFC Divisional, Jan. 8, 1995 vs. Miami
- 11 (5x) Last: AFC Wild Card,
Jan. 3, 2009 vs. Indianapolis (OT)
- 10 AFC Divisional, Jan. 2, 1982 at Miami (OT)

Most, Game, Opponent

- 15 AFC Second Round, Jan. 16, 1983 at Miami
- 13 (2x) Last: AFC Divisional,
Jan. 12, 2014 at Denver
- 12 (2x) Last: AFC Divisional,
Jan. 11, 2009 at Pittsburgh

Most, Game, Both Teams

- 20 AFC Second Round, Jan. 16, 1983 at Miami
- 19 (2x) Last: AFC Wild Card,
Jan. 5, 2014 at Cincinnati
- 17 (3x) Last: AFC Championship,
Jan. 20, 2008 at New England

Fewest, Game

- 1 (2x) Last: AFC Divisional,
Jan. 12, 2014 at Denver
- 2 (2x) Last: AFC Divisional,
Jan. 13, 2019 at New England
- 3 (2x) Last: AFC Wild Card,
Jan. 6, 2019 at Baltimore

Fewest, Game, Opponent

- 2 AFC Divisional, Jan. 8, 1995 vs. Miami
- 3 (3x) Last: AFC Divisional,
Jan. 14, 2007 at New England
- 4 (5x) Last: AFC Wild Card,
Jan. 6, 2019 at Baltimore

Fewest, Game, Both Teams

- 7 AFC Wild Card, Jan. 6, 2019 at Baltimore
- 8 (3x) Last: AFC Divisional,
Jan. 17, 2010 vs. New York Jets
- 9 AFC Wild Card, Jan. 14, 2023 at Jacksonville
- AFL Championship, Dec. 26, 1965 vs. Buffalo

FIRST DOWNS PASSING

Most, Game

- 21 AFC Divisional, Jan. 2, 1982 at Miami (OT)
- 20 AFC Wild Card, Dec. 31, 1995 vs. Indianapolis
- 19 AFC First Round, Jan. 9, 1983 at Pittsburgh

Most, Game, Opponent

- 21 AFC Divisional, Jan. 13, 2008 at Indianapolis
- AFC Divisional, Jan. 2, 1982 at Miami (OT)
- 20 AFC Wild Card, Jan. 5, 2014 at Cincinnati
- 19 AFC First Round, Jan. 9, 1983 at Pittsburgh

Most, Game, Both Teams

- 42 AFC Divisional, Jan. 2, 1982 at Miami (OT)
- 38 AFC First Round, Jan. 9, 1983 at Pittsburgh
- 35 AFC Divisional, Jan. 13, 2008 at Indianapolis

Fewest, Game

- 7 (5x) Last: AFC Divisional, Jan. 10, 1993 at Miami
- 8 (3x) Last: AFC Wild Card, Jan. 6, 2019 at Baltimore
- 9 (4x) Last: AFC Wild Card, Jan. 5, 2014 at Cincinnati

Fewest, Game, Opponent

- 5 AFC Divisional, Dec. 29, 1979 vs. Houston Oilers
- 6 AFC Divisional, Jan. 17, 2010 vs. N.Y. Jets
- 7 AFC Wild Card, Jan. 6, 2019 at Baltimore

Fewest, Game, Both Teams

- 15 (2x) Last: AFC Wild Card, Jan. 6, 2019 at Baltimore
- 16 (3x) Last: AFC Divisional, Jan. 10, 1993 at Miami
- 17 (2x) Last: AFC Wild Card, Jan. 2, 1993 vs. Kansas City

TOTAL NET YARDS GAINED

Most, Game

- 601 AFL Championship, Jan. 5, 1964 vs. Boston
- 564 AFC Divisional, Jan. 2, 1982 at Miami (OT)
- 479 AFC First Round, Jan. 9, 1983 at Pittsburgh

Most, Game, Opponent

- 498 AFC Divisional, Jan. 13, 2019 at New England
- 466 AFC Divisional, Jan. 2, 1982 at Miami (OT)
- 449 Super Bowl XXIX, Jan. 29, 1995 vs. S.F.

Most, Game, Both Teams

- 1,030 AFC Divisional, Jan. 2, 1982 at Miami (OT)
- 901 AFC First Round, Jan. 9, 1983 at Pittsburgh
- 862 AFL Championship, Jan. 5, 1964 vs. Boston

NET YARDS GAINED RUSHING

Most, Game

- 309 AFL Championship, Jan. 5, 1964 vs. Boston
- 202 AFC Wild Card, Jan. 8, 1995 vs. Miami
- 196 AFC Wild Card, Jan. 5, 2014 at Cincinnati

Most, Game, Opponent

- 219 AFL Championship, Dec. 26, 1964 vs. Buffalo
- 214 AFC Second Round, Jan. 16, 1983 at Miami
- 178 AFC Wild Card, Dec. 31, 1995 vs. Indianapolis

Most, Game, Both Teams

- 384 AFL Championship, Jan. 5, 1964 vs. Boston
- 343 AFL Championship, Dec. 26, 1964 vs. Buffalo
- 323 AFC Wild Card, Dec. 31, 1995 vs. Indianapolis

NET YARDS GAINED PASSING

Most, Game

- 415 AFC Divisional, Jan. 2, 1982 at Miami (OT)
- 351 AFC Championship, Jan. 11, 1981 vs. Oakland
- 333 AFC First Round, Jan. 9, 1983 at Pittsburgh

Most, Game, Opponent

- 402 AFC Divisional, Jan. 13, 2008 at Indianapolis
- 388 AFC Divisional, Jan. 2, 1982 at Miami (OT)
- 349 AFC Championship, Jan. 15, 1995 at Pit.

Most, Game, Both Teams

- 803 AFC Divisional, Jan. 2, 1982 at Miami (OT)
- 714 AFC Divisional, Jan. 13, 2008 at Indianapolis
- 659 AFC Divisional, Jan. 13, 2019 at New England



LEAGUE
STATS

LOS ANGELES CHARGERS / WEEK 2 / THROUGH MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023

WON 0, LOST 2				* RUSHING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TD			
09/10 L 34-36	Miami	70,240		Kelley	29	130	4.5	15	1			
09/17 L 24-27 OT	at Tennessee	67,438		Ekeler	16	117	7.3	55	1			
09/24	at Minnesota			Herbert	6	17	2.8	5	1			
10/01	Las Vegas			D. Davis	1	10	10.0	10	0			
10/16	Dallas			K. Allen	2	6	3.0	4	0			
10/22	at Kansas City			Dotson	4	6	1.5	2	0			
10/29	Chicago			Spiller	1	3	3.0	3	0			
11/06	at N.Y. Jets			M. Williams	1	3	3.0	3	0			
11/12	Detroit			Everett	1	2	2.0	2	0			
11/19	at Green Bay			TEAM	61	294	4.8	55	3			
11/26	Baltimore			OPPONENTS	54	211	3.9	23	3			
12/03	at New England			* RECEIVING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TD			
12/10	Denver			K. Allen	14	187	13.4	42	2			
12/14	at Las Vegas			M. Williams	12	128	10.7	24	0			
12/23	Buffalo			Everett	5	68	13.6	29	0			
12/31	at Denver			Ekeler	4	47	11.8	35	0			
01/07	Kansas City			Parham	4	29	7.3	16	1			
	LA-C	Opp.		Palmer	4	17	4.3	6	0			
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	49	52		Johnston	3	16	5.3	11	0			
Rushing	21	15		Dotson	2	13	6.5	7	0			
Passing	24	32		Smartt	1	24	24.0	24	0			
Penalty	4	5		D. Davis	1	5	5.0	5	0			
3rd Down: Made/Att	11/29	10/22		TEAM	50	534	10.7	42	3			
3rd Down Pct.	37.9	45.5		OPPONENTS	48	712	14.8	70	4			
4th Down: Made/Att	3/4	1/2		* INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TD			
4th Down Pct.	75.0	50.0		Jackson	1	9	9.0	9	0			
POSSESSION AVG.	29:12	30:48		TEAM	1	9	9.0	9	0			
TOTAL NET YARDS	775	877		OPPONENTS	0	0	---	---	0			
Avg. Per Game	387.5	438.5		* PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Net	TB	In	Lg	B
Total Plays	141	128		Scott	9	379	42.1	38.7	1	4	62	0
Avg. Per Play	5.5	6.9		TEAM	9	379	42.1	38.7	1	4	62	0
NET YARDS RUSHING	294	211		OPPONENTS	6	344	57.3	43.0	1	0	63	0
Avg. Per Game	147.0	105.5		* PUNT RETURNS	Ret	FC	Yds	Avg	Long	TD		
Total Rushes	61	54		D. Davis	5	0	66	13.2	20	0		
NET YARDS PASSING	481	666		TEAM	5	0	66	13.2	20	0		
Avg. Per Game	240.5	333.0		OPPONENTS	2	5	11	5.5	11	0		
Sacked/Yards Lost	6/53	5/46		* KICKOFF RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TD			
Gross Yards	534	712		D. Davis	1	24	24.0	24	0			
Att./Completions	74/50	69/48		TEAM	1	24	24.0	24	0			
Completion Pct.	67.6	69.6		* FIELD GOALS	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+			
Had Intercepted	0	1		Dicker	0/ 0	2/ 2	2/ 2	0/ 0	1/ 1			
PUNTS/AVERAGE	9/42.1	6/57.3		TEAM	0/ 0	2/ 2	2/ 2	0/ 0	1/ 1			
NET PUNTING AVG.	9/38.7	6/43.0		OPPONENTS	0/ 0	1/ 1	1/ 1	3/ 3	0/ 0			
PENALTIES/YARDS	10/113	13/83		Dicker: (50G,25G)(27G,30G,33G)								
FUMBLES/BALL LOST	0/0	2/1		OPP: (23G,41G,45G)(33G,41G)								
TOUCHDOWNS	6	7										
Rushing	3	3										
Passing	3	4										
Returns	0	0										
* SCORE BY PERIODS	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	OT	PTS						
TEAM	10	21	7	20	0	58						
OPPONENTS	7	23	14	16	3	63						
* SCORING	TD-Ru-Pa-Rt	K-PAT	FG	S	PTS							
Dicker	0 0 0 0	5/ 5	5/ 5	0	20							
K. Allen	2 0 2 0			0	12							
Ekeler	1 1 0 0			0	6							
Herbert	1 1 0 0			0	6							
Kelley	1 1 0 0			0	6							
Parham	1 0 1 0			0	6							
Pipkins	0 0 0 0			0	2							
TEAM	6 3 3 0	5/ 5	5/ 5	0	58							
OPPONENTS	7 3 4 0	6/ 7	5/ 5	0	63							
2-Pt Conv: Pipkins, TM 1-1, OPP 0-0												
SACKS: Bosa 2, Fox 1, Murray 1, Tuipulotu 1, TM 5, OPP 6												
FUM/LOST:												

* PASSING	Att	Cmp	Yds	Cmp%	Yds/Att	TD	TD%	Int	Int%	Long	Sack/Lost	Rating
Herbert	74	50	534	67.6	7.22	3	4.1	0	0.0	42	6/ 53	102.0
TEAM	74	50	534	67.6	7.22	3	4.1	0	0.0	42	6/ 53	102.0
OPPONENTS	69	48	712	69.6	10.32	4	5.8	1	1.4	70	5/ 46	116.3

MINNESOTA VIKINGS / WEEK 2 / THROUGH MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023

WON 0, LOST 2			* RUSHING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TD			
09/10 L 17-20	Tampa Bay	66,741	Mattison	19	62	3.3	9	0			
09/14 L 28-34	at Philadelphia	69,879	Cousins	3	7	2.3	4	0			
09/24	L.A. Chargers		Chandler	4	0	0.0	2	0			
10/01	at Carolina		TEAM	26	69	2.7	9	0			
10/08	Kansas City		OPPONENTS	81	332	4.1	43	3			
10/15	at Chicago		* RECEIVING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TD			
10/23	San Francisco		Jefferson	20	309	15.5	42	0			
10/29	at Green Bay		Hockenson	15	101	6.7	24	2			
11/05	at Atlanta		Addison	7	133	19.0	62t	2			
11/12	New Orleans		Osborn	6	65	10.8	19	1			
11/19	at Denver		Mattison	6	21	3.5	16	1			
11/27	Chicago		Oliver	5	45	9.0	18	0			
12/10	at Las Vegas		Chandler	3	27	9.0	18	0			
12/17	at Cincinnati		Ham	2	7	3.5	6	0			
12/24	Detroit		TEAM	64	708	11.1	62t	6			
12/31	Green Bay		OPPONENTS	39	366	9.4	63t	3			
01/07	at Detroit		* INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TD			
	Minn.	Opp.	Th. Jackson	1	0	0.0	0	0			
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	37	40	TEAM	1	0	0.0	0	0			
Rushing	2	24	OPPONENTS	1	14	14.0	14	0			
Passing	34	13	* PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Net	TB	In	Lg	B
Penalty	1	3	Wright	8	414	51.8	47.9	0	2	58	0
3rd Down: Made/Att	12/24	12/31	TEAM	8	414	51.8	47.9	0	2	58	0
3rd Down Pct.	50.0	38.7	OPPONENTS	10	477	47.7	42.0	1	4	63	0
4th Down: Made/Att	1/1	2/2	* PUNT RETURNS	Ret	FC	Yds	Avg	Long	TD		
4th Down Pct.	100.0	100.0	Powell	6	1	37	6.2	20	0		
POSSESSION AVG.	24:57	35:04	TEAM	6	1	37	6.2	20	0		
TOTAL NET YARDS	743	672	OPPONENTS	5	1	31	6.2	16	0		
Avg. Per Game	371.5	336.0	* KICKOFF RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TD			
Total Plays	118	143	Chandler	1	15	15.0	15	0			
Avg. Per Play	6.3	4.7	TEAM	1	15	15.0	15	0			
NET YARDS RUSHING	69	332	OPPONENTS	1	23	23.0	23	0			
Avg. Per Game	34.5	166.0	* FIELD GOALS	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+			
Total Rushes	26	81	Joseph	0/ 0	1/ 1	0/ 0	0/ 0	0/ 0			
NET YARDS PASSING	674	340	TEAM	0/ 0	1/ 1	0/ 0	0/ 0	0/ 0			
Avg. Per Game	337.0	170.0	OPPONENTS	0/ 0	1/ 1	1/ 1	0/ 0	2/ 3			
Sacked/Yards Lost	4/34	5/26	Joseph: (25G)()								
Gross Yards	708	366	OPP: (36G,57G)(24G,55N,61G)								
Att./Completions	88/64	57/39									
Completion Pct.	72.7	68.4									
Had Intercepted	1	1									
PUNTS/AVERAGE	8/51.8	10/47.7									
NET PUNTING AVG.	8/47.9	10/42.0									
PENALTIES/YARDS	8/60	10/64									
FUMBLES/BALL LOST	6/6	1/0									
TOUCHDOWNS	6	6									
Rushing	0	3									
Passing	6	3									
Returns	0	0									
* SCORE BY PERIODS	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	OT	PTS					
TEAM	0	17	7	21	0	45					
OPPONENTS	6	17	21	10	0	54					
* SCORING	TD-Ru-Pa-Rt	K-PAT	FG	S	PTS						
Addison	2 0 2 0				0 12						
Hockenson	2 0 2 0				0 12						
Joseph	0 0 0 0	6/ 6	1/ 1	0	9						
Mattison	1 0 1 0				0 6						
Osborn	1 0 1 0				0 6						
TEAM	6 0 6 0	6/ 6	1/ 1	0	45						
OPPONENTS	6 3 3 0	6/ 6	4/ 5	0	54						
2-Pt Conv: TM 0-0, OPP 0-0											
SACKS: Hunter 4, Pace 0.5, Phillips 0.5,											
TM 5, OPP 4											
FUM/LOST: Cousins 3/3, Jefferson 1/1,											
Mattison 1/1, Powell 1/1											

* PASSING	Att	Cmp	Yds	Cmp%	Yds/Att	TD	TD%	Int	Int%	Long	Sack/Lost	Rating
Cousins	88	64	708	72.7	8.05	6	6.8	1	1.1	62t	4/ 34	114.2
TEAM	88	64	708	72.7	8.05	6	6.8	1	1.1	62t	4/ 34	114.2
OPPONENTS	57	39	366	68.4	6.42	3	5.3	1	1.8	63t	5/ 26	96.1

WEEK 2 / THROUGH MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023

TEAM RANKINGS

American Football Conference

	Offense			Defense		
	Total	Rush	Pass	Total	Rush	Pass
Balt.	6	3	11	3	3	7
Buff.	3	4	5	2	9	2
Cin.	16	13	15	14	15	3
Cleve.	4	*1	14	1	1T	1
Denver	8	7	7	7	6	12
Hou.	9	14	2	4	11	4
Ind.	10	9T	8	13	4	15
Jax	12	11	9	8	5	13
K.C.	5	9T	3	5	7	10
L.V.	14	15	12	11	13	9
L.A.-C	2	2	6	16	8	16
Miami	*1	8	*1	12	14	6
N.E.	7	12	4	6	12	5
Jets	13	6	16	10	10	11
Pitt.	15	16	10	15	16	8
Tenn.	11	5	13	9	1T	14

National Football Conference

	Offense			Defense		
	Total	Rush	Pass	Total	Rush	Pass
Ariz.	12	6	13	11	10	10
Atl.	8	3	14	2	11	2
Car.	16	5	16	5	13	3
Chi.	15	12	12	15	8	14
Dallas	9	4	9	*1	4T	*1
Det.	2	8	3	12	4T	13
G.B.	14	14	10	14	16	9
Rams	1	13	2	4	12	4
Minn.	4	16	1	10	15	6
N.O.	5	10	4	3	7	5
Giants	11	7	11	9	14	7
Phil.	6	1	15	13	*1	16
S.F.	3	2	7	8	3	11
Sea.	13	15	8	16	6	15
T.B.	7	11	5	6	2	12
Wash.	10	9	6	7	9	8

National Football League

	Offense			Defense		
	Total	Rush	Pass	Total	Rush	Pass
Ariz.	24	10	27	19	18	22
Atl.	15	4	28	3	22	2T
Balt.	12	6	19	7	6	15
Buff.	5	7	10	5	19	6
Car.	28	9	32	8	25	4
Chi.	27	22	25	29	16	27
Cin.	32	28	30	28	31	10
Cleve.	6	*1	26	2	3T	2T
Dallas	18	8	20	*1	9T	*1
Denver	16	15	12	16	11	21
Det.	3	14	4	22	9T	26
G.B.	26	25	23	27	30	17
Hou.	17	29	5	11	21	11
Ind.	20	20T	13	25	7	29
Jax	22	24	14	18	8	25
K.C.	9	20T	6	13	12	19
L.V.	30	30	21	23	27	18
L.A.-C	4	5	11	32	15	32
Rams	2	23	3	6	24	5
Miami	*1	16	*1	24	28	14
Minn.	8	32	2	17	29	8
N.E.	14	27	7	14	23	13
N.O.	10	18	8	4	14	7
Giants	23	13	24	15	26	9
Jets	29	12	31	21	20	20
Phil.	11	2	29	26	*1	31
Pitt.	31	31	18	30	32	16
S.F.	7	3	16	12	3T	23
Sea.	25	26	17	31	13	30
T.B.	13	19	9	9	2	24
Tenn.	21	11	22	20	3T	28
Wash.	19	17	15	10	17	12

T = Tied for position

* = League Leader

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OFFENSE	NY-G	S.F.	Atl.	Det.	Buff.	Wash.	Denv.	Miami
GAMES (Won-Lost)	1-1	2-0	2-0	1-1	1-1	2-0	0-2	2-0
FIRST DOWNS	40	43	40	44	48	47	43	52
Rushing	16	16	22	13	18	18	15	11
Passing	20	24	16	28	28	21	19	38
Penalty	4	3	2	3	2	8	9	3
YDS GAINED (tot)	610	756	667	786	764	636	659	925
Avg per Game	305.0	378.0	333.5	393.0	382.0	318.0	329.5	462.5
RUSHING (net)	235	347	341	220	280	214	216	215
Avg per Game	117.5	173.5	170.5	110.0	140.0	107.0	108.0	107.5
Rushes	55	62	71	61	57	51	45	50
Yards per Rush	4.3	5.6	4.8	3.6	4.9	4.2	4.8	4.3
PASSING (net)	375	409	326	566	484	422	443	710
Avg per Game	187.5	204.5	163.0	283.0	242.0	211.0	221.5	355.0
Passes Att.	67	54	50	70	78	70	66	75
Completed	43	36	34	50	60	46	45	49
Pct Completed	64.2	66.7	68.0	71.4	76.9	65.7	68.2	65.3
Yards Gained	431	426	352	576	510	501	485	715
Sacked	10	4	5	3	7	10	9	1
Yards Lost	56	17	26	10	26	79	42	5
Had intercepted	3	0	1	1	3	1	1	2
Yards Opp Ret	57	0	-2	40	0	1	3	9
Opp TDs on Int	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
PUNTS	6	7	8	6	4	9	5	4
Avg Yards	45.2	47.3	47.8	45.8	48.8	48.2	42.8	45.5
PUNT RETURNS	2	4	4	3	1	5	1	2
Avg Return	10.5	13.5	6.0	11.0	4.0	3.8	45.0	13.5
Returned for TD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
KICKOFF RETURNS	0	0	1	0	1	1	2	0
Avg Return	0.0	0.0	19.0	0.0	41.0	21.0	27.5	0.0
Returned for TD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PENALTIES	15	17	12	8	9	16	19	12
Yards Penalized	147	142	153	87	70	141	141	84
FUMBLES BY	5	5	1	4	2	4	1	4
Fumbles Lost	1	1	0	3	1	2	1	1
Opp Fumbles	1	0	2	0	2	4	3	1
Opp Fum Lost	0	0	1	0	1	3	0	1
POSS. TIME (avg)	31:25	32:06	30:47	30:37	36:18	32:34	29:12	28:49
TOUCHDOWNS	4	6	5	7	6	6	6	7
Rushing	2	4	3	2	2	3	1	3
Passing	2	2	2	4	4	3	5	4
Returns	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
EXTRA-PT KICKS	4/4	6/6	4/5	7/7	6/6	5/5	4/5	6/7
2-PT CONVERSIONS	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	1/1	0/1	0/0
FIELD GOALS/FGA	1/3	6/6	5/5	1/1	4/4	4/6	3/4	4/6
POINTS SCORED	31	60	49	52	54	55	49	60

DEFENSE	NY-G	S.F.	Atl.	Det.	Buff.	Wash.	Denv.	Miami
POINTS ALLOWED	68	30	34	57	32	49	52	51
OPP FIRST DOWNS	42	43	37	45	26	34	48	53
Rushing	17	12	13	13	7	14	16	27
Passing	19	26	19	28	17	17	22	20
Penalty	6	5	5	4	2	3	10	6
OPP YARDS GAINED	644	625	505	709	529	609	649	721
Avg per Game	322.0	312.5	252.5	354.5	264.5	304.5	324.5	360.5
OPP RUSHING(net)	273	130	238	172	227	218	183	321
Avg per Game	136.5	65.0	119.0	86.0	113.5	109.0	91.5	160.5
Rushes	59	32	53	48	43	48	52	65
Yards per Rush	4.6	4.1	4.5	3.6	5.3	4.5	3.5	4.9
OPP PASSING(net)	371	495	267	537	302	391	466	400
Avg per Game	185.5	247.5	133.5	268.5	151.0	195.5	233.0	200.0
Passes Att.	56	101	63	80	46	62	65	75
Completed	34	65	34	53	30	39	47	54
Pct Completed	60.7	64.4	54.0	66.3	65.2	62.9	72.3	72.0
Sacked	0	6	3	1	3	10	4	7
Yards Lost	0	44	30	17	23	49	33	60
INTERCEPTED BY	0	4	2	1	3	1	1	1
Yards Returned	0	61	3	50	16	3	0	0
Returned for TD	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
OPP PUNT RETURNS	3	2	3	3	2	5	2	3
Avg return	5.7	6.5	4.7	5.3	33.0	13.8	4.5	5.0
OPP KICKOFF RET	1	4	2	3	3	0	0	0
Avg return	19.0	27.8	27.5	22.3	23.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
OPP TOUCHDOWNS	8	3	4	7	3	5	6	6
Rushing	5	1	0	2	0	1	2	4
Passing	1	2	4	4	2	3	4	2
Returns	2	0	0	1	1	1	0	0

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OFFENSE	Hou.	Jax	Ind.	Balt.	LA-C	Minn.	N.E.	NY-J
GAMES (Won-Lost)	0-2	1-1	1-1	2-0	0-2	0-2	0-2	1-1
FIRST DOWNS	42	38	37	44	49	37	47	25
Rushing	4	10	10	18	21	2	15	9
Passing	31	24	25	20	24	34	28	13
Penalty	7	4	2	6	4	1	4	3
YDS GAINED (tot)	657	613	633	680	775	743	670	504
Avg per Game	328.5	306.5	316.5	340.0	387.5	371.5	335.0	252.0
RUSHING (net)	124	179	191	288	294	69	164	236
Avg per Game	62.0	89.5	95.5	144.0	147.0	34.5	82.0	118.0
Rushes	49	53	49	69	61	26	47	44
Yards per Rush	2.5	3.4	3.9	4.2	4.8	2.7	3.5	5.4
PASSING (net)	533	434	442	392	481	674	506	268
Avg per Game	266.5	217.0	221.0	196.0	240.5	337.0	253.0	134.0
Passes Att.	91	74	72	55	74	88	96	49
Completed	58	47	49	41	50	64	66	26
Pct Completed	63.7	63.5	68.1	74.5	67.6	72.7	68.8	53.1
Yards Gained	626	456	450	406	534	708	547	310
Sacked	11	6	4	4	6	4	6	6
Yards Lost	93	22	8	14	53	34	41	42
Had intercepted	0	1	1	1	0	1	2	4
Yards Opp Ret	0	34	0	0	0	14	70	53
Opp TDs on Int	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
PUNTS	7	10	10	7	9	8	9	9
Avg Yards	43.3	46.6	42.8	52.3	42.1	51.8	46.4	46.1
PUNT RETURNS	4	4	3	1	5	6	5	3
Avg Return	11.0	15.8	6.7	2.0	13.2	6.2	6.6	24.3
Returned for TD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
KICKOFF RETURNS	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	2
Avg Return	18.5	20.0	19.0	18.0	24.0	15.0	31.0	23.0
Returned for TD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PENALTIES	12	6	12	19	10	8	12	7
Yards Penalized	108	55	77	162	113	60	95	39
FUMBLES BY	4	6	3	2	0	6	3	2
Fumbles Lost	2	2	2	1	0	6	2	1
Opp Fumbles	3	6	6	1	2	1	3	3
Opp Fum Lost	1	4	2	1	1	0	1	1
POSS. TIME (avg)	32:01	30:54	25:43	31:59	29:12	24:57	29:27	22:37
TOUCHDOWNS	2	4	7	6	6	6	5	3
Rushing	0	2	4	4	3	0	1	0
Passing	2	2	2	2	3	6	4	2
Returns	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
EXTRA-PT KICKS	2/2	4/4	7/7	5/5	5/5	6/6	4/4	2/2
2-PT CONVERSIONS	0/0	0/0	0/0	1/1	1/1	0/0	0/1	0/0
FIELD GOALS/FGA	5/6	4/4	1/1	3/4	5/5	1/1	1/1	4/4
POINTS SCORED	29	40	52	52	58	45	37	32

DEFENSE	Hou.	Jax	Ind.	Balt.	LA-C	Minn.	N.E.	NY-J
POINTS ALLOWED	56	38	51	33	63	54	49	46
OPP FIRST DOWNS	37	37	44	37	52	40	39	45
Rushing	13	11	12	5	15	24	12	16
Passing	21	24	28	26	32	13	23	27
Penalty	3	2	4	6	5	3	4	2
OPP YARDS GAINED	618	679	731	550	877	672	640	696
Avg per Game	309.0	339.5	365.5	275.0	438.5	336.0	320.0	348.0
OPP RUSHING(net)	236	166	157	138	211	332	242	231
Avg per Game	118.0	83.0	78.5	69.0	105.5	166.0	121.0	115.5
Rushes	55	48	61	38	54	81	55	66
Yards per Rush	4.3	3.5	2.6	3.6	3.9	4.1	4.4	3.5
OPP PASSING(net)	382	513	574	412	666	340	398	465
Avg per Game	191.0	256.5	287.0	206.0	333.0	170.0	199.0	232.5
Passes Att.	55	80	79	85	69	57	63	79
Completed	42	53	54	55	48	39	43	60
Pct Completed	76.4	66.3	68.4	64.7	69.6	68.4	68.3	75.9
Sacked	4	5	8	6	5	5	4	6
Yards Lost	14	15	51	52	46	26	21	26
INTERCEPTED BY	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	3
Yards Returned	0	0	34	36	9	0	0	0
Returned for TD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OPP PUNT RETURNS	1	5	4	3	2	5	4	1
Avg return	0.0	5.6	19.5	35.0	5.5	6.2	14.3	4.0
OPP KICKOFF RET	1	2	3	0	0	1	1	1
Avg return	18.0	16.5	19.0	0.0	0.0	23.0	11.0	0.0
OPP TOUCHDOWNS	7	5	6	3	7	6	5	3
Rushing	6	1	2	0	3	3	2	0
Passing	1	3	4	2	4	3	2	3
Returns	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0

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OFFENSE	N.O.	G.B.	Tenn.	Clev.	Car.	Sea.	Chi.	K.C.
GAMES (Won-Lost)	2-0	1-1	1-1	1-1	0-2	1-1	0-2	1-1
FIRST DOWNS	38	32	38	41	34	41	36	36
Rushing	12	9	15	19	13	10	13	13
Passing	23	20	17	21	17	25	21	22
Penalty	3	3	6	1	4	6	2	1
YDS GAINED (tot)	692	553	626	758	520	573	547	715
Avg per Game	346.0	276.5	313.0	379.0	260.0	286.5	273.5	357.5
RUSHING (net)	203	176	245	404	254	167	189	191
Avg per Game	101.5	88.0	122.5	202.0	127.0	83.5	94.5	95.5
Rushes	60	53	56	75	51	43	45	45
Yards per Rush	3.4	3.3	4.4	5.4	5.0	3.9	4.2	4.2
PASSING (net)	489	377	381	354	266	406	358	524
Avg per Game	244.5	188.5	190.5	177.0	133.0	203.0	179.0	262.0
Passes Att.	70	52	58	69	71	67	66	80
Completed	45	29	36	38	42	48	40	50
Pct Completed	64.3	55.8	62.1	55.1	59.2	71.6	60.6	62.5
Yards Gained	541	396	444	389	299	440	427	531
Sacked	8	2	8	9	6	3	10	1
Yards Lost	52	19	63	35	33	34	69	7
Had intercepted	2	0	3	2	2	0	3	2
Yards Opp Ret	21	0	5	50	3	0	45	50
Opp TDs on Int	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	1
PUNTS	10	9	8	12	10	7	9	9
Avg Yards	45.1	49.8	51.6	47.4	50.5	55.4	49.3	48.9
PUNT RETURNS	3	3	6	3	5	1	2	6
Avg Return	7.3	18.0	8.0	5.0	5.8	18.0	8.0	4.0
Returned for TD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
KICKOFF RETURNS	7	4	0	0	0	5	4	1
Avg Return	22.4	27.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	23.4	21.0	14.0
Returned for TD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PENALTIES	10	16	13	13	15	16	12	15
Yards Penalized	77	130	90	124	101	135	89	119
FUMBLES BY	2	2	0	6	3	0	3	4
Fumbles Lost	1	0	0	4	2	0	1	2
Opp Fumbles	1	1	2	1	1	2	4	5
Opp Fum Lost	1	1	1	1	0	2	0	2
POSS. TIME (avg)	30:45	26:31	32:43	35:39	30:56	26:08	27:24	29:36
TOUCHDOWNS	3	8	3	4	2	6	4	4
Rushing	2	1	2	2	0	2	2	0
Passing	1	6	1	2	2	3	2	4
Returns	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
EXTRA-PT KICKS	3/3	8/8	3/3	1/1	1/1	5/5	2/2	4/4
2-PT CONVERSIONS	0/0	0/0	0/0	3/3	1/1	0/0	1/2	0/0
FIELD GOALS/FGA	5/5	2/2	7/7	5/6	4/4	3/6	3/3	3/3
POINTS SCORED	36	62	42	46	27	50	37	37

DEFENSE	N.O.	G.B.	Tenn.	Clev.	Car.	Sea.	Chi.	K.C.
POINTS ALLOWED	32	45	40	29	44	61	65	30
OPP FIRST DOWNS	30	49	34	15	36	52	34	37
Rushing	9	23	6	5	17	13	13	9
Passing	16	22	26	9	17	34	20	25
Penalty	5	4	2	1	2	5	1	3
OPP YARDS GAINED	524	757	693	397	562	844	766	639
Avg per Game	262.0	378.5	346.5	198.5	281.0	422.0	383.0	319.5
OPP RUSHING(net)	204	333	130	130	264	194	212	192
Avg per Game	102.0	166.5	65.0	65.0	132.0	97.0	106.0	96.0
Rushes	41	74	48	41	59	67	66	52
Yards per Rush	5.0	4.5	2.7	3.2	4.5	2.9	3.2	3.7
OPP PASSING(net)	320	424	563	267	298	650	554	447
Avg per Game	160.0	212.0	281.5	133.5	149.0	325.0	277.0	223.5
Passes Att.	67	69	74	62	55	73	61	77
Completed	38	43	50	29	37	52	41	45
Pct Completed	56.7	62.3	67.6	46.8	67.3	71.2	67.2	58.4
Sacked	7	5	7	4	8	2	1	5
Yards Lost	31	29	47	37	53	7	8	21
INTERCEPTED BY	3	2	1	1	1	1	0	0
Yards Returned	5	35	10	0	11	40	0	0
Returned for TD	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
OPP PUNT RETURNS	6	4	6	4	3	3	5	3
Avg return	8.7	9.0	11.5	9.5	6.7	8.0	12.2	7.0
OPP KICKOFF RET	0	5	6	3	2	1	2	0
Avg return	0.0	20.6	22.3	15.0	23.5	8.0	27.5	0.0
OPP TOUCHDOWNS	1	4	3	3	5	7	8	3
Rushing	0	2	0	0	4	4	2	1
Passing	1	2	3	1	1	3	4	1
Returns	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	1

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OFFENSE	NFL/Avg
GAMES (Won-Lost)	---
FIRST DOWNS	39.6
Rushing	13.3
Passing	22.5
Penalty	3.8
YDS GAINED (tot)	652.8
Avg per Game	326.4
RUSHING (net)	219.6
Avg per Game	109.8
Rushes	53.7
Yards per Rush	4.1
PASSING (net)	433.2
Avg per Game	216.6
Passes Att.	68.8
Completed	45.2
Pct Completed	65.7
Yards Gained	465.5
Sacked	5.2
Yards Lost	32.3
Had intercepted	1.4
Yards Opp Ret	17.3
Opp TDs on Int	0.2
PUNTS	8.0
Avg Yards	47.3
PUNT RETURNS	3.3
Avg Return	9.8
Returned for TD	0.1
KICKOFF RETURNS	1.6
Avg Return	22.0
Returned for TD	0.0
PENALTIES	12.5
Yards Penalized	104.2
FUMBLES BY	2.6
Fumbles Lost	1.3
Opp Fumbles	2.6
Opp Fum Lost	1.3
POSS. TIME (avg)	30:00
TOUCHDOWNS	4.9
Rushing	1.8
Passing	2.7
Returns	0.4
EXTRA POINTS(tot)	96%
Kicks Made/2Pt	71%
FIELD GOALS/FGA	4/4
POINTS SCORED	45.4

DEFENSE	NFL/Avg
POINTS ALLOWED	45.4
OPP FIRST DOWNS	39.6
Rushing	13.3
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Passes Att.	68.8
Completed	45.2
Pct Completed	65.7
Sacked	5.2
Yards Lost	32.3
INTERCEPTED BY	1.4
Yards Returned	17.3
Returned for TD	0.2
OPP PUNT RETURNS	3.3
Avg return	9.8
OPP KICKOFF RET	1.6
Avg return	22.0
OPP TOUCHDOWNS	4.9
Rushing	1.8
Passing	2.7
Returns	0.4

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AFC / TEAM/OFFENSE RANK

Tm	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)	(J)	(K)	(L)	(M)	(N)	(O)	(P)	(Q)
BAL	6	7	3	9	11	3	7	7	5	1	16	15	12	1	15	4t	13t
BUF	3	5	4	3	5	9	12	10	3	2	5t	13t	1	5	16	3	1t
CIN	16	16	13	10	15	16	4	4	14t	6t	8t	2	8	16	12	15t	15t
CLE	4	11	1	1	14	15	11	14	8	14	14t	12	14t	6	5	7	11t
DEN	8	4	7	5	7	6	6	15	6	8	1t	1	3	13t	7	6	13t
HOU	9	14	14	16	2	11	1t	12	7	4	8t	7	11	12	13	14	11t
IND	10	10	9t	11	8	7	5	5	11	10t	12t	10	10	13t	14	4t	1t
JAC	12	12	11	13	9	10	3	8t	9t	16	12t	4	9	7	4	9	1t
KC	5	2	9t	8	3	4	9	2	12	10t	7	13t	13	4	2	10t	1t
LV	14	6	15	15	12	2	15	1	13	3	1t	16	5t	3	1	15t	1t
LAC	2	3	2	4	6	5	1t	8t	2	9	5t	6	4	15	9	2	1t
MIA	1	1	8	7	1	1	10	3	1	5	1t	5	14t	10	6	1	15t
NE	7	13	12	12	4	12	8	6	4	6t	10t	11	2	8	11	10t	1t
NYJ	13	9	6	2	16	13	16	13	14t	15	1t	3	5t	9	3	13	1t
PIT	15	15	16	14	10	14	13	11	16	13	10t	8t	7	11	10	12	1t
TEN	11	8	5	6	13	8	14	16	9t	12	14t	8t	14t	2	8	8	1t

AFC / OPPONENT/DEFENSE RANK

Tm	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)	(J)	(K)	(L)	(M)	(N)	(O)	(P)	(Q)	(R)	(S)
BAL	3	2	3	7	7	2	14	8	4t	14	9	16	1t	1	7	4	8t	2	4
BUF	2	15	9	15	2	11	1	9	2	9	14t	15	15	7	16	3	8t	1	2
CIN	14	12	15	14	3	8	5t	16	12	12	1t	4	1t	14	1	9t	6t	14	16
CLE	1	1	1t	3	1	1	5t	11	1	1	4t	10	10	2	4	1	4t	3	1
DEN	7	9	6	6	12	14	8	14	13	7	14t	5	1t	15	11t	12t	1	9	8
HOU	4	13	11	10	4	12	4	6	4t	15	1t	2	12	10	10	15	8t	15t	6
IND	13	6	4	1	15	13	13	2	10	8	12	14	13	4	5	9t	4t	8	11
JAC	8	7	5	4	13	10	3	13	4t	2	10	8	11	5	3	5	8t	6t	9
KC	5	4	7	8	10	5	15t	10	4t	3	6	9	1t	8t	14	2	8t	5	5
LV	11	11	13	12	9	7	15t	15	14	13	13	1	16	6	15	14	2	15t	14
LAC	16	16	8	9	16	16	9t	7	15	11	11	7	1t	16	11t	16	8t	10	12
MIA	12	5	14	13	6	3	12	4	16	16	7t	6	1t	11	8	9t	8t	4	3
NE	6	8	12	11	5	9	7	12	8	5	4t	13	9	12	13	8	3	11	7
NYJ	10	3	10	5	11	6	2	5	11	10	1t	3	8	13	2	7	8t	12	13
PIT	15	14	16	16	8	4	9t	1	9	6	7t	12	1t	8t	9	12t	6t	13	15
TEN	9	10	1t	2	14	15	11	3	3	4	14t	11	14	3	6	6	8t	6t	10

- (A) Total Yards per Game
- (B) Yards per Play
- (C) Rushing Yards per Game
- (D) Rushing Yards per Attempt
- (E) Passing Net Yards per Game
- (F) Passing Net Yards per Play
- (G) Passing, Percent Had Intercepted
- (H) Sacks per Pass Play
- (I) First Downs per Game
- (J) Third Down Efficiency
- (K) Fourth Down Efficiency
- (L) Punt Return Average
- (M) Kickoff Return Average
- (N) Gross Punting Average
- (O) Net Punting Average
- (P) Points per Game
- (Q) Field Goal Percentage
- Combined Offense/Defense Rank
- (R) Points per Game Differential
- (S) Net Yards per Game Differential

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Tm	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)	(J)	(K)	(L)	(M)	(N)	(O)	(P)	(Q)
ARI	12	11	6	5	13	11	1t	8	11t	13	15	15	7t	11	11	12	11
ATL	8	4	3	4	14	9	11	11	8t	15	6	12t	7t	10	5	9	1t
CAR	16	16	5	2	16	16	13	10	15	14	12t	14	13t	5	1	16	1t
CHI	15	15	12	7	12	15	16	16	13	12	9t	9	5t	8	9	13	1t
DAL	9	13	4	11	9	8	1t	3	3t	3	9t	8	12	6	6	1	1t
DET	2	3	8	10	3	1	8t	5	3t	8	12t	4	13t	13	7	7	1t
GB	14	6	14	13	10	5	1t	4	16	4	12t	1t	1	7	14	2	1t
LAR	1	5	13	14	2	6	12	1	1	1	7t	7	10	4	12	6	13
MIN	4	2	16	16	1	2	7	7	11t	2	1t	11	9	3	3	11	1t
NO	5	8	10	12	4	7	14	12	10	5t	16	10	4	15	16	14	1t
NYG	11	14	7	6	11	14	15	15	8t	7	7t	6	13t	14	10	15	16
PHI	6	9	1	3	15	13	10	13	6t	9	9t	5	11	16	15	4	10
SF	3	1	2	1	7	3	1t	9	5	10	1t	3	13t	12	8	3	1t
SEA	13	7	15	9	8	10	1t	6	6t	11	1t	1t	2	1	4	8	15
TB	7	10	11	15	5	4	1t	2	14	5t	1t	12t	3	2	2	10	12
WAS	10	12	9	8	6	12	8t	14	2	16	1t	16	5t	9	13	5	14

NFC / OPPONENT/DEFENSE RANK

Tm	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)	(J)	(K)	(L)	(M)	(N)	(O)	(P)	(Q)	(R)	(S)
ARI	11	9	10	7	10	10	6	4	14	14	14t	5	8	1	3	11	9t	11	13
ATL	2	2	11	11	2	2	5	11	8	7	4	2	13t	15	15	4t	9t	4	4
CAR	5	5	13	10	3	5	8	3	7	6	1t	8	11	4	8	7	9t	14	11
CHI	15	16	8	2	14	16	14t	14	4t	15	10t	14	13t	13	10	15	5	15	15
DAL	1	1	4t	6	1	1	1	1	1	2t	10t	9	1t	12	16	1	2	1	2
DET	12	12	4t	5	13	14	12	15	13	9	7t	3	9	11	14	13	3	10	6
GB	14	8	16	12	9	9	7	8	15	5	10t	13	7	14	6	8	9t	3	14
LAR	4	11	12	16	4	8	14t	10	4t	1	1t	16	12	16	12	6	8	7	1
MIN	10	6	15	9	6	7	9	7	9	8	14t	6	10	6	9	12	6t	12	8
NO	3	4	7	15	5	3	2	6	2	2t	14t	12	1t	2	5	3	9t	9	3
NYG	9	13	14	14	7	13	14t	16	10	11	7t	4	6	8	1t	16	6t	16	10
PHI	13	14	1	4	16	12	13	12	11t	12	5t	10t	16	7	7	9	1	6	12
SF	8	3	3	8	11	4	4	9	11t	10	5t	7	15	3	1t	2	9t	2	5
SEA	16	15	6	1	15	15	11	13	16	16	7t	10t	4	10	4	14	4	13	16
TB	6	10	2	3	12	11	3	5	3	13	1t	1	5	9	13	4t	9t	5	7
WAS	7	7	9	13	8	6	10	2	4t	4	10t	15	1t	5	11	10	9t	8	9

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NFL / TEAM/OFFENSE RANK

Tm	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)	(J)	(K)	(L)	(M)	(N)	(O)	(P)	(Q)
BAL	12	10	6	17	19	9	17	15	7t	1	31t	31	20	3	31	10t	25t
BUF	5	8	7	5	10	19	26	20	4	6	10t	28t	1	13	32	8	1t
CIN	32	32	28	18	30	31	11	8	30t	14t	16t	2	11	32	28	30t	28t
CLE	6	22	1	2	26	30	25	27	13t	30	28t	26	26t	17	12	17	21t
DEN	16	7	15	9	12	15	15	28	10t	16	1t	1	3t	29t	18	14t	25t
HOU	17	29	29	32	5	23	1t	24	12	10	16t	10t	19	28	29	29	21t
IND	20	17	20t	19	13	16	12	13	21t	22t	26t	20	16t	29t	30	10t	1t
JAC	22	26	24	25	14	20	10	17t	18t	32	26t	6	15	19	10	21	1t
KC	9	5	20t	14	6	10	21	3	24t	22t	13t	28t	22t	12	5	22t	1t
LV	30	9	30	31	21	3	31	1	26t	7	1t	32	7t	10	1	30t	1t
LAC	4	6	5	7	11	13	1t	17t	3	17	10t	9	5	31	23	6	1t
MIA	1	1	16	12	1	1	22	4	2	13	1t	7t	26t	23	17	3t	28t
NE	14	28	27	22	7	25	19	14	5t	14t	21t	21	2	20	27	22t	1t
NYJ	29	15	12	3	31	26	32	25	30t	31	1t	3	7t	21	8	27	1t
PIT	31	30	31	27	18	28	27	21	32	29	21t	16t	10	26	25	26	1t
TEN	21	14	11	11	22	18	30	29	18t	26t	28t	16t	26t	5	21	20	1t
ARI	24	21	10	10	27	21	1t	12	21t	22t	28t	27	16t	16	16	19	21t
ATL	15	11	4	8	28	14	18	22	16t	26t	10t	23t	16t	15	7	14t	1t
CAR	28	31	9	4	32	32	23	19	28	25	21t	25	26t	7	2	30t	1t
CHI	27	27	22	15	25	29	29	32	24t	21	16t	16t	13t	11	14	22t	1t
DAL	18	24	8	23	20	12	1t	6	7t	4	16t	15	25	8	9	1	1t
DET	3	4	14	21	4	2	13t	9	7t	12	21t	10t	26t	22	11	10t	1t
GB	26	13	25	26	23	7	1t	7	29	5	21t	4t	3t	9	22	2	1t
LAR	2	12	23	28	3	8	20	2	1	2	13t	14	22t	6	19	9	25t
MIN	8	3	32	30	2	4	9	11	21t	3	1t	22	21	4	4	18	1t
NO	10	18	18	24	8	11	24	23	18t	8t	31t	19	12	25	26	25	1t
NYG	23	25	13	13	24	27	28	31	16t	11	13t	13	26t	24	15	28	32
PHI	11	19	2	6	29	24	16	26	13t	18	16t	12	24	27	24	5	20
SF	7	2	3	1	16	5	1t	16	10t	19	1t	7t	26t	18	13	3t	1t
SEA	25	16	26	20	17	17	1t	10	13t	20	1t	4t	6	1	6	13	31
TB	13	20	19	29	9	6	1t	5	26t	8t	1t	23t	7t	2	3	16	24
WAS	19	23	17	16	15	22	13t	30	5t	28	1t	30	13t	14	20	7	28t

Team/Offense Rank

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NFL / OPPONENT/DEFENSE RANK

Tm	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)	(J)	(K)	(L)	(M)	(N)	(O)	(P)	(Q)	(R)	(S)
BAL	7	4	6	12	15	5	26	16	11t	28	13t	32	1t	2	9	7	16t	4	9
BUF	5	29	19	30	6	22	2	17	2t	17t	27t	31	24t	12	29	5t	16t	3	4
CIN	28	22	31	29	10	17	14t	26	25t	26	1t	4	1t	24	1	19t	13t	28	32
CLE	2	2	3t	4	2t	2t	14t	19	1	1	7t	23	14t	3	4	2	8t	5t	1
DEN	16	19	11	10	21	28	18	22	27	14	27t	5t	1t	31	21t	23t	3t	18	17
HOU	11	23	21	19	11	24	11t	13	11t	29	1t	2	17	15	19	27	16t	29t	14
IND	25	12	7	1	29	25	24	8	22	15t	21	30	18t	6	7	19t	8t	17	23t
JAC	18	14	8	8	25	19	10	21	11t	5	16	11	16	7	3	10	16t	15t	20
KC	13	10	12	13	19	11	28t	18	11t	6	10	17t	1t	13t	25	3t	16t	12	11
LV	23	21	27	26	18	16	28t	25	29	27	26	1	32	8	27	25t	5t	29t	28
LAC	32	32	15	14	32	32	19t	14t	30t	24	17t	10	1t	32	21t	30	16t	19t	25
MIA	24	11	28	27	14	8	23	10	32	30	11t	8	1t	18	15	19t	16t	11	5
NE	14	17	23	20	13	18	17	20	16	11t	7t	28	13	20	24	17t	7	24	15
NYJ	21	8	20	9	20	12	6	12	23t	23	1t	3	11	23	2	15	16t	25	26
PIT	30	24	32	32	16	9	19t	5	18t	13	11t	26	1t	13t	17t	23t	13t	27	31
TEN	20	20	3t	2	28	29	22	9	6t	7	27t	24	22t	4	8	11	16t	15t	21
ARI	19	16	18	16	22	20	8	4	25t	25	27t	13	21	1	10	19t	16t	21	23t
ATL	3	3	22	22	2t	2t	7	27	11t	11t	7t	7	28t	29	31	8t	16t	7	7
CAR	8	7	25	21	4	7	11t	3	10	10	1t	16	26	10	16	13	16t	26	19
CHI	29	31	16	5	27	31	28t	30	6t	31	22t	25	28t	27	20	31	8t	31	29
DAL	1	1	9t	15	1	1	1	1	2t	3t	22t	17t	1t	26	32	1	2	1	3
DET	22	26	9t	11	26	27	25	31	23t	17t	17t	9	22t	25	30	28	3t	19t	10
GB	27	15	30	23	17	15	9	14t	28	9	22t	22	20	28	13	14	16t	5t	27
LAR	6	25	24	31	5	14	28t	24	6t	2	1t	29	27	30	26	12	13t	10	2
MIN	17	9	29	18	8	13	13	11	17	15t	27t	14	24t	16	17t	25t	11t	22	13
NO	4	6	14	28	7	4	3	7	4	3t	27t	21	1t	5	12	5t	16t	14	6
NYG	15	27	26	25	9	26	28t	32	18t	20	17t	12	18t	19	5t	32	11t	32	18
PHI	26	28	1	7	31	23	27	28	20t	21	13t	19t	31	17	14	16	1	9	22
SF	12	5	3t	17	23	6	5	23	20t	19	13t	15	30	9	5t	3t	16t	2	8
SEA	31	30	13	3	30	30	21	29	30t	32	17t	19t	12	22	11	29	5t	23	30
TB	9	18	2	6	24	21	4	6	5	22	1t	5t	14t	21	28	8t	16t	8	12
WAS	10	13	17	24	12	10	14t	2	6t	8	22t	27	1t	11	23	17t	16t	13	16

Opponent/Defense Rank

- (A) Total Yards per Game
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 - (S) Net Yards per Game Differential

WEEK 2 / THROUGH MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023**AFC / TOTAL OFFENSE**

Rank	Team	Total	Rushing	Passing	Total	Rushing	Passing
1)	Miami	925	215	710	462.5	107.5	355.0
2)	L.A. Chargers	775	294	481	387.5	147.0	240.5
3)	Buffalo	764	280	484	382.0	140.0	242.0
4)	Cleveland	758	404	354	379.0	202.0	177.0
5)	Kansas City	715	191	524	357.5	95.5	262.0
6)	Baltimore	680	288	392	340.0	144.0	196.0
7)	New England	670	164	506	335.0	82.0	253.0
8)	Denver	659	216	443	329.5	108.0	221.5
9)	Houston	657	124	533	328.5	62.0	266.5
10)	Indianapolis	633	191	442	316.5	95.5	221.0
11)	Tennessee	626	245	381	313.0	122.5	190.5
12)	Jacksonville	613	179	434	306.5	89.5	217.0
13)	N.Y. Jets	504	236	268	252.0	118.0	134.0
14)	Las Vegas	501	116	385	250.5	58.0	192.5
15)	Pittsburgh	494	96	398	247.0	48.0	199.0
16)	Cincinnati	424	141	283	212.0	70.5	141.5

AFC / TOTAL DEFENSE

Rank	Team	Total	Rushing	Passing	Total	Rushing	Passing
1)	Cleveland	397	130	267	198.5	65.0	133.5
2)	Buffalo	529	227	302	264.5	113.5	151.0
3)	Baltimore	550	138	412	275.0	69.0	206.0
4)	Houston	618	236	382	309.0	118.0	191.0
5)	Kansas City	639	192	447	319.5	96.0	223.5
6)	New England	640	242	398	320.0	121.0	199.0
7)	Denver	649	183	466	324.5	91.5	233.0
8)	Jacksonville	679	166	513	339.5	83.0	256.5
9)	Tennessee	693	130	563	346.5	65.0	281.5
10)	N.Y. Jets	696	231	465	348.0	115.5	232.5
11)	Las Vegas	710	277	433	355.0	138.5	216.5
12)	Miami	721	321	400	360.5	160.5	200.0
13)	Indianapolis	731	157	574	365.5	78.5	287.0
14)	Cincinnati	765	384	381	382.5	192.0	190.5
15)	Pittsburgh	799	386	413	399.5	193.0	206.5
16)	L.A. Chargers	877	211	666	438.5	105.5	333.0

WEEK 2 / THROUGH MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023**NFC / TOTAL OFFENSE**

Rank	Team	Total	Rushing	Passing	Total	Rushing	Passing
1)	L.A. Rams	812	181	631	406.0	90.5	315.5
2)	Detroit	786	220	566	393.0	110.0	283.0
3)	San Francisco	756	347	409	378.0	173.5	204.5
4)	Minnesota	743	69	674	371.5	34.5	337.0
5)	New Orleans	692	203	489	346.0	101.5	244.5
6)	Philadelphia	681	356	325	340.5	178.0	162.5
7)	Tampa Bay	679	193	486	339.5	96.5	243.0
8)	Atlanta	667	341	326	333.5	170.5	163.0
9)	Dallas	647	256	391	323.5	128.0	195.5
10)	Washington	636	214	422	318.0	107.0	211.0
11)	N.Y. Giants	610	235	375	305.0	117.5	187.5
12)	Arizona	589	247	342	294.5	123.5	171.0
13)	Seattle	573	167	406	286.5	83.5	203.0
14)	Green Bay	553	176	377	276.5	88.0	188.5
15)	Chicago	547	189	358	273.5	94.5	179.0
16)	Carolina	520	254	266	260.0	127.0	133.0

NFC / TOTAL DEFENSE

Rank	Team	Total	Rushing	Passing	Total	Rushing	Passing
1)	Dallas	386	172	214	193.0	86.0	107.0
2)	Atlanta	505	238	267	252.5	119.0	133.5
3)	New Orleans	524	204	320	262.0	102.0	160.0
4)	L.A. Rams	545	244	301	272.5	122.0	150.5
5)	Carolina	562	264	298	281.0	132.0	149.0
6)	Tampa Bay	605	108	497	302.5	54.0	248.5
7)	Washington	609	218	391	304.5	109.0	195.5
8)	San Francisco	625	130	495	312.5	65.0	247.5
9)	N.Y. Giants	644	273	371	322.0	136.5	185.5
10)	Minnesota	672	332	340	336.0	166.0	170.0
11)	Arizona	687	219	468	343.5	109.5	234.0
12)	Detroit	709	172	537	354.5	86.0	268.5
13)	Philadelphia	756	104	652	378.0	52.0	326.0
14)	Green Bay	757	333	424	378.5	166.5	212.0
15)	Chicago	766	212	554	383.0	106.0	277.0
16)	Seattle	844	194	650	422.0	97.0	325.0

WEEK 2 / THROUGH MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023**NFL / TOTAL OFFENSE**

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4)	L.A. Chargers	775	294	481	387.5	147.0	240.5
5)	Buffalo	764	280	484	382.0	140.0	242.0
6)	Cleveland	758	404	354	379.0	202.0	177.0
7)	San Francisco	756	347	409	378.0	173.5	204.5
8)	Minnesota	743	69	674	371.5	34.5	337.0
9)	Kansas City	715	191	524	357.5	95.5	262.0
10)	New Orleans	692	203	489	346.0	101.5	244.5
11)	Philadelphia	681	356	325	340.5	178.0	162.5
12)	Baltimore	680	288	392	340.0	144.0	196.0
13)	Tampa Bay	679	193	486	339.5	96.5	243.0
14)	New England	670	164	506	335.0	82.0	253.0
15)	Atlanta	667	341	326	333.5	170.5	163.0
16)	Denver	659	216	443	329.5	108.0	221.5
17)	Houston	657	124	533	328.5	62.0	266.5
18)	Dallas	647	256	391	323.5	128.0	195.5
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21)	Tennessee	626	245	381	313.0	122.5	190.5
22)	Jacksonville	613	179	434	306.5	89.5	217.0
23)	N.Y. Giants	610	235	375	305.0	117.5	187.5
24)	Arizona	589	247	342	294.5	123.5	171.0
25)	Seattle	573	167	406	286.5	83.5	203.0
26)	Green Bay	553	176	377	276.5	88.0	188.5
27)	Chicago	547	189	358	273.5	94.5	179.0
28)	Carolina	520	254	266	260.0	127.0	133.0
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4)	New Orleans	524	204	320	262.0	102.0	160.0
5)	Buffalo	529	227	302	264.5	113.5	151.0
6)	L.A. Rams	545	244	301	272.5	122.0	150.5
7)	Baltimore	550	138	412	275.0	69.0	206.0
8)	Carolina	562	264	298	281.0	132.0	149.0
9)	Tampa Bay	605	108	497	302.5	54.0	248.5
10)	Washington	609	218	391	304.5	109.0	195.5
11)	Houston	618	236	382	309.0	118.0	191.0
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23)	Las Vegas	710	277	433	355.0	138.5	216.5
24)	Miami	721	321	400	360.5	160.5	200.0
25)	Indianapolis	731	157	574	365.5	78.5	287.0
26)	Philadelphia	756	104	652	378.0	52.0	326.0
27)	Green Bay	757	333	424	378.5	166.5	212.0
28)	Cincinnati	765	384	381	382.5	192.0	190.5
29)	Chicago	766	212	554	383.0	106.0	277.0
30)	Pittsburgh	799	386	413	399.5	193.0	206.5
31)	Seattle	844	194	650	422.0	97.0	325.0
32)	L.A. Chargers	877	211	666	438.5	105.5	333.0

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AFC / TAKEAWAYS, GIVEAWAYS

Rank	Team	TAKEAWAYS			GIVEAWAYS			Net Diff
		Int	Fum	Total	Int	Fum	Total	
1)	Jacksonville	2	4	6	1	2	3	= +3
2)	L.A. Chargers	1	1	2	0	0	0	= +2
3t)	Cincinnati	1	1	2	1	0	1	= +1
3t)	Pittsburgh	1	4	5	3	1	4	= +1
5t)	Baltimore	1	1	2	1	1	2	= 0
5t)	Buffalo	3	1	4	3	1	4	= 0
5t)	Houston	1	1	2	0	2	2	= 0
5t)	Indianapolis	1	2	3	1	2	3	= 0
9t)	Denver	1	0	1	1	1	2	= -1
9t)	Miami	1	1	2	2	1	3	= -1
9t)	N.Y. Jets	3	1	4	4	1	5	= -1
9t)	Tennessee	1	1	2	3	0	3	= -1
13t)	Kansas City	0	2	2	2	2	4	= -2
13t)	New England	1	1	2	2	2	4	= -2
15t)	Cleveland	1	1	2	2	4	6	= -4
15t)	Las Vegas	0	0	0	3	1	4	= -4
	Totals	19	22	41	29	21	50	= -9

NFC / TAKEAWAYS, GIVEAWAYS

Rank	Team	TAKEAWAYS			GIVEAWAYS			Net Diff
		Int	Fum	Total	Int	Fum	Total	
1)	Dallas	5	2	7	0	0	0	= +7
2)	Tampa Bay	3	2	5	0	0	0	= +5
3)	Philadelphia	1	5	6	1	1	2	= +4
4t)	Green Bay	2	1	3	0	0	0	= +3
4t)	San Francisco	4	0	4	0	1	1	= +3
4t)	Seattle	1	2	3	0	0	0	= +3
7t)	Arizona	2	2	4	0	2	2	= +2
7t)	Atlanta	2	1	3	1	0	1	= +2
9t)	New Orleans	3	1	4	2	1	3	= +1
9t)	Washington	1	3	4	1	2	3	= +1
11)	L.A. Rams	0	0	0	2	0	2	= -2
12t)	Carolina	1	0	1	2	2	4	= -3
12t)	Detroit	1	0	1	1	3	4	= -3
14t)	Chicago	0	0	0	3	1	4	= -4
14t)	N.Y. Giants	0	0	0	3	1	4	= -4
16)	Minnesota	1	0	1	1	6	7	= -6
	Totals	27	19	46	17	20	37	= +9

NFL / TAKEAWAYS, GIVEAWAYS

Rank	Team	TAKEAWAYS			GIVEAWAYS			Net Diff
		Int	Fum	Total	Int	Fum	Total	
1)	Dallas	5	2	7	0	0	0	= +7
2)	Tampa Bay	3	2	5	0	0	0	= +5
3)	Philadelphia	1	5	6	1	1	2	= +4
4t)	Jacksonville	2	4	6	1	2	3	= +3
4t)	Green Bay	2	1	3	0	0	0	= +3
4t)	San Francisco	4	0	4	0	1	1	= +3
4t)	Seattle	1	2	3	0	0	0	= +3
8t)	L.A. Chargers	1	1	2	0	0	0	= +2
8t)	Arizona	2	2	4	0	2	2	= +2
8t)	Atlanta	2	1	3	1	0	1	= +2
11t)	Cincinnati	1	1	2	1	0	1	= +1
11t)	Pittsburgh	1	4	5	3	1	4	= +1
11t)	New Orleans	3	1	4	2	1	3	= +1
11t)	Washington	1	3	4	1	2	3	= +1
15t)	Baltimore	1	1	2	1	1	2	= 0
15t)	Buffalo	3	1	4	3	1	4	= 0
15t)	Houston	1	1	2	0	2	2	= 0
15t)	Indianapolis	1	2	3	1	2	3	= 0
19t)	Denver	1	0	1	1	1	2	= -1
19t)	Miami	1	1	2	2	1	3	= -1
19t)	N.Y. Jets	3	1	4	4	1	5	= -1
19t)	Tennessee	1	1	2	3	0	3	= -1
23t)	Kansas City	0	2	2	2	2	4	= -2
23t)	New England	1	1	2	2	2	4	= -2
23t)	L.A. Rams	0	0	0	2	0	2	= -2
26t)	Carolina	1	0	1	2	2	4	= -3
26t)	Detroit	1	0	1	1	3	4	= -3
28t)	Cleveland	1	1	2	2	4	6	= -4
28t)	Las Vegas	0	0	0	3	1	4	= -4
28t)	Chicago	0	0	0	3	1	4	= -4
28t)	N.Y. Giants	0	0	0	3	1	4	= -4
32)	Minnesota	1	0	1	1	6	7	= -6
	Totals	46	41	87	46	41	87	= 0

WEEK 2 / THROUGH MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023**AFC / TEAM/OFFENSE INSIDE THE 20**

Rank	Team	Poss	Pts	TD	TD%	FG	Score	Score%
1t)	Indianapolis	7	35	5	71.4	0	5	71.4
1t)	New England	7	34	5	71.4	0	5	71.4
3t)	Baltimore	9	49	6	66.7	2	8	88.9
3t)	Buffalo	9	48	6	66.7	2	8	88.9
3t)	Cleveland	6	34	4	66.7	1	5	83.3
6)	Miami	8	40	5	62.5	2	7	87.5
7)	L.A. Chargers	10	55	6	60.0	4	10	100.0
8t)	Denver	7	36	4	57.1	3	7	100.0
8t)	Kansas City	7	34	4	57.1	2	6	85.7
10t)	Cincinnati	4	17	2	50.0	1	3	75.0
10t)	Jacksonville	6	27	3	50.0	2	5	83.3
10t)	Las Vegas	6	24	3	50.0	1	4	66.7
10t)	Pittsburgh	2	7	1	50.0	0	1	50.0
14)	Tennessee	7	33	3	42.9	4	7	100.0
15)	N.Y. Jets	4	16	1	25.0	3	4	100.0
16)	Houston	6	19	1	16.7	4	5	83.3

AFC / OPPONENTS/DEFENSE INSIDE THE 20

Rank	Team	Poss	Pts	TD	TD%	FG	Score	Score%
1t)	Baltimore	6	23	2	33.3	3	5	83.3
1t)	Kansas City	6	20	2	33.3	2	4	66.7
1t)	Tennessee	9	37	3	33.3	5	8	88.9
4)	N.Y. Jets	8	37	3	37.5	5	8	100.0
5)	Buffalo	5	20	2	40.0	2	4	80.0
6)	Jacksonville	7	24	3	42.9	1	4	57.1
7)	Indianapolis	7	34	4	57.1	2	6	85.7
8)	New England	5	26	3	60.0	2	5	100.0
9t)	L.A. Chargers	9	47	6	66.7	2	8	88.9
9t)	Pittsburgh	6	33	4	66.7	1	5	83.3
11)	Las Vegas	10	54	7	70.0	2	9	90.0
12t)	Cincinnati	7	42	5	71.4	2	7	100.0
12t)	Denver	7	39	5	71.4	1	6	85.7
14)	Houston	9	53	7	77.8	1	8	88.9
15)	Miami	7	45	6	85.7	1	7	100.0

WEEK 2 / THROUGH MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023**NFC / TEAM/OFFENSE INSIDE THE 20**

Rank	Team	Poss	Pts	TD	TD%	FG	Score	Score%
1t)	Green Bay	6	38	5	83.3	1	6	100.0
1t)	L.A. Rams	6	38	5	83.3	1	6	100.0
3)	Detroit	5	28	4	80.0	0	4	80.0
4)	Seattle	7	40	5	71.4	2	7	100.0
5t)	Chicago	3	16	2	66.7	1	3	100.0
5t)	Minnesota	6	31	4	66.7	1	5	83.3
5t)	Philadelphia	6	33	4	66.7	2	6	100.0
8t)	Atlanta	8	43	5	62.5	3	8	100.0
8t)	San Francisco	8	44	5	62.5	3	8	100.0
8t)	Washington	8	42	5	62.5	2	7	87.5
11)	N.Y. Giants	7	31	4	57.1	1	5	71.4
12)	Dallas	10	51	5	50.0	5	10	100.0
13t)	Arizona	5	24	2	40.0	3	5	100.0
13t)	Carolina	5	18	2	40.0	1	3	60.0
15)	New Orleans	8	33	3	37.5	4	7	87.5
16)	Tampa Bay	6	23	2	33.3	3	5	83.3

NFC / OPPONENTS/DEFENSE INSIDE THE 20

Rank	Team	Poss	Pts	TD	TD%	FG	Score	Score%
1)	Dallas	3	3	0	0.0	1	1	33.3
2)	New Orleans	6	20	1	16.7	4	5	83.3
3)	Washington	6	26	2	33.3	4	6	100.0
4)	Green Bay	7	31	3	42.9	4	7	100.0
5)	Tampa Bay	4	17	2	50.0	1	3	75.0
6t)	Chicago	7	34	4	57.1	2	6	85.7
6t)	L.A. Rams	7	37	4	57.1	3	7	100.0
8t)	Arizona	10	51	6	60.0	3	9	90.0
8t)	Atlanta	5	24	3	60.0	1	4	80.0
8t)	San Francisco	5	24	3	60.0	1	4	80.0
11)	Minnesota	6	34	4	66.7	2	6	100.0
12t)	Carolina	7	41	5	71.4	2	7	100.0
12t)	N.Y. Giants	7	42	5	71.4	2	7	100.0
14t)	Detroit	8	47	6	75.0	2	8	100.0
14t)	Philadelphia	8	41	6	75.0	0	6	75.0
16)	Seattle	5	35	5	100.0	0	5	100.0

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NFL / TEAM/OFFENSE INSIDE THE 20

Rank	Team	Poss	Pts	TD	TD%	FG	Score	Score%
1t)	Green Bay	6	38	5	83.3	1	6	100.0
1t)	L.A. Rams	6	38	5	83.3	1	6	100.0
3)	Detroit	5	28	4	80.0	0	4	80.0
4t)	Indianapolis	7	35	5	71.4	0	5	71.4
4t)	New England	7	34	5	71.4	0	5	71.4
4t)	Seattle	7	40	5	71.4	2	7	100.0
7t)	Baltimore	9	49	6	66.7	2	8	88.9
7t)	Buffalo	9	48	6	66.7	2	8	88.9
7t)	Chicago	3	16	2	66.7	1	3	100.0
7t)	Cleveland	6	34	4	66.7	1	5	83.3
7t)	Minnesota	6	31	4	66.7	1	5	83.3
7t)	Philadelphia	6	33	4	66.7	2	6	100.0
13t)	Atlanta	8	43	5	62.5	3	8	100.0
13t)	Miami	8	40	5	62.5	2	7	87.5
13t)	San Francisco	8	44	5	62.5	3	8	100.0
13t)	Washington	8	42	5	62.5	2	7	87.5
17)	L.A. Chargers	10	55	6	60.0	4	10	100.0
18t)	Denver	7	36	4	57.1	3	7	100.0
18t)	Kansas City	7	34	4	57.1	2	6	85.7
18t)	N.Y. Giants	7	31	4	57.1	1	5	71.4
21t)	Cincinnati	4	17	2	50.0	1	3	75.0
21t)	Dallas	10	51	5	50.0	5	10	100.0
21t)	Jacksonville	6	27	3	50.0	2	5	83.3
21t)	Las Vegas	6	24	3	50.0	1	4	66.7
21t)	Pittsburgh	2	7	1	50.0	0	1	50.0
26)	Tennessee	7	33	3	42.9	4	7	100.0
27t)	Arizona	5	24	2	40.0	3	5	100.0
27t)	Carolina	5	18	2	40.0	1	3	60.0
29)	New Orleans	8	33	3	37.5	4	7	87.5
30)	Tampa Bay	6	23	2	33.3	3	5	83.3
31)	N.Y. Jets	4	16	1	25.0	3	4	100.0
32)	Houston	6	19	1	16.7	4	5	83.3

NFL / OPPONENTS/DEFENSE INSIDE THE 20

Rank	Team	Poss	Pts	TD	TD%	FG	Score	Score%
1)	Dallas	3	3	0	0.0	1	1	33.3
2)	New Orleans	6	20	1	16.7	4	5	83.3
3t)	Baltimore	6	23	2	33.3	3	5	83.3
3t)	Kansas City	6	20	2	33.3	2	4	66.7
3t)	Tennessee	9	37	3	33.3	5	8	88.9
3t)	Washington	6	26	2	33.3	4	6	100.0
7)	N.Y. Jets	8	37	3	37.5	5	8	100.0
8)	Buffalo	5	20	2	40.0	2	4	80.0
9t)	Green Bay	7	31	3	42.9	4	7	100.0
9t)	Jacksonville	7	24	3	42.9	1	4	57.1
11)	Tampa Bay	4	17	2	50.0	1	3	75.0
12t)	Chicago	7	34	4	57.1	2	6	85.7
12t)	Indianapolis	7	34	4	57.1	2	6	85.7
12t)	L.A. Rams	7	37	4	57.1	3	7	100.0
15t)	Arizona	10	51	6	60.0	3	9	90.0
15t)	Atlanta	5	24	3	60.0	1	4	80.0
15t)	New England	5	26	3	60.0	2	5	100.0
15t)	San Francisco	5	24	3	60.0	1	4	80.0
19t)	L.A. Chargers	9	47	6	66.7	2	8	88.9
19t)	Minnesota	6	34	4	66.7	2	6	100.0
19t)	Pittsburgh	6	33	4	66.7	1	5	83.3
22)	Las Vegas	10	54	7	70.0	2	9	90.0
23t)	Carolina	7	41	5	71.4	2	7	100.0
23t)	Cincinnati	7	42	5	71.4	2	7	100.0
23t)	Denver	7	39	5	71.4	1	6	85.7
23t)	N.Y. Giants	7	42	5	71.4	2	7	100.0
27t)	Detroit	8	47	6	75.0	2	8	100.0
27t)	Philadelphia	8	41	6	75.0	0	6	75.0
29)	Houston	9	53	7	77.8	1	8	88.9
30)	Miami	7	45	6	85.7	1	7	100.0
31)	Seattle	5	35	5	100.0	0	5	100.0

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AFC / OFFENSE/TEAMS: FIRST DOWNS, THIRD DOWNS, FOURTH DOWNS

Rank	Team	FIRST DOWNS				THIRD DOWNS			FOURTH DOWNS		
		Total	Rush	Pass	Pen	Made	Att	Pct	Made	Att	Pct
1)	Miami	52	11	38	3	8	19	42.1	1	1	100.0
2)	L.A. Chargers	49	21	24	4	11	29	37.9	3	4	75.0
3)	Buffalo	48	18	28	2	12	26	46.2	3	4	75.0
4)	New England	47	15	28	4	12	30	40.0	2	6	33.3
5)	Baltimore	44	18	20	6	17	29	58.6	0	0	---
6)	Denver	43	15	19	9	9	23	39.1	2	2	100.0
7)	Houston	42	4	31	7	16	37	43.2	3	6	50.0
8)	Cleveland	41	19	21	1	9	30	30.0	0	2	0.0
9t)	Jacksonville	38	10	24	4	6	24	25.0	1	5	20.0
9t)	Tennessee	38	15	17	6	8	25	32.0	0	1	0.0
11)	Indianapolis	37	10	25	2	8	24	33.3	1	5	20.0
12)	Kansas City	36	13	22	1	9	27	33.3	2	3	66.7
13)	Las Vegas	35	7	21	7	8	18	44.4	1	1	100.0
14t)	Cincinnati	25	6	16	3	12	30	40.0	1	2	50.0
14t)	N.Y. Jets	25	9	13	3	6	23	26.1	2	2	100.0
16)	Pittsburgh	24	6	15	3	9	29	31.0	1	3	33.3
	Totals	624	197	362	65	160	423	37.8	23	47	48.9

AFC / DEFENSE/OPPONENTS: FIRST DOWNS, THIRD DOWNS, FOURTH DOWNS

Rank	Team	FIRST DOWNS				THIRD DOWNS			FOURTH DOWNS		
		Total	Rush	Pass	Pen	Made	Att	Pct	Made	Att	Pct
1)	Cleveland	15	5	9	1	6	29	20.7	0	1	0.0
2)	Buffalo	26	7	17	2	8	20	40.0	1	1	100.0
3)	Tennessee	34	6	26	2	9	30	30.0	3	3	100.0
4t)	Baltimore	37	5	26	6	17	33	51.5	2	5	40.0
4t)	Houston	37	13	21	3	14	27	51.9	0	0	---
4t)	Jacksonville	37	11	24	2	6	25	24.0	3	7	42.9
4t)	Kansas City	37	9	25	3	8	27	29.6	1	5	20.0
8)	New England	39	12	23	4	8	23	34.8	0	1	0.0
9)	Pittsburgh	42	15	25	2	11	29	37.9	1	3	33.3
10)	Indianapolis	44	12	28	4	12	31	38.7	3	5	60.0
11)	N.Y. Jets	45	16	27	2	14	31	45.2	0	0	---
12)	Cincinnati	47	23	21	3	13	28	46.4	0	0	---
13)	Denver	48	16	22	10	8	21	38.1	2	2	100.0
14)	Las Vegas	51	15	28	8	12	24	50.0	3	4	75.0
15)	L.A. Chargers	52	15	32	5	10	22	45.5	1	2	50.0
16)	Miami	53	27	20	6	16	30	53.3	1	3	33.3
	Totals	644	207	374	63	172	430	40.0	21	42	50.0

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NFC / OFFENSE/TEAMS: FIRST DOWNS, THIRD DOWNS, FOURTH DOWNS

Rank	Team	FIRST DOWNS				THIRD DOWNS			FOURTH DOWNS		
		Total	Rush	Pass	Pen	Made	Att	Pct	Made	Att	Pct
1)	L.A. Rams	55	17	34	4	18	31	58.1	2	3	66.7
2)	Washington	47	18	21	8	7	22	31.8	1	1	100.0
3t)	Dallas	44	15	24	5	15	31	48.4	1	2	50.0
3t)	Detroit	44	13	28	3	11	26	42.3	2	6	33.3
5)	San Francisco	43	16	24	3	8	22	36.4	1	1	100.0
6t)	Philadelphia	41	25	12	4	10	27	37.0	1	2	50.0
6t)	Seattle	41	10	25	6	7	20	35.0	1	1	100.0
8t)	Atlanta	40	22	16	2	8	25	32.0	3	4	75.0
8t)	N.Y. Giants	40	16	20	4	12	28	42.9	4	6	66.7
10)	New Orleans	38	12	23	3	14	32	43.8	0	0	---
11t)	Arizona	37	14	20	3	8	24	33.3	0	1	0.0
11t)	Minnesota	37	2	34	1	12	24	50.0	1	1	100.0
13)	Chicago	36	13	21	2	9	26	34.6	1	2	50.0
14)	Tampa Bay	35	13	19	3	14	32	43.8	2	2	100.0
15)	Carolina	34	13	17	4	9	28	32.1	1	3	33.3
16)	Green Bay	32	9	20	3	12	25	48.0	1	3	33.3
	Totals	644	228	358	58	174	423	41.1	22	38	57.9

NFC / DEFENSE/OPPONENTS: FIRST DOWNS, THIRD DOWNS, FOURTH DOWNS

Rank	Team	FIRST DOWNS				THIRD DOWNS			FOURTH DOWNS		
		Total	Rush	Pass	Pen	Made	Att	Pct	Made	Att	Pct
1)	Dallas	26	10	11	5	6	26	23.1	4	6	66.7
2)	New Orleans	30	9	16	5	6	26	23.1	1	1	100.0
3)	Tampa Bay	32	7	24	1	12	27	44.4	0	0	---
4t)	Chicago	34	13	20	1	17	31	54.8	2	3	66.7
4t)	L.A. Rams	34	11	18	5	4	18	22.2	0	0	---
4t)	Washington	34	14	17	3	8	26	30.8	2	3	66.7
7)	Carolina	36	17	17	2	9	26	34.6	0	0	---
8)	Atlanta	37	13	19	5	8	23	34.8	0	3	0.0
9)	Minnesota	40	24	13	3	12	31	38.7	2	2	100.0
10)	N.Y. Giants	42	17	19	6	10	23	43.5	1	2	50.0
11t)	Philadelphia	43	5	37	1	11	25	44.0	2	5	40.0
11t)	San Francisco	43	12	26	5	12	29	41.4	2	5	40.0
13)	Detroit	45	13	28	4	10	25	40.0	1	2	50.0
14)	Arizona	47	17	25	5	11	24	45.8	1	1	100.0
15)	Green Bay	49	23	22	4	9	28	32.1	4	6	66.7
16)	Seattle	52	13	34	5	17	28	60.7	2	4	50.0
	Totals	624	218	346	60	162	416	38.9	24	43	55.8

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NFL / OFFENSE/TEAMS: FIRST DOWNS, THIRD DOWNS, FOURTH DOWNS

Rank	Team	FIRST DOWNS				THIRD DOWNS			FOURTH DOWNS		
		Total	Rush	Pass	Pen	Made	Att	Pct	Made	Att	Pct
1)	L.A. Rams	55	17	34	4	18	31	58.1	2	3	66.7
2)	Miami	52	11	38	3	8	19	42.1	1	1	100.0
3)	L.A. Chargers	49	21	24	4	11	29	37.9	3	4	75.0
4)	Buffalo	48	18	28	2	12	26	46.2	3	4	75.0
5t)	New England	47	15	28	4	12	30	40.0	2	6	33.3
5t)	Washington	47	18	21	8	7	22	31.8	1	1	100.0
7t)	Baltimore	44	18	20	6	17	29	58.6	0	0	---
7t)	Dallas	44	15	24	5	15	31	48.4	1	2	50.0
7t)	Detroit	44	13	28	3	11	26	42.3	2	6	33.3
10t)	Denver	43	15	19	9	9	23	39.1	2	2	100.0
10t)	San Francisco	43	16	24	3	8	22	36.4	1	1	100.0
12)	Houston	42	4	31	7	16	37	43.2	3	6	50.0
13t)	Cleveland	41	19	21	1	9	30	30.0	0	2	0.0
13t)	Philadelphia	41	25	12	4	10	27	37.0	1	2	50.0
13t)	Seattle	41	10	25	6	7	20	35.0	1	1	100.0
16t)	Atlanta	40	22	16	2	8	25	32.0	3	4	75.0
16t)	N.Y. Giants	40	16	20	4	12	28	42.9	4	6	66.7
18t)	Jacksonville	38	10	24	4	6	24	25.0	1	5	20.0
18t)	Tennessee	38	15	17	6	8	25	32.0	0	1	0.0
18t)	New Orleans	38	12	23	3	14	32	43.8	0	0	---
21t)	Indianapolis	37	10	25	2	8	24	33.3	1	5	20.0
21t)	Arizona	37	14	20	3	8	24	33.3	0	1	0.0
21t)	Minnesota	37	2	34	1	12	24	50.0	1	1	100.0
24t)	Kansas City	36	13	22	1	9	27	33.3	2	3	66.7
24t)	Chicago	36	13	21	2	9	26	34.6	1	2	50.0
26t)	Las Vegas	35	7	21	7	8	18	44.4	1	1	100.0
26t)	Tampa Bay	35	13	19	3	14	32	43.8	2	2	100.0
28)	Carolina	34	13	17	4	9	28	32.1	1	3	33.3
29)	Green Bay	32	9	20	3	12	25	48.0	1	3	33.3
30t)	Cincinnati	25	6	16	3	12	30	40.0	1	2	50.0
30t)	N.Y. Jets	25	9	13	3	6	23	26.1	2	2	100.0
32)	Pittsburgh	24	6	15	3	9	29	31.0	1	3	33.3
	Totals	1268	425	720	123	334	846	39.5	45	85	52.9

NFL / DEFENSE/OPPONENTS: FIRST DOWNS, THIRD DOWNS, FOURTH DOWNS

Rank	Team	FIRST DOWNS				THIRD DOWNS			FOURTH DOWNS		
		Total	Rush	Pass	Pen	Made	Att	Pct	Made	Att	Pct
1)	Cleveland	15	5	9	1	6	29	20.7	0	1	0.0
2t)	Buffalo	26	7	17	2	8	20	40.0	1	1	100.0
2t)	Dallas	26	10	11	5	6	26	23.1	4	6	66.7
4)	New Orleans	30	9	16	5	6	26	23.1	1	1	100.0
5)	Tampa Bay	32	7	24	1	12	27	44.4	0	0	---
6t)	Tennessee	34	6	26	2	9	30	30.0	3	3	100.0
6t)	Chicago	34	13	20	1	17	31	54.8	2	3	66.7
6t)	L.A. Rams	34	11	18	5	4	18	22.2	0	0	---
6t)	Washington	34	14	17	3	8	26	30.8	2	3	66.7
10)	Carolina	36	17	17	2	9	26	34.6	0	0	---
11t)	Baltimore	37	5	26	6	17	33	51.5	2	5	40.0
11t)	Houston	37	13	21	3	14	27	51.9	0	0	---
11t)	Jacksonville	37	11	24	2	6	25	24.0	3	7	42.9
11t)	Kansas City	37	9	25	3	8	27	29.6	1	5	20.0
11t)	Atlanta	37	13	19	5	8	23	34.8	0	3	0.0
16)	New England	39	12	23	4	8	23	34.8	0	1	0.0
17)	Minnesota	40	24	13	3	12	31	38.7	2	2	100.0
18t)	Pittsburgh	42	15	25	2	11	29	37.9	1	3	33.3
18t)	N.Y. Giants	42	17	19	6	10	23	43.5	1	2	50.0
20t)	Philadelphia	43	5	37	1	11	25	44.0	2	5	40.0
20t)	San Francisco	43	12	26	5	12	29	41.4	2	5	40.0
22)	Indianapolis	44	12	28	4	12	31	38.7	3	5	60.0
23t)	N.Y. Jets	45	16	27	2	14	31	45.2	0	0	---
23t)	Detroit	45	13	28	4	10	25	40.0	1	2	50.0
25t)	Cincinnati	47	23	21	3	13	28	46.4	0	0	---
25t)	Arizona	47	17	25	5	11	24	45.8	1	1	100.0
27)	Denver	48	16	22	10	8	21	38.1	2	2	100.0
28)	Green Bay	49	23	22	4	9	28	32.1	4	6	66.7
29)	Las Vegas	51	15	28	8	12	24	50.0	3	4	75.0
30t)	L.A. Chargers	52	15	32	5	10	22	45.5	1	2	50.0
30t)	Seattle	52	13	34	5	17	28	60.7	2	4	50.0
32)	Miami	53	27	20	6	16	30	53.3	1	3	33.3
	Totals	1268	425	720	123	334	846	39.5	45	85	52.9

WEEK 2 / THROUGH MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023**AFC / FIRST-DOWN PLAYS BY TEAMS**

Rank	Team	Yds/Play	Plays	Yards
1)	Tennessee	8.07	56	452
2)	Miami	7.25	65	471
3)	N.Y. Jets	7.09	45	319
4)	L.A. Chargers	6.18	62	383
5)	Jacksonville	5.73	60	344
6)	Las Vegas	5.67	45	255
7)	Denver	5.63	52	293
8)	Cleveland	5.51	67	369
9)	Baltimore	5.46	57	311
10)	Kansas City	4.77	53	253
11)	New England	4.75	63	299
12)	Cincinnati	4.41	44	194
13)	Pittsburgh	4.35	46	200
14)	Indianapolis	3.96	54	214
15)	Buffalo	3.93	60	236
16)	Houston	3.77	61	230
	TOTAL	5.42	890	4823

AFC / FIRST-DOWN PLAYS BY OPPONENTS

Rank	Team	Yds/Play	Plays	Yards
1)	Jacksonville	3.32	57	189
2)	Cleveland	4.09	43	176
3)	N.Y. Jets	4.29	65	279
4)	Baltimore	4.29	51	219
5)	Las Vegas	4.46	57	254
6)	Indianapolis	4.72	64	302
7)	Houston	4.94	50	247
8)	Pittsburgh	5.14	63	324
9)	Miami	5.31	65	345
10)	New England	5.34	59	315
11)	Denver	5.35	57	305
12)	Tennessee	5.42	53	287
13)	Kansas City	6.21	57	354
14)	Cincinnati	6.42	66	424
15)	Buffalo	6.53	43	281
16)	L.A. Chargers	9.05	63	570
	TOTAL	5.34	913	4871

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NFC / FIRST-DOWN PLAYS BY TEAMS

Rank	Team	Yds/Play	Plays	Yards
1)	San Francisco	7.70	57	439
2)	Detroit	6.83	58	396
3)	N.Y. Giants	6.13	56	343
4)	Dallas	5.60	60	336
5)	Seattle	5.36	53	284
6)	Atlanta	5.17	58	300
7t)	Green Bay	5.00	45	225
7t)	Chicago	5.00	53	265
9)	Tampa Bay	4.77	53	253
10)	Arizona	4.72	53	250
11)	Carolina	4.58	55	252
12)	Washington	4.50	62	279
13)	Philadelphia	4.46	59	263
14)	Minnesota	4.45	53	236
15)	New Orleans	4.28	58	248
16)	L.A. Rams	4.10	69	283
	TOTAL	5.16	902	4652

NFC / FIRST-DOWN PLAYS BY OPPONENTS

Rank	Team	Yds/Play	Plays	Yards
1)	Carolina	4.11	55	226
2)	San Francisco	4.22	60	253
3)	Minnesota	4.25	57	242
4)	Philadelphia	4.44	59	262
5)	Green Bay	4.91	66	324
6)	Atlanta	4.96	53	263
7)	Dallas	5.00	46	230
8t)	Washington	5.18	50	259
8t)	Chicago	5.18	50	259
10)	New Orleans	5.24	51	267
11)	Seattle	5.44	63	343
12)	Detroit	5.76	58	334
13)	Tampa Bay	5.86	49	287
14)	N.Y. Giants	6.09	53	323
15)	Arizona	6.13	62	380
16)	L.A. Rams	7.49	47	352
	TOTAL	5.24	879	4604

WEEK 2 / THROUGH MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023**NFL / FIRST-DOWN PLAYS BY TEAMS**

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1)	Tennessee	8.07	56	452
2)	San Francisco	7.70	57	439
3)	Miami	7.25	65	471
4)	N.Y. Jets	7.09	45	319
5)	Detroit	6.83	58	396
6)	L.A. Chargers	6.18	62	383
7)	N.Y. Giants	6.13	56	343
8)	Jacksonville	5.73	60	344
9)	Las Vegas	5.67	45	255
10)	Denver	5.63	52	293
11)	Dallas	5.60	60	336
12)	Cleveland	5.51	67	369
13)	Baltimore	5.46	57	311
14)	Seattle	5.36	53	284
15)	Atlanta	5.17	58	300
16t)	Green Bay	5.00	45	225
16t)	Chicago	5.00	53	265
18t)	Tampa Bay	4.77	53	253
18t)	Kansas City	4.77	53	253
20)	New England	4.75	63	299
21)	Arizona	4.72	53	250
22)	Carolina	4.58	55	252
23)	Washington	4.50	62	279
24)	Philadelphia	4.46	59	263
25)	Minnesota	4.45	53	236
26)	Cincinnati	4.41	44	194
27)	Pittsburgh	4.35	46	200
28)	New Orleans	4.28	58	248
29)	L.A. Rams	4.10	69	283
30)	Indianapolis	3.96	54	214
31)	Buffalo	3.93	60	236
32)	Houston	3.77	61	230
	TOTAL	5.29	1792	9475

NFL / FIRST-DOWN PLAYS BY OPPONENTS

Rank	Team	Yds/Play	Plays	Yards
1)	Jacksonville	3.32	57	189
2)	Cleveland	4.09	43	176
3)	Carolina	4.11	55	226
4)	San Francisco	4.22	60	253
5)	Minnesota	4.25	57	242
6)	N.Y. Jets	4.29	65	279
7)	Baltimore	4.29	51	219
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13)	Atlanta	4.96	53	263
14)	Dallas	5.00	46	230
15)	Pittsburgh	5.14	63	324
16t)	Washington	5.18	50	259
16t)	Chicago	5.18	50	259
18)	New Orleans	5.24	51	267
19)	Miami	5.31	65	345
20)	New England	5.34	59	315
21)	Denver	5.35	57	305
22)	Tennessee	5.42	53	287
23)	Seattle	5.44	63	343
24)	Detroit	5.76	58	334
25)	Tampa Bay	5.86	49	287
26)	N.Y. Giants	6.09	53	323
27)	Arizona	6.13	62	380
28)	Kansas City	6.21	57	354
29)	Cincinnati	6.42	66	424
30)	Buffalo	6.53	43	281
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32)	L.A. Chargers	9.05	63	570
	TOTAL	5.29	1792	9475

WEEK 2 / THROUGH MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023

AFC / KICKOFFS (Receiving Team)

Rank	Team	TotKO	AdjKO	TB	TB%	EZ	EZ%	OB	I20	Avg.Start
1)	Buffalo	9	9	8	88.9	8	88.9	0	0	27.4
2)	New England	12	12	10	83.3	10	83.3	0	0	26.5
3)	Las Vegas	11	10	9	90.0	9	81.8	0	0	25.6
4)	Miami	11	11	11	100.0	11	100.0	0	0	25.5
5)	Pittsburgh	12	12	8	66.7	9	75.0	0	1	25.3
6)	Cincinnati	11	11	9	81.8	10	90.9	0	1	25.2
7)	Cleveland	8	8	8	100.0	8	100.0	0	0	25.0
7t)	Houston	11	11	9	81.8	9	81.8	0	1	25.0
7t)	L.A. Chargers	12	12	11	91.7	11	91.7	0	0	25.0
7t)	Tennessee	10	10	10	100.0	10	100.0	0	0	25.0
11)	Indianapolis	11	11	8	72.7	8	72.7	0	0	24.9
12)	N.Y. Jets	13	13	11	84.6	12	92.3	0	0	24.8
13)	Kansas City	7	7	6	85.7	6	85.7	0	1	24.1
14)	Denver	10	10	8	80.0	10	100.0	0	1	24.0
15)	Jacksonville	8	8	7	87.5	8	100.0	0	1	23.9
16)	Baltimore	8	8	7	87.5	8	100.0	0	1	22.9
	Totals	164	163	140	85.9	147	90.2	0	7	25.1

AFC / KICKOFFS (Kicking Team)

Rank	Team	TotKO	AdjKO	TB	TB%	EZ	EZ%	OB	I20	Avg.Start
1)	Houston	8	8	5	62.5	6	75.0	0	1	22.9
2)	Cleveland	11	11	8	72.7	9	81.8	0	2	23.7
3)	Indianapolis	10	10	7	70.0	8	80.0	0	2	24.1
4)	Jacksonville	9	9	7	77.8	7	77.8	0	1	24.2
5)	Tennessee	11	10	5	50.0	6	54.5	0	1	24.5
6)	N.Y. Jets	9	9	8	88.9	8	88.9	0	0	24.9
7)	Baltimore	10	10	10	100.0	10	100.0	0	0	25.0
7t)	Cincinnati	7	7	7	100.0	7	100.0	0	0	25.0
7t)	Denver	10	8	8	100.0	8	80.0	0	0	25.0
7t)	Kansas City	9	9	9	100.0	9	100.0	0	0	25.0
7t)	L.A. Chargers	12	12	12	100.0	12	100.0	0	0	25.0
7t)	Miami	12	12	12	100.0	12	100.0	0	0	25.0
7t)	Pittsburgh	8	8	8	100.0	8	100.0	0	0	25.0
14)	Buffalo	12	12	9	75.0	10	83.3	0	0	25.3
15)	New England	8	8	7	87.5	7	87.5	0	0	25.9
16)	Las Vegas	7	7	4	57.1	6	85.7	0	1	26.7
	Totals	153	150	126	84.0	133	88.7	0	8	24.8

Note: Average team drive start DOES NOT include onside kicks or kickoffs at the end of a half unless either kickoff is returned for a touchdown. All other kickoffs (returned kickoffs, fair catches, touchback and kickoffs out of bounds) are included. Kickoffs resulting in the kicking team retaining possession are not included.

ADJ KO: Adjusted kickoffs are used to compute the Avg. Team Drive Start.

I20: The number of drives that start inside (not including) the 20 yd line.

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NFC / KICKOFFS (Receiving Team)

Rank	Team	TotKO	AdjKO	TB	TB%	EZ	EZ%	OB	I20	Avg.Start
1)	Seattle	13	13	8	61.5	8	61.5	0	0	27.5
2)	L.A. Rams	10	10	6	60.0	6	60.0	1	0	27.0
3)	Philadelphia	9	8	7	87.5	7	77.8	0	0	25.3
4)	Green Bay	12	11	7	63.6	11	91.7	0	1	25.1
5)	Carolina	10	10	10	100.0	10	100.0	0	0	25.0
5t)	Detroit	11	11	11	100.0	11	100.0	0	0	25.0
5t)	N.Y. Giants	14	14	14	100.0	14	100.0	0	0	25.0
5t)	San Francisco	7	7	7	100.0	7	100.0	0	0	25.0
9)	Dallas	4	4	3	75.0	3	75.0	0	0	24.8
10)	Arizona	10	10	9	90.0	9	90.0	0	0	24.5
11)	Washington	11	10	9	90.0	10	90.9	0	1	24.4
12)	Minnesota	11	11	10	90.9	10	90.9	0	1	24.3
13)	Tampa Bay	8	8	7	87.5	8	100.0	0	1	24.1
14)	Atlanta	8	8	7	87.5	8	100.0	0	1	24.0
14t)	New Orleans	11	9	3	33.3	6	54.5	0	1	24.0
16)	Chicago	11	11	7	63.6	8	72.7	0	2	23.8
	Totals	160	155	125	80.6	136	87.7	1	8	25.0

NFC / KICKOFFS (Kicking Team)

Rank	Team	TotKO	AdjKO	TB	TB%	EZ	EZ%	OB	I20	Avg.Start
1)	Green Bay	11	11	6	54.5	8	72.7	0	3	23.1
2)	Atlanta	12	12	10	83.3	12	100.0	0	1	24.0
3)	Minnesota	9	8	7	87.5	8	88.9	0	1	24.1
4)	Tampa Bay	10	10	9	90.0	9	90.0	0	1	24.2
5)	N.Y. Giants	7	7	6	85.7	6	85.7	0	0	24.3
6)	Carolina	8	7	5	71.4	7	87.5	0	0	24.4
7)	Arizona	11	11	10	90.9	11	100.0	0	1	24.5
8)	Dallas	16	16	16	100.0	16	100.0	0	0	25.0
8t)	New Orleans	10	10	10	100.0	10	100.0	0	0	25.0
8t)	Washington	10	10	10	100.0	10	100.0	0	0	25.0
11)	Seattle	10	10	8	80.0	8	80.0	0	0	25.4
12)	Detroit	10	10	7	70.0	7	70.0	0	0	25.8
13)	Philadelphia	13	13	11	84.6	11	84.6	0	0	26.4
14)	Chicago	9	8	6	75.0	8	88.9	0	0	26.6
15)	L.A. Rams	12	12	10	83.3	10	83.3	0	0	27.1
16)	San Francisco	13	13	8	61.5	9	69.2	1	0	27.8
	Totals	171	168	139	82.7	150	89.3	1	7	25.2

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ADJ KO: Adjusted kickoffs are used to compute the Avg. Team Drive Start.

I20: The number of drives that start inside (not including) the 20 yd line.

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NFL / KICKOFFS (Receiving Team)

Rank	Team	TotKO	AdjKO	TB	TB%	EZ	EZ%	OB	I20	Avg.Start
1)	Seattle	13	13	8	61.5	8	61.5	0	0	27.5
2)	Buffalo	9	9	8	88.9	8	88.9	0	0	27.4
3)	L.A. Rams	10	10	6	60.0	6	60.0	1	0	27.0
4)	New England	12	12	10	83.3	10	83.3	0	0	26.5
5)	Las Vegas	11	10	9	90.0	9	81.8	0	0	25.6
6)	Miami	11	11	11	100.0	11	100.0	0	0	25.5
7)	Pittsburgh	12	12	8	66.7	9	75.0	0	1	25.3
8)	Philadelphia	9	8	7	87.5	7	77.8	0	0	25.3
9)	Cincinnati	11	11	9	81.8	10	90.9	0	1	25.2
10)	Green Bay	12	11	7	63.6	11	91.7	0	1	25.1
11)	Carolina	10	10	10	100.0	10	100.0	0	0	25.0
11t)	Cleveland	8	8	8	100.0	8	100.0	0	0	25.0
11t)	Detroit	11	11	11	100.0	11	100.0	0	0	25.0
11t)	Houston	11	11	9	81.8	9	81.8	0	1	25.0
11t)	L.A. Chargers	12	12	11	91.7	11	91.7	0	0	25.0
11t)	N.Y. Giants	14	14	14	100.0	14	100.0	0	0	25.0
11t)	San Francisco	7	7	7	100.0	7	100.0	0	0	25.0
11t)	Tennessee	10	10	10	100.0	10	100.0	0	0	25.0
19)	Indianapolis	11	11	8	72.7	8	72.7	0	0	24.9
20)	N.Y. Jets	13	13	11	84.6	12	92.3	0	0	24.8
21)	Dallas	4	4	3	75.0	3	75.0	0	0	24.8
22)	Arizona	10	10	9	90.0	9	90.0	0	0	24.5
23)	Washington	11	10	9	90.0	10	90.9	0	1	24.4
24)	Minnesota	11	11	10	90.9	10	90.9	0	1	24.3
25)	Kansas City	7	7	6	85.7	6	85.7	0	1	24.1
26)	Tampa Bay	8	8	7	87.5	8	100.0	0	1	24.1
27)	Atlanta	8	8	7	87.5	8	100.0	0	1	24.0
27t)	Denver	10	10	8	80.0	10	100.0	0	1	24.0
27t)	New Orleans	11	9	3	33.3	6	54.5	0	1	24.0
30)	Jacksonville	8	8	7	87.5	8	100.0	0	1	23.9
31)	Chicago	11	11	7	63.6	8	72.7	0	2	23.8
32)	Baltimore	8	8	7	87.5	8	100.0	0	1	22.9
	Totals	324	318	265	83.3	283	89.0	1	15	25.0

Note: Average opponent drive start DOES NOT include onside kicks or kickoffs at the end of a half unless either kickoff is returned for a touchdown. All other kickoffs (returned kickoffs, fair catches, touchback and kickoffs out of bounds) are included. Kickoffs resulting in the kicking team retaining possession are not included.

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NFL / KICKOFFS (Kicking Team)

Rank	Team	TotKO	AdjKO	TB	TB%	EZ	EZ%	OB	I20	Avg.Start
1)	Houston	8	8	5	62.5	6	75.0	0	1	22.9
2)	Green Bay	11	11	6	54.5	8	72.7	0	3	23.1
3)	Cleveland	11	11	8	72.7	9	81.8	0	2	23.7
4)	Atlanta	12	12	10	83.3	12	100.0	0	1	24.0
5)	Indianapolis	10	10	7	70.0	8	80.0	0	2	24.1
6)	Minnesota	9	8	7	87.5	8	88.9	0	1	24.1
7)	Tampa Bay	10	10	9	90.0	9	90.0	0	1	24.2
8)	Jacksonville	9	9	7	77.8	7	77.8	0	1	24.2
9)	N.Y. Giants	7	7	6	85.7	6	85.7	0	0	24.3
10)	Carolina	8	7	5	71.4	7	87.5	0	0	24.4
11)	Arizona	11	11	10	90.9	11	100.0	0	1	24.5
12)	Tennessee	11	10	5	50.0	6	54.5	0	1	24.5
13)	N.Y. Jets	9	9	8	88.9	8	88.9	0	0	24.9
14)	Baltimore	10	10	10	100.0	10	100.0	0	0	25.0
14t)	Cincinnati	7	7	7	100.0	7	100.0	0	0	25.0
14t)	Dallas	16	16	16	100.0	16	100.0	0	0	25.0
14t)	Denver	10	8	8	100.0	8	80.0	0	0	25.0
14t)	Kansas City	9	9	9	100.0	9	100.0	0	0	25.0
14t)	L.A. Chargers	12	12	12	100.0	12	100.0	0	0	25.0
14t)	Miami	12	12	12	100.0	12	100.0	0	0	25.0
14t)	New Orleans	10	10	10	100.0	10	100.0	0	0	25.0
14t)	Pittsburgh	8	8	8	100.0	8	100.0	0	0	25.0
14t)	Washington	10	10	10	100.0	10	100.0	0	0	25.0
24)	Buffalo	12	12	9	75.0	10	83.3	0	0	25.3
25)	Seattle	10	10	8	80.0	8	80.0	0	0	25.4
26)	Detroit	10	10	7	70.0	7	70.0	0	0	25.8
27)	New England	8	8	7	87.5	7	87.5	0	0	25.9
28)	Philadelphia	13	13	11	84.6	11	84.6	0	0	26.4
29)	Chicago	9	8	6	75.0	8	88.9	0	0	26.6
30)	Las Vegas	7	7	4	57.1	6	85.7	0	1	26.7
31)	L.A. Rams	12	12	10	83.3	10	83.3	0	0	27.1
32)	San Francisco	13	13	8	61.5	9	69.2	1	0	27.8
	Totals	324	318	265	83.3	283	89.0	1	15	25.0

Note: Average team drive start DOES NOT include onside kicks or kickoffs at the end of a half unless either kickoff is returned for a touchdown. All other kickoffs (returned kickoffs, fair catches, touchback and kickoffs out of bounds) are included. Kickoffs resulting in the kicking team retaining possession are not included.

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I20: The number of drives that start inside (not including) the 20 yd line.

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Most Points-- 15, Folk, Tenn. at N.O., 9/10, (0 td, 5 fg, 0 xp, 0 2pt)
Passing Yards-- 466, Tagovailoa, Miami at LA-C, 9/10, (28-45, 466, 3 td, 1 int)
Longest Pass-- 71, Pickett, Pitt. vs. Clev., 9/18, (to Pickens, George, td)
Passing Touchdowns-- 3, (4 times in Non-Overtime Games)
Rushing Yards-- 127, Bre. Hall, NY-J vs. Buff., 9/11 (OT), (10-127, 0 td)
Rushing Yards-- 123, Cook, Buff. vs. L.V., 9/17, (17-123, 0 td)
Rushing Attempts-- 25, Henry, Tenn. vs. LA-C, 9/17 (OT), (25-80, 1 td)
Rushing Attempts-- 19, Jacobs, L.V. at Denv., 9/10, (19-48, 0 td)
Longest Rush-- 83, Bre. Hall, NY-J vs. Buff., 9/11 (OT)
Longest Rush-- 69, J. Ford, Clev. at Pitt., 9/18
Receptions-- 11, T. Hill, Miami at LA-C, 9/10, (11-215, 2 td)
Receptions-- 11, Kirk, Jax vs. K.C., 9/17, (11-110, 0 td)
Receiving Yards-- 215, T. Hill, Miami at LA-C, 9/10, (11-215, 2 td)
Kickoff Return Yards-- 91, McFarland, Pitt. vs. S.F., 9/10, (3-91, 0 td)
Kickoff Returns-- 3, McFarland, Pitt. vs. S.F., 9/10, (3-91, 0 td)
Longest Kickoff Return-- 43, Montgomery, N.E. vs. Phil., 9/10
Punt Return Yards-- 81, C. Jones, Cin. vs. Balt., 9/17, (1-81, 0 fc, 1 td)
Punt Returns-- 4, D. Davis, LA-C at Tenn., 9/17 (OT), (4-63, 0 fc, 0 td)
Punt Returns-- 4, K. Jackson, Tenn. at N.O., 9/10, (4-37, 0 fc, 0 td)
Longest Punt Return-- 81, C. Jones, Cin. vs. Balt., 9/17, td
Interceptions-- 3, Whitehead, NY-J vs. Buff., 9/11 (OT), (3-0, 0 td)
Interceptions-- 1, (15 times in Non-Overtime Games)
Longest Interception Return-- 36, Stone, Balt. at Cin., 9/17
Sacks-- 3.0, Allen, Jax at Ind., 9/10
Sacks-- 3.0, T. Watt, Pitt. vs. S.F., 9/10
Scrimmage Yards-- 215, T. Hill, Miami at LA-C, 9/10, (Rush 0-0, Rec 11-215)
Longest Punt-- 67, Stout, Balt. vs. Hou., 9/10
Punts-- 10, Robbins, Cin. at Clev., 9/10, (10-409, 40.9)
Field Goals Made-- 5, Folk, Tenn. at N.O., 9/10, (5-5, 50 lg)
Longest Field Goal-- 55, Hopkins, Clev. at Pitt., 9/18

NFC / SINGLE-GAME HIGHS / PLAYERS

Most Points-- 16, Aubrey, Dal. vs. NY-J, 9/17, (0 td, 5 fg, 1 xp, 0 2pt)
Passing Yards-- 364, Cousins, Minn. at Phil., 9/14, (31-44, 364, 4 td, 0 int)
Longest Pass-- 70, Mayfield, T.B. vs. Chi., 9/17, (to Evans, Mike)
Passing Touchdowns-- 4, Cousins, Minn. at Phil., 9/14, (31-44, 364, 4 td, 0 int)
Rushing Yards-- 175, Swift, Phil. vs. Minn., 9/14, (28-175, 1 td)
Rushing Attempts-- 28, Swift, Phil. vs. Minn., 9/14, (28-175, 1 td)
Longest Rush-- 65, McCaffrey, S.F. at Pitt., 9/10, td
Receptions-- 15, Nacua, LA-R vs. S.F., 9/17, (15-147, 0 td)
Receiving Yards-- 171, Evans, T.B. vs. Chi., 9/17, (6-171, 1 td)
Kickoff Return Yards-- 110, Shaheed, N.O. vs. Tenn., 9/10, (5-110, 0 td)
Kickoff Returns-- 5, Shaheed, N.O. vs. Tenn., 9/10, (5-110, 0 td)
Longest Kickoff Return-- 34, Dallas, Sea. vs. LA-R, 9/10
Punt Return Yards-- 54, Reed, G.B. at Chi., 9/10, (3-54, 0 fc, 0 td)
Punt Returns-- 4, (3 times in Non-Overtime Games)
Longest Punt Return-- 35, Reed, G.B. at Chi., 9/10
Interceptions-- 2, Bates, Atl. vs. Car., 9/10, (2-3, 0 td)
Longest Interception Return-- 70, Slay, Phil. at N.E., 9/10, td
Sacks-- 3.0, Jackson, S.F. at Pitt., 9/10
Sacks-- 3.0, Hunter, Minn. at Phil., 9/14
Scrimmage Yards-- 181, Swift, Phil. vs. Minn., 9/14, (Rush 28-175, Rec 3-6)
Longest Punt-- 73, Dickson, Sea. vs. LA-R, 9/10
Punts-- 7, Pinion, Atl. vs. Car., 9/10, (7-337, 48.1)
Field Goals Made-- 5, Aubrey, Dal. vs. NY-J, 9/17, (5-5, 55 lg)
Longest Field Goal-- 61, Elliott, Phil. vs. Minn., 9/14

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Passing Yards-- 466, Tagovailoa, Miami at LA-C, 9/10, (28-45, 466, 3 td, 1 int)
Longest Pass-- 71, Pickett, Pitt. vs. Clev., 9/18, (to Pickens, George, td)
Passing Touchdowns-- 4, Cousins, Minn. at Phil., 9/14, (31-44, 364, 4 td, 0 int)
Rushing Yards-- 175, Swift, Phil. vs. Minn., 9/14, (28-175, 1 td)
Rushing Attempts-- 28, Swift, Phil. vs. Minn., 9/14, (28-175, 1 td)
Longest Rush-- 83, Bre. Hall, NY-J vs. Buff., 9/11 (OT)
Longest Rush-- 69, J. Ford, Clev. at Pitt., 9/18
Receptions-- 15, Nacua, LA-R vs. S.F., 9/17, (15-147, 0 td)
Receiving Yards-- 215, T. Hill, Miami at LA-C, 9/10, (11-215, 2 td)
Kickoff Return Yards-- 110, Shaheed, N.O. vs. Tenn., 9/10, (5-110, 0 td)
Kickoff Returns-- 5, Shaheed, N.O. vs. Tenn., 9/10, (5-110, 0 td)
Longest Kickoff Return-- 43, Montgomery, N.E. vs. Phil., 9/10
Punt Return Yards-- 81, C. Jones, Cin. vs. Balt., 9/17, (1-81, 0 fc, 1 td)
Punt Returns-- 4, D. Davis, LA-C at Tenn., 9/17 (OT), (4-63, 0 fc, 0 td)
Punt Returns-- 4, (4 times in Non-Overtime Games)
Longest Punt Return-- 81, C. Jones, Cin. vs. Balt., 9/17, td
Interceptions-- 3, Whitehead, NY-J vs. Buff., 9/11 (OT), (3-0, 0 td)
Interceptions-- 2, Bates, Atl. vs. Car., 9/10, (2-3, 0 td)
Longest Interception Return-- 70, Slay, Phil. at N.E., 9/10, td
Sacks-- 3.0, (4 times in Non-Overtime Games)
Scrimmage Yards-- 215, T. Hill, Miami at LA-C, 9/10, (Rush 0-0, Rec 11-215)
Longest Punt-- 73, Dickson, Sea. vs. LA-R, 9/10
Punts-- 10, Robbins, Cin. at Clev., 9/10, (10-409, 40.9)
Field Goals Made-- 5, Folk, Tenn. at N.O., 9/10, (5-5, 50 lg)
Field Goals Made-- 5, Aubrey, Dal. vs. NY-J, 9/17, (5-5, 55 lg)
Longest Field Goal-- 61, Elliott, Phil. vs. Minn., 9/14

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300-Yard Passing Games

466, Tagovailoa, MIA at LAC 09/10 (28-45, 3 TD)
384, Stroud, HOU vs. IND 09/17 (30-47, 2 TD)
364, Cousins, MIN at PHI 09/14 (31-44, 4 TD)
344, Cousins, MIN vs. TB 09/10 (33-44, 2 TD)
334, Stafford, LAR at SEA 09/10 (24-38, 0 TD)
328, G. Smith, SEA at DET 09/17 (ot) (32-41, 2 TD)
323, Goff, DET vs. SEA 09/17 (ot) (28-35, 3 TD)
321, D. Jones, NYG at ARI 09/17 (26-37, 2 TD)
317, Mayfield, TB vs. CHI 09/17 (26-34, 1 TD)
316, Mac Jones, NE vs. PHI 09/10 (35-54, 3 TD)
308, R. Wilson, DEN vs. WAS 09/17 (18-32, 3 TD)
307, Stafford, LAR vs. SF 09/17 (34-55, 1 TD)
305, Carr, NO vs. TEN 09/10 (23-33, 1 TD)
305, Herbert, LAC at TEN 09/17 (ot) (27-41, 2 TD)
305, Mahomes, KC at JAX 09/17 (29-41, 2 TD)

100-Yard Receiving Games

215, T. Hill, MIA at LAC 09/10 (11 rec., 2 TD)
171, Evans, TB vs. CHI 09/17 (6 rec., 1 TD)
159, Jefferson, MIN at PHI 09/14 (11 rec., 0 TD)
150, Jefferson, MIN vs. TB 09/10 (9 rec., 0 TD)
147, Nacua, LAR vs. SF 09/17 (15 rec., 0 TD)
146, N. Collins, HOU vs. IND 09/17 (7 rec., 1 TD)
143, Lamb, DAL vs. NYJ 09/17 (11 rec., 0 TD)
131, D. Smith, PHI vs. MIN 09/14 (4 rec., 1 TD)
129, Aiyuk, SF at PIT 09/10 (8 rec., 2 TD)
127, Pickens, PIT vs. CLE 09/18 (4 rec., 1 TD)
119, Nacua, LAR at SEA 09/10 (10 rec., 0 TD)
119, Atwell, LAR at SEA 09/10 (6 rec., 0 TD)
113, Mims, DEN vs. WAS 09/17 (2 rec., 1 TD)
112, Olave, NO vs. TEN 09/10 (8 rec., 0 TD)
111, K. Allen, LAC at TEN 09/17 (ot) (8 rec., 2 TD)
110, Kirk, JAX vs. KC 09/17 (11 rec., 0 TD)
104, Moore, CHI at TB 09/17 (6 rec., 0 TD)
102, St. Brown, DET vs. SEA 09/17 (ot) (6 rec., 0 TD)
102, Diggs, BUF at NYJ 09/11 (ot) (10 rec., 1 TD)
101, Ridley, JAX at IND 09/10 (8 rec., 1 TD)

100-Yard Rushing Games

175, Swift, PHI vs. MIN 09/14 (28 att., 1 TD)
152, McCaffrey, SF at PIT 09/10 (22 att., 1 TD)
127, Bre. Hall, NYJ vs. BUF 09/11 (ot) (10 att., 0 TD)
124, Robinson, ATL vs. GB 09/17 (19 att., 0 TD)
123, Cook, BUF vs. LV 09/17 (17 att., 0 TD)
121, Mostert, MIA at NE 09/17 (18 att., 2 TD)
117, Ekeler, LAC vs. MIA 09/10 (16 att., 1 TD)
116, McCaffrey, SF at LAR 09/17 (20 att., 1 TD)
106, Conner, ARI vs. NYG 09/17 (23 att., 1 TD)
106, Chubb, CLE vs. CIN 09/10 (18 att., 0 TD)
106, J. Ford, CLE at PIT 09/18 (16 att., 0 TD)

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AFC / LEADING PASSERS

Player, Team	Att	Comp	Pct		Avg		Pct			Pct Rating	
			Comp	Yds	Gain	TD	TD	Long	Int	Int	Points
R. Wilson, Den.	66	45	68.2	485	7.35	5	7.6	60t	1	1.5	108.5
Tagovailoa, Mia.	75	49	65.3	715	9.53	4	5.3	47	2	2.7	102.9
Herbert, LA-C	74	50	67.6	534	7.22	3	4.1	42	0	0.0	102.0
Jackson, Bal.	55	41	74.5	406	7.38	2	3.6	52	1	1.8	99.5
J. Allen, Buf.	78	60	76.9	510	6.54	4	5.1	40	3	3.8	94.5
*Stroud, Hou.	91	58	63.7	626	6.88	2	2.2	32	0	0.0	91.2
Garoppolo, L.V.	50	36	72.0	385	7.70	3	6.0	23	3	6.0	89.2
Mac Jones, N.E.	96	66	68.8	547	5.70	4	4.2	32	2	2.1	88.3
Mahomes, K.C.	80	50	62.5	531	6.64	4	5.0	54	2	2.5	88.1
Lawrence, Jac.	73	46	63.0	457	6.26	2	2.7	45	1	1.4	84.1
*Richardson, Ind.	47	30	63.8	279	5.94	1	2.1	39t	1	2.1	78.2
Burrow, Cin.	72	41	56.9	304	4.22	2	2.8	32	1	1.4	70.6
Tannehill, Ten.	58	36	62.1	444	7.66	1	1.7	70	3	5.2	69.9
Pickett, Pit.	76	46	60.5	454	5.97	2	2.6	71t	3	3.9	69.7
Watson, Cle.	69	38	55.1	389	5.64	2	2.9	33	2	2.9	69.1
Z. Wilson, NY-J	48	26	54.2	310	6.46	2	4.2	68t	4	8.3	53.3

AFC / LEADING PASSERS, RANKS

Player, Team	Att	Comp	Pct		Avg		Pct			Pct Rating	
			Comp	Yds	Gain	TD	TD	Long	Int	Int	Points
R. Wilson, Den.	11	9	5	7	5	1	1	3t	5	1	
Tagovailoa, Mia.	6	6	7	1	1	2t	3	8t	10	2	
Herbert, LA-C	7	4t	6	4	6	6t	8	1t	1t	3	
Jackson, Bal.	13	10t	2	11	4	8t	9	3t	6	4	
J. Allen, Buf.	4	2	1	6	9	2t	4	12t	12	5	
*Stroud, Hou.	2	3	9	2	7	8t	14	1t	1t	6	
Garoppolo, L.V.	14	13t	3	13	2	6t	2	12t	15	7	
Mac Jones, N.E.	1	1	4	3	14	2t	6t	8t	7	8	
Mahomes, K.C.	3	4t	11	5	8	2t	5	8t	9	9	
Lawrence, Jac.	8	7t	10	8	11	8t	12	3t	3	10	
*Richardson, Ind.	16	15	8	16	13	15t	15	3t	8	11	
Burrow, Cin.	9	10t	14	15	16	8t	11	3t	4	12	
Tannehill, Ten.	12	13t	12	10	3	15t	16	12t	14	13	
Pickett, Pit.	5	7t	13	9	12	8t	13	12t	13	14	
Watson, Cle.	10	12	15	12	15	8t	10	8t	11	15	
Z. Wilson, NY-J	15	16	16	14	10	8t	6t	16	16	16	

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Rank	Player, Team	Att	Comp	Comp%	Yards	YPA	TD	TD%	Int	Int%	Rating
1)	Jackson, Bal.	9	8	88.9	80	8.89	1	11.1	0	0.0	140.7
2)	Garoppolo, L.V.	11	9	81.8	106	9.64	1	9.1	0	0.0	137.1
3)	Watson, Cle.	16	11	68.8	132	8.25	1	6.3	0	0.0	114.6
4)	Tannehill, Ten.	18	12	66.7	164	9.11	1	5.6	0	0.0	114.1
5)	Herbert, LA-C	23	16	69.6	162	7.04	1	4.3	0	0.0	103.9
6)	Mac Jones, N.E.	38	25	65.8	242	6.37	2	5.3	0	0.0	101.0
7)	*Stroud, Hou.	37	22	59.5	274	7.41	1	2.7	0	0.0	91.5
8)	R. Wilson, Den.	26	15	57.7	147	5.65	1	3.8	0	0.0	86.5
9)	Tagovailoa, Mia.	16	10	62.5	132	8.25	1	6.3	1	6.3	83.3
10)	Burrow, Cin.	21	10	47.6	85	4.05	1	4.8	0	0.0	74.5
11)	Pickett, Pit.	15	12	80.0	121	8.07	0	0.0	1	6.7	72.5
12)	J. Allen, Buf.	14	10	71.4	129	9.21	0	0.0	1	7.1	70.2
13)	Minshew, Ind.	5	3	60.0	11	2.20	0	0.0	0	0.0	64.6
14)	Mahomes, K.C.	15	6	40.0	103	6.87	0	0.0	0	0.0	64.0
15)	Lawrence, Jac.	18	9	50.0	81	4.50	0	0.0	0	0.0	62.5
16)	Z. Wilson, NY-J	16	8	50.0	95	5.94	1	6.3	3	18.8	49.7
17)	*Richardson, Ind.	14	7	50.0	59	4.21	0	0.0	1	7.1	31.5

AFC / THIRD-DOWN PASSING LEADERS

Rank	Player, Team	Att	Comp	Comp%	Yards	YPA	TD	TD%	Int	Int%	Rating
1)	*Stroud, Hou.	31	25	80.6	279	9.00	1	3.2	0	0.0	114.9
2)	Mahomes, K.C.	23	16	69.6	230	10.00	2	8.7	1	4.3	112.6
3)	Burrow, Cin.	24	17	70.8	112	4.67	2	8.3	0	0.0	108.3
4)	Jackson, Bal.	16	11	68.8	134	8.38	2	12.5	1	6.3	107.8
5)	Herbert, LA-C	14	7	50.0	68	4.86	1	7.1	0	0.0	87.8
6)	Z. Wilson, NY-J	13	8	61.5	97	7.46	0	0.0	0	0.0	84.5
7)	*Richardson, Ind.	12	9	75.0	55	4.58	0	0.0	0	0.0	83.7
8)	Lawrence, Jac.	15	7	46.7	41	2.73	1	6.7	0	0.0	75.7
9)	J. Allen, Buf.	17	12	70.6	119	7.00	1	5.9	2	11.8	70.1
10)	R. Wilson, Den.	15	10	66.7	143	9.53	0	0.0	1	6.7	69.6
11)	Tagovailoa, Mia.	16	8	50.0	110	6.88	1	6.3	1	6.3	67.2
12)	Watson, Cle.	22	11	50.0	117	5.32	0	0.0	0	0.0	65.9
13)	Garoppolo, L.V.	13	7	53.8	77	5.92	1	7.7	1	7.7	65.2
14)	Tannehill, Ten.	15	9	60.0	77	5.13	1	6.7	2	13.3	56.1
15)	Mac Jones, N.E.	22	13	59.1	104	4.73	0	0.0	1	4.5	52.1
16)	Pickett, Pit.	22	10	45.5	146	6.64	0	0.0	2	9.1	29.7

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Rank	Player, Team	Att	Yards	Avg	Long	TD
1)	Chubb, Cle.	28	170	6.1	20	0
2)	Cook, Buf.	29	169	5.8	36	0
3)	Mostert, Mia.	28	158	5.6	43t	3
4)	Henry, Ten.	40	143	3.6	23	1
5)	J. Ford, Cle.	31	142	4.6	69	0
6)	Bre. Hall, NY-J	14	136	9.7	83	0
7)	Kelley, LA-C	29	130	4.5	15	1
8t)	Ekeler, LA-C	16	117	7.3	55	1
8t)	Etienne, Jac.	30	117	3.9	26t	1
10)	Mixon, Cin.	26	115	4.4	22	0
11)	J. Williams, Den.	25	96	3.8	15	0
12)	Edwards, Bal.	18	94	5.2	20	1
13)	Pacheco, K.C.	20	93	4.7	31	0
14)	Jackson, Bal. (QB)	18	92	5.1	14	0
15)	Moss, Ind.	18	88	4.9	11t	1
16)	*Spears, Ten.	11	76	6.9	17	0
17t)	Mahomes, K.C. (QB)	13	75	5.8	16	0
17t)	*Richardson, Ind. (QB)	13	75	5.8	18t	3
17t)	Stevenson, N.E.	27	75	2.8	12	1
20)	Harris, Pit.	16	74	4.6	24	0
21)	Pierce, Hou.	26	69	2.7	10	0
22)	Watson, Cle. (QB)	11	67	6.1	13t	1
23)	R. Wilson, Den. (QB)	7	57	8.1	15	0
24)	Hill, Bal.	19	50	2.6	11	2
25)	Lawrence, Jac. (QB)	12	47	3.9	18	0
26)	Jacobs, L.V.	28	46	1.6	7	0
27)	Perine, Den.	9	45	5.0	12	0
28)	J. Allen, Buf. (QB)	9	43	4.8	14	0
29t)	Elliott, N.E.	12	42	3.5	11	0
29t)	Z. Wilson, NY-J (QB)	9	42	4.7	16	0
31t)	Cook, NY-J	17	40	2.4	10	0
31t)	Mac Jones, N.E. (QB)	7	40	5.7	18	0
33)	Harris, Buf.	8	36	4.5	11	1
34)	*Tucker, L.V. (WR)	1	34	34.0	34	0
35)	Murray, Buf.	8	30	3.8	8	1
36)	Singletary, Hou.	11	29	2.6	5	0
37)	Warren, Pit.	9	26	2.9	8	0
38t)	Ahmed, Mia.	6	24	4.0	10	0
38t)	Moore, Cle. (WR)	3	24	8.0	19	0
38t)	White, L.V.	5	24	4.8	8	0
41t)	Dobbins, Bal.	8	22	2.8	4t	1
41t)	Edwards-Helaire, K.C.	7	22	3.1	5	0
41t)	Ezukanma, Mia. (WR)	5	22	4.4	12	0
44)	*Stroud, Hou. (QB)	7	21	3.0	11	0
45t)	Herbert, LA-C (QB)	6	17	2.8	5	1
45t)	Tannehill, Ten. (QB)	4	17	4.3	12t	1
47t)	Duvernay, Bal. (WR)	3	15	5.0	8	0
47t)	*Flowers, Bal. (WR)	3	15	5.0	6	0
49t)	Michael Carter, NY-J	3	14	4.7	6	0
49t)	Jackson, Ind.	13	14	1.1	7	0

AFC / THIRD-AND-ONE RUSHING LEADERS

Rank	Player, Team	Att	FD	Pct
1t)	Harris, Pit.	2	2	100.0
1t)	Kelley, LA-C	2	2	100.0
1t)	J. Allen, Buf.	1	1	100.0
1t)	Beck, Hou.	1	1	100.0
1t)	*Bigsby, Jac.	1	1	100.0
1t)	Michael Carter, NY-J	1	1	100.0
1t)	Edwards, Bal.	1	1	100.0
1t)	Ekeler, LA-C	1	1	100.0
1t)	Elliott, N.E.	1	1	100.0
1t)	Harris, Buf.	1	1	100.0
1t)	Hill, Bal.	1	1	100.0
1t)	Jackson, Bal.	1	1	100.0
1t)	Mac Jones, N.E.	1	1	100.0
1t)	Lawrence, Jac.	1	1	100.0
1t)	Mostert, Mia.	1	1	100.0
1t)	R. Wilson, Den.	1	1	100.0
17)	Stevenson, N.E.	4	3	75.0
18)	Mixon, Cin.	3	2	66.7

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AFC / LEADERS IN RECEPTIONS

Rank	Player, Team	Rec	Yards	Avg	Long	TD
1)	Diggs, Buf.	17	168	9.9	18	1
2t)	T. Hill, Mia.	16	255	15.9	47	3
2t)	Pittman, Ind.	16	153	9.6	39t	1
4)	K. Allen, LA-C	14	187	13.4	42	2
5t)	N. Collins, Hou.	13	226	17.4	32	1
5t)	*Flowers, Bal.	13	140	10.8	52	0
7t)	Adams, L.V.	12	150	12.5	21	1
7t)	Woods, Hou.	12	131	10.9	25	0
7t)	M. Williams, LA-C	12	128	10.7	24	0
7t)	Kirk, Jac.	12	119	9.9	45	0
11t)	Henry, N.E. (TE)	11	108	9.8	13	2
11t)	Engram, Jac. (TE)	11	106	9.6	26	0
11t)	Hopkins, Ten.	11	105	9.5	16	0
14t)	Ridley, Jac.	10	133	13.3	29	1
14t)	Cooper, Cle.	10	127	12.7	23	0
14t)	*Dell, Hou.	10	106	10.6	23t	1
14t)	Bourne, N.E.	10	93	9.3	19t	2
14t)	Chase, Cin.	10	70	7.0	13	0
19t)	Pickens, Pit.	9	163	18.1	71t	1
19t)	Sutton, Den.	9	98	10.9	21	1
19t)	Meyers, L.V.	9	81	9.0	21	2
19t)	Warren, Pit. (RB)	9	78	8.7	30	0
19t)	Stevenson, N.E. (RB)	9	74	8.2	32	0
19t)	*Kincaid, Buf. (TE)	9	69	7.7	14	0
19t)	Smith-Schuster, N.E.	9	61	6.8	15	0
26t)	Waddle, Mia.	8	164	20.5	35	0
26t)	Davis, Buf.	8	124	15.5	40	1
26t)	Higgins, Cin.	8	89	11.1	20	2
26t)	Gesicki, N.E. (TE)	8	69	8.6	17	0
26t)	Boyd, Cin.	8	62	7.8	13	0
26t)	Cook, Buf. (RB)	8	53	6.6	26	0
32t)	G. Wilson, NY-J	7	117	16.7	68t	2
32t)	Westbrook-Ikhine, Ten.	7	83	11.9	24	1
32t)	A. Robinson, Pit.	7	76	10.9	31	0
32t)	Jacobs, L.V. (RB)	7	74	10.6	19	0
32t)	*Downs, Ind.	7	67	9.6	22	0
32t)	Perine, Den. (RB)	7	57	8.1	20	0
32t)	Granson, Ind. (TE)	7	55	7.9	14	1
32t)	Mixon, Cin. (RB)	7	53	7.6	32	0
32t)	Austin, Pit.	7	47	6.7	13	0
32t)	Etienne, Jac. (RB)	7	29	4.1	10	0
42t)	Moore, Cle.	6	79	13.2	33	0
42t)	Njoku, Cle. (TE)	6	72	12.0	29	0
42t)	Gray, K.C. (TE)	6	69	11.5	24	0
42t)	Smythe, Mia. (TE)	6	67	11.2	18	0
42t)	*Douglas, N.E.	6	59	9.8	23	0
42t)	Parker, N.E.	6	57	9.5	14	0
42t)	Bateman, Bal.	6	53	8.8	18	0
42t)	Conklin, NY-J (TE)	6	52	8.7	17	0
42t)	Schultz, Hou. (TE)	6	38	6.3	14	0
42t)	Toney, K.C.	6	36	6.0	17	0
42t)	Knox, Buf. (TE)	6	35	5.8	15	1
42t)	J. Williams, Den. (RB)	6	19	3.2	9	0

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Rank	Player, Team	Yards	Rec	Avg	Long	TD
1)	T. Hill, Mia.	255	16	15.9	47	3
2)	N. Collins, Hou.	226	13	17.4	32	1
3)	K. Allen, LA-C	187	14	13.4	42	2
4)	Diggs, Buf.	168	17	9.9	18	1
5)	Waddle, Mia.	164	8	20.5	35	0
6)	Pickens, Pit.	163	9	18.1	71t	1
7)	Pittman, Ind.	153	16	9.6	39t	1
8)	Adams, L.V.	150	12	12.5	21	1
9)	*Flowers, Bal.	140	13	10.8	52	0
10)	Ridley, Jac.	133	10	13.3	29	1
11)	Woods, Hou.	131	12	10.9	25	0
12)	M. Williams, LA-C	128	12	10.7	24	0
13)	Cooper, Cle.	127	10	12.7	23	0
14)	Davis, Buf.	124	8	15.5	40	1
15)	*Mims, Den.	122	4	30.5	60t	1
16)	Kirk, Jac.	119	12	9.9	45	0
17)	G. Wilson, NY-J	117	7	16.7	68t	2
18)	Henry, N.E. (TE)	108	11	9.8	13	2
19)	Ju. Watson, K.C.	107	5	21.4	34	0
20t)	*Dell, Hou.	106	10	10.6	23t	1
20t)	Engram, Jac. (TE)	106	11	9.6	26	0
22)	Hopkins, Ten.	105	11	9.5	16	0
23)	Sutton, Den.	98	9	10.9	21	1
24)	Johnson, Den.	97	4	24.3	50t	2
25)	Burks, Ten.	94	5	18.8	70	0
26)	Bourne, N.E.	93	10	9.3	19t	2
27)	Higgins, Cin.	89	8	11.1	20	2
28)	Westbrook-Ikhine, Ten.	83	7	11.9	24	1
29)	Meyers, L.V.	81	9	9.0	21	2
30)	Moore, Cle.	79	6	13.2	33	0
31)	Warren, Pit. (RB)	78	9	8.7	30	0
32)	A. Robinson, Pit.	76	7	10.9	31	0
33t)	Cracraft, Mia.	74	5	14.8	24	1
33t)	Jacobs, L.V. (RB)	74	7	10.6	19	0
33t)	Stevenson, N.E. (RB)	74	9	8.2	32	0
36)	Njoku, Cle. (TE)	72	6	12.0	29	0
37)	Henry, Ten. (RB)	71	5	14.2	46	0
38t)	Berrios, Mia.	70	5	14.0	18	0
38t)	Chase, Cin.	70	10	7.0	13	0
38t)	S. Moore, K.C.	70	3	23.3	54	1
41t)	Gesicki, N.E. (TE)	69	8	8.6	17	0
41t)	Gray, K.C. (TE)	69	6	11.5	24	0
41t)	*Kincaid, Buf. (TE)	69	9	7.7	14	0
41t)	Lazard, NY-J	69	4	17.3	24	0
45)	Everett, LA-C (TE)	68	5	13.6	29	0
46t)	*Downs, Ind.	67	7	9.6	22	0
46t)	Smythe, Mia. (TE)	67	6	11.2	18	0
48)	Beckham, Bal.	66	5	13.2	29	0
49)	Agholor, Bal.	63	5	12.6	17t	1
50)	Boyd, Cin.	62	8	7.8	13	0

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AFC / THIRD-DOWN RECEIVING LEADERS

Rank	Player, Team	Rec	Yards	Avg	Long	TD
1t)	N. Collins, Hou.	7	143	20.4	32	1
1t)	Woods, Hou.	7	63	9.0	19	0
3t)	Warren, Pit. (RB)	5	66	13.2	30	0
3t)	*Flowers, Bal.	5	59	11.8	21	0
3t)	Pittman, Ind.	5	35	7.0	9	0
3t)	I. Smith, Cin. (TE)	5	27	5.4	8	0
7t)	T. Hill, Mia.	4	65	16.3	47	1
7t)	Cooper, Cle.	4	51	12.8	18	0
7t)	Hopkins, Ten.	4	45	11.3	16	0
7t)	*Downs, Ind.	4	37	9.3	12	0
7t)	Diggs, Buf.	4	34	8.5	17	1
7t)	Higgins, Cin.	4	34	8.5	16	2
7t)	McKinnon, K.C. (RB)	4	34	8.5	11	0
7t)	Chase, Cin.	4	33	8.3	13	0
7t)	Stevenson, N.E. (RB)	4	11	2.8	7	0
16t)	Ju. Watson, K.C.	3	66	22.0	34	0
16t)	Adams, L.V.	3	47	15.7	18	0
16t)	Beckham, Bal.	3	46	15.3	29	0
16t)	Berrios, Mia.	3	37	12.3	16	0
16t)	Westbrook-Ikhine, Ten.	3	28	9.3	21	1
16t)	*Dell, Hou.	3	27	9.0	13	0
16t)	Murray, Buf. (RB)	3	18	6.0	9	0
16t)	Meyers, L.V.	3	15	5.0	7	1
16t)	Pierce, Hou. (RB)	3	4	1.3	9	0
25t)	*Mims, Den.	2	57	28.5	53	0
25t)	Lazard, NY-J	2	46	23.0	24	0
25t)	M. Williams, LA-C	2	41	20.5	24	0
25t)	Pickens, Pit.	2	34	17.0	25	0
25t)	G. Wilson, NY-J	2	26	13.0	14	0
25t)	Parker, N.E.	2	25	12.5	14	0
25t)	Gesicki, N.E. (TE)	2	23	11.5	14	0
25t)	Trautman, Den. (TE)	2	23	11.5	15	0
25t)	Moore, Cle.	2	20	10.0	16	0
25t)	Boyd, Cin.	2	18	9.0	12	0
25t)	Granson, Ind. (TE)	2	18	9.0	11	0
25t)	Toney, K.C.	2	18	9.0	13	0
25t)	Austin, Pit.	2	15	7.5	10	0
25t)	Ridley, Jac.	2	15	7.5	9t	1
25t)	Etienne, Jac. (RB)	2	14	7.0	10	0
25t)	Gray, K.C. (TE)	2	14	7.0	12	0
25t)	Jeudy, Den.	2	14	7.0	7	0
25t)	Andrews, Bal. (TE)	2	12	6.0	9	1
25t)	Michael Carter, NY-J (RB)	2	12	6.0	6	0
25t)	Moss, Ind. (RB)	2	9	4.5	6	0
25t)	Schultz, Hou. (TE)	2	7	3.5	8	0
25t)	*Douglas, N.E.	2	6	3.0	10	0
25t)	Jackson, Ind. (RB)	2	4	2.0	7	0

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AFC / LEADING SCORERS, NONKICKERS

Rank	Player, Team	TD	Rush	Rec	Ret	X2	Pts
1t)	T. Hill, Mia. (WR)	3	0	3	0	0	18
1t)	Mostert, Mia. (RB)	3	3	0	0	0	18
1t)	*Richardson, Ind. (QB)	3	3	0	0	0	18
4t)	K. Allen, LA-C (WR)	2	0	2	0	0	12
4t)	Bourne, N.E. (WR)	2	0	2	0	0	12
4t)	Henry, N.E. (TE)	2	0	2	0	0	12
4t)	Higgins, Cin. (WR)	2	0	2	0	0	12
4t)	Hill, Bal. (RB)	2	2	0	0	0	12
4t)	Johnson, Den. (WR)	2	0	2	0	0	12
4t)	Meyers, L.V. (WR)	2	0	2	0	0	12
4t)	G. Wilson, NY-J (WR)	2	0	2	0	0	12
12)	Watson, Cle. (QB)	1	1	0	0	2	10
13t)	Edwards, Bal. (RB)	1	1	0	0	1	8
13t)	J. Ford, Cle. (RB)	1	0	1	0	1	8
15t)	Adams, L.V. (WR)	1	0	1	0	0	6
15t)	Agholor, Bal. (WR)	1	0	1	0	0	6
15t)	Andrews, Bal. (TE)	1	0	1	0	0	6
15t)	Bell, K.C. (TE)	1	0	1	0	0	6
15t)	*Bigsby, Jac. (RB)	1	1	0	0	0	6
15t)	Bryant, Cle. (TE)	1	0	1	0	0	6
15t)	Buckner, Ind. (DT)	1	0	0	1	0	6
15t)	N. Collins, Hou. (WR)	1	0	1	0	0	6
15t)	Cracraft, Mia. (WR)	1	0	1	0	0	6
15t)	Davis, Buf. (WR)	1	0	1	0	0	6
15t)	*Dell, Hou. (WR)	1	0	1	0	0	6
15t)	Diggs, Buf. (WR)	1	0	1	0	0	6
15t)	Dobbins, Bal. (RB)	1	1	0	0	0	6
15t)	Ekeler, LA-C (RB)	1	1	0	0	0	6
15t)	Etienne, Jac. (RB)	1	1	0	0	0	6
15t)	Freiermuth, Pit. (TE)	1	0	1	0	0	6
15t)	*Gipson, NY-J (WR)	1	0	0	1	0	6
15t)	Granson, Ind. (TE)	1	0	1	0	0	6
15t)	Harris, Buf. (RB)	1	1	0	0	0	6
15t)	Henry, Ten. (RB)	1	1	0	0	0	6
15t)	Herbert, LA-C (QB)	1	1	0	0	0	6
15t)	Highsmith, Pit. (LB)	1	0	0	1	0	6
15t)	Humphrey, Den. (WR)	1	0	1	0	0	6
15t)	*C. Jones, Cin. (WR)	1	0	0	1	0	6
15t)	Z. Jones, Jac. (WR)	1	0	1	0	0	6
15t)	Kelce, K.C. (TE)	1	0	1	0	0	6
15t)	Kelley, LA-C (RB)	1	1	0	0	0	6
15t)	Knox, Buf. (TE)	1	0	1	0	0	6
15t)	*McLaughlin, Den. (RB)	1	1	0	0	0	6
15t)	*Mims, Den. (WR)	1	0	1	0	0	6
15t)	S. Moore, K.C. (WR)	1	0	1	0	0	6
15t)	Moss, Ind. (RB)	1	1	0	0	0	6
15t)	Murray, Buf. (RB)	1	1	0	0	0	6
15t)	Parham, LA-C (TE)	1	0	1	0	0	6
15t)	Pickens, Pit. (WR)	1	0	1	0	0	6
15t)	Pittman, Ind. (WR)	1	0	1	0	0	6
15t)	*Rice, K.C. (WR)	1	0	1	0	0	6
15t)	Ridley, Jac. (WR)	1	0	1	0	0	6
15t)	Shakir, Buf. (WR)	1	0	1	0	0	6
15t)	Stevenson, N.E. (RB)	1	1	0	0	0	6
15t)	Strong, Cle. (RB)	1	1	0	0	0	6
15t)	Sutton, Den. (WR)	1	0	1	0	0	6
15t)	Tannehill, Ten. (QB)	1	1	0	0	0	6
15t)	T. Watt, Pit. (LB)	1	0	0	1	0	6
15t)	Westbrook-Ikhine, Ten. (WR)	1	0	1	0	0	6

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Rank	Player, Team	PAT	FG	Pct	Long	Pts
1)	Folk, Ten.	3/ 3	7/ 7	1.000	50	24
2)	Dicker, LA-C	5/ 5	5/ 5	1.000	50	20
3t)	Bass, Buf.	6/ 6	4/ 4	1.000	50	18
3t)	J. Sanders, Mia.	6/ 7	4/ 6	.667	45	18
5)	Fairbairn, Hou.	2/ 2	5/ 6	.833	38	17
6t)	Hopkins, Cle.	1/ 1	5/ 6	.833	55	16
6t)	McManus, Jac.	4/ 4	4/ 4	1.000	49	16
8)	Tucker, Bal.	5/ 5	3/ 4	.750	44	14
9t)	Butker, K.C.	4/ 4	3/ 3	1.000	39	13
9t)	Lutz, Den.	4/ 5	3/ 4	.750	32	13
11t)	Gay, Ind.	7/ 7	1/ 1	1.000	42	10
11t)	Zuerlein, NY-J	1/ 1	3/ 3	1.000	43	10
13t)	Boswell, Pit.	3/ 3	2/ 2	1.000	52	9
13t)	Carlson, L.V.	3/ 3	2/ 2	1.000	47	9
13t)	McPherson, Cin.	3/ 3	2/ 3	.667	42	9
16)	*Ryland, N.E.	4/ 4	1/ 1	1.000	49	7
17)	Seibert, NY-J	1/ 1	1/ 1	1.000	34	4

AFC / TOUCHBACKS ON KICKOFFS

Rank	Player, Team	TB
1)	Dicker, LA-C	12
2)	J. Sanders, Mia.	11
3)	Tucker, Bal.	10
4t)	Bass, Buf.	9
4t)	Butker, K.C.	9
6t)	Boswell, Pit.	8
6t)	Hopkins, Cle.	8
6t)	Lutz, Den.	8
9t)	Gay, Ind.	7
9t)	McManus, Jac.	7
9t)	McPherson, Cin.	7
9t)	*Ryland, N.E.	7
13)	Zuerlein, NY-J	6
14t)	Fairbairn, Hou.	5
14t)	Folk, Ten.	5
16)	Carlson, L.V.	4
17)	Seibert, NY-J	2
18)	Bailey, Mia.	1

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AFC / MOST YARDS FROM SCRIMMAGE

Rank	Player, Team	Total			Rushing			Receiving		
		Yards	Att+Rec	Avg	Yards	Att	Avg	Yards	Rec	Avg
1)	T. Hill, Mia. (WR)	255	16	15.9	0	0	---	255	16	15.9
2)	N. Collins, Hou. (WR)	226	13	17.4	0	0	---	226	13	17.4
3)	Cook, Buf. (RB)	222	37	6.0	169	29	5.8	53	8	6.6
4)	Henry, Ten. (RB)	214	45	4.8	143	40	3.6	71	5	14.2
5)	K. Allen, LA-C (WR)	193	16	12.1	6	2	3.0	187	14	13.4
6)	Chubb, Cle. (RB)	191	32	6.0	170	28	6.1	21	4	5.3
7)	Mostert, Mia. (RB)	177	31	5.7	158	28	5.6	19	3	6.3
8t)	Diggs, Buf. (WR)	168	17	9.9	0	0	---	168	17	9.9
8t)	Mixon, Cin. (RB)	168	33	5.1	115	26	4.4	53	7	7.6
10)	J. Ford, Cle. (RB)	167	34	4.9	142	31	4.6	25	3	8.3
11)	Ekeler, LA-C (RB)	164	20	8.2	117	16	7.3	47	4	11.8
12)	Pickens, Pit. (WR)	163	9	18.1	0	0	---	163	9	18.1
13)	Waddle, Mia. (WR)	162	9	18.0	-2	1	-2.0	164	8	20.5
14)	Bre. Hall, NY-J (RB)	156	15	10.4	136	14	9.7	20	1	20.0
15)	*Flowers, Bal. (WR)	155	16	9.7	15	3	5.0	140	13	10.8
16)	Pittman, Ind. (WR)	153	16	9.6	0	0	---	153	16	9.6
17)	Adams, L.V. (WR)	150	12	12.5	0	0	---	150	12	12.5
18)	Stevenson, N.E. (RB)	149	36	4.1	75	27	2.8	74	9	8.2
19)	Etienne, Jac. (RB)	146	37	3.9	117	30	3.9	29	7	4.1
20)	Ridley, Jac. (WR)	133	10	13.3	0	0	---	133	10	13.3
21)	*Mims, Den. (WR)	132	6	22.0	10	2	5.0	122	4	30.5
22t)	M. Williams, LA-C (WR)	131	13	10.1	3	1	3.0	128	12	10.7
22t)	Woods, Hou. (WR)	131	12	10.9	0	0	---	131	12	10.9
24)	Kelley, LA-C (RB)	130	29	4.5	130	29	4.5	0	0	---
25)	Cooper, Cle. (WR)	127	10	12.7	0	0	---	127	10	12.7
26t)	Davis, Buf. (WR)	124	8	15.5	0	0	---	124	8	15.5
26t)	Pacheco, K.C. (RB)	124	25	5.0	93	20	4.7	31	5	6.2
28)	Jacobs, L.V. (RB)	120	35	3.4	46	28	1.6	74	7	10.6
29)	Kirk, Jac. (WR)	119	12	9.9	0	0	---	119	12	9.9
30)	G. Wilson, NY-J (WR)	117	7	16.7	0	0	---	117	7	16.7
31)	J. Williams, Den. (RB)	115	31	3.7	96	25	3.8	19	6	3.2
32)	Henry, N.E. (TE)	108	11	9.8	0	0	---	108	11	9.8
33t)	Moss, Ind. (RB)	107	22	4.9	88	18	4.9	19	4	4.8
33t)	Ju. Watson, K.C. (WR)	107	5	21.4	0	0	---	107	5	21.4
35t)	*Dell, Hou. (WR)	106	10	10.6	0	0	---	106	10	10.6
35t)	Engram, Jac. (TE)	106	11	9.6	0	0	---	106	11	9.6
37)	Hopkins, Ten. (WR)	105	11	9.5	0	0	---	105	11	9.5
38)	Warren, Pit. (RB)	104	18	5.8	26	9	2.9	78	9	8.7
39t)	Burks, Ten. (WR)	103	6	17.2	9	1	9.0	94	5	18.8
39t)	Moore, Cle. (WR)	103	9	11.4	24	3	8.0	79	6	13.2
41)	Perine, Den. (RB)	102	16	6.4	45	9	5.0	57	7	8.1
42)	Sutton, Den. (WR)	98	9	10.9	0	0	---	98	9	10.9
43)	Johnson, Den. (WR)	97	4	24.3	0	0	---	97	4	24.3
44)	Edwards, Bal. (RB)	94	18	5.2	94	18	5.2	0	0	---
45)	Bourne, N.E. (WR)	93	10	9.3	0	0	---	93	10	9.3
46)	Jackson, Bal. (QB)	92	18	5.1	92	18	5.1	0	0	---
47)	Higgins, Cin. (WR)	89	8	11.1	0	0	---	89	8	11.1
48t)	*Spears, Ten. (RB)	83	14	5.9	76	11	6.9	7	3	2.3
48t)	Westbrook-Ikhine, Ten. (WR)	83	7	11.9	0	0	---	83	7	11.9
50)	Pierce, Hou. (RB)	82	30	2.7	69	26	2.7	13	4	3.3

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Rank	Player, Team	Rush	Rec	Tot
1)	T. Hill, Mia. (WR)	0	14	14
2)	Kelley, LA-C (RB)	11	0	11
3t)	Cook, Buf. (RB)	8	2	10
3t)	Henry, Ten. (RB)	9	1	10
3t)	Stevenson, N.E. (RB)	6	4	10
6t)	Adams, L.V. (WR)	0	9	9
6t)	Chubb, Cle. (RB)	8	1	9
6t)	N. Collins, Hou. (WR)	0	9	9
6t)	Diggs, Buf. (WR)	0	9	9
10t)	K. Allen, LA-C (WR)	1	7	8
10t)	Cooper, Cle. (WR)	0	8	8
10t)	Davis, Buf. (WR)	0	8	8
10t)	Mostert, Mia. (RB)	8	0	8
10t)	Pittman, Ind. (WR)	0	8	8
10t)	Woods, Hou. (WR)	0	8	8
16t)	Edwards, Bal. (RB)	7	0	7
16t)	*Flowers, Bal. (WR)	0	7	7
16t)	Henry, N.E. (TE)	0	7	7
16t)	Jacobs, L.V. (RB)	3	4	7
16t)	Mixon, Cin. (RB)	6	1	7
16t)	Pacheco, K.C. (RB)	6	1	7
16t)	Waddle, Mia. (WR)	0	7	7
23t)	Ekeler, LA-C (RB)	4	2	6
23t)	Engram, Jac. (TE)	0	6	6
23t)	Granson, Ind. (TE)	0	6	6
23t)	Higgins, Cin. (WR)	0	6	6
23t)	Hopkins, Ten. (WR)	0	6	6
23t)	Jackson, Bal. (QB)	6	0	6
23t)	Kirk, Jac. (WR)	0	6	6
23t)	Mahomes, K.C. (QB)	6	0	6
23t)	Ridley, Jac. (WR)	0	6	6
23t)	M. Williams, LA-C (WR)	0	6	6
23t)	R. Wilson, Den. (QB)	6	0	6
34t)	J. Allen, Buf. (QB)	5	0	5
34t)	Berrios, Mia. (WR)	0	5	5
34t)	Chase, Cin. (WR)	0	5	5
34t)	Cracraft, Mia. (WR)	0	5	5
34t)	*Dell, Hou. (WR)	0	5	5
34t)	J. Ford, Cle. (RB)	4	1	5
34t)	Harris, Pit. (RB)	5	0	5
34t)	Mac Jones, N.E. (QB)	5	0	5
34t)	Meyers, L.V. (WR)	0	5	5
34t)	Moore, Cle. (WR)	1	4	5
34t)	Perine, Den. (RB)	3	2	5
34t)	*Richardson, Ind. (QB)	5	0	5
34t)	*Spears, Ten. (RB)	5	0	5
34t)	Sutton, Den. (WR)	0	5	5
34t)	Watson, Cle. (QB)	5	0	5
34t)	Westbrook-Ikhine, Ten. (WR)	0	5	5
34t)	G. Wilson, NY-J (WR)	0	5	5

WEEK 2 / THROUGH MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023**AFC / LEADING PUNTERS**

Rank	Player, Team	No	Yards	Lg	Avg	TB	Blk	Dwn	OB	Opp Ret	In Yds	Net 20	Avg
1)	Stout, Bal.	7	366	67	52.3	1	0	0	0	3	105	3	34.4
2)	Stonehouse, Ten.	8	413	63	51.6	1	0	0	1	6	69	1	40.5
3)	Townsend, K.C.	9	440	58	48.9	0	0	3	0	3	21	4	46.6
4)	Bojorquez, Cle.	12	569	66	47.4	1	0	0	4	4	38	4	42.6
5)	Cooke, Jac.	10	466	57	46.6	0	0	1	1	5	28	6	43.8
6)	*Baringer, N.E.	9	418	65	46.4	1	0	0	1	4	57	6	37.9
7)	Morstead, NY-J	9	415	58	46.1	0	0	0	2	1	4	3	45.7
8)	Harvin, Pit.	13	574	61	44.2	2	0	3	3	3	41	5	37.9
9)	*Zentner, Hou.	7	303	51	43.3	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	37.6
10t)	Dixon, Den.	5	214	46	42.8	0	0	1	1	2	9	1	41.0
10t)	Sanchez, Ind.	10	428	51	42.8	0	0	2	2	4	78	2	35.0
12)	Scott, LA-C	9	379	62	42.1	1	0	1	0	2	11	4	38.7
13)	*Robbins, Cin.	13	529	54	40.7	1	0	0	2	4	17	3	37.8

AFC / LEADING PUNTERS, NET AVERAGE

Rank	Player, Team	No	Yards	Lg	Avg	TB	Blk	Dwn	OB	Opp Ret	In Yds	Net 20	Avg
1)	Townsend, K.C.	9	440	58	48.9	0	0	3	0	3	21	4	46.6
2)	Morstead, NY-J	9	415	58	46.1	0	0	0	2	1	4	3	45.7
3)	Cooke, Jac.	10	466	57	46.6	0	0	1	1	5	28	6	43.8
4)	Bojorquez, Cle.	12	569	66	47.4	1	0	0	4	4	38	4	42.6
5)	Dixon, Den.	5	214	46	42.8	0	0	1	1	2	9	1	41.0
6)	Stonehouse, Ten.	8	413	63	51.6	1	0	0	1	6	69	1	40.5
7)	Scott, LA-C	9	379	62	42.1	1	0	1	0	2	11	4	38.7
8)	Harvin, Pit.	13	574	61	44.2	2	0	3	3	3	41	5	37.9
9)	*Baringer, N.E.	9	418	65	46.4	1	0	0	1	4	57	6	37.9
10)	*Robbins, Cin.	13	529	54	40.7	1	0	0	2	4	17	3	37.8
11)	*Zentner, Hou.	7	303	51	43.3	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	37.6
12)	Sanchez, Ind.	10	428	51	42.8	0	0	2	2	4	78	2	35.0
13)	Stout, Bal.	7	366	67	52.3	1	0	0	0	3	105	3	34.4

AFC / PUNT RETURN LEADERS

Rank	Player, Team	Ret	FC	Yards	Avg	Long	TD
1)	*C. Jones, Cin.	4	1	105	26.3	81t	1
2)	*Gipson, NY-J	3	3	73	24.3	65t	1
3)	Agnew, Jac.	4	0	63	15.8	48	0
4)	*D. Davis, LA-C	5	0	66	13.2	20	0
5)	*K. Jackson, Ten.	6	3	48	8.0	14	0
6)	Mar. Jones, N.E.	3	1	21	7.0	21	0
7)	McKenzie, Ind.	3	3	20	6.7	16	0
8)	Peoples-Jones, Cle.	3	5	15	5.0	6	0
9)	James, K.C.	6	2	24	4.0	9	0

AFC / KICKOFF RETURN LEADERS

Rank	Player, Team	Ret	Yards	Avg	Long	TD
1)	McFarland, Pit.	3	91	30.3	34	0

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AFC / LEADERS IN INTERCEPTIONS

Rank	Player, Team	Int	Yards	Avg	Long	TD
1)	Whitehead, NY-J	3	0	0.0	0	0
2)	Milano, Buf.	2	16	8.0	13	0
3t)	Stone, Bal.	1	36	36.0	36	0
3t)	T. Brown, Ind.	1	34	34.0	34	0
3t)	Highsmith, Pit.	1	30	30.0	30t	1
3t)	D. Hill, Cin.	1	20	20.0	20	0
3t)	Hooker, Ten.	1	10	10.0	10	0
3t)	Jackson, LA-C	1	9	9.0	9	0
3t)	Bernard, Buf.	1	0	0.0	0	0
3t)	Ty. Campbell, Jac.	1	0	0.0	0	0
3t)	Cisco, Jac.	1	0	0.0	0	0
3t)	Delpit, Cle.	1	0	0.0	0	0
3t)	*Gonzalez, N.E.	1	0	0.0	0	0
3t)	Howard, Mia.	1	0	0.0	0	0
3t)	K. Jackson, Den.	1	0	0.0	0	0
3t)	St. Nelson, Hou.	1	0	0.0	0	0

WEEK 2 / THROUGH MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023**AFC / LEADERS IN SACKS**

Rank	Player, Team	Sacks
1)	T. Watt, Pit. (LB)	4.0
2)	Allen, Jac. (LB)	3.0
3)	Autry, Ten. (DT)	2.5
4t)	Bosa, LA-C (LB)	2.0
4t)	Buckner, Ind. (DT)	2.0
4t)	Cooper, Den. (LB)	2.0
4t)	Jefferson, NY-J (DE)	2.0
4t)	Judon, N.E. (LB)	2.0
4t)	Paye, Ind. (DE)	2.0
4t)	Simmons, Ten. (DT)	2.0
11t)	Danna, K.C. (DE)	1.5
11t)	Floyd, Buf. (DE)	1.5
11t)	Ch. Jones, K.C. (DE)	1.5
11t)	Karlaftis, K.C. (DE)	1.5
11t)	Key, Ten. (LB)	1.5
16t)	*Anderson, Hou. (DE)	1.0
16t)	Bonitto, Den. (LB)	1.0
16t)	Bryan, Ind. (DT)	1.0
16t)	Chaisson, Jac. (LB)	1.0
16t)	Chubb, Mia. (LB)	1.0
16t)	Clowney, Bal. (LB)	1.0
16t)	Crosby, L.V. (DE)	1.0
16t)	Deablo, L.V. (LB)	1.0
16t)	Ebukam, Ind. (DE)	1.0
16t)	Fox, LA-C (DE)	1.0
16t)	Franklin-Myers, NY-J (DE)	1.0
16t)	Garrett, Cle. (DE)	1.0
16t)	Golden, Pit. (LB)	1.0
16t)	*Gonzalez, N.E. (DB)	1.0
16t)	Greenard, Hou. (DE)	1.0
16t)	Gregory, Den. (LB)	1.0
16t)	C. Harris, Hou. (LB)	1.0
16t)	Hendrickson, Cin. (DE)	1.0
16t)	Highsmith, Pit. (LB)	1.0
16t)	B. Hill, Cin. (DT)	1.0
16t)	J. Johnson, NY-J (LB)	1.0
16t)	Kohou, Mia. (DB)	1.0
16t)	Landry, Ten. (LB)	1.0
16t)	Leal, Pit. (DE)	1.0
16t)	Long, Mia. (LB)	1.0
16t)	Madubuike, Bal. (DT)	1.0
16t)	Martin, Ind. (DE)	1.0
16t)	Murray, LA-C (LB)	1.0
16t)	Ogunjobi, Pit. (DT)	1.0
16t)	Ojabo, Bal. (LB)	1.0
16t)	Okoronkwo, Cle. (DE)	1.0
16t)	Phillips, Buf. (DT)	1.0
16t)	Pratt, Cin. (LB)	1.0
16t)	Queen, Bal. (LB)	1.0
16t)	Riley, Pit. (DB)	1.0
16t)	Sieler, Mia. (DE)	1.0
16t)	Smith, Bal. (LB)	1.0
16t)	Speed, Ind. (LB)	1.0
16t)	Spillane, L.V. (LB)	1.0
16t)	Takitaki, Cle. (LB)	1.0
16t)	Thomas, NY-J (DE)	1.0
16t)	Tillery, L.V. (DT)	1.0
16t)	*Tuipulotu, LA-C (LB)	1.0
16t)	Uche, N.E. (LB)	1.0
16t)	Van Ginkel, Mia. (LB)	1.0
16t)	Walker, Jac. (LB)	1.0
16t)	A. Washington, Bal. (DB)	1.0
16t)	Wilkins, Mia. (DT)	1.0
16t)	Woods, NY-J (DT)	1.0

WEEK 2 / THROUGH MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023**AFC / FUMBLE RECOVERIES**

Rank	Player, Team	TotRec	OffRec	DefRec
1)	Tagovailoa, Mia.	3	3	0
2)	T. Watt, Pit.	2	0	2
3t)	J. Allen, Buf.	1	1	0
3t)	Awuzie, Cin.	1	0	1
3t)	*Biggsby, Jac.	1	1	0
3t)	Blackson, Jac.	1	0	1
3t)	Buckner, Ind.	1	0	1
3t)	B. Cook, K.C.	1	0	1
3t)	*Dell, Hou.	1	1	0
3t)	Delpit, Cle.	1	0	1
3t)	Elliott, Mia.	1	0	1
3t)	Garoppolo, L.V.	1	1	0
3t)	Hooker, Ten.	1	0	1
3t)	Mar. Jones, N.E.	1	0	1
3t)	T. Jones, Jac.	1	0	1
3t)	Kazee, Pit.	1	0	1
3t)	Lawrence, Jac.	1	1	0
3t)	Lloyd, Jac.	1	0	1
3t)	Mahomes, K.C.	1	1	0
3t)	Ogunjobi, Pit.	1	0	1
3t)	Oluokun, Jac.	1	0	1
3t)	Paye, Ind.	1	0	1
3t)	Pierce, Bal.	1	0	1
3t)	Rapp, Buf.	1	0	1
3t)	Sneed, K.C.	1	0	1
3t)	Stewart, Hou.	1	0	1
3t)	*Stroud, Hou.	1	1	0
3t)	Toney, K.C.	1	1	0
3t)	Watson, Cle.	1	1	0
3t)	N. Williams, LA-C	1	0	1
3t)	Quinn. Williams, NY-J	1	0	1
3t)	Zeitler, Bal.	1	1	0

AFC / OFFENSIVE FUMBLE RECOVERIES

Rank	Player, Team	Ret	Yards	Avg	Long	TD
1)	Tagovailoa, Mia.	3	0	0.0	0	0
2t)	J. Allen, Buf.	1	0	0.0	0	0
2t)	*Dell, Hou.	1	0	0.0	0	0
2t)	Garoppolo, L.V.	1	0	0.0	0	0
2t)	Lawrence, Jac.	1	0	0.0	0	0
2t)	Mahomes, K.C.	1	0	0.0	0	0
2t)	*Stroud, Hou.	1	0	0.0	0	0
2t)	Toney, K.C.	1	0	0.0	0	0
2t)	Watson, Cle.	1	0	0.0	0	0
2t)	Zeitler, Bal.	1	0	0.0	0	0
2t)	*Biggsby, Jac.	1	-9	-9.0	-9	0

AFC / DEFENSIVE FUMBLE RECOVERIES

Rank	Player, Team	Ret	Yards	Avg	Long	TD
1)	T. Watt, Pit.	2	16	8.0	16t	1
2t)	Buckner, Ind.	1	26	26.0	26t	1
2t)	Delpit, Cle.	1	14	14.0	14	0
2t)	Rapp, Buf.	1	6	6.0	6	0
2t)	Awuzie, Cin.	1	0	0.0	0	0
2t)	Blackson, Jac.	1	0	0.0	0	0
2t)	B. Cook, K.C.	1	0	0.0	0	0
2t)	Elliott, Mia.	1	0	0.0	0	0
2t)	Hooker, Ten.	1	0	0.0	0	0
2t)	Mar. Jones, N.E.	1	0	0.0	0	0
2t)	T. Jones, Jac.	1	0	0.0	0	0
2t)	Kazee, Pit.	1	0	0.0	0	0
2t)	Lloyd, Jac.	1	0	0.0	0	0
2t)	Ogunjobi, Pit.	1	0	0.0	0	0
2t)	Oluokun, Jac.	1	0	0.0	0	0
2t)	Paye, Ind.	1	0	0.0	0	0
2t)	Pierce, Bal.	1	0	0.0	0	0
2t)	Sneed, K.C.	1	0	0.0	0	0
2t)	Stewart, Hou.	1	0	0.0	0	0
2t)	N. Williams, LA-C	1	0	0.0	0	0
2t)	Quinn. Williams, NY-J	1	0	0.0	0	0

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NFC / LEADING PASSERS

Player, Team	Att	Comp	Pct		Avg		Pct			Pct Rating	
			Comp	Yds	Gain	TD	TD	Long	Int	Int	Points
Love, G.B.	52	29	55.8	396	7.62	6	11.5	51	0	0.0	118.8
Cousins, Min.	88	64	72.7	708	8.05	6	6.8	62t	1	1.1	114.2
Goff, Det.	70	50	71.4	576	8.23	4	5.7	39	1	1.4	109.0
Mayfield, T.B.	68	47	69.1	490	7.21	3	4.4	70	0	0.0	104.4
G. Smith, Sea.	67	48	71.6	440	6.57	3	4.5	31	0	0.0	104.1
Purdy, S.F.	54	36	66.7	426	7.89	2	3.7	31	0	0.0	102.9
Prescott, Dal.	62	44	71.0	398	6.42	2	3.2	49	0	0.0	98.7
Howell, Was.	70	46	65.7	501	7.16	3	4.3	36	1	1.4	95.0
Ridder, Atl.	50	34	68.0	352	7.04	2	4.0	45	1	2.0	93.1
Hurts, Phi.	56	40	71.4	363	6.48	2	3.6	63t	1	1.8	93.1
Dobbs, Ariz	61	42	68.9	360	5.90	1	1.6	31	0	0.0	89.5
Carr, N.O.	69	44	63.8	533	7.72	1	1.4	45	2	2.9	80.2
Stafford, LA-R	93	58	62.4	641	6.89	1	1.1	44	2	2.2	77.4
D. Jones, NY-G	65	41	63.1	425	6.54	2	3.1	58	3	4.6	72.9
Fields, Chi.	66	40	60.6	427	6.47	2	3.0	33	3	4.5	70.7
*Young, Car.	71	42	59.2	299	4.21	2	2.8	22	2	2.8	66.6

NFC / LEADING PASSERS, RANKS

Player, Team	Att	Comp	Pct		Avg		Pct			Pct Rating	
			Comp	Yds	Gain	TD	TD	Long	Int	Int	Points
Love, G.B.	15	16	16	12	5	1t	1		1t	1t	1
Cousins, Min.	2	1	1	1	2	1t	2		7t	7	2
Goff, Det.	4t	3	3t	3	1	3	3		7t	8t	3
Mayfield, T.B.	7	5	6	6	6	4t	5		1t	1t	4
G. Smith, Sea.	8	4	2	7	10	4t	4		1t	1t	5
Purdy, S.F.	14	14	9	9	3	7t	8		1t	1t	6
Prescott, Dal.	11	7t	5	11	14	7t	10		1t	1t	7
Howell, Was.	4t	6	10	5	7	4t	6		7t	8t	8
Ridder, Atl.	16	15	8	15	8	7t	7		7t	11	9
Hurts, Phi.	13	12t	3t	13	12	7t	9		7t	10	10
Dobbs, Ariz	12	9t	7	14	15	14t	14		1t	1t	11
Carr, N.O.	6	7t	11	4	4	14t	15		12t	14	12
Stafford, LA-R	1	2	13	2	9	14t	16		12t	12	13
D. Jones, NY-G	10	11	12	10	11	7t	11		15t	16	14
Fields, Chi.	9	12t	14	8	13	7t	12		15t	15	15
*Young, Car.	3	9t	15	16	16	7t	13		12t	13	16

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Rank	Player, Team	Att	Comp	Comp%	Yards	YPA	TD	TD%	Int	Int%	Rating
1)	D. Jones, NY-G	21	17	81.0	194	9.24	2	9.5	0	0.0	136.9
2)	Cousins, Min.	26	17	65.4	163	6.27	3	11.5	0	0.0	121.2
3t)	Carr, N.O.	9	8	88.9	132	14.67	0	0.0	0	0.0	118.8
3t)	Howell, Was.	7	6	85.7	91	13.00	0	0.0	0	0.0	118.8
3t)	Ridder, Atl.	12	10	83.3	181	15.08	0	0.0	0	0.0	118.8
6)	G. Smith, Sea.	10	6	60.0	44	4.40	1	10.0	0	0.0	103.7
7)	Goff, Det.	17	13	76.5	140	8.24	1	5.9	1	5.9	95.2
8)	Prescott, Dal.	8	6	75.0	57	7.13	0	0.0	0	0.0	94.3
9)	Mayfield, T.B.	16	13	81.3	94	5.88	0	0.0	0	0.0	91.1
10)	Love, G.B.	11	4	36.4	71	6.45	1	9.1	0	0.0	89.6
11)	*Young, Car.	28	16	57.1	110	3.93	1	3.6	0	0.0	78.0
12)	Purdy, S.F.	9	4	44.4	76	8.44	0	0.0	0	0.0	74.3
13)	Hurts, Phi.	14	7	50.0	86	6.14	0	0.0	0	0.0	69.3
14)	Dobbs, Ariz	16	9	56.3	46	2.88	0	0.0	0	0.0	61.5
15)	Stafford, LA-R	36	18	50.0	180	5.00	0	0.0	1	2.8	53.0
16)	Fields, Chi.	29	16	55.2	166	5.72	1	3.4	3	10.3	43.8

NFC / THIRD-DOWN PASSING LEADERS

Rank	Player, Team	Att	Comp	Comp%	Yards	YPA	TD	TD%	Int	Int%	Rating
1)	Cousins, Min.	21	14	66.7	238	11.33	2	9.5	0	0.0	136.6
2)	Mayfield, T.B.	23	20	87.0	201	8.74	2	8.7	0	0.0	132.1
3)	Ridder, Atl.	15	12	80.0	140	9.33	1	6.7	0	0.0	127.8
4)	Love, G.B.	14	8	57.1	123	8.79	1	7.1	0	0.0	110.1
5)	Prescott, Dal.	21	15	71.4	159	7.57	1	4.8	0	0.0	109.0
6)	Howell, Was.	10	7	70.0	99	9.90	0	0.0	0	0.0	101.7
7)	Goff, Det.	15	10	66.7	77	5.13	1	6.7	0	0.0	101.3
8)	Hurts, Phi.	10	7	70.0	97	9.70	1	10.0	1	10.0	94.6
9)	G. Smith, Sea.	17	9	52.9	100	5.88	1	5.9	0	0.0	90.3
10)	D. Jones, NY-G	13	10	76.9	70	5.38	1	7.7	1	7.7	82.2
11)	Dobbs, Ariz	17	11	64.7	93	5.47	0	0.0	0	0.0	78.8
12)	Stafford, LA-R	21	14	66.7	182	8.67	0	0.0	1	4.8	73.9
13)	Carr, N.O.	22	12	54.5	214	9.73	1	4.5	2	9.1	65.3
14)	Purdy, S.F.	15	6	40.0	75	5.00	0	0.0	0	0.0	56.3
15)	*Young, Car.	19	10	52.6	90	4.74	0	0.0	1	5.3	43.8
16)	Fields, Chi.	16	9	56.3	102	6.38	0	0.0	2	12.5	35.9

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Rank	Player, Team	Att	Yards	Avg	Long	TD
1)	McCaffrey, S.F.	42	268	6.4	65t	2
2)	*Robinson, Atl.	29	180	6.2	21	0
3)	Swift, Phi.	29	178	6.1	43	1
4)	Conner, Ariz	37	168	4.5	22	1
5)	Robinson, Was.	37	146	3.9	27	2
6)	Pollard, Dal.	39	142	3.6	25	2
7)	Montgomery, Det.	37	141	3.8	16	2
8)	Allgeier, Atl.	31	123	4.0	22	2
9)	Sanders, Car.	32	115	3.6	13	0
10)	Barkley, NY-G	29	114	3.9	18	1
11)	R. White, T.B.	34	112	3.3	13	1
12)	Walker, Sea.	29	107	3.7	15	2
13)	K. Williams, LA-R	29	104	3.6	9	3
14)	D. Jones, NY-G (QB)	22	102	4.6	15	1
15)	Hill, N.O. (QB)	12	79	6.6	19	0
16)	Hubbard, Car.	11	76	6.9	21	0
17t)	Dillon, G.B.	28	74	2.6	8	0
17t)	J. Williams, N.O.	27	74	2.7	11	0
19)	Hurts, Phi. (QB)	21	72	3.4	14	2
20t)	Fields, Chi. (QB)	13	62	4.8	10	1
20t)	Herbert, Chi.	16	62	3.9	12	0
20t)	Mattison, Min.	19	62	3.3	9	0
23)	*Gibbs, Det.	14	59	4.2	18	0
24)	Gainwell, Phi.	14	54	3.9	16	0
25)	*R. Johnson, Chi.	9	52	5.8	29	1
26)	*Young, Car. (QB)	5	51	10.2	26	0
27)	Dowdle, Dal.	13	50	3.8	10	0
28)	Samuel, S.F. (WR)	7	46	6.6	17	1
29)	B. Scott, Phi.	6	43	7.2	18	0
30)	A. Jones, G.B.	9	41	4.6	9	1
31)	Jones, N.O.	13	39	3.0	6	2
32t)	Dobbs, Ariz (QB)	6	38	6.3	23t	1
32t)	Ridder, Atl. (QB)	11	38	3.5	9	1
34)	Love, G.B. (QB)	5	35	7.0	24	0
35t)	Akers, LA-R	22	29	1.3	12	1
35t)	Brown, Ariz (WR)	1	29	29.0	29	0
37t)	Mayfield, T.B. (QB)	14	28	2.0	9	0
37t)	Stafford, LA-R (QB)	7	28	4.0	9	0
39)	*Charbonnet, Sea.	7	27	3.9	9	0
40)	G. Smith, Sea. (QB)	4	26	6.5	15	0
41)	Purdy, S.F. (QB)	6	25	4.2	17	1
42t)	Howell, Was. (QB)	4	24	6.0	11	1
42t)	*Vaughn, Dal.	9	24	2.7	13	0
44)	Taylor, G.B.	6	23	3.8	10	0
45)	*Tucker, T.B.	13	22	1.7	7	0
46t)	Edmonds, T.B.	4	20	5.0	14	0
46t)	Prescott, Dal. (QB)	7	20	2.9	15	0
46t)	Turpin, Dal. (WR)	5	20	4.0	7t	1
49)	Samuel, Was. (WR)	2	19	9.5	13	0
50)	Gibson, Was.	5	18	3.6	7	0

NFC / THIRD-AND-ONE RUSHING LEADERS

Rank	Player, Team	Att	FD	Pct
1t)	K. Williams, LA-R	4	4	100.0
1t)	Barkley, NY-G	3	3	100.0
1t)	Sanders, Car.	2	2	100.0
1t)	Breida, NY-G	1	1	100.0
1t)	Dobbs, Ariz	1	1	100.0
1t)	Gainwell, Phi.	1	1	100.0
1t)	A. Jones, G.B.	1	1	100.0
1t)	D. Jones, NY-G	1	1	100.0
1t)	Jones, N.O.	1	1	100.0
1t)	Love, G.B.	1	1	100.0
1t)	Mattison, Min.	1	1	100.0
1t)	Prescott, Dal.	1	1	100.0
1t)	Purdy, S.F.	1	1	100.0
1t)	*Rodriguez, Was.	1	1	100.0
1t)	B. Scott, Phi.	1	1	100.0
1t)	Stafford, LA-R	1	1	100.0
17t)	McCaffrey, S.F.	2	1	50.0
17t)	Montgomery, Det.	2	1	50.0
17t)	Pollard, Dal.	2	1	50.0
17t)	R. White, T.B.	2	1	50.0
17t)	J. Williams, N.O.	2	1	50.0

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NFC / LEADERS IN RECEPTIONS

Rank	Player, Team	Rec	Yards	Avg	Long	TD
1)	*Nacua, LA-R	25	266	10.6	21	0
2)	Jefferson, Min.	20	309	15.5	42	0
3t)	Lamb, Dal.	15	220	14.7	49	0
3t)	Hockenson, Min. (TE)	15	101	6.7	24	2
5)	Olave, N.O.	14	198	14.1	45	0
6)	Atwell, LA-R	13	196	15.1	44	0
7t)	Evans, T.B.	12	237	19.8	70	2
7t)	St. Brown, Det.	12	173	14.4	39	1
7t)	Thomas, N.O.	12	116	9.7	25	0
7t)	Ertz, Ariz (TE)	12	77	6.4	17	0
11t)	D. Smith, Phi.	11	178	16.2	63t	2
11t)	Aiyuk, S.F.	11	172	15.6	23	2
11t)	Samuel, S.F.	11	118	10.7	23	0
11t)	A. Brown, Phi.	11	108	9.8	23	0
15t)	Godwin, T.B.	10	109	10.9	24	0
15t)	*LaPorta, Det. (TE)	10	102	10.2	23	0
15t)	*Robinson, Atl. (RB)	10	75	7.5	29	1
15t)	Lockett, Sea.	10	69	6.9	12	2
19t)	Shaheed, N.O.	9	152	16.9	45	1
19t)	J. Reynolds, Det.	9	146	16.2	33	2
19t)	Metcalfe, Sea.	9	122	13.6	28	1
19t)	Waller, NY-G (TE)	9	112	12.4	25	0
19t)	Brown, Ariz	9	82	9.1	22	1
19t)	Kmet, Chi. (TE)	9	82	9.1	15	0
19t)	Thielen, Car.	9	66	7.3	15	1
19t)	*Gibbs, Det. (RB)	9	57	6.3	10	0
19t)	Pollard, Dal. (RB)	9	49	5.4	19	0
19t)	Barkley, NY-G (RB)	9	41	4.6	10	1
29t)	Moore, Chi.	8	129	16.1	33	0
29t)	Samuel, Was.	8	73	9.1	32	0
29t)	Dotson, Was.	8	62	7.8	18	0
29t)	Hurst, Car. (TE)	8	61	7.6	14	1
29t)	Otton, T.B. (TE)	8	60	7.5	13	0
29t)	*Smith-Njigba, Sea.	8	47	5.9	16	0
29t)	*R. Johnson, Chi. (RB)	8	45	5.6	8	0
36t)	*Addison, Min.	7	133	19.0	62t	2
36t)	McLaurin, Was.	7	85	12.1	30t	1
36t)	Hubbard, Car. (RB)	7	43	6.1	11	0
36t)	R. White, T.B. (RB)	7	40	5.7	9	0
36t)	Sanders, Car. (RB)	7	30	4.3	11	0
41t)	Hollins, Atl.	6	91	15.2	45	0
41t)	*Reed, G.B.	6	85	14.2	30	2
41t)	Slayton, NY-G	6	77	12.8	29	0
41t)	D. London, Atl.	6	67	11.2	24	1
41t)	Osborn, Min.	6	65	10.8	19	1
41t)	Thomas, Was. (TE)	6	65	10.8	19	1
41t)	Higbee, LA-R (TE)	6	61	10.2	30	0
41t)	Doubs, G.B.	6	56	9.3	15	2
41t)	K. Williams, LA-R (RB)	6	50	8.3	15	1
41t)	Kittle, S.F. (TE)	6	49	8.2	12	0
41t)	McCaffrey, S.F. (RB)	6	36	6.0	9	0
41t)	Goedert, Phi. (TE)	6	22	3.7	9	0
41t)	Mattison, Min. (RB)	6	21	3.5	16	1

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Rank	Player, Team	Yards	Rec	Avg	Long	TD
1)	Jefferson, Min.	309	20	15.5	42	0
2)	*Nacua, LA-R	266	25	10.6	21	0
3)	Evans, T.B.	237	12	19.8	70	2
4)	Lamb, Dal.	220	15	14.7	49	0
5)	Olave, N.O.	198	14	14.1	45	0
6)	Atwell, LA-R	196	13	15.1	44	0
7)	D. Smith, Phi.	178	11	16.2	63t	2
8)	St. Brown, Det.	173	12	14.4	39	1
9)	Aiyuk, S.F.	172	11	15.6	23	2
10)	Shaheed, N.O.	152	9	16.9	45	1
11)	J. Reynolds, Det.	146	9	16.2	33	2
12)	*Addison, Min.	133	7	19.0	62t	2
13)	Moore, Chi.	129	8	16.1	33	0
14)	Metcalfe, Sea.	122	9	13.6	28	1
15)	Samuel, S.F.	118	11	10.7	23	0
16)	Thomas, N.O.	116	12	9.7	25	0
17)	Waller, NY-G (TE)	112	9	12.4	25	0
18)	Godwin, T.B.	109	10	10.9	24	0
19)	A. Brown, Phi.	108	11	9.8	23	0
20)	*LaPorta, Det. (TE)	102	10	10.2	23	0
21)	Hockenson, Min. (TE)	101	15	6.7	24	2
22)	Hollins, Atl.	91	6	15.2	45	0
23)	*Hyatt, NY-G	89	2	44.5	58	0
24)	A. Jones, G.B. (RB)	86	2	43.0	51	1
25t)	McLaurin, Was.	85	7	12.1	30t	1
25t)	*Reed, G.B.	85	6	14.2	30	2
27t)	Brown, Ariz	82	9	9.1	22	1
27t)	Kmet, Chi. (TE)	82	9	9.1	15	0
29t)	Ertz, Ariz (TE)	77	12	6.4	17	0
29t)	Slayton, NY-G	77	6	12.8	29	0
31t)	*Musgrave, G.B. (TE)	75	5	15.0	37	0
31t)	*Robinson, Atl. (RB)	75	10	7.5	29	1
31t)	*Mi. Wilson, Ariz	75	5	15.0	21	0
34)	Samuel, Was.	73	8	9.1	32	0
35)	Lockett, Sea.	69	10	6.9	12	2
36)	D. London, Atl.	67	6	11.2	24	1
37t)	Raymond, Det.	66	3	22.0	36t	1
37t)	Thielen, Car.	66	9	7.3	15	1
39t)	Osborn, Min.	65	6	10.8	19	1
39t)	Thomas, Was. (TE)	65	6	10.8	19	1
41)	Hodgins, NY-G	64	5	12.8	24	1
42)	Dotson, Was.	62	8	7.8	18	0
43t)	Higbee, LA-R (TE)	61	6	10.2	30	0
43t)	Hurst, Car. (TE)	61	8	7.6	14	1
45t)	Herbert, Chi. (RB)	60	4	15.0	23	0
45t)	Otton, T.B. (TE)	60	8	7.5	13	0
47)	Pitts, Atl. (TE)	59	4	14.8	34	0
48)	*Gibbs, Det. (RB)	57	9	6.3	10	0
49t)	Doubs, G.B.	56	6	9.3	15	2
49t)	Fant, Sea. (TE)	56	4	14.0	31	0

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NFC / THIRD-DOWN RECEIVING LEADERS

Rank	Player, Team	Rec	Yards	Avg	Long	TD
1)	*Nacua, LA-R	7	89	12.7	21	0
2)	*Robinson, Atl. (RB)	6	36	6.0	17	1
3t)	Lamb, Dal.	5	91	18.2	49	0
3t)	Godwin, T.B.	5	58	11.6	16	0
5t)	*Addison, Min.	4	114	28.5	62t	2
5t)	Olave, N.O.	4	105	26.3	45	0
5t)	Evans, T.B.	4	69	17.3	32t	1
5t)	Shaheed, N.O.	4	67	16.8	41	1
5t)	Aiyuk, S.F.	4	66	16.5	22	0
5t)	Jefferson, Min.	4	63	15.8	23	0
5t)	Hockenson, Min. (TE)	4	49	12.3	24	0
5t)	Pollard, Dal. (RB)	4	34	8.5	19	0
5t)	Thielen, Car.	4	32	8.0	10	0
5t)	Otton, T.B. (TE)	4	27	6.8	9	0
5t)	Lockett, Sea.	4	24	6.0	12	1
16t)	D. Smith, Phi.	3	73	24.3	63t	1
16t)	Atwell, LA-R	3	61	20.3	44	0
16t)	Metcalf, Sea.	3	60	20.0	28	0
16t)	Moore, Chi.	3	54	18.0	31	0
16t)	Thomas, N.O.	3	37	12.3	19	0
16t)	J. Reynolds, Det.	3	34	11.3	18	0
16t)	*Palmer, T.B.	3	28	9.3	20	1
16t)	A. Brown, Phi.	3	22	7.3	12	0
16t)	*R. Johnson, Chi. (RB)	3	19	6.3	8	0
16t)	Ertz, Ariz (TE)	3	17	5.7	6	0
16t)	Barkley, NY-G (RB)	3	12	4.0	9t	1
27t)	Hollins, Atl.	2	54	27.0	45	0
27t)	*Reed, G.B.	2	48	24.0	30	0
27t)	*Mi. Wilson, Ariz	2	37	18.5	21	0
27t)	D. London, Atl.	2	26	13.0	22	0
27t)	*Musgrave, G.B. (TE)	2	26	13.0	17	0
27t)	Dotson, Was.	2	21	10.5	18	0
27t)	Doubs, G.B.	2	21	10.5	13	1
27t)	Kmet, Chi. (TE)	2	20	10.0	11	0
27t)	Waller, NY-G (TE)	2	20	10.0	12	0
27t)	Higbee, LA-R (TE)	2	19	9.5	12	0
27t)	Brown, Ariz	2	17	8.5	9	0
27t)	*Mingo, Car.	2	17	8.5	9	0
27t)	Hubbard, Car. (RB)	2	16	8.0	9	0
27t)	*LaPorta, Det. (TE)	2	16	8.0	12	0
27t)	*Smith-Njigba, Sea.	2	16	8.0	16	0
27t)	Turpin, Dal.	2	16	8.0	9	0
27t)	Moore, Ariz	2	15	7.5	14	0
27t)	Slayton, NY-G	2	13	6.5	8	0
27t)	Osborn, Min.	2	12	6.0	6	0
27t)	*Gibbs, Det. (RB)	2	10	5.0	7	0
27t)	R. White, T.B. (RB)	2	10	5.0	8	0
27t)	M. Jones, Det.	2	8	4.0	5	0
27t)	*Demercado, Ariz (RB)	2	7	3.5	4	0

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NFC / LEADING SCORERS, NONKICKERS

Rank	Player, Team	TD	Rush	Rec	Ret	X2	Pts
1)	K. Williams, LA-R (RB)	4	3	1	0	0	24
2)	Robinson, Was. (RB)	3	2	1	0	1	20
3)	Pollard, Dal. (RB)	2	2	0	0	1	14
4t)	*Addison, Min. (WR)	2	0	2	0	0	12
4t)	Aiyuk, S.F. (WR)	2	0	2	0	0	12
4t)	Allgeier, Atl. (RB)	2	2	0	0	0	12
4t)	Barkley, NY-G (RB)	2	1	1	0	0	12
4t)	Doubs, G.B. (WR)	2	0	2	0	0	12
4t)	Evans, T.B. (WR)	2	0	2	0	0	12
4t)	Hockenson, Min. (TE)	2	0	2	0	0	12
4t)	Hurts, Phi. (QB)	2	2	0	0	0	12
4t)	A. Jones, G.B. (RB)	2	1	1	0	0	12
4t)	Jones, N.O. (RB)	2	2	0	0	0	12
4t)	Lockett, Sea. (WR)	2	0	2	0	0	12
4t)	McCaffrey, S.F. (RB)	2	2	0	0	0	12
4t)	Montgomery, Det. (RB)	2	2	0	0	0	12
4t)	*Reed, G.B. (WR)	2	0	2	0	0	12
4t)	J. Reynolds, Det. (WR)	2	0	2	0	0	12
4t)	D. Smith, Phi. (WR)	2	0	2	0	0	12
4t)	Walker, Sea. (RB)	2	2	0	0	0	12
21t)	Dobbs, Ariz (QB)	1	1	0	0	1	8
21t)	Thielen, Car. (WR)	1	0	1	0	1	8
23t)	Akers, LA-R (RB)	1	1	0	0	0	6
23t)	Barrett, T.B. (LB)	1	0	0	1	0	6
23t)	Bland, Dal. (DB)	1	0	0	1	0	6
23t)	*Branch, Det. (DB)	1	0	0	1	0	6
23t)	Brown, Ariz (WR)	1	0	1	0	0	6
23t)	T. Brown, Sea. (DB)	1	0	0	1	0	6
23t)	Claypool, Chi. (WR)	1	0	1	0	0	6
23t)	Conner, Ariz (RB)	1	1	0	0	0	6
23t)	Ferguson, Dal. (TE)	1	0	1	0	0	6
23t)	Fields, Chi. (QB)	1	1	0	0	0	6
23t)	Hodgins, NY-G (WR)	1	0	1	0	0	6
23t)	Howell, Was. (QB)	1	1	0	0	0	6
23t)	Hurst, Car. (TE)	1	0	1	0	0	6
23t)	Igbinoghene, Dal. (DB)	1	0	0	1	0	6
23t)	*R. Johnson, Chi. (RB)	1	1	0	0	0	6
23t)	D. Jones, NY-G (QB)	1	1	0	0	0	6
23t)	D. London, Atl. (WR)	1	0	1	0	0	6
23t)	Mattison, Min. (RB)	1	0	1	0	0	6
23t)	McLaurin, Was. (WR)	1	0	1	0	0	6
23t)	Metcalfe, Sea. (WR)	1	0	1	0	0	6
23t)	Mooney, Chi. (WR)	1	0	1	0	0	6
23t)	Osborn, Min. (WR)	1	0	1	0	0	6
23t)	*Palmer, T.B. (WR)	1	0	1	0	0	6
23t)	Purdy, S.F. (QB)	1	1	0	0	0	6
23t)	Raymond, Det. (WR)	1	0	1	0	0	6
23t)	Ridder, Atl. (QB)	1	1	0	0	0	6
23t)	*Robinson, Atl. (RB)	1	0	1	0	0	6
23t)	Samuel, S.F. (WR)	1	1	0	0	0	6
23t)	*Schoonmaker, Dal. (TE)	1	0	1	0	0	6
23t)	Shaheed, N.O. (WR)	1	0	1	0	0	6
23t)	Slay, Phi. (DB)	1	0	0	1	0	6
23t)	St. Brown, Det. (WR)	1	0	1	0	0	6
23t)	Swift, Phi. (RB)	1	1	0	0	0	6
23t)	C. Thomas, Ariz (LB)	1	0	0	1	0	6
23t)	Thomas, Was. (TE)	1	0	1	0	0	6
23t)	Turpin, Dal. (WR)	1	1	0	0	0	6
23t)	Q. Walker, G.B. (LB)	1	0	0	1	0	6
23t)	R. White, T.B. (RB)	1	1	0	0	0	6
23t)	*Wicks, G.B. (WR)	1	0	1	0	0	6

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Rank	Player, Team	PAT	FG	Pct	Long	Pts
1)	Aubrey, Dal.	5/ 6	7/ 7	1.000	55	26
2)	*Moody, S.F.	6/ 6	6/ 6	1.000	57	24
3t)	Elliott, Phi.	5/ 6	6/ 7	.857	61	23
3t)	Maher, LA-R	5/ 5	6/ 8	.750	54	23
5)	Koo, Atl.	4/ 5	5/ 5	1.000	49	19
6t)	*Grupe, N.O.	3/ 3	5/ 5	1.000	52	18
6t)	Prater, Ariz	3/ 3	5/ 6	.833	54	18
8t)	McLaughlin, T.B.	5/ 5	4/ 5	.800	57	17
8t)	Slye, Was.	5/ 5	4/ 6	.667	49	17
10t)	*Carlson, G.B.	8/ 8	2/ 2	1.000	52	14
10t)	Myers, Sea.	5/ 5	3/ 6	.500	42	14
12)	Pineiro, Car.	1/ 1	4/ 4	1.000	54	13
13)	Santos, Chi.	2/ 2	3/ 3	1.000	52	11
14)	Patterson, Det.	7/ 7	1/ 1	1.000	38	10
15)	Joseph, Min.	6/ 6	1/ 1	1.000	25	9
16)	Gano, NY-G	4/ 4	1/ 3	.333	34	7

NFC / TOUCHBACKS ON KICKOFFS

Rank	Player, Team	TB
1)	Aubrey, Dal.	16
2)	Elliott, Phi.	11
3t)	*E. Evans, LA-R	10
3t)	*Grupe, N.O.	10
3t)	Pinion, Atl.	10
3t)	Prater, Ariz	10
3t)	Slye, Was.	10
8)	Camarda, T.B.	9
9)	Myers, Sea.	8
10t)	Fox, Det.	7
10t)	Joseph, Min.	7
12t)	*Carlson, G.B.	6
12t)	Gano, NY-G	6
12t)	Santos, Chi.	6
15)	Pineiro, Car.	5
16t)	*Moody, S.F.	4
16t)	Wishnowsky, S.F.	4

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NFC / MOST YARDS FROM SCRIMMAGE

Rank	Player, Team	Total			Rushing			Receiving		
		Yards	Att+Rec	Avg	Yards	Att	Avg	Yards	Rec	Avg
1)	Jefferson, Min. (WR)	309	20	15.5	0	0	---	309	20	15.5
2)	McCaffrey, S.F. (RB)	304	48	6.3	268	42	6.4	36	6	6.0
3)	*Nacua, LA-R (WR)	270	27	10.0	4	2	2.0	266	25	10.6
4)	*Robinson, Atl. (RB)	255	39	6.5	180	29	6.2	75	10	7.5
5)	Evans, T.B. (WR)	237	12	19.8	0	0	---	237	12	19.8
6)	Lamb, Dal. (WR)	220	15	14.7	0	0	---	220	15	14.7
7)	Atwell, LA-R (WR)	201	14	14.4	5	1	5.0	196	13	15.1
8)	Olave, N.O. (WR)	198	14	14.1	0	0	---	198	14	14.1
9)	Robinson, Was. (RB)	195	40	4.9	146	37	3.9	49	3	16.3
10)	Pollard, Dal. (RB)	191	48	4.0	142	39	3.6	49	9	5.4
11)	Swift, Phi. (RB)	184	33	5.6	178	29	6.1	6	4	1.5
12)	D. Smith, Phi. (WR)	178	11	16.2	0	0	---	178	11	16.2
13)	Conner, Ariz (RB)	176	42	4.2	168	37	4.5	8	5	1.6
14)	St. Brown, Det. (WR)	173	12	14.4	0	0	---	173	12	14.4
15)	Aiyuk, S.F. (WR)	172	11	15.6	0	0	---	172	11	15.6
16)	Samuel, S.F. (WR)	164	18	9.1	46	7	6.6	118	11	10.7
17)	Shaheed, N.O. (WR)	163	11	14.8	11	2	5.5	152	9	16.9
18)	Barkley, NY-G (RB)	155	38	4.1	114	29	3.9	41	9	4.6
19)	K. Williams, LA-R (RB)	154	35	4.4	104	29	3.6	50	6	8.3
20)	R. White, T.B. (RB)	152	41	3.7	112	34	3.3	40	7	5.7
21)	Montgomery, Det. (RB)	148	38	3.9	141	37	3.8	7	1	7.0
22)	J. Reynolds, Det. (WR)	146	9	16.2	0	0	---	146	9	16.2
23)	Sanders, Car. (RB)	145	39	3.7	115	32	3.6	30	7	4.3
24)	Allgeier, Atl. (RB)	142	34	4.2	123	31	4.0	19	3	6.3
25)	*Addison, Min. (WR)	133	7	19.0	0	0	---	133	7	19.0
26)	Moore, Chi. (WR)	129	8	16.1	0	0	---	129	8	16.1
27)	A. Jones, G.B. (RB)	127	11	11.5	41	9	4.6	86	2	43.0
28t)	Herbert, Chi. (RB)	122	20	6.1	62	16	3.9	60	4	15.0
28t)	Metcalfe, Sea. (WR)	122	9	13.6	0	0	---	122	9	13.6
30)	Walker, Sea. (RB)	121	34	3.6	107	29	3.7	14	5	2.8
31)	Hubbard, Car. (RB)	119	18	6.6	76	11	6.9	43	7	6.1
32t)	*Gibbs, Det. (RB)	116	23	5.0	59	14	4.2	57	9	6.3
32t)	Thomas, N.O. (WR)	116	12	9.7	0	0	---	116	12	9.7
34)	Waller, NY-G (TE)	112	9	12.4	0	0	---	112	9	12.4
35)	Brown, Ariz (WR)	111	10	11.1	29	1	29.0	82	9	9.1
36)	Godwin, T.B. (WR)	109	10	10.9	0	0	---	109	10	10.9
37)	A. Brown, Phi. (WR)	108	11	9.8	0	0	---	108	11	9.8
38t)	D. Jones, NY-G (QB)	102	22	4.6	102	22	4.6	0	0	---
38t)	*LaPorta, Det. (TE)	102	10	10.2	0	0	---	102	10	10.2
40)	Hockenson, Min. (TE)	101	15	6.7	0	0	---	101	15	6.7
41)	Dillon, G.B. (RB)	99	31	3.2	74	28	2.6	25	3	8.3
42)	*R. Johnson, Chi. (RB)	97	17	5.7	52	9	5.8	45	8	5.6
43)	Samuel, Was. (WR)	92	10	9.2	19	2	9.5	73	8	9.1
44)	Hollins, Atl. (WR)	91	6	15.2	0	0	---	91	6	15.2
45)	*Hyatt, NY-G (WR)	89	2	44.5	0	0	---	89	2	44.5
46)	McLaurin, Was. (WR)	85	7	12.1	0	0	---	85	7	12.1
47t)	Mattison, Min. (RB)	83	25	3.3	62	19	3.3	21	6	3.5
47t)	*Reed, G.B. (WR)	83	7	11.9	-2	1	-2.0	85	6	14.2
49)	Kmet, Chi. (TE)	82	10	8.2	0	1	0.0	82	9	9.1
50)	J. Williams, N.O. (RB)	81	29	2.8	74	27	2.7	7	2	3.5

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Rank	Player, Team	Rush	Rec	Tot
1t)	*Robinson, Atl. (RB)	11	5	16
1t)	Robinson, Was. (RB)	13	3	16
3t)	Jefferson, Min. (WR)	0	14	14
3t)	*Nacua, LA-R (WR)	1	13	14
5t)	Atwell, LA-R (WR)	0	12	12
5t)	McCaffrey, S.F. (RB)	11	1	12
5t)	K. Williams, LA-R (RB)	9	3	12
8t)	Aiyuk, S.F. (WR)	0	11	11
8t)	Barkley, NY-G (RB)	7	4	11
8t)	Conner, Ariz (RB)	10	1	11
8t)	Pollard, Dal. (RB)	8	3	11
12t)	Lamb, Dal. (WR)	0	10	10
12t)	Swift, Phi. (RB)	10	0	10
12t)	Walker, Sea. (RB)	8	2	10
15t)	Allgeier, Atl. (RB)	8	1	9
15t)	Hubbard, Car. (RB)	7	2	9
15t)	Olave, N.O. (WR)	0	9	9
15t)	J. Reynolds, Det. (WR)	0	9	9
19t)	Brown, Ariz (WR)	1	7	8
19t)	Herbert, Chi. (RB)	4	4	8
19t)	D. Jones, NY-G (QB)	8	0	8
19t)	Montgomery, Det. (RB)	7	1	8
19t)	Samuel, S.F. (WR)	2	6	8
19t)	R. White, T.B. (RB)	7	1	8
25t)	Hockenson, Min. (TE)	0	7	7
25t)	Hurts, Phi. (QB)	7	0	7
25t)	Lockett, Sea. (WR)	0	7	7
25t)	St. Brown, Det. (WR)	0	7	7
29t)	A. Brown, Phi. (WR)	0	6	6
29t)	Evans, T.B. (WR)	0	6	6
29t)	*Gibbs, Det. (RB)	3	3	6
29t)	Godwin, T.B. (WR)	0	6	6
29t)	*LaPorta, Det. (TE)	0	6	6
29t)	Metcalf, Sea. (WR)	0	6	6
29t)	Moore, Chi. (WR)	0	6	6
29t)	Shaheed, N.O. (WR)	0	6	6
29t)	Thomas, N.O. (WR)	0	6	6
29t)	Waller, NY-G (TE)	0	6	6
39t)	Doubs, G.B. (WR)	0	5	5
39t)	Hill, N.O. (QB)	5	0	5
39t)	*R. Johnson, Chi. (RB)	4	1	5
39t)	A. Jones, G.B. (RB)	3	2	5
39t)	*Reed, G.B. (WR)	0	5	5
39t)	Sanders, Car. (RB)	4	1	5
39t)	D. Smith, Phi. (WR)	0	5	5
39t)	Thielen, Car. (WR)	0	5	5
47t)	Akers, LA-R (RB)	4	0	4
47t)	Dillon, G.B. (RB)	3	1	4
47t)	Dotson, Was. (WR)	0	4	4
47t)	Gainwell, Phi. (RB)	4	0	4
47t)	Jones, N.O. (RB)	4	0	4
47t)	Kittle, S.F. (TE)	0	4	4
47t)	Kmet, Chi. (TE)	0	4	4
47t)	McLaurin, Was. (WR)	0	4	4
47t)	Osborn, Min. (WR)	0	4	4
47t)	Samuel, Was. (WR)	1	3	4
47t)	Turpin, Dal. (WR)	2	2	4
47t)	*Mi. Wilson, Ariz (WR)	0	4	4

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Rank	Player, Team	No	Yards	Lg	Avg	TB	Blk	Dwn	OB	Opp Ret	In Yds	Net 20	Avg
1)	Dickson, Sea.	7	388	73	55.4	2	0	1	1	3	24	2	46.3
2)	Camarda, T.B.	10	538	72	53.8	2	0	2	1	4	18	5	48.0
3)	Wright, Min.	8	414	58	51.8	0	0	1	1	5	31	2	47.9
4)	Hekker, Car.	10	505	69	50.5	0	0	2	1	3	20	3	48.5
5)	Anger, Dal.	6	301	56	50.2	1	0	1	0	2	14	2	44.5
6)	Whelan, G.B.	9	448	68	49.8	3	0	0	0	4	36	1	39.1
7)	Gill, Chi.	9	444	55	49.3	0	0	2	2	5	61	2	42.6
8)	Way, Was.	9	434	66	48.2	0	0	2	0	5	69	5	40.6
9)	Pinion, Atl.	8	382	60	47.8	0	0	1	2	3	14	3	46.0
10)	Cooney, Ariz	8	381	56	47.6	1	0	0	1	4	24	2	42.1
11)	Wishnowsky, S.F.	7	331	67	47.3	1	0	1	1	2	13	5	42.6
12)	Fox, Det.	6	275	61	45.8	0	0	1	0	3	16	3	43.2
13)	Gillan, NY-G	6	271	62	45.2	0	0	1	0	3	17	1	42.3
14)	*Hedley, N.O.	10	451	52	45.1	1	0	0	2	6	52	3	37.9
15)	Siposs, Phi.	8	347	54	43.4	0	0	1	0	5	40	2	38.4

NFC / LEADING PUNTERS, NET AVERAGE

Rank	Player, Team	No	Yards	Lg	Avg	TB	Blk	Dwn	OB	Opp Ret	In Yds	Net 20	Avg
1)	Hekker, Car.	10	505	69	50.5	0	0	2	1	3	20	3	48.5
2)	Camarda, T.B.	10	538	72	53.8	2	0	2	1	4	18	5	48.0
3)	Wright, Min.	8	414	58	51.8	0	0	1	1	5	31	2	47.9
4)	Dickson, Sea.	7	388	73	55.4	2	0	1	1	3	24	2	46.3
5)	Pinion, Atl.	8	382	60	47.8	0	0	1	2	3	14	3	46.0
6)	Anger, Dal.	6	301	56	50.2	1	0	1	0	2	14	2	44.5
7)	Fox, Det.	6	275	61	45.8	0	0	1	0	3	16	3	43.2
8)	Wishnowsky, S.F.	7	331	67	47.3	1	0	1	1	2	13	5	42.6
9)	Gill, Chi.	9	444	55	49.3	0	0	2	2	5	61	2	42.6
10)	Gillan, NY-G	6	271	62	45.2	0	0	1	0	3	17	1	42.3
11)	Cooney, Ariz	8	381	56	47.6	1	0	0	1	4	24	2	42.1
12)	Way, Was.	9	434	66	48.2	0	0	2	0	5	69	5	40.6
13)	Whelan, G.B.	9	448	68	49.8	3	0	0	0	4	36	1	39.1
14)	Siposs, Phi.	8	347	54	43.4	0	0	1	0	5	40	2	38.4
15)	*Hedley, N.O.	10	451	52	45.1	1	0	0	2	6	52	3	37.9

NFC / PUNT RETURN LEADERS

Rank	Player, Team	Ret	FC	Yards	Avg	Long	TD
1)	*Reed, G.B.	3	1	54	18.0	35	0
2)	McCloud, S.F.	4	2	54	13.5	19	0
3)	Raymond, Det.	3	3	33	11.0	17	0
4)	Covey, Phi.	3	2	32	10.7	25	0
5)	Shaheed, N.O.	3	3	22	7.3	16	0
6)	Powell, Min.	6	1	37	6.2	20	0
7)	Thompkins, T.B.	6	0	36	6.0	16	0
8)	Smith-Marsette, Car.	5	2	29	5.8	13	0
9)	Dortch, Ariz	5	3	24	4.8	13	0
10)	Crowder, Was.	5	2	19	3.8	6	0

NFC / KICKOFF RETURN LEADERS

Rank	Player, Team	Ret	Yards	Avg	Long	TD
1)	Nixon, G.B.	4	110	27.5	30	0
2)	Dallas, Sea.	4	101	25.3	34	0
3)	Shaheed, N.O.	7	157	22.4	27	0
4)	*Scott, Chi.	4	84	21.0	33	0

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NFC / LEADERS IN INTERCEPTIONS

Rank	Player, Team	Int	Yards	Avg	Long	TD
1t)	*Izien, T.B.	2	18	9.0	14	0
1t)	Bates, Atl.	2	3	1.5	3	0
3t)	Slay, Phi.	1	70	70.0	70t	1
3t)	*Branch, Det.	1	50	50.0	50t	1
3t)	T. Brown, Sea.	1	40	40.0	40t	1
3t)	Q. Walker, G.B.	1	37	37.0	37t	1
3t)	Thompson, Ariz	1	35	35.0	35	0
3t)	Kearse, Dal.	1	32	32.0	32	0
3t)	Hufanga, S.F.	1	28	28.0	28	0
3t)	Bland, Dal.	1	22	22.0	22t	1
3t)	Lenoir, S.F.	1	21	21.0	21	0
3t)	Bell, Car.	1	11	11.0	11	0
3t)	Ward, S.F.	1	9	9.0	9	0
3t)	Diggs, Dal.	1	8	8.0	8	0
3t)	Maye, N.O.	1	5	5.0	5	0
3t)	Barrett, T.B.	1	4	4.0	4t	1
3t)	*Forbes, Was.	1	3	3.0	3	0
3t)	Oliver, S.F.	1	3	3.0	3	0
3t)	Collins, Ariz	1	1	1.0	1	0
3t)	Adebo, N.O.	1	0	0.0	0	0
3t)	Gilmore, Dal.	1	0	0.0	0	0
3t)	Hooker, Dal.	1	0	0.0	0	0
3t)	Th. Jackson, Min.	1	0	0.0	0	0
3t)	Lattimore, N.O.	1	0	0.0	0	0
3t)	Douglas, G.B.	1	-2	-2.0	-2	0

WEEK 2 / THROUGH MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023**NFC / LEADERS IN SACKS**

Rank	Player, Team	Sacks
1)	Hunter, Min. (LB)	4.0
2t)	Gardeck, Ariz (LB)	3.0
2t)	Jackson, S.F. (DE)	3.0
2t)	Odighizuwa, Dal. (DT)	3.0
2t)	Parsons, Dal. (LB)	3.0
2t)	Sweat, Was. (DE)	3.0
7t)	Granderson, N.O. (DE)	2.5
7t)	Luvu, Car. (LB)	2.5
9t)	Armstrong, Dal. (DE)	2.0
9t)	Burns, Car. (LB)	2.0
9t)	Tryon-Shoyinka, T.B. (LB)	2.0
12t)	Davis, Phi. (DT)	1.5
12t)	Dimukeje, Ariz (LB)	1.5
12t)	Sweat, Phi. (DE)	1.5
12t)	Vea, T.B. (DT)	1.5
12t)	Wyatt, G.B. (DT)	1.5
12t)	*Young, LA-R (LB)	1.5
12t)	Young, Was. (DE)	1.5
19t)	J. Allen, Was. (DE)	1.0
19t)	Anzalone, Det. (LB)	1.0
19t)	Barrett, T.B. (LB)	1.0
19t)	*Brooks, G.B. (DT)	1.0
19t)	Der. Brown, Car. (DT)	1.0
19t)	T. Brown, Sea. (DB)	1.0
19t)	*Carter, Phi. (DT)	1.0
19t)	Carter, Atl. (LB)	1.0
19t)	Clark, G.B. (NT)	1.0
19t)	D. Davis, N.O. (LB)	1.0
19t)	Davis, Was. (LB)	1.0
19t)	Elliss, Atl. (LB)	1.0
19t)	Fotu, Ariz (DT)	1.0
19t)	Gill, T.B. (LB)	1.0
19t)	Golston, Dal. (DE)	1.0
19t)	Grugier-Hill, Car. (LB)	1.0
19t)	Hargrave, S.F. (NT)	1.0
19t)	Hyder, S.F. (DE)	1.0
19t)	D. Jones, Sea. (DE)	1.0
19t)	Lawrence, Dal. (DE)	1.0
19t)	Ledbetter, Ariz (DE)	1.0
19t)	Maye, N.O. (DB)	1.0
19t)	Nelson, T.B. (LB)	1.0
19t)	Ngakoue, Chi. (DE)	1.0
19t)	Payne, Was. (NT)	1.0
19t)	Shepherd, N.O. (DE)	1.0
19t)	Smith-Williams, Was. (DE)	1.0
19t)	Toohill, Was. (DE)	1.0
19t)	*Van Ness, G.B. (LB)	1.0
19t)	Warner, S.F. (LB)	1.0
19t)	Watkins, Ariz (DE)	1.0
19t)	K. White, Ariz (LB)	1.0
19t)	Winfield, T.B. (DB)	1.0

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NFC / FUMBLE RECOVERIES

Rank	Player, Team	TotRec	OffRec	DefRec
1t)	Biadasz, Dal.	2	2	0
1t)	D. Jones, NY-G	2	2	0
1t)	Purdy, S.F.	2	2	0
4t)	Adebo, N.O.	1	0	1
4t)	Anderson, Was.	1	0	1
4t)	Barton, Was.	1	0	1
4t)	Campbell, NY-G	1	1	0
4t)	Carter, Atl.	1	0	1
4t)	*Clifford, G.B.	1	1	0
4t)	Collins, Ariz	1	0	1
4t)	Cox, Phi.	1	0	1
4t)	Cunningham, Phi.	1	0	1
4t)	Dobbs, Ariz	1	1	0
4t)	Douglas, G.B.	1	0	1
4t)	J. Evans, Phi.	1	0	1
4t)	Fields, Chi.	1	1	0
4t)	Glowinski, NY-G	1	1	0
4t)	Goff, Det.	1	1	0
4t)	Love, G.B.	1	1	0
4t)	Love, Sea.	1	0	1
4t)	Mayfield, T.B.	1	1	0
4t)	McCaffrey, S.F.	1	1	0
4t)	Morrow, Phi.	1	0	1
4t)	Mukuamu, Dal.	1	0	1
4t)	Parsons, Dal.	1	0	1
4t)	Patrick, Chi.	1	1	0
4t)	Payne, Was.	1	0	1
4t)	Ja. Reed, Sea.	1	0	1
4t)	Ridder, Atl.	1	1	0
4t)	*Ringo, Phi.	1	1	0
4t)	C. Thomas, Ariz	1	0	1
4t)	Tryon-Shoyinka, T.B.	1	0	1
4t)	J. Williams, N.O.	1	1	0
4t)	Winfield, T.B.	1	0	1
4t)	Wyllie, Was.	1	1	0
4t)	*Young, Car.	1	1	0

NFC / OFFENSIVE FUMBLE RECOVERIES

Rank	Player, Team	Ret	Yards	Avg	Long	TD
1t)	Biadasz, Dal.	2	0	0.0	0	0
1t)	D. Jones, NY-G	2	0	0.0	0	0
1t)	Purdy, S.F.	2	0	0.0	0	0
4t)	*Clifford, G.B.	1	0	0.0	0	0
4t)	Dobbs, Ariz	1	0	0.0	0	0
4t)	Fields, Chi.	1	0	0.0	0	0
4t)	Glowinski, NY-G	1	0	0.0	0	0
4t)	Goff, Det.	1	0	0.0	0	0
4t)	Love, G.B.	1	0	0.0	0	0
4t)	Mayfield, T.B.	1	0	0.0	0	0
4t)	McCaffrey, S.F.	1	0	0.0	0	0
4t)	Patrick, Chi.	1	0	0.0	0	0
4t)	Ridder, Atl.	1	0	0.0	0	0
4t)	*Ringo, Phi.	1	0	0.0	0	0
4t)	J. Williams, N.O.	1	0	0.0	0	0
4t)	Wyllie, Was.	1	0	0.0	0	0
4t)	*Young, Car.	1	0	0.0	0	0
4t)	Campbell, NY-G	1	-2	-2.0	-2	0

NFC / DEFENSIVE FUMBLE RECOVERIES

Rank	Player, Team	Ret	Yards	Avg	Long	TD
1t)	Cox, Phi.	1	8	8.0	8	0
1t)	Barton, Was.	1	5	5.0	5	0
1t)	Love, Sea.	1	3	3.0	3	0
1t)	C. Thomas, Ariz	1	2	2.0	2t	1
1t)	Adebo, N.O.	1	0	0.0	0	0
1t)	Anderson, Was.	1	0	0.0	0	0
1t)	Carter, Atl.	1	0	0.0	0	0
1t)	Collins, Ariz	1	0	0.0	0	0
1t)	Cunningham, Phi.	1	0	0.0	0	0
1t)	Douglas, G.B.	1	0	0.0	0	0
1t)	J. Evans, Phi.	1	0	0.0	0	0
1t)	Morrow, Phi.	1	0	0.0	0	0
1t)	Parsons, Dal.	1	0	0.0	0	0
1t)	Payne, Was.	1	0	0.0	0	0
1t)	Ja. Reed, Sea.	1	0	0.0	0	0
1t)	Tryon-Shoyinka, T.B.	1	0	0.0	0	0

1t) Winfield, T.B.	1	0	0.0	0	0
1t) Mukuamu, Dal.	1	-3	-3.0	-3	0

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NFL / LEADING PASSERS

Player, Team	Att	Comp	Pct		Avg		Pct			Pct Rating	
			Comp	Yds	Gain	TD	TD	Long	Int	Int	Points
Love, G.B.	52	29	55.8	396	7.62	6	11.5	51	0	0.0	118.8
Cousins, Min.	88	64	72.7	708	8.05	6	6.8	62t	1	1.1	114.2
Goff, Det.	70	50	71.4	576	8.23	4	5.7	39	1	1.4	109.0
R. Wilson, Den.	66	45	68.2	485	7.35	5	7.6	60t	1	1.5	108.5
Mayfield, T.B.	68	47	69.1	490	7.21	3	4.4	70	0	0.0	104.4
G. Smith, Sea.	67	48	71.6	440	6.57	3	4.5	31	0	0.0	104.1
Tagovailoa, Mia.	75	49	65.3	715	9.53	4	5.3	47	2	2.7	102.9
Purdy, S.F.	54	36	66.7	426	7.89	2	3.7	31	0	0.0	102.9
Herbert, LA-C	74	50	67.6	534	7.22	3	4.1	42	0	0.0	102.0
Jackson, Bal.	55	41	74.5	406	7.38	2	3.6	52	1	1.8	99.5
Prescott, Dal.	62	44	71.0	398	6.42	2	3.2	49	0	0.0	98.7
Howell, Was.	70	46	65.7	501	7.16	3	4.3	36	1	1.4	95.0
J. Allen, Buf.	78	60	76.9	510	6.54	4	5.1	40	3	3.8	94.5
Ridder, Atl.	50	34	68.0	352	7.04	2	4.0	45	1	2.0	93.1
Hurts, Phi.	56	40	71.4	363	6.48	2	3.6	63t	1	1.8	93.1
*Stroud, Hou.	91	58	63.7	626	6.88	2	2.2	32	0	0.0	91.2
Dobbs, Ariz	61	42	68.9	360	5.90	1	1.6	31	0	0.0	89.5
Garoppolo, L.V.	50	36	72.0	385	7.70	3	6.0	23	3	6.0	89.2
Mac Jones, N.E.	96	66	68.8	547	5.70	4	4.2	32	2	2.1	88.3
Mahomes, K.C.	80	50	62.5	531	6.64	4	5.0	54	2	2.5	88.1
Lawrence, Jac.	73	46	63.0	457	6.26	2	2.7	45	1	1.4	84.1
Carr, N.O.	69	44	63.8	533	7.72	1	1.4	45	2	2.9	80.2
*Richardson, Ind.	47	30	63.8	279	5.94	1	2.1	39t	1	2.1	78.2
Stafford, LA-R	93	58	62.4	641	6.89	1	1.1	44	2	2.2	77.4
D. Jones, NY-G	65	41	63.1	425	6.54	2	3.1	58	3	4.6	72.9
Fields, Chi.	66	40	60.6	427	6.47	2	3.0	33	3	4.5	70.7
Burrow, Cin.	72	41	56.9	304	4.22	2	2.8	32	1	1.4	70.6
Tannehill, Ten.	58	36	62.1	444	7.66	1	1.7	70	3	5.2	69.9
Pickett, Pit.	76	46	60.5	454	5.97	2	2.6	71t	3	3.9	69.7
Watson, Cle.	69	38	55.1	389	5.64	2	2.9	33	2	2.9	69.1
*Young, Car.	71	42	59.2	299	4.21	2	2.8	22	2	2.8	66.6
Z. Wilson, NY-J	48	26	54.2	310	6.46	2	4.2	68t	4	8.3	53.3

NFL / LEADING PASSERS, RANKS

Player, Team	Att	Comp	Pct		Avg		Pct			Pct Rating	
			Comp	Yds	Gain	TD	TD	Long	Int	Int	Points
Love, G.B.	28	31	30	23	8	1t	1		1t	1t	1
Cousins, Min.	4	2	3	2	3	1t	3		9t	9	2
Goff, Det.	13t	6t	6t	5	2	4t	5		9t	12t	3
R. Wilson, Den.	19t	15	12	13	10	3	2		9t	14	4
Mayfield, T.B.	17	11	9	12	12	9t	10		1t	1t	5
G. Smith, Sea.	18	10	5	17	18	9t	9		1t	1t	6
Tagovailoa, Mia.	8	9	17	1	1	4t	6		19t	22	7
Purdy, S.F.	27	26t	15	19	4	14t	16		1t	1t	8
Herbert, LA-C	9	6t	14	7	11	9t	14		1t	1t	9
Jackson, Bal.	26	20t	2	21	9	14t	17		9t	16	10
Prescott, Dal.	22	16t	8	22	24	14t	19		1t	1t	11
Howell, Was.	13t	12t	16	11	13	9t	11		9t	12t	12
J. Allen, Buf.	6	3	1	10	19t	4t	7		26t	26	13
Ridder, Atl.	29t	29	13	28	14	14t	15		9t	17	14
Hurts, Phi.	25	23t	6t	26	21	14t	18		9t	15	15
*Stroud, Hou.	3	4t	20	4	16	14t	27		1t	1t	16
Dobbs, Ariz	23	18t	10	27	28	28t	30		1t	1t	17
Garoppolo, L.V.	29t	26t	4	25	6	9t	4		26t	31	18
Mac Jones, N.E.	1	1	11	6	29	4t	12t		19t	18	19
Mahomes, K.C.	5	6t	23	9	17	4t	8		19t	21	20
Lawrence, Jac.	10	12t	22	14	25	14t	25		9t	10	21
Carr, N.O.	15t	16t	19	8	5	28t	31		19t	24t	22
*Richardson, Ind.	32	30	18	32	27	28t	28		9t	19	23
Stafford, LA-R	2	4t	24	3	15	28t	32		19t	20	24
D. Jones, NY-G	21	20t	21	20	19t	14t	20		26t	29	25
Fields, Chi.	19t	23t	26	18	22	14t	21		26t	28	26
Burrow, Cin.	11	20t	29	30	31	14t	24		9t	11	27
Tannehill, Ten.	24	26t	25	16	7	28t	29		26t	30	28
Pickett, Pit.	7	12t	27	15	26	14t	26		26t	27	29
Watson, Cle.	15t	25	31	24	30	14t	22		19t	24t	30
*Young, Car.	12	18t	28	31	32	14t	23		19t	23	31
Z. Wilson, NY-J	31	32	32	29	23	14t	12t		32	32	32

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NFL / FOURTH-QUARTER PASSING LEADERS

Rank	Player, Team	Att	Comp	Comp%	Yards	YPA	TD	TD%	Int	Int%	Rating
1)	Jackson, Bal.	9	8	88.9	80	8.89	1	11.1	0	0.0	140.7
2)	Garoppolo, L.V.	11	9	81.8	106	9.64	1	9.1	0	0.0	137.1
3)	D. Jones, NY-G	21	17	81.0	194	9.24	2	9.5	0	0.0	136.9
4)	Cousins, Min.	26	17	65.4	163	6.27	3	11.5	0	0.0	121.2
5t)	Carr, N.O.	9	8	88.9	132	14.67	0	0.0	0	0.0	118.8
5t)	Howell, Was.	7	6	85.7	91	13.00	0	0.0	0	0.0	118.8
5t)	Ridder, Atl.	12	10	83.3	181	15.08	0	0.0	0	0.0	118.8
8)	Watson, Cle.	16	11	68.8	132	8.25	1	6.3	0	0.0	114.6
9)	Tannehill, Ten.	18	12	66.7	164	9.11	1	5.6	0	0.0	114.1
10)	Herbert, LA-C	23	16	69.6	162	7.04	1	4.3	0	0.0	103.9
11)	G. Smith, Sea.	10	6	60.0	44	4.40	1	10.0	0	0.0	103.7
12)	Mac Jones, N.E.	38	25	65.8	242	6.37	2	5.3	0	0.0	101.0
13)	Goff, Det.	17	13	76.5	140	8.24	1	5.9	1	5.9	95.2
14)	Prescott, Dal.	8	6	75.0	57	7.13	0	0.0	0	0.0	94.3
15)	*Stroud, Hou.	37	22	59.5	274	7.41	1	2.7	0	0.0	91.5
16)	Mayfield, T.B.	16	13	81.3	94	5.88	0	0.0	0	0.0	91.1
17)	Love, G.B.	11	4	36.4	71	6.45	1	9.1	0	0.0	89.6
18)	R. Wilson, Den.	26	15	57.7	147	5.65	1	3.8	0	0.0	86.5
19)	Tagovailoa, Mia.	16	10	62.5	132	8.25	1	6.3	1	6.3	83.3
20)	*Young, Car.	28	16	57.1	110	3.93	1	3.6	0	0.0	78.0
21)	Burrow, Cin.	21	10	47.6	85	4.05	1	4.8	0	0.0	74.5
22)	Purdy, S.F.	9	4	44.4	76	8.44	0	0.0	0	0.0	74.3
23)	Pickett, Pit.	15	12	80.0	121	8.07	0	0.0	1	6.7	72.5
24)	J. Allen, Buf.	14	10	71.4	129	9.21	0	0.0	1	7.1	70.2
25)	Hurts, Phi.	14	7	50.0	86	6.14	0	0.0	0	0.0	69.3
26)	Minshew, Ind.	5	3	60.0	11	2.20	0	0.0	0	0.0	64.6
27)	Mahomes, K.C.	15	6	40.0	103	6.87	0	0.0	0	0.0	64.0
28)	Lawrence, Jac.	18	9	50.0	81	4.50	0	0.0	0	0.0	62.5
29)	Dobbs, Ariz	16	9	56.3	46	2.88	0	0.0	0	0.0	61.5
30)	Stafford, LA-R	36	18	50.0	180	5.00	0	0.0	1	2.8	53.0
31)	Z. Wilson, NY-J	16	8	50.0	95	5.94	1	6.3	3	18.8	49.7
32)	Fields, Chi.	29	16	55.2	166	5.72	1	3.4	3	10.3	43.8
33)	*Richardson, Ind.	14	7	50.0	59	4.21	0	0.0	1	7.1	31.5

NFL / THIRD-DOWN PASSING LEADERS

Rank	Player, Team	Att	Comp	Comp%	Yards	YPA	TD	TD%	Int	Int%	Rating
1)	Cousins, Min.	21	14	66.7	238	11.33	2	9.5	0	0.0	136.6
2)	Mayfield, T.B.	23	20	87.0	201	8.74	2	8.7	0	0.0	132.1
3)	Ridder, Atl.	15	12	80.0	140	9.33	1	6.7	0	0.0	127.8
4)	*Stroud, Hou.	31	25	80.6	279	9.00	1	3.2	0	0.0	114.9
5)	Mahomes, K.C.	23	16	69.6	230	10.00	2	8.7	1	4.3	112.6
6)	Love, G.B.	14	8	57.1	123	8.79	1	7.1	0	0.0	110.1
7)	Prescott, Dal.	21	15	71.4	159	7.57	1	4.8	0	0.0	109.0
8)	Burrow, Cin.	24	17	70.8	112	4.67	2	8.3	0	0.0	108.3
9)	Jackson, Bal.	16	11	68.8	134	8.38	2	12.5	1	6.3	107.8
10)	Howell, Was.	10	7	70.0	99	9.90	0	0.0	0	0.0	101.7
11)	Goff, Det.	15	10	66.7	77	5.13	1	6.7	0	0.0	101.3
12)	Hurts, Phi.	10	7	70.0	97	9.70	1	10.0	1	10.0	94.6
13)	G. Smith, Sea.	17	9	52.9	100	5.88	1	5.9	0	0.0	90.3
14)	Herbert, LA-C	14	7	50.0	68	4.86	1	7.1	0	0.0	87.8
15)	Z. Wilson, NY-J	13	8	61.5	97	7.46	0	0.0	0	0.0	84.5
16)	*Richardson, Ind.	12	9	75.0	55	4.58	0	0.0	0	0.0	83.7
17)	D. Jones, NY-G	13	10	76.9	70	5.38	1	7.7	1	7.7	82.2
18)	Dobbs, Ariz	17	11	64.7	93	5.47	0	0.0	0	0.0	78.8
19)	Lawrence, Jac.	15	7	46.7	41	2.73	1	6.7	0	0.0	75.7
20)	Stafford, LA-R	21	14	66.7	182	8.67	0	0.0	1	4.8	73.9
21)	J. Allen, Buf.	17	12	70.6	119	7.00	1	5.9	2	11.8	70.1
22)	R. Wilson, Den.	15	10	66.7	143	9.53	0	0.0	1	6.7	69.6
23)	Tagovailoa, Mia.	16	8	50.0	110	6.88	1	6.3	1	6.3	67.2
24)	Watson, Cle.	22	11	50.0	117	5.32	0	0.0	0	0.0	65.9
25)	Carr, N.O.	22	12	54.5	214	9.73	1	4.5	2	9.1	65.3
26)	Garoppolo, L.V.	13	7	53.8	77	5.92	1	7.7	1	7.7	65.2
27)	Purdy, S.F.	15	6	40.0	75	5.00	0	0.0	0	0.0	56.3
28)	Tannehill, Ten.	15	9	60.0	77	5.13	1	6.7	2	13.3	56.1
29)	Mac Jones, N.E.	22	13	59.1	104	4.73	0	0.0	1	4.5	52.1
30)	*Young, Car.	19	10	52.6	90	4.74	0	0.0	1	5.3	43.8
31)	Fields, Chi.	16	9	56.3	102	6.38	0	0.0	2	12.5	35.9
32)	Pickett, Pit.	22	10	45.5	146	6.64	0	0.0	2	9.1	29.7

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NFL / LEADING RUSHERS

Rank	Player, Team	Att	Yards	Avg	Long	TD
1)	McCaffrey, S.F.	42	268	6.4	65t	2
2)	*Robinson, Atl.	29	180	6.2	21	0
3)	Swift, Phi.	29	178	6.1	43	1
4)	Chubb, Cle.	28	170	6.1	20	0
5)	Cook, Buf.	29	169	5.8	36	0
6)	Conner, Ariz	37	168	4.5	22	1
7)	Mostert, Mia.	28	158	5.6	43t	3
8)	Robinson, Was.	37	146	3.9	27	2
9)	Henry, Ten.	40	143	3.6	23	1
10t)	J. Ford, Cle.	31	142	4.6	69	0
10t)	Pollard, Dal.	39	142	3.6	25	2
12)	Montgomery, Det.	37	141	3.8	16	2
13)	Bre. Hall, NY-J	14	136	9.7	83	0
14)	Kelley, LA-C	29	130	4.5	15	1
15)	Allgeier, Atl.	31	123	4.0	22	2
16t)	Ekeler, LA-C	16	117	7.3	55	1
16t)	Etienne, Jac.	30	117	3.9	26t	1
18t)	Mixon, Cin.	26	115	4.4	22	0
18t)	Sanders, Car.	32	115	3.6	13	0
20)	Barkley, NY-G	29	114	3.9	18	1
21)	R. White, T.B.	34	112	3.3	13	1
22)	Walker, Sea.	29	107	3.7	15	2
23)	K. Williams, LA-R	29	104	3.6	9	3
24)	D. Jones, NY-G (QB)	22	102	4.6	15	1
25)	J. Williams, Den.	25	96	3.8	15	0
26)	Edwards, Bal.	18	94	5.2	20	1
27)	Pacheco, K.C.	20	93	4.7	31	0
28)	Jackson, Bal. (QB)	18	92	5.1	14	0
29)	Moss, Ind.	18	88	4.9	11t	1
30)	Hill, N.O. (QB)	12	79	6.6	19	0
31t)	Hubbard, Car.	11	76	6.9	21	0
31t)	*Spears, Ten.	11	76	6.9	17	0
33t)	Mahomes, K.C. (QB)	13	75	5.8	16	0
33t)	*Richardson, Ind. (QB)	13	75	5.8	18t	3
33t)	Stevenson, N.E.	27	75	2.8	12	1
36t)	Dillon, G.B.	28	74	2.6	8	0
36t)	Harris, Pit.	16	74	4.6	24	0
36t)	J. Williams, N.O.	27	74	2.7	11	0
39)	Hurts, Phi. (QB)	21	72	3.4	14	2
40)	Pierce, Hou.	26	69	2.7	10	0
41)	Watson, Cle. (QB)	11	67	6.1	13t	1
42t)	Fields, Chi. (QB)	13	62	4.8	10	1
42t)	Herbert, Chi.	16	62	3.9	12	0
42t)	Mattison, Min.	19	62	3.3	9	0
45)	*Gibbs, Det.	14	59	4.2	18	0
46)	R. Wilson, Den. (QB)	7	57	8.1	15	0
47)	Gainwell, Phi.	14	54	3.9	16	0
48)	*R. Johnson, Chi.	9	52	5.8	29	1
49)	*Young, Car. (QB)	5	51	10.2	26	0
50t)	Dowdle, Dal.	13	50	3.8	10	0
50t)	Hill, Bal.	19	50	2.6	11	2

WEEK 2 / THROUGH MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023**NFL / THIRD-AND-ONE RUSHING LEADERS**

Rank	Player, Team	Att	FD	Pct
1t)	K. Williams, LA-R	4	4	100.0
1t)	Barkley, NY-G	3	3	100.0
1t)	Harris, Pit.	2	2	100.0
1t)	Kelley, LA-C	2	2	100.0
1t)	Sanders, Car.	2	2	100.0
1t)	J. Allen, Buf.	1	1	100.0
1t)	Beck, Hou.	1	1	100.0
1t)	*Bigsby, Jac.	1	1	100.0
1t)	Breida, NY-G	1	1	100.0
1t)	Michael Carter, NY-J	1	1	100.0
1t)	Dobbs, Ariz	1	1	100.0
1t)	Edwards, Bal.	1	1	100.0
1t)	Ekeler, LA-C	1	1	100.0
1t)	Elliott, N.E.	1	1	100.0
1t)	Gainwell, Phi.	1	1	100.0
1t)	Harris, Buf.	1	1	100.0
1t)	Hill, Bal.	1	1	100.0
1t)	Jackson, Bal.	1	1	100.0
1t)	A. Jones, G.B.	1	1	100.0
1t)	D. Jones, NY-G	1	1	100.0
1t)	Mac Jones, N.E.	1	1	100.0
1t)	Jones, N.O.	1	1	100.0
1t)	Lawrence, Jac.	1	1	100.0
1t)	Love, G.B.	1	1	100.0
1t)	Mattison, Min.	1	1	100.0
1t)	Mostert, Mia.	1	1	100.0
1t)	Prescott, Dal.	1	1	100.0
1t)	Purdy, S.F.	1	1	100.0
1t)	*Rodriguez, Was.	1	1	100.0
1t)	B. Scott, Phi.	1	1	100.0
1t)	Stafford, LA-R	1	1	100.0
1t)	R. Wilson, Den.	1	1	100.0
33)	Stevenson, N.E.	4	3	75.0
34)	Mixon, Cin.	3	2	66.7
35t)	McCaffrey, S.F.	2	1	50.0
35t)	Montgomery, Det.	2	1	50.0
35t)	Pollard, Dal.	2	1	50.0
35t)	R. White, T.B.	2	1	50.0
35t)	J. Williams, N.O.	2	1	50.0

WEEK 2 / THROUGH MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023**NFL / LEADERS IN RECEPTIONS**

Rank	Player, Team	Rec	Yards	Avg	Long	TD
1)	*Nacua, LA-R	25	266	10.6	21	0
2)	Jefferson, Min.	20	309	15.5	42	0
3)	Diggs, Buf.	17	168	9.9	18	1
4t)	T. Hill, Mia.	16	255	15.9	47	3
4t)	Pittman, Ind.	16	153	9.6	39t	1
6t)	Lamb, Dal.	15	220	14.7	49	0
6t)	Hockenson, Min. (TE)	15	101	6.7	24	2
8t)	Olave, N.O.	14	198	14.1	45	0
8t)	K. Allen, LA-C	14	187	13.4	42	2
10t)	N. Collins, Hou.	13	226	17.4	32	1
10t)	Atwell, LA-R	13	196	15.1	44	0
10t)	*Flowers, Bal.	13	140	10.8	52	0
13t)	Evans, T.B.	12	237	19.8	70	2
13t)	St. Brown, Det.	12	173	14.4	39	1
13t)	Adams, L.V.	12	150	12.5	21	1
13t)	Woods, Hou.	12	131	10.9	25	0
13t)	M. Williams, LA-C	12	128	10.7	24	0
13t)	Kirk, Jac.	12	119	9.9	45	0
13t)	Thomas, N.O.	12	116	9.7	25	0
13t)	Ertz, Ariz (TE)	12	77	6.4	17	0
21t)	D. Smith, Phi.	11	178	16.2	63t	2
21t)	Aiyuk, S.F.	11	172	15.6	23	2
21t)	Samuel, S.F.	11	118	10.7	23	0
21t)	A. Brown, Phi.	11	108	9.8	23	0
21t)	Henry, N.E. (TE)	11	108	9.8	13	2
21t)	Engram, Jac. (TE)	11	106	9.6	26	0
21t)	Hopkins, Ten.	11	105	9.5	16	0
28t)	Ridley, Jac.	10	133	13.3	29	1
28t)	Cooper, Cle.	10	127	12.7	23	0
28t)	Godwin, T.B.	10	109	10.9	24	0
28t)	*Dell, Hou.	10	106	10.6	23t	1
28t)	*LaPorta, Det. (TE)	10	102	10.2	23	0
28t)	Bourne, N.E.	10	93	9.3	19t	2
28t)	*Robinson, Atl. (RB)	10	75	7.5	29	1
28t)	Chase, Cin.	10	70	7.0	13	0
28t)	Lockett, Sea.	10	69	6.9	12	2
37t)	Pickens, Pit.	9	163	18.1	71t	1
37t)	Shaheed, N.O.	9	152	16.9	45	1
37t)	J. Reynolds, Det.	9	146	16.2	33	2
37t)	Metcalf, Sea.	9	122	13.6	28	1
37t)	Waller, NY-G (TE)	9	112	12.4	25	0
37t)	Sutton, Den.	9	98	10.9	21	1
37t)	Brown, Ariz	9	82	9.1	22	1
37t)	Kmet, Chi. (TE)	9	82	9.1	15	0
37t)	Meyers, L.V.	9	81	9.0	21	2
37t)	Warren, Pit. (RB)	9	78	8.7	30	0
37t)	Stevenson, N.E. (RB)	9	74	8.2	32	0
37t)	*Kincaid, Buf. (TE)	9	69	7.7	14	0
37t)	Thielen, Car.	9	66	7.3	15	1
37t)	Smith-Schuster, N.E.	9	61	6.8	15	0
37t)	*Gibbs, Det. (RB)	9	57	6.3	10	0
37t)	Pollard, Dal. (RB)	9	49	5.4	19	0
37t)	Barkley, NY-G (RB)	9	41	4.6	10	1

WEEK 2 / THROUGH MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023**NFL / RECEIVING YARDAGE LEADERS**

Rank	Player, Team	Yards	Rec	Avg	Long	TD
1)	Jefferson, Min.	309	20	15.5	42	0
2)	*Nacua, LA-R	266	25	10.6	21	0
3)	T. Hill, Mia.	255	16	15.9	47	3
4)	Evans, T.B.	237	12	19.8	70	2
5)	N. Collins, Hou.	226	13	17.4	32	1
6)	Lamb, Dal.	220	15	14.7	49	0
7)	Olave, N.O.	198	14	14.1	45	0
8)	Atwell, LA-R	196	13	15.1	44	0
9)	K. Allen, LA-C	187	14	13.4	42	2
10)	D. Smith, Phi.	178	11	16.2	63t	2
11)	St. Brown, Det.	173	12	14.4	39	1
12)	Aiyuk, S.F.	172	11	15.6	23	2
13)	Diggs, Buf.	168	17	9.9	18	1
14)	Waddle, Mia.	164	8	20.5	35	0
15)	Pickens, Pit.	163	9	18.1	71t	1
16)	Pittman, Ind.	153	16	9.6	39t	1
17)	Shaheed, N.O.	152	9	16.9	45	1
18)	Adams, L.V.	150	12	12.5	21	1
19)	J. Reynolds, Det.	146	9	16.2	33	2
20)	*Flowers, Bal.	140	13	10.8	52	0
21t)	*Addison, Min.	133	7	19.0	62t	2
21t)	Ridley, Jac.	133	10	13.3	29	1
23)	Woods, Hou.	131	12	10.9	25	0
24)	Moore, Chi.	129	8	16.1	33	0
25)	M. Williams, LA-C	128	12	10.7	24	0
26)	Cooper, Cle.	127	10	12.7	23	0
27)	Davis, Buf.	124	8	15.5	40	1
28t)	Metcalf, Sea.	122	9	13.6	28	1
28t)	*Mims, Den.	122	4	30.5	60t	1
30)	Kirk, Jac.	119	12	9.9	45	0
31)	Samuel, S.F.	118	11	10.7	23	0
32)	G. Wilson, NY-J	117	7	16.7	68t	2
33)	Thomas, N.O.	116	12	9.7	25	0
34)	Waller, NY-G (TE)	112	9	12.4	25	0
35)	Godwin, T.B.	109	10	10.9	24	0
36t)	A. Brown, Phi.	108	11	9.8	23	0
36t)	Henry, N.E. (TE)	108	11	9.8	13	2
38)	Ju. Watson, K.C.	107	5	21.4	34	0
39t)	*Dell, Hou.	106	10	10.6	23t	1
39t)	Engram, Jac. (TE)	106	11	9.6	26	0
41)	Hopkins, Ten.	105	11	9.5	16	0
42)	*LaPorta, Det. (TE)	102	10	10.2	23	0
43)	Hockenson, Min. (TE)	101	15	6.7	24	2
44)	Sutton, Den.	98	9	10.9	21	1
45)	Johnson, Den.	97	4	24.3	50t	2
46)	Burks, Ten.	94	5	18.8	70	0
47)	Bourne, N.E.	93	10	9.3	19t	2
48)	Hollins, Atl.	91	6	15.2	45	0
49t)	Higgins, Cin.	89	8	11.1	20	2
49t)	*Hyatt, NY-G	89	2	44.5	58	0

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NFL / THIRD-DOWN RECEIVING LEADERS

Rank	Player, Team	Rec	Yards	Avg	Long	TD
1t)	N. Collins, Hou.	7	143	20.4	32	1
1t)	*Nacua, LA-R	7	89	12.7	21	0
1t)	Woods, Hou.	7	63	9.0	19	0
4)	*Robinson, Atl. (RB)	6	36	6.0	17	1
5t)	Lamb, Dal.	5	91	18.2	49	0
5t)	Warren, Pit. (RB)	5	66	13.2	30	0
5t)	*Flowers, Bal.	5	59	11.8	21	0
5t)	Godwin, T.B.	5	58	11.6	16	0
5t)	Pittman, Ind.	5	35	7.0	9	0
5t)	I. Smith, Cin. (TE)	5	27	5.4	8	0
11t)	*Addison, Min.	4	114	28.5	62t	2
11t)	Olave, N.O.	4	105	26.3	45	0
11t)	Evans, T.B.	4	69	17.3	32t	1
11t)	Shaheed, N.O.	4	67	16.8	41	1
11t)	Aiyuk, S.F.	4	66	16.5	22	0
11t)	T. Hill, Mia.	4	65	16.3	47	1
11t)	Jefferson, Min.	4	63	15.8	23	0
11t)	Cooper, Cle.	4	51	12.8	18	0
11t)	Hockenson, Min. (TE)	4	49	12.3	24	0
11t)	Hopkins, Ten.	4	45	11.3	16	0
11t)	*Downs, Ind.	4	37	9.3	12	0
11t)	Diggs, Buf.	4	34	8.5	17	1
11t)	Higgins, Cin.	4	34	8.5	16	2
11t)	McKinnon, K.C. (RB)	4	34	8.5	11	0
11t)	Pollard, Dal. (RB)	4	34	8.5	19	0
11t)	Chase, Cin.	4	33	8.3	13	0
11t)	Thielen, Car.	4	32	8.0	10	0
11t)	Otton, T.B. (TE)	4	27	6.8	9	0
11t)	Lockett, Sea.	4	24	6.0	12	1
11t)	Stevenson, N.E. (RB)	4	11	2.8	7	0
31t)	D. Smith, Phi.	3	73	24.3	63t	1
31t)	Ju. Watson, K.C.	3	66	22.0	34	0
31t)	Atwell, LA-R	3	61	20.3	44	0
31t)	Metcalfe, Sea.	3	60	20.0	28	0
31t)	Moore, Chi.	3	54	18.0	31	0
31t)	Adams, L.V.	3	47	15.7	18	0
31t)	Beckham, Bal.	3	46	15.3	29	0
31t)	Berrios, Mia.	3	37	12.3	16	0
31t)	Thomas, N.O.	3	37	12.3	19	0
31t)	J. Reynolds, Det.	3	34	11.3	18	0
31t)	*Palmer, T.B.	3	28	9.3	20	1
31t)	Westbrook-Ikhine, Ten.	3	28	9.3	21	1
31t)	*Dell, Hou.	3	27	9.0	13	0
31t)	A. Brown, Phi.	3	22	7.3	12	0
31t)	*R. Johnson, Chi. (RB)	3	19	6.3	8	0
31t)	Murray, Buf. (RB)	3	18	6.0	9	0
31t)	Ertz, Ariz (TE)	3	17	5.7	6	0
31t)	Meyers, L.V.	3	15	5.0	7	1
31t)	Barkley, NY-G (RB)	3	12	4.0	9t	1
31t)	Pierce, Hou. (RB)	3	4	1.3	9	0

WEEK 2 / THROUGH MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023**NFL / LEADING SCORERS, NONKICKERS**

Rank	Player, Team	TD	Rush	Rec	Ret	X2	Pts
1)	K. Williams, LA-R (RB)	4	3	1	0	0	24
2)	Robinson, Was. (RB)	3	2	1	0	1	20
3t)	T. Hill, Mia. (WR)	3	0	3	0	0	18
3t)	Mostert, Mia. (RB)	3	3	0	0	0	18
3t)	*Richardson, Ind. (QB)	3	3	0	0	0	18
6)	Pollard, Dal. (RB)	2	2	0	0	1	14
7t)	*Addison, Min. (WR)	2	0	2	0	0	12
7t)	Aiyuk, S.F. (WR)	2	0	2	0	0	12
7t)	K. Allen, LA-C (WR)	2	0	2	0	0	12
7t)	Allgeier, Atl. (RB)	2	2	0	0	0	12
7t)	Barkley, NY-G (RB)	2	1	1	0	0	12
7t)	Bourne, N.E. (WR)	2	0	2	0	0	12
7t)	Doubs, G.B. (WR)	2	0	2	0	0	12
7t)	Evans, T.B. (WR)	2	0	2	0	0	12
7t)	Henry, N.E. (TE)	2	0	2	0	0	12
7t)	Higgins, Cin. (WR)	2	0	2	0	0	12
7t)	Hill, Bal. (RB)	2	2	0	0	0	12
7t)	Hockenson, Min. (TE)	2	0	2	0	0	12
7t)	Hurts, Phi. (QB)	2	2	0	0	0	12
7t)	Johnson, Den. (WR)	2	0	2	0	0	12
7t)	A. Jones, G.B. (RB)	2	1	1	0	0	12
7t)	Jones, N.O. (RB)	2	2	0	0	0	12
7t)	Lockett, Sea. (WR)	2	0	2	0	0	12
7t)	McCaffrey, S.F. (RB)	2	2	0	0	0	12
7t)	Meyers, L.V. (WR)	2	0	2	0	0	12
7t)	Montgomery, Det. (RB)	2	2	0	0	0	12
7t)	*Reed, G.B. (WR)	2	0	2	0	0	12
7t)	J. Reynolds, Det. (WR)	2	0	2	0	0	12
7t)	D. Smith, Phi. (WR)	2	0	2	0	0	12
7t)	Walker, Sea. (RB)	2	2	0	0	0	12
7t)	G. Wilson, NY-J (WR)	2	0	2	0	0	12
32)	Watson, Cle. (QB)	1	1	0	0	2	10
33t)	Dobbs, Ariz (QB)	1	1	0	0	1	8
33t)	Edwards, Bal. (RB)	1	1	0	0	1	8
33t)	J. Ford, Cle. (RB)	1	0	1	0	1	8
33t)	Thielen, Car. (WR)	1	0	1	0	1	8

WEEK 2 / THROUGH MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023**NFL / LEADING SCORERS, KICKERS**

Rank	Player, Team	PAT	FG	Pct	Long	Pts
1)	Aubrey, Dal.	5/ 6	7/ 7	1.000	55	26
2t)	Folk, Ten.	3/ 3	7/ 7	1.000	50	24
2t)	*Moody, S.F.	6/ 6	6/ 6	1.000	57	24
4t)	Elliott, Phi.	5/ 6	6/ 7	.857	61	23
4t)	Maher, LA-R	5/ 5	6/ 8	.750	54	23
6)	Dicker, LA-C	5/ 5	5/ 5	1.000	50	20
7)	Koo, Atl.	4/ 5	5/ 5	1.000	49	19
8t)	Bass, Buf.	6/ 6	4/ 4	1.000	50	18
8t)	*Grupe, N.O.	3/ 3	5/ 5	1.000	52	18
8t)	Prater, Ariz	3/ 3	5/ 6	.833	54	18
8t)	J. Sanders, Mia.	6/ 7	4/ 6	.667	45	18
12t)	Fairbairn, Hou.	2/ 2	5/ 6	.833	38	17
12t)	McLaughlin, T.B.	5/ 5	4/ 5	.800	57	17
12t)	Slye, Was.	5/ 5	4/ 6	.667	49	17
15t)	Hopkins, Cle.	1/ 1	5/ 6	.833	55	16
15t)	McManus, Jac.	4/ 4	4/ 4	1.000	49	16
17t)	*Carlson, G.B.	8/ 8	2/ 2	1.000	52	14
17t)	Myers, Sea.	5/ 5	3/ 6	.500	42	14
17t)	Tucker, Bal.	5/ 5	3/ 4	.750	44	14
20t)	Butker, K.C.	4/ 4	3/ 3	1.000	39	13
20t)	Lutz, Den.	4/ 5	3/ 4	.750	32	13
20t)	Pineiro, Car.	1/ 1	4/ 4	1.000	54	13
23)	Santos, Chi.	2/ 2	3/ 3	1.000	52	11
24t)	Gay, Ind.	7/ 7	1/ 1	1.000	42	10
24t)	Patterson, Det.	7/ 7	1/ 1	1.000	38	10
24t)	Zuerlein, NY-J	1/ 1	3/ 3	1.000	43	10
27t)	Boswell, Pit.	3/ 3	2/ 2	1.000	52	9
27t)	Carlson, L.V.	3/ 3	2/ 2	1.000	47	9
27t)	Joseph, Min.	6/ 6	1/ 1	1.000	25	9
27t)	McPherson, Cin.	3/ 3	2/ 3	.667	42	9
31t)	Gano, NY-G	4/ 4	1/ 3	.333	34	7
31t)	*Ryland, N.E.	4/ 4	1/ 1	1.000	49	7
33)	Seibert, NY-J	1/ 1	1/ 1	1.000	34	4

NFL / TOUCHBACKS ON KICKOFFS

Rank	Player, Team	TB
1)	Aubrey, Dal.	16
2)	Dicker, LA-C	12
3t)	Elliott, Phi.	11
3t)	J. Sanders, Mia.	11
5t)	*E. Evans, LA-R	10
5t)	*Grupe, N.O.	10
5t)	Pinion, Atl.	10
5t)	Prater, Ariz	10
5t)	Slye, Was.	10
5t)	Tucker, Bal.	10
11t)	Bass, Buf.	9
11t)	Butker, K.C.	9
11t)	Camarda, T.B.	9
14t)	Boswell, Pit.	8
14t)	Hopkins, Cle.	8
14t)	Lutz, Den.	8
14t)	Myers, Sea.	8
18t)	Fox, Det.	7
18t)	Gay, Ind.	7
18t)	Joseph, Min.	7
18t)	McManus, Jac.	7
18t)	McPherson, Cin.	7
18t)	*Ryland, N.E.	7
24t)	*Carlson, G.B.	6
24t)	Gano, NY-G	6
24t)	Santos, Chi.	6
24t)	Zuerlein, NY-J	6
28t)	Fairbairn, Hou.	5
28t)	Folk, Ten.	5
28t)	Pineiro, Car.	5
31t)	Carlson, L.V.	4
31t)	*Moody, S.F.	4
31t)	Wishnowsky, S.F.	4
34)	Seibert, NY-J	2
35)	Bailey, Mia.	1

WEEK 2 / THROUGH MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023

NFL / MOST YARDS FROM SCRIMMAGE

Rank	Player, Team	Total			Rushing			Receiving		
		Yards	Att+Rec	Avg	Yards	Att	Avg	Yards	Rec	Avg
1)	Jefferson, Min. (WR)	309	20	15.5	0	0	---	309	20	15.5
2)	McCaffrey, S.F. (RB)	304	48	6.3	268	42	6.4	36	6	6.0
3)	*Nacua, LA-R (WR)	270	27	10.0	4	2	2.0	266	25	10.6
4t)	T. Hill, Mia. (WR)	255	16	15.9	0	0	---	255	16	15.9
4t)	*Robinson, Atl. (RB)	255	39	6.5	180	29	6.2	75	10	7.5
6)	Evans, T.B. (WR)	237	12	19.8	0	0	---	237	12	19.8
7)	N. Collins, Hou. (WR)	226	13	17.4	0	0	---	226	13	17.4
8)	Cook, Buf. (RB)	222	37	6.0	169	29	5.8	53	8	6.6
9)	Lamb, Dal. (WR)	220	15	14.7	0	0	---	220	15	14.7
10)	Henry, Ten. (RB)	214	45	4.8	143	40	3.6	71	5	14.2
11)	Atwell, LA-R (WR)	201	14	14.4	5	1	5.0	196	13	15.1
12)	Olave, N.O. (WR)	198	14	14.1	0	0	---	198	14	14.1
13)	Robinson, Was. (RB)	195	40	4.9	146	37	3.9	49	3	16.3
14)	K. Allen, LA-C (WR)	193	16	12.1	6	2	3.0	187	14	13.4
15t)	Chubb, Cle. (RB)	191	32	6.0	170	28	6.1	21	4	5.3
15t)	Pollard, Dal. (RB)	191	48	4.0	142	39	3.6	49	9	5.4
17)	Swift, Phi. (RB)	184	33	5.6	178	29	6.1	6	4	1.5
18)	D. Smith, Phi. (WR)	178	11	16.2	0	0	---	178	11	16.2
19)	Mostert, Mia. (RB)	177	31	5.7	158	28	5.6	19	3	6.3
20)	Conner, Ariz. (RB)	176	42	4.2	168	37	4.5	8	5	1.6
21)	St. Brown, Det. (WR)	173	12	14.4	0	0	---	173	12	14.4
22)	Aiyuk, S.F. (WR)	172	11	15.6	0	0	---	172	11	15.6
23t)	Diggs, Buf. (WR)	168	17	9.9	0	0	---	168	17	9.9
23t)	Mixon, Cin. (RB)	168	33	5.1	115	26	4.4	53	7	7.6
25)	J. Ford, Cle. (RB)	167	34	4.9	142	31	4.6	25	3	8.3
26t)	Ekeler, LA-C (RB)	164	20	8.2	117	16	7.3	47	4	11.8
26t)	Samuel, S.F. (WR)	164	18	9.1	46	7	6.6	118	11	10.7
28t)	Pickens, Pit. (WR)	163	9	18.1	0	0	---	163	9	18.1
28t)	Shaheed, N.O. (WR)	163	11	14.8	11	2	5.5	152	9	16.9
30)	Waddle, Mia. (WR)	162	9	18.0	-2	1	-2.0	164	8	20.5
31)	Bre. Hall, NY-J (RB)	156	15	10.4	136	14	9.7	20	1	20.0
32t)	Barkley, NY-G (RB)	155	38	4.1	114	29	3.9	41	9	4.6
32t)	*Flowers, Bal. (WR)	155	16	9.7	15	3	5.0	140	13	10.8
34)	K. Williams, LA-R (RB)	154	35	4.4	104	29	3.6	50	6	8.3
35)	Pittman, Ind. (WR)	153	16	9.6	0	0	---	153	16	9.6
36)	R. White, T.B. (RB)	152	41	3.7	112	34	3.3	40	7	5.7
37)	Adams, L.V. (WR)	150	12	12.5	0	0	---	150	12	12.5
38)	Stevenson, N.E. (RB)	149	36	4.1	75	27	2.8	74	9	8.2
39)	Montgomery, Det. (RB)	148	38	3.9	141	37	3.8	7	1	7.0
40t)	Etienne, Jac. (RB)	146	37	3.9	117	30	3.9	29	7	4.1
40t)	J. Reynolds, Det. (WR)	146	9	16.2	0	0	---	146	9	16.2
42)	Sanders, Car. (RB)	145	39	3.7	115	32	3.6	30	7	4.3
43)	Allgeier, Atl. (RB)	142	34	4.2	123	31	4.0	19	3	6.3
44t)	*Addison, Min. (WR)	133	7	19.0	0	0	---	133	7	19.0
44t)	Ridley, Jac. (WR)	133	10	13.3	0	0	---	133	10	13.3
46)	*Mims, Den. (WR)	132	6	22.0	10	2	5.0	122	4	30.5
47t)	M. Williams, LA-C (WR)	131	13	10.1	3	1	3.0	128	12	10.7
47t)	Woods, Hou. (WR)	131	12	10.9	0	0	---	131	12	10.9
49)	Kelley, LA-C (RB)	130	29	4.5	130	29	4.5	0	0	---
50)	Moore, Chi. (WR)	129	8	16.1	0	0	---	129	8	16.1

WEEK 2 / THROUGH MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023**NFL / LEADERS IN FIRST DOWNS**

Rank	Player, Team	Rush	Rec	Tot
1t)	*Robinson, Atl. (RB)	11	5	16
1t)	Robinson, Was. (RB)	13	3	16
3t)	T. Hill, Mia. (WR)	0	14	14
3t)	Jefferson, Min. (WR)	0	14	14
3t)	*Nacua, LA-R (WR)	1	13	14
6t)	Atwell, LA-R (WR)	0	12	12
6t)	McCaffrey, S.F. (RB)	11	1	12
6t)	K. Williams, LA-R (RB)	9	3	12
9t)	Aiyuk, S.F. (WR)	0	11	11
9t)	Barkley, NY-G (RB)	7	4	11
9t)	Conner, Ariz (RB)	10	1	11
9t)	Kelley, LA-C (RB)	11	0	11
9t)	Pollard, Dal. (RB)	8	3	11
14t)	Cook, Buf. (RB)	8	2	10
14t)	Henry, Ten. (RB)	9	1	10
14t)	Lamb, Dal. (WR)	0	10	10
14t)	Stevenson, N.E. (RB)	6	4	10
14t)	Swift, Phi. (RB)	10	0	10
14t)	Walker, Sea. (RB)	8	2	10
20t)	Adams, L.V. (WR)	0	9	9
20t)	Allgeier, Atl. (RB)	8	1	9
20t)	Chubb, Cle. (RB)	8	1	9
20t)	N. Collins, Hou. (WR)	0	9	9
20t)	Diggs, Buf. (WR)	0	9	9
20t)	Hubbard, Car. (RB)	7	2	9
20t)	Olave, N.O. (WR)	0	9	9
20t)	J. Reynolds, Det. (WR)	0	9	9
28t)	K. Allen, LA-C (WR)	1	7	8
28t)	Brown, Ariz (WR)	1	7	8
28t)	Cooper, Cle. (WR)	0	8	8
28t)	Davis, Buf. (WR)	0	8	8
28t)	Herbert, Chi. (RB)	4	4	8
28t)	D. Jones, NY-G (QB)	8	0	8
28t)	Montgomery, Det. (RB)	7	1	8
28t)	Mostert, Mia. (RB)	8	0	8
28t)	Pittman, Ind. (WR)	0	8	8
28t)	Samuel, S.F. (WR)	2	6	8
28t)	R. White, T.B. (RB)	7	1	8
28t)	Woods, Hou. (WR)	0	8	8
40t)	Edwards, Bal. (RB)	7	0	7
40t)	*Flowers, Bal. (WR)	0	7	7
40t)	Henry, N.E. (TE)	0	7	7
40t)	Hockenson, Min. (TE)	0	7	7
40t)	Hurts, Phi. (QB)	7	0	7
40t)	Jacobs, L.V. (RB)	3	4	7
40t)	Lockett, Sea. (WR)	0	7	7
40t)	Mixon, Cin. (RB)	6	1	7
40t)	Pacheco, K.C. (RB)	6	1	7
40t)	St. Brown, Det. (WR)	0	7	7
40t)	Waddle, Mia. (WR)	0	7	7

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NFL / LEADING PUNTERS

Rank	Player, Team	No	Yards	Lg	Avg	TB	Blk	Dwn	OB	Opp Ret	In Yds	Net 20	Avg
1)	Dickson, Sea.	7	388	73	55.4	2	0	1	1	3	24	2	46.3
2)	Camarda, T.B.	10	538	72	53.8	2	0	2	1	4	18	5	48.0
3)	Stout, Bal.	7	366	67	52.3	1	0	0	0	3	105	3	34.4
4)	Wright, Min.	8	414	58	51.8	0	0	1	1	5	31	2	47.9
5)	Stonehouse, Ten.	8	413	63	51.6	1	0	0	1	6	69	1	40.5
6)	Hekker, Car.	10	505	69	50.5	0	0	2	1	3	20	3	48.5
7)	Anger, Dal.	6	301	56	50.2	1	0	1	0	2	14	2	44.5
8)	Whelan, G.B.	9	448	68	49.8	3	0	0	0	4	36	1	39.1
9)	Gill, Chi.	9	444	55	49.3	0	0	2	2	5	61	2	42.6
10)	Townsend, K.C.	9	440	58	48.9	0	0	3	0	3	21	4	46.6
11)	Way, Was.	9	434	66	48.2	0	0	2	0	5	69	5	40.6
12)	Pinion, Atl.	8	382	60	47.8	0	0	1	2	3	14	3	46.0
13)	Cooney, Ariz	8	381	56	47.6	1	0	0	1	4	24	2	42.1
14)	Bojorquez, Cle.	12	569	66	47.4	1	0	0	4	4	38	4	42.6
15)	Wishnowsky, S.F.	7	331	67	47.3	1	0	1	1	2	13	5	42.6
16)	Cooke, Jac.	10	466	57	46.6	0	0	1	1	5	28	6	43.8
17)	*Baringer, N.E.	9	418	65	46.4	1	0	0	1	4	57	6	37.9
18)	Morstead, NY-J	9	415	58	46.1	0	0	0	2	1	4	3	45.7
19)	Fox, Det.	6	275	61	45.8	0	0	1	0	3	16	3	43.2
20)	Gillan, NY-G	6	271	62	45.2	0	0	1	0	3	17	1	42.3
21)	*Hedley, N.O.	10	451	52	45.1	1	0	0	2	6	52	3	37.9
22)	Harvin, Pit.	13	574	61	44.2	2	0	3	3	3	41	5	37.9
23)	Siposs, Phi.	8	347	54	43.4	0	0	1	0	5	40	2	38.4
24)	*Zentner, Hou.	7	303	51	43.3	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	37.6
25t)	Dixon, Den.	5	214	46	42.8	0	0	1	1	2	9	1	41.0
25t)	Sanchez, Ind.	10	428	51	42.8	0	0	2	2	4	78	2	35.0
27)	Scott, LA-C	9	379	62	42.1	1	0	1	0	2	11	4	38.7
28)	*Robbins, Cin.	13	529	54	40.7	1	0	0	2	4	17	3	37.8

NFL / LEADING PUNTERS, NET AVERAGE

Rank	Player, Team	No	Yards	Lg	Avg	TB	Blk	Dwn	OB	Opp Ret	In Yds	Net 20	Avg
1)	Hekker, Car.	10	505	69	50.5	0	0	2	1	3	20	3	48.5
2)	Camarda, T.B.	10	538	72	53.8	2	0	2	1	4	18	5	48.0
3)	Wright, Min.	8	414	58	51.8	0	0	1	1	5	31	2	47.9
4)	Townsend, K.C.	9	440	58	48.9	0	0	3	0	3	21	4	46.6
5)	Dickson, Sea.	7	388	73	55.4	2	0	1	1	3	24	2	46.3
6)	Pinion, Atl.	8	382	60	47.8	0	0	1	2	3	14	3	46.0
7)	Morstead, NY-J	9	415	58	46.1	0	0	0	2	1	4	3	45.7
8)	Anger, Dal.	6	301	56	50.2	1	0	1	0	2	14	2	44.5
9)	Cooke, Jac.	10	466	57	46.6	0	0	1	1	5	28	6	43.8
10)	Fox, Det.	6	275	61	45.8	0	0	1	0	3	16	3	43.2
11)	Bojorquez, Cle.	12	569	66	47.4	1	0	0	4	4	38	4	42.6
12)	Wishnowsky, S.F.	7	331	67	47.3	1	0	1	1	2	13	5	42.6
13)	Gill, Chi.	9	444	55	49.3	0	0	2	2	5	61	2	42.6
14)	Gillan, NY-G	6	271	62	45.2	0	0	1	0	3	17	1	42.3
15)	Cooney, Ariz	8	381	56	47.6	1	0	0	1	4	24	2	42.1
16)	Dixon, Den.	5	214	46	42.8	0	0	1	1	2	9	1	41.0
17)	Way, Was.	9	434	66	48.2	0	0	2	0	5	69	5	40.6
18)	Stonehouse, Ten.	8	413	63	51.6	1	0	0	1	6	69	1	40.5
19)	Whelan, G.B.	9	448	68	49.8	3	0	0	0	4	36	1	39.1
20)	Scott, LA-C	9	379	62	42.1	1	0	1	0	2	11	4	38.7
21)	Siposs, Phi.	8	347	54	43.4	0	0	1	0	5	40	2	38.4
22)	Harvin, Pit.	13	574	61	44.2	2	0	3	3	3	41	5	37.9
23)	*Hedley, N.O.	10	451	52	45.1	1	0	0	2	6	52	3	37.9
24)	*Baringer, N.E.	9	418	65	46.4	1	0	0	1	4	57	6	37.9
25)	*Robbins, Cin.	13	529	54	40.7	1	0	0	2	4	17	3	37.8
26)	*Zentner, Hou.	7	303	51	43.3	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	37.6
27)	Sanchez, Ind.	10	428	51	42.8	0	0	2	2	4	78	2	35.0
28)	Stout, Bal.	7	366	67	52.3	1	0	0	0	3	105	3	34.4

WEEK 2 / THROUGH MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023**NFL / PUNT RETURN LEADERS**

Rank	Player, Team	Ret	FC	Yards	Avg	Long	TD
1)	*C. Jones, Cin.	4	1	105	26.3	81t	1
2)	*Gipson, NY-J	3	3	73	24.3	65t	1
3)	*Reed, G.B.	3	1	54	18.0	35	0
4)	Agnew, Jac.	4	0	63	15.8	48	0
5)	McCloud, S.F.	4	2	54	13.5	19	0
6)	*D. Davis, LA-C	5	0	66	13.2	20	0
7)	Raymond, Det.	3	3	33	11.0	17	0
8)	Covey, Phi.	3	2	32	10.7	25	0
9)	*K. Jackson, Ten.	6	3	48	8.0	14	0
10)	Shaheed, N.O.	3	3	22	7.3	16	0
11)	Mar. Jones, N.E.	3	1	21	7.0	21	0
12)	McKenzie, Ind.	3	3	20	6.7	16	0
13)	Powell, Min.	6	1	37	6.2	20	0
14)	Thompkins, T.B.	6	0	36	6.0	16	0
15)	Smith-Marsette, Car.	5	2	29	5.8	13	0
16)	Peoples-Jones, Cle.	3	5	15	5.0	6	0
17)	Dortch, Ariz	5	3	24	4.8	13	0
18)	James, K.C.	6	2	24	4.0	9	0
19)	Crowder, Was.	5	2	19	3.8	6	0

NFL / KICKOFF RETURN LEADERS

Rank	Player, Team	Ret	Yards	Avg	Long	TD
1)	McFarland, Pit.	3	91	30.3	34	0
2)	Nixon, G.B.	4	110	27.5	30	0
3)	Dallas, Sea.	4	101	25.3	34	0
4)	Shaheed, N.O.	7	157	22.4	27	0
5)	*Scott, Chi.	4	84	21.0	33	0

WEEK 2 / THROUGH MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023**NFL / LEADERS IN INTERCEPTIONS**

Rank	Player, Team	Int	Yards	Avg	Long	TD
1)	Whitehead, NY-J	3	0	0.0	0	0
2t)	*Izien, T.B.	2	18	9.0	14	0
2t)	Milano, Buf.	2	16	8.0	13	0
2t)	Bates, Atl.	2	3	1.5	3	0
5t)	Slay, Phi.	1	70	70.0	70t	1
5t)	*Branch, Det.	1	50	50.0	50t	1
5t)	T. Brown, Sea.	1	40	40.0	40t	1
5t)	Q. Walker, G.B.	1	37	37.0	37t	1
5t)	Stone, Bal.	1	36	36.0	36	0
5t)	Thompson, Ariz	1	35	35.0	35	0
5t)	T. Brown, Ind.	1	34	34.0	34	0
5t)	Kearse, Dal.	1	32	32.0	32	0
5t)	Highsmith, Pit.	1	30	30.0	30t	1
5t)	Hufanga, S.F.	1	28	28.0	28	0
5t)	Bland, Dal.	1	22	22.0	22t	1
5t)	Lenoir, S.F.	1	21	21.0	21	0
5t)	D. Hill, Cin.	1	20	20.0	20	0
5t)	Bell, Car.	1	11	11.0	11	0
5t)	Hooker, Ten.	1	10	10.0	10	0
5t)	Jackson, LA-C	1	9	9.0	9	0
5t)	Ward, S.F.	1	9	9.0	9	0
5t)	Diggs, Dal.	1	8	8.0	8	0
5t)	Maye, N.O.	1	5	5.0	5	0
5t)	Barrett, T.B.	1	4	4.0	4t	1
5t)	*Forbes, Was.	1	3	3.0	3	0
5t)	Oliver, S.F.	1	3	3.0	3	0
5t)	Collins, Ariz	1	1	1.0	1	0
5t)	Adebo, N.O.	1	0	0.0	0	0
5t)	Bernard, Buf.	1	0	0.0	0	0
5t)	Ty. Campbell, Jac.	1	0	0.0	0	0
5t)	Cisco, Jac.	1	0	0.0	0	0
5t)	Delpit, Cle.	1	0	0.0	0	0
5t)	Gilmore, Dal.	1	0	0.0	0	0
5t)	*Gonzalez, N.E.	1	0	0.0	0	0
5t)	Hooker, Dal.	1	0	0.0	0	0
5t)	Howard, Mia.	1	0	0.0	0	0
5t)	K. Jackson, Den.	1	0	0.0	0	0
5t)	Th. Jackson, Min.	1	0	0.0	0	0
5t)	Lattimore, N.O.	1	0	0.0	0	0
5t)	St. Nelson, Hou.	1	0	0.0	0	0
5t)	Douglas, G.B.	1	-2	-2.0	-2	0

WEEK 2 / THROUGH MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023**NFL / LEADERS IN SACKS**

Rank	Player, Team	Sacks
1t)	Hunter, Min. (LB)	4.0
1t)	T. Watt, Pit. (LB)	4.0
3t)	Allen, Jac. (LB)	3.0
3t)	Gardeck, Ariz (LB)	3.0
3t)	Jackson, S.F. (DE)	3.0
3t)	Odighizuwa, Dal. (DT)	3.0
3t)	Parsons, Dal. (LB)	3.0
3t)	Sweat, Was. (DE)	3.0
9t)	Autry, Ten. (DT)	2.5
9t)	Granderson, N.O. (DE)	2.5
9t)	Luvu, Car. (LB)	2.5
12t)	Armstrong, Dal. (DE)	2.0
12t)	Bosa, LA-C (LB)	2.0
12t)	Buckner, Ind. (DT)	2.0
12t)	Burns, Car. (LB)	2.0
12t)	Cooper, Den. (LB)	2.0
12t)	Jefferson, NY-J (DE)	2.0
12t)	Judon, N.E. (LB)	2.0
12t)	Paye, Ind. (DE)	2.0
12t)	Simmons, Ten. (DT)	2.0
12t)	Tryon-Shoyinka, T.B. (LB)	2.0
22t)	Danna, K.C. (DE)	1.5
22t)	Davis, Phi. (DT)	1.5
22t)	Dimukeje, Ariz (LB)	1.5
22t)	Floyd, Buf. (DE)	1.5
22t)	Ch. Jones, K.C. (DE)	1.5
22t)	Karlaftis, K.C. (DE)	1.5
22t)	Key, Ten. (LB)	1.5
22t)	Sweat, Phi. (DE)	1.5
22t)	Vea, T.B. (DT)	1.5
22t)	Wyatt, G.B. (DT)	1.5
22t)	*Young, LA-R (LB)	1.5
22t)	Young, Was. (DE)	1.5

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NFL / FUMBLE RECOVERIES

Rank	Player, Team	TotRec	OffRec	DefRec
1)	Tagovailoa, Mia.	3	3	0
2t)	Biadasz, Dal.	2	2	0
2t)	D. Jones, NY-G	2	2	0
2t)	Purdy, S.F.	2	2	0
2t)	T. Watt, Pit.	2	0	2
6t)	Adebo, N.O.	1	0	1
6t)	J. Allen, Buf.	1	1	0
6t)	Anderson, Was.	1	0	1
6t)	Awuzie, Cin.	1	0	1
6t)	Barton, Was.	1	0	1
6t)	*Bigsby, Jac.	1	1	0
6t)	Blackson, Jac.	1	0	1
6t)	Buckner, Ind.	1	0	1
6t)	Campbell, NY-G	1	1	0
6t)	Carter, Atl.	1	0	1
6t)	*Clifford, G.B.	1	1	0
6t)	Collins, Ariz	1	0	1
6t)	B. Cook, K.C.	1	0	1
6t)	Cox, Phi.	1	0	1
6t)	Cunningham, Phi.	1	0	1
6t)	*Dell, Hou.	1	1	0
6t)	Delpit, Cle.	1	0	1
6t)	Dobbs, Ariz	1	1	0
6t)	Douglas, G.B.	1	0	1
6t)	Elliott, Mia.	1	0	1
6t)	J. Evans, Phi.	1	0	1
6t)	Fields, Chi.	1	1	0
6t)	Garoppolo, L.V.	1	1	0
6t)	Glowinski, NY-G	1	1	0
6t)	Goff, Det.	1	1	0
6t)	Hooker, Ten.	1	0	1
6t)	Mar. Jones, N.E.	1	0	1
6t)	T. Jones, Jac.	1	0	1
6t)	Kazee, Pit.	1	0	1
6t)	Lawrence, Jac.	1	1	0
6t)	Lloyd, Jac.	1	0	1
6t)	Love, G.B.	1	1	0
6t)	Love, Sea.	1	0	1
6t)	Mahomes, K.C.	1	1	0
6t)	Mayfield, T.B.	1	1	0
6t)	McCaffrey, S.F.	1	1	0
6t)	Morrow, Phi.	1	0	1
6t)	Mukuamu, Dal.	1	0	1
6t)	Ogunjobi, Pit.	1	0	1
6t)	Oluokun, Jac.	1	0	1
6t)	Parsons, Dal.	1	0	1
6t)	Patrick, Chi.	1	1	0
6t)	Paye, Ind.	1	0	1
6t)	Payne, Was.	1	0	1
6t)	Pierce, Bal.	1	0	1
6t)	Rapp, Buf.	1	0	1
6t)	Ja. Reed, Sea.	1	0	1
6t)	Ridder, Atl.	1	1	0
6t)	*Ringo, Phi.	1	1	0
6t)	Sneed, K.C.	1	0	1
6t)	Stewart, Hou.	1	0	1
6t)	*Stroud, Hou.	1	1	0
6t)	C. Thomas, Ariz	1	0	1
6t)	Toney, K.C.	1	1	0
6t)	Tryon-Shoyinka, T.B.	1	0	1
6t)	Watson, Cle.	1	1	0
6t)	J. Williams, N.O.	1	1	0
6t)	N. Williams, LA-C	1	0	1
6t)	Quinn. Williams, NY-J	1	0	1
6t)	Winfield, T.B.	1	0	1
6t)	Wyllie, Was.	1	1	0
6t)	*Young, Car.	1	1	0
6t)	Zeitler, Bal.	1	1	0

WEEK 2 / THROUGH MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023**NFL / OFFENSIVE FUMBLE RECOVERIES**

Rank	Player, Team	Ret	Yards	Avg	Long	TD
1)	Tagovailoa, Mia.	3	0	0.0	0	0
2t)	Biadasz, Dal.	2	0	0.0	0	0
2t)	D. Jones, NY-G	2	0	0.0	0	0
2t)	Purdy, S.F.	2	0	0.0	0	0
5t)	J. Allen, Buf.	1	0	0.0	0	0
5t)	*Clifford, G.B.	1	0	0.0	0	0
5t)	*Dell, Hou.	1	0	0.0	0	0
5t)	Dobbs, Ariz	1	0	0.0	0	0
5t)	Fields, Chi.	1	0	0.0	0	0
5t)	Garoppolo, L.V.	1	0	0.0	0	0
5t)	Glowinski, NY-G	1	0	0.0	0	0
5t)	Goff, Det.	1	0	0.0	0	0
5t)	Lawrence, Jac.	1	0	0.0	0	0
5t)	Love, G.B.	1	0	0.0	0	0
5t)	Mahomes, K.C.	1	0	0.0	0	0
5t)	Mayfield, T.B.	1	0	0.0	0	0
5t)	McCaffrey, S.F.	1	0	0.0	0	0
5t)	Patrick, Chi.	1	0	0.0	0	0
5t)	Ridder, Atl.	1	0	0.0	0	0
5t)	*Ringo, Phi.	1	0	0.0	0	0
5t)	*Stroud, Hou.	1	0	0.0	0	0
5t)	Toney, K.C.	1	0	0.0	0	0
5t)	Watson, Cle.	1	0	0.0	0	0
5t)	J. Williams, N.O.	1	0	0.0	0	0
5t)	Wyllie, Was.	1	0	0.0	0	0
5t)	*Young, Car.	1	0	0.0	0	0
5t)	Zeitler, Bal.	1	0	0.0	0	0
5t)	Campbell, NY-G	1	-2	-2.0	-2	0
5t)	*Bigsby, Jac.	1	-9	-9.0	-9	0

NFL / DEFENSIVE FUMBLE RECOVERIES

Rank	Player, Team	Ret	Yards	Avg	Long	TD
1)	T. Watt, Pit.	2	16	8.0	16t	1
2t)	Buckner, Ind.	1	26	26.0	26t	1
2t)	Delpit, Cle.	1	14	14.0	14	0
2t)	Cox, Phi.	1	8	8.0	8	0
2t)	Rapp, Buf.	1	6	6.0	6	0
2t)	Barton, Was.	1	5	5.0	5	0
2t)	Love, Sea.	1	3	3.0	3	0
2t)	C. Thomas, Ariz	1	2	2.0	2t	1
2t)	Adebo, N.O.	1	0	0.0	0	0
2t)	Anderson, Was.	1	0	0.0	0	0
2t)	Awuzie, Cin.	1	0	0.0	0	0
2t)	Blackson, Jac.	1	0	0.0	0	0
2t)	Carter, Atl.	1	0	0.0	0	0
2t)	Collins, Ariz	1	0	0.0	0	0
2t)	B. Cook, K.C.	1	0	0.0	0	0
2t)	Cunningham, Phi.	1	0	0.0	0	0
2t)	Douglas, G.B.	1	0	0.0	0	0
2t)	Elliott, Mia.	1	0	0.0	0	0
2t)	J. Evans, Phi.	1	0	0.0	0	0
2t)	Hooker, Ten.	1	0	0.0	0	0
2t)	Mar. Jones, N.E.	1	0	0.0	0	0
2t)	T. Jones, Jac.	1	0	0.0	0	0
2t)	Kazee, Pit.	1	0	0.0	0	0
2t)	Lloyd, Jac.	1	0	0.0	0	0
2t)	Morrow, Phi.	1	0	0.0	0	0
2t)	Ogunjobi, Pit.	1	0	0.0	0	0
2t)	Oluokun, Jac.	1	0	0.0	0	0
2t)	Parsons, Dal.	1	0	0.0	0	0
2t)	Paye, Ind.	1	0	0.0	0	0
2t)	Payne, Was.	1	0	0.0	0	0
2t)	Pierce, Bal.	1	0	0.0	0	0
2t)	Ja. Reed, Sea.	1	0	0.0	0	0
2t)	Sneed, K.C.	1	0	0.0	0	0
2t)	Stewart, Hou.	1	0	0.0	0	0
2t)	Tryon-Shoyinka, T.B.	1	0	0.0	0	0
2t)	N. Williams, LA-C	1	0	0.0	0	0
2t)	Quinn. Williams, NY-J	1	0	0.0	0	0
2t)	Winfield, T.B.	1	0	0.0	0	0
2t)	Mukuamu, Dal.	1	-3	-3.0	-3	0

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Team/Offense Rank (Within League)

BAL	BUF	CIN	CLE	DEN	HOU	IND	JAX	KC	LV	LAC	MIA	NE	NYJ	PIT	TEN		ARI	ATL	CAR	CHI	DAL	DET	GB	LAR	MIN	NO	NYG	PHI	SF	SEA	TB	WAS
12	5	32	6	16	17	20	22	9	30	4	1	14	29	31	21	TYds/G	24	15	28	27	18	3	26	2	8	10	23	11	7	25	13	19
10	8	32	22	7	29	17	26	5	9	6	1	28	15	30	14	TYds/P	21	11	31	27	24	4	13	12	3	18	25	19	2	16	20	23
6	7	28	1	15	29	20t	24	20t	30	5	16	27	12	31	11	RYds/G	10	4	9	22	8	14	25	23	32	18	13	2	3	26	19	17
17	5	18	2	9	32	19	25	14	31	7	12	22	3	27	11	RshAvg	10	8	4	15	23	21	26	28	30	24	13	6	1	20	29	16
19	10	30	26	12	5	13	14	6	21	11	1	7	31	18	22	PsYd/G	27	28	32	25	20	4	23	3	2	8	24	29	16	17	9	15
9	19	31	30	15	23	16	20	10	3	13	1	25	26	28	18	PasAvg	21	14	32	29	12	2	7	8	4	11	27	24	5	17	6	22
17	26	11	25	15	1t	12	10	21	31	1t	22	19	32	27	30	%HdInt	1t	18	23	29	1t	13t	1t	20	9	24	28	16	1t	1t	1t	13t
15	20	8	27	28	24	13	17t	3	1	17t	4	14	25	21	29	Sac/PP	12	22	19	32	6	9	7	2	11	23	31	26	16	10	5	30
7t	4	30t	13t	10t	12	21t	18t	24t	26t	3	2	5t	30t	32	18t	1D/Gm	21t	16t	28	24t	7t	7t	29	1	21t	18t	16t	13t	10t	13t	26t	5t
1	6	14t	30	16	10	22t	32	22t	7	17	13	14t	31	29	26t	3D Eff	22t	26t	25	21	4	12	5	2	3	8t	11	18	19	20	8t	28
31t	10t	16t	28t	1t	16t	26t	26t	13t	1t	10t	1t	21t	1t	21t	28t	4D Eff	28t	10t	21t	16t	16t	21t	21t	13t	1t	31t	13t	16t	1t	1t	1t	1t
31	28t	2	26	1	10t	20	6	28t	32	9	7t	21	3	16t	16t	PR Avg	27	23t	25	16t	15	10t	4t	14	22	19	13	12	7t	4t	23t	30
20	1	11	26t	3t	19	16t	15	22t	7t	5	26t	2	7t	10	22t	KR Avg	16t	16t	26t	13t	25	26t	3t	22t	21	12	26t	24	26t	6	7t	13t
3	13	32	17	29t	28	29t	19	12	10	31	23	20	21	26	5	GPntAv	16	15	7	11	8	22	9	6	4	25	24	27	18	1	2	14
31	32	28	12	18	29	30	10	5	1	23	17	27	8	25	21	NPntAv	16	7	2	14	9	11	22	19	4	26	15	24	13	6	3	20
10t	8	30t	17	14t	29	10t	21	22t	30t	6	3t	22t	27	26	20	Pts/Gm	19	14t	30t	22t	1	10t	2	9	18	25	28	5	3t	13	16	7
25t	1t	28t	21t	25t	21t	1t	1t	1t	1t	1t	28t	1t	1t	1t	1t	FG%	21t	1t	1t	1t	1t	1t	1t	25t	1t	1t	32	20	1t	31	24	28t

Opponent/Defense Rank (Within League)

BAL	BUF	CIN	CLE	DEN	HOU	IND	JAX	KC	LV	LAC	MIA	NE	NYJ	PIT	TEN		ARI	ATL	CAR	CHI	DAL	DET	GB	LAR	MIN	NO	NYG	PHI	SF	SEA	TB	WAS
7	5	28	2	16	11	25	18	13	23	32	24	14	21	30	20	TYds/G	19	3	8	29	1	22	27	6	17	4	15	26	12	31	9	10
4	29	22	2	19	23	12	14	10	21	32	11	17	8	24	20	TYds/P	16	3	7	31	1	26	15	25	9	6	27	28	5	30	18	13
6	19	31	3t	11	21	7	8	12	27	15	28	23	20	32	3t	RYds/G	18	22	25	16	9t	9t	30	24	29	14	26	1	3t	13	2	17
12	30	29	4	10	19	1	8	13	26	14	27	20	9	32	2	RshAvg	16	22	21	5	15	11	23	31	18	28	25	7	17	3	6	24
15	6	10	2t	21	11	29	25	19	18	32	14	13	20	16	28	PsYd/G	22	2t	4	27	1	26	17	5	8	7	9	31	23	30	24	12
5	22	17	2t	28	24	25	19	11	16	32	8	18	12	9	29	PasAvg	20	2t	7	31	1	27	15	14	13	4	26	23	6	30	21	10
26	2	14t	14t	18	11t	24	10	28t	28t	19t	23	17	6	19t	22	%HdInt	8	7	11t	28t	1	25	9	28t	13	3	28t	27	5	21	4	14t
16	17	26	19	22	13	8	21	18	25	14t	10	20	12	5	9	Sac/PP	4	27	3	30	1	31	14t	24	11	7	32	28	23	29	6	2
11t	2t	25t	1	27	11t	22	11t	11t	29	30t	32	16	23t	18t	6t	1D/Gm	25t	11t	10	6t	2t	23t	28	6t	17	4	18t	20t	20t	30t	5	6t
28	17t	26	1	14	29	15t	5	6	27	24	30	11t	23	13	7	3D Eff	25	11t	10	31	3t	17t	9	2	15t	3t	20	21	19	32	22	8
13t	27t	1t	7t	27t	1t	21	16	10	26	17t	11t	7t	1t	11t	27t	4D Eff	27t	7t	1t	22t	22t	17t	22t	1t	27t	27t	17t	13t	13t	17t	1t	22t
32	31	4	23	5t	2	30	11	17t	1	10	8	28	3	26	24	PR Avg	13	7	16	25	17t	9	22	29	14	21	12	19t	15	19t	5t	27
1t	24t	1t	14t	1t	17	18t	16	1t	32	1t	1t	13	11	1t	22t	KR Avg	21	28t	26	28t	1t	22t	20	27	24t	1t	18t	31	30	12	14t	1t
2	12	24	3	31	15	6	7	13t	8	32	18	20	23	13t	4	GPntAv	1	29	10	27	26	25	28	30	16	5	19	17	9	22	21	11
9	29	1	4	21t	19	7	3	25	27	21t	15	24	2	17t	8	NPntAv	10	31	16	20	32	30	13	26	17t	12	5t	14	5t	11	28	23
7	5t	19t	2	23t	27	19t	10	3t	25t	30	19t	17t	15	23t	11	Pts/Gm	19t	8t	13	31	1	28	14	12	25t	5t	32	16	3t	29	8t	17t
16t	16t	13t	8t	3t	16t	8t	16t	16t	5t	16t	16t	7	16t	13t	16t	FG%	16t	16t	16t	8t	2	3t	16t	13t	11t	16t	11t	1	16t	5t	16t	16t



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Date: Sunday, 9/17/2023

Los Angeles Chargers at Tennessee Titans

Start Time: 12:02 PM CDT

at Nissan Stadium, Nashville, TN

Game Day Weather

Game Weather: Cloudy
Open Stadium on Field Turf

Temp: 64° F (17.8° C) Humidity: 85%, Wind: NW 11 mph
Outdoor Weather: Cloudy

Officials

Referee: Eck, Alan (76) Umpire: Slaughter, Tab (110) Down Judge: Bryan, Fred (11)
Line Judge: DeLorenzo, Robin (134) Field Judge: Jenkins, John (117) Side Judge: Shaw, Dale (104)
Back Judge: Meyer, Greg (78) Replay Official: Crudup, Denise (0)

Lineups

Los Angeles Chargers				Tennessee Titans			
Offense		Defense		Offense		Defense	
WR	81 M.Williams	OLB	52 K.Mack	WR	10 D.Hopkins	DL	96 D.Autry
WR	13 K.Allen	DL	98 A.Johnson	WR	16 T.Burks	DT	93 T.Tart
LT	70 R.Slater	OLB	45 T.Tuipulotu	LT	71 A.Dillard	DT	98 J.Simmons
LG	77 Z.Johnson	DL	51 S.Joseph	LG	67 X.Newman-Johnson	DT	95 K.Peko
C	63 C.Linsley	LB	9 K.Murray	C	55 A.Brewer	LB	2 A.Al-Shaair
RG	68 J.Salyer	LB	31 N.Niemann	RG	60 D.Brunskill	LB	50 J.Gibbens
RT	79 T.Pipkins	DB	36 J.Taylor	RT	66 C.Hubbard	OLB	58 H.Landry
TE	89 D.Parham	CB	27 J.Jackson	TE	85 C.Okonkwo	DB	24 E.Molden
TE	7 G.Everett	CB	26 A.Samuel	WR	15 N.Westbrook-Ikhine	CB	21 R.McCreary
QB	10 J.Herbert	S	32 A.Gilman	QB	17 R.Tannehill	CB	0 S.Murphy-Bunting
RB	25 J.Kelley	S	3 D.James	RB	22 D.Henry	S	31 K.Byard

Substitutions

WR 1 Q.Johnston, WR 5 J.Palmer, K 11 C.Dicker, WR 12 D.Davis, P 16 J.Scott, S 20 D.Marlowe, S 22 J.Woods, RB 28 I.Spiller, DB 33 D.Leonard, S 41 R.Layne, RB 42 E.Dotson, CB 43 M.Davis, LB 44 T.Muse, LS 47 J.Harris, DL 56 M.Fox, LB 57 A.Ogbongbemiga, T 73 F.Sarell, C/G 76 W.Clapp, TE 84 S.Smarrt, TE 88 T.McKitty, OLB 90 B.Allen, DL 95 N.Williams, OLB 97 J.Bosa, DL 99 S.Matlock

Substitutions

P 4 R.Stonehouse, WR 5 K.Jackson, K 6 N.Folk, WR 11 C.Moore, CB 23 T.Avery, RB 32 T.Spears, DB 33 E.Garror, RB 36 J.Chestnut, S 39 M.Jackson, CB 40 A.Kendall, LB 41 O.Reese, S 44 M.Brown, LS 46 M.Cox, OLB 49 A.Key, LB 56 M.Rice, LB 57 L.Gifford, C/G 62 C.Levin, OL 75 D.Radunz, OL 79 J.Duncan, TE 81 J.Whyle, TE 88 T.Wesco, DT 90 N.Jones, DT 92 J.Peevy, OLB 99 R.Weaver

Did Not Play

QB 2 E.Stick, OL 71 J.McFadden

Did Not Play

QB 7 M.Willis, CB 20 K.Vildor

Not Active

LB 0 D.Henley, LB 6 E.Kendricks, S 24 A.Finley, RB 30 A.Ekeler, G/T 64 B.Jaimes, DL 91 C.Hinton, OLB 94 C.Rumph

Not Active

3QB 8 W.Levis, WR 14 C.Dowell, CB 26 K.Fulton, S 37 A.Hooker, OLB 42 C.Murphy, OLB 51 T.Gipson, OL 77 P.Skoronski

Field Goals (made () & missed)

		(27)	(30)	(33)	N.Folk	(33)	(41)			
					1	2	3	4	OT	Total
VISITOR:	Los Angeles Chargers				3	11	0	10	0	24
HOME:	Tennessee Titans				0	10	7	7	3	27

Scoring Plays

Team	Qtr	Time	Play Description (Extra Point) (Drive Info)	Visitor	Home
Chargers	1	3:46	C.Dicker 27 yd. Field Goal (11-39, 4:25)	3	0
Chargers	2	8:16	K.Allen 8 yd. pass from J.Herbert (J.Herbert-T.Pipkins pass) (8-47, 3:34)	11	0
Titans	2	7:09	D.Henry 1 yd. run (N.Folk kick) (3-75, 1:07)	11	7
Chargers	2	4:23	C.Dicker 30 yd. Field Goal (7-63, 2:46)	14	7
Titans	2	0:00	N.Folk 33 yd. Field Goal (9-60, 4:23)	14	10
Titans	3	10:08	R.Tannehill 12 yd. run (N.Folk kick) (9-75, 4:52)	14	17
Chargers	4	14:38	K.Allen 12 yd. pass from J.Herbert (C.Dicker kick) (7-80, 3:01)	21	17
Titans	4	2:22	N.Westbrook-Ikhine 4 yd. pass from R.Tannehill (N.Folk kick) (7-82, 3:38)	21	24
Chargers	4	0:00	C.Dicker 33 yd. Field Goal (10-60, 2:22)	24	24

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Titans 5 5:02 N.Folk 41 yd. Field Goal (8-38, 4:30)

24 27

Paid Attendance: 67,438

Time: 3:02

Los Angeles Chargers vs Tennessee Titans
9/17/2023 at Nissan Stadium

Final Team Statistics

	Visitor Chargers	Home Titans
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	19	22
By Rushing	4	10
By Passing	14	9
By Penalty	1	3
THIRD DOWN EFFICIENCY	2-14-14.3%	6-13-46.2%
FOURTH DOWN EFFICIENCY	3-3-100.0%	0-1-0.0%
TOTAL NET YARDS	342	341
Total Offensive Plays (inc. times thrown passing)	65	63
Average gain per offensive play	5.3	5.4
NET YARDS RUSHING	61	141
Total Rushing Plays	21	34
Average gain per rushing play	2.9	4.1
Tackles for a loss-number and yards	2-4	3-6
NET YARDS PASSING	281	200
Times thrown - yards lost attempting to pass	3-24	5-46
Gross yards passing	305	246
PASS ATTEMPTS-COMPLETIONS-HAD INTERCEPTED	41-27-0	24-20-0
Avg gain per pass play (inc.# thrown passing)	6.4	6.9
KICKOFFS Number-In End Zone-Touchbacks	5-5-5	5-4-4
PUNTS Number and Average	6-39.0	5-61.2
Had Blocked	0	0
FGs - PATs Had Blocked	0-0	0-0
Net Punting Average	37.2	44.6
TOTAL RETURN YARDAGE (Not Including Kickoffs)	63	11
No. and Yards Punt Returns	4-63	2-11
No. and Yards Kickoff Returns	1-24	0-0
No. and Yards Interception Returns	0-0	0-0
PENALTIES Number and Yards	4-43	7-45
FUMBLES Number and Lost	0-0	0-0
TOUCHDOWNS	2	3
Rushing	0	2
Passing	2	1
EXTRA POINTS Made-Attempts	2-2	3-3
Kicking Made-Attempts	1-1	3-3
Passing Made-Attempts	1-1	0-0
FIELD GOALS Made-Attempts	3-3	2-2
RED ZONE EFFICIENCY	2-5-40%	3-4-75%
GOAL TO GO EFFICIENCY	0-1-0%	2-2-100%
SAFETIES	0	0
FINAL SCORE	24	27
TIME OF POSSESSION	28:09	36:49

Ball Possession And Drive Chart

Los Angeles Chargers

#	Time Recd	Time Lost	Time Poss	How Ball Obtained	Drive Began	# Play	Yds Gain	Yds Pen	Net Yds	1st Down	Last Scrm	How Given Up
1	15:00	13:20	1:40	Kickoff	LAC 25	3	0	0	0	0	LAC 25	Punt
2	8:11	3:46	4:25	Downs	TEN 48	11	39	0	39	2	* TEN 9	Field Goal
3	1:42	14:05	2:37	Punt	LAC 36	5	20	0	20	1	TEN 44	Punt
4	11:50	8:16	3:34	Punt	TEN 47	8	33	14	47	3	* TEN 8	Touchdown
5	7:09	4:23	2:46	Kickoff	LAC 25	7	63	0	63	2	* TEN 12	Field Goal
6	10:08	7:00	3:08	Kickoff	LAC 25	5	17	0	17	2	LAC 42	Punt
7	2:39	14:38	3:01	Punt	LAC 20	7	89	-9	80	4	* TEN 12	Touchdown
8	12:25	11:01	1:24	Punt	LAC 34	3	8	0	8	0	LAC 42	Punt
9	8:44	6:00	2:44	Punt	LAC 35	6	18	0	18	1	TEN 47	Punt
10	2:22	0:00	2:22	Kickoff	LAC 25	10	55	5	60	4	* TEN 15	Field Goal
11	10:00	9:32	0:28	Kickoff	LAC 25	3	0	0	0	0	LAC 25	Punt

(355) Average LAC 32

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#	Time Recd	Time Lost	Time Poss	How Ball Obtained	Drive Began	# Play	Yds Gain	Yds Pen	Net Yds	1st Down	Last Scrm	How Given Up
1	13:20	8:11	5:09	Punt	TEN 25	9	23	0	23	2	LAC 46	Downs
2	3:46	1:42	2:04	Kickoff	TEN 25	3	-3	-5	-8	0	TEN 17	Punt
3	14:05	11:50	2:15	Punt	TEN 15	3	-12	0	-12	0	TEN 3	Punt
4	8:16	7:09	1:07	Kickoff	TEN 25	3	75	0	75	2	* LAC 1	Touchdown
5	4:23	0:00	4:23	Kickoff	TEN 25	9	60	0	60	3	* LAC 15	Field Goal
6	15:00	10:08	4:52	Kickoff	TEN 25	9	53	22	75	5	* LAC 12	Touchdown
7	7:00	2:39	4:21	Punt	TEN 13	8	24	0	24	3	TEN 37	Punt
8	14:38	12:25	2:13	Kickoff	TEN 25	3	8	-5	3	0	TEN 28	Punt
9	11:01	8:44	2:17	Punt	TEN 14	3	0	0	0	0	TEN 14	Punt
10	6:00	2:22	3:38	Punt	TEN 18	7	75	7	82	4	* LAC 4	Touchdown
11	9:32	5:02	4:30	Punt	TEN 39	8	38	0	38	3	LAC 23	Field Goal

(249) Average TEN 23

* inside opponent's 20

Time of Possession by Quarter

Visitor	Home	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
Los Angeles Chargers	Tennessee Titans	7:47	7:15	5:47	6:52	0:28	28:09
		7:13	7:45	9:13	8:08	4:30	36:49

Kickoff Drive No.-Start Average

Chargers: 5 - LAC 25

Titans: 5 - TEN 25

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First Half Summary

PERIOD SCORES

Chargers	3	11 = 14
Titans	0	10 = 10

TIME OF POSSESSION

Chargers	15:02
Titans	14:58

Scoring Plays

Team	Qtr	Time	Play Description (Extra Point) (Drive Info)	Visitor	Home
Chargers	1	3:46	C.Dicker 27 yd. Field Goal (11-39, 4:25)	3	0
Chargers	2	8:16	K.Allen 8 yd. pass from J.Herbert (J.Herbert-T.Pipkins pass) (8-47, 3:34)	11	0
Titans	2	7:09	D.Henry 1 yd. run (N.Folk kick) (3-75, 1:07)	11	7
Chargers	2	4:23	C.Dicker 30 yd. Field Goal (7-63, 2:46)	14	7
Titans	2	0:00	N.Folk 33 yd. Field Goal (9-60, 4:23)	14	10

	Los Angeles Chargers	Tennessee Titans
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	8	7
First Downs Rushing-Passing-by Penalty	4 - 3 - 1	5 - 2 - 0
THIRD DOWN EFFICIENCY	1-8-12.5%	2-6-33.3%
TOTAL NET YARDS	155	143
Total Offensive Plays	32	26
NET YARDS RUSHING	46	69
NET YARDS PASSING	109	74
Gross Yards Passing	116	101
Times thrown-yards lost attempting to pass	1-7	3-27
Pass Attempts-Completions-Had Intercepted	18 - 11 - 0	8 - 7 - 0
Punts-Number and Average	2 - 34.5	2 - 61.5
Penalties-Number and Yards	0 - 0	4 - 30
Fumbles-Number and Lost	0 - 0	0 - 0
Red Zone Efficiency	1-3-33%	1-2-50%
Average Drive Start	LAC 38	TEN 23

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Tennessee Titans

RUSHING						RUSHING					
	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD		ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
J.Kelley	6	26	4.3	15	0	D.Henry	9	45	5.0	23	1
D.Davis	1	10	10.0	10	0	T.Spears	6	24	4.0	8	0
E.Dotson	3	4	1.3	2	0						
I.Spiller	1	3	3.0	3	0						
M.Williams	1	3	3.0	3	0						
J.Herbert	1	0	0.0	0	0						
Total	13	46	3.5	15	0	Total	15	69	4.6	23	1

PASSING									PASSING								
	ATT	CMP	YDS	SK/YD	TD	LG	IN	RT		ATT	CMP	YDS	SK/YD	TD	LG	IN	RT
J.Herbert	18	11	116	1/7	1	42	0	98.4	R.Tannehill	8	7	101	3/27	0	70	0	118.8
Total	18	11	116	1/7	1	42	0	98.4	Total	8	7	101	3/27	0	70	0	118.8

PASS RECEIVING							PASS RECEIVING						
	TAR	REC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD		TAR	REC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
K.Allen	5	4	65	16.3	42	1	T.Burks	3	3	76	25.3	70	0
M.Williams	5	3	26	8.7	20	0	N.Westbrook-Ikhine	2	2	21	10.5	14	0
Q.Johnston	2	1	7	7.0	7	0	C.Okonkwo	1	1	4	4.0	4	0
E.Dotson	1	1	7	7.0	7	0	D.Henry	1	1	0	0.0	0	0
J.Palmer	2	1	6	6.0	6	0	D.Hopkins	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
G.Everett	1	1	5	5.0	5	0							
J.Kelley	1	0	0	0.0	0	0							
Total	17	11	116	10.5	42	1	Total	8	7	101	14.4	70	0

Los Angeles Chargers

Regular Defensive Plays

Special Teams

Misc

Play By Play

First Quarter

TEN wins the coin toss and elects to defer. LAC elects to Receive, and TEN elects to defend the north goal.

N.Folk kicks 65 yards from TEN 35 to end zone, Touchback.

Los Angeles Chargers at 15:00

- 1-10-LAC 25 (15:00) (Shotgun) J.Herbert pass incomplete short left to J.Kelley.
- 2-10-LAC 25 (14:54) J.Herbert pass short left to Q.Johnston to LAC 32 for 7 yards (R.McCreary).
- 3-3-LAC 32 (14:11) (Shotgun) J.Herbert sacked at LAC 25 for -7 yards (D.Autry).
- 4-10-LAC 25 (13:31) J.Scott punts 40 yards to TEN 35, Center-J.Harris. K.Jackson to TEN 40 for 5 yards (N.Niemann).
PENALTY on TEN-T.Avery, Offensive Holding, 10 yards, enforced at TEN 35.

Tennessee Titans at 13:20

- 1-10-TEN 25 (13:20) (Shotgun) R.Tannehill pass short right to N.Westbrook-Ikhine pushed ob at TEN 32 for 7 yards (J.Jackson).
- 2-3-TEN 32 (12:49) (Shotgun) D.Henry right guard to TEN 37 for 5 yards (K.Murray; D.James). R1
- 1-10-TEN 37 (12:07) (Shotgun) D.Henry right guard to TEN 41 for 4 yards (K.Murray; A.Johnson).
- 2-6-TEN 41 (11:28) (Shotgun) R.Tannehill pass short left to C.Okonkwo to TEN 45 for 4 yards (D.James, N.Williams). TEN-C.Okonkwo was injured during the play.

Timeout at 11:13.

- 3-2-TEN 45 (11:00) (Shotgun) T.Spears right tackle to TEN 48 for 3 yards (A.Gilman, J.Taylor). R2
- 1-10-TEN 48 (10:25) (Shotgun) T.Spears right end to LAC 48 for 4 yards (K.Mack).
- 2-6-LAC 48 (9:39) D.Henry left end to LAC 47 for 1 yard (K.Murray; T.Tuipulotu).
- 3-5-LAC 47 (8:58) (Shotgun) T.Spears up the middle to LAC 46 for 1 yard (T.Tuipulotu, N.Niemann).
- 4-4-LAC 46 (8:14) (Shotgun) R.Tannehill sacked at TEN 48 for -6 yards (K.Murray).

Timeout at 08:11.

Los Angeles Chargers at 8:11

- 1-10-TEN 48 (8:11) (Shotgun) J.Kelley left guard to TEN 47 for 1 yard (R.McCreary).
- 2-9-TEN 47 (7:40) (Shotgun) J.Herbert pass short left to K.Allen pushed ob at TEN 40 for 7 yards (D.Autry).
- 3-2-TEN 40 (7:06) (Shotgun) J.Kelley up the middle to TEN 35 for 5 yards (A.Al-Shaair). R1
- 1-10-TEN 35 (6:34) (Shotgun) J.Herbert pass short left to K.Allen to TEN 27 for 8 yards (T.Avery).
- 2-2-TEN 27 (5:52) J.Herbert pass short left to M.Williams to TEN 28 for -1 yards (T.Avery).
- 3-3-TEN 28 (5:31) (No Huddle) E.Dotson left guard to TEN 27 for 1 yard (J.Simmons; R.McCreary).
- 4-2-TEN 27 (4:52) (Shotgun) J.Herbert pass short left to M.Williams pushed ob at TEN 7 for 20 yards (E.Molden). P2
- 1-7-TEN 7 (4:35) (No Huddle) J.Herbert pass incomplete short right to K.Allen (S.Murphy-Bunting).
- 2-7-TEN 7 (4:29) J.Kelley right tackle to TEN 9 for -2 yards (R.McCreary, A.Al-Shaair).
- 3-9-TEN 9 (3:56) (Shotgun) J.Herbert pass incomplete short right to M.Williams.
Penalty on LAC-T.Pipkins, Offensive Holding, declined.
- 4-9-TEN 9 **(3:49) C.Dicker 27 yard field goal is GOOD, Center-J.Harris, Holder-J.Scott.**

Timeout at 03:46.

LAC 3 TEN 0, 11 plays, 39 yards, 4:25 drive, 11:14 elapsed

C.Dicker kicks 65 yards from LAC 35 to end zone, Touchback.

Tennessee Titans at 3:46

- 1-10-TEN 25 (3:46) (Shotgun) T.Spears left guard to TEN 30 for 5 yards (T.Tuipulotu; A.Johnson).
- 2-5-TEN 30 (3:02) (Shotgun) *PENALTY on TEN-T.Wesco, False Start, 5 yards, enforced at TEN 30 - No Play.*
- 2-10-TEN 25 (2:38) (Shotgun) R.Tannehill pass incomplete short middle to D.Hopkins.
- 3-10-TEN 25 (2:34) (Shotgun) R.Tannehill sacked at TEN 17 for -8 yards (J.Bosa).
- 4-18-TEN 17 (1:55) R.Stonehouse punts 60 yards to LAC 23, Center-M.Cox. D.Davis pushed ob at LAC 36 for 13 yards (J.Chestnut).

Timeout at 01:42.

Los Angeles Chargers at 1:42

- 1-10-LAC 36 (1:42) J.Herbert pass short left to M.Williams pushed ob at LAC 43 for 7 yards (R.McCreary).
- 2-3-LAC 43 (1:08) J.Kelley right end to LAC 47 for 4 yards (S.Murphy-Bunting; R.Weaver). R3
- 1-10-LAC 47 (:31) M.Williams left end to 50 for 3 yards (K.Byard).

END OF QUARTER

		Time	First Downs				Efficiencies	
	Score	Poss	R	P	X	T	3 Down	4 Down
Los Angeles Chargers	3	7:47	2	1	0	3	1/4	1/1
Tennessee Titans	0	7:13	2	0	0	2	1/3	0/1

Second Quarter

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Play By Play

Los Angeles Chargers continued.

- 2-7-50 (15:00) (Shotgun) J.Herbert pass incomplete deep left to M.Williams.
 3-7-50 (14:53) (Shotgun) J.Herbert pass short left to J.Palmer to TEN 44 for 6 yards (T.Avery).
 4-1-TEN 44 (14:13) J.Scott punts 29 yards to TEN 15, Center-J.Harris, downed by LAC-D.Leonard.

Timeout at 14:05.

Tennessee Titans at 14:05

- 1-10-TEN 15 (14:05) D.Henry right guard to TEN 16 for 1 yard (D.James; N.Niemann).
 2-9-TEN 16 (13:27) (Shotgun) R.Tannehill pass short right to D.Henry to TEN 16 for no gain (D.James).
 3-9-TEN 16 (12:47) (Shotgun) R.Tannehill sacked at TEN 3 for -13 yards (M.Fox).
 4-22-TEN 3 (12:02) R.Stonehouse punts 63 yards to LAC 34, Center-M.Cox. D.Davis to TEN 47 for 19 yards (R.Weaver).

Timeout at 11:50.

Los Angeles Chargers at 11:50

- 1-10-TEN 47 (11:50) (Shotgun) J.Herbert pass short right to E.Dotson pushed ob at TEN 40 for 7 yards (S.Murphy-Bunting; A.Al-Shaair).
 2-3-TEN 40 (11:20) (Shotgun) E.Dotson up the middle to TEN 38 for 2 yards (N.Jones; K.Peko).
 3-1-TEN 38 (10:49) J.Herbert up the middle to TEN 38 for no gain (J.Simmons).
 4-1-TEN 38 (10:13) D.Davis left end pushed ob at TEN 28 for 10 yards (A.Al-Shaair). R4
PENALTY on TEN-A.Al-Shaair, Horse Collar Tackle, 14 yards, enforced at TEN 28. X5
 1-10-TEN 14 (9:53) (Shotgun) E.Dotson left guard to TEN 13 for 1 yard (J.Simmons; A.Al-Shaair).
 2-9-TEN 13 (9:14) (Shotgun) J.Herbert pass short right to G.Everett to TEN 8 for 5 yards (S.Murphy-Bunting, K.Byard).
 3-4-TEN 8 (8:29) (Shotgun) J.Herbert pass incomplete short left to J.Palmer.
 Los Angeles Chargers challenged the incomplete pass ruling, and the play was Upheld. The ruling on the field stands. (Timeout #1.)
 4-4-TEN 8 (8:24) (Shotgun) J.Herbert pass short left to K.Allen for 8 yards, TOUCHDOWN [A.Key]. P6
PENALTY on TEN-J.Simmons, Roughing the Passer, 1 yard, enforced between downs.
Penalty on TEN-T.Avery, Defensive Pass Interference, declined.
 79-T.Pipkins reported in as eligible. TWO-POINT CONVERSION ATTEMPT. J.Herbert pass to T.Pipkins is complete. ATTEMPT SUCCEEDS.

LAC 11 TEN 0, 8 plays, 47 yards, 1 penalty, 3:34 drive, 6:44 elapsed

C.Dicker kicks 65 yards from LAC 35 to end zone, Touchback.

Tennessee Titans at 8:16

- 1-10-TEN 25 (8:16) R.Tannehill pass deep left to T.Burks to LAC 5 for 70 yards (A.Samuel). P3
 1-5-LAC 5 (7:32) (No Huddle) D.Henry up the middle to LAC 1 for 4 yards (K.Murray; A.Ogbongbemiga).
 2-1-LAC 1 (7:12) (No Huddle) D.Henry up the middle for 1 yard, TOUCHDOWN. R4
 N.Folk extra point is GOOD, Center-M.Cox, Holder-R.Stonehouse.

Timeout at 07:09.

LAC 11 TEN 7, 3 plays, 75 yards, 1:07 drive, 7:51 elapsed

N.Folk kicks 64 yards from TEN 35 to LAC 1. D.Davis to LAC 25 for 24 yards (E.Molden).

Los Angeles Chargers at 7:09, (1st play from scrimmage 7:03)

- 1-10-LAC 25 (7:03) J.Kelley left guard to LAC 40 for 15 yards (K.Byard; E.Molden). R7
 1-10-LAC 40 (6:30) J.Kelley up the middle to LAC 43 for 3 yards (A.Al-Shaair).
 2-7-LAC 43 (5:55) (Shotgun) J.Herbert pass deep right to K.Allen ran ob at TEN 15 for 42 yards (K.Byard). P8
 1-10-TEN 15 (5:18) J.Herbert pass incomplete short right.
 2-10-TEN 15 (5:12) (Shotgun) I.Spiller up the middle to TEN 12 for 3 yards (J.Gibbens, H.Landry).
 3-7-TEN 12 (4:31) (Shotgun) J.Herbert pass incomplete short left to Q.Johnston (T.Avery).
 4-7-TEN 12 (4:27) C.Dicker 30 yard field goal is GOOD, Center-J.Harris, Holder-J.Scott.

Timeout at 04:23.

LAC 14 TEN 7, 7 plays, 63 yards, 2:46 drive, 10:37 elapsed

C.Dicker kicks 65 yards from LAC 35 to end zone, Touchback.

Tennessee Titans at 4:23

- 1-10-TEN 25 (4:23) D.Henry left end to TEN 48 for 23 yards (A.Gilman, N.Niemann). R5
 1-10-TEN 48 (3:40) (Shotgun) R.Tannehill pass short right to T.Burks to LAC 47 for 5 yards (A.Samuel).
 2-5-LAC 47 (3:02) (Shotgun) T.Spears left end to LAC 44 for 3 yards (M.Davis).
 3-2-LAC 44 (2:16) T.Spears right guard to LAC 36 for 8 yards (K.Murray). R6

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- 1-10-LAC 36 (2:00) (Shotgun) R.Tannehill pass short middle to N.Westbrook-Ikhine to LAC 22 for 14 yards (A.Samuel).
Timeout #2 by LAC at 01:32.
- 1-10-LAC 22 (1:32) (Shotgun) D.Henry right guard to LAC 19 for 3 yards (J.Bosa).
- 2-7-LAC 19 (:56) (Shotgun) D.Henry right guard to LAC 16 for 3 yards (J.Bosa; K.Mack).
Timeout #1 by TEN at 00:50.
- 3-4-LAC 16 (:50) (Shotgun) R.Tannehill pass short left to T.Burks to LAC 15 for 1 yard (K.Murray).
Timeout #2 by TEN at 00:04.
- 4-3-LAC 15 (:03) **N.Folk 33 yard field goal is GOOD, Center-M.Cox, Holder-R.Stonehouse.**

LAC 14 TEN 10, 9 plays, 60 yards, 4:23 drive, 15:00 elapsed

END OF QUARTER	Score	Time Poss	First Downs				Efficiencies	
			R	P	X	T	3 Down	4 Down
Los Angeles Chargers	14	7:15	2	2	1	5	0/4	2/2
Tennessee Titans	10	7:45	3	2	0	5	1/3	0/0

Third Quarter

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Play By Play

TEN elects to Receive, and LAC elects to defend the South goal.

C.Dicker kicks 65 yards from LAC 35 to end zone, Touchback.

Tennessee Titans at 15:00

1-10-TEN 25	(15:00) D.Henry right guard to TEN 29 for 4 yards (N.Niemann).	
2-6-TEN 29	(14:19) (Shotgun) R.Tannehill pass short left to T.Spears to TEN 31 for 2 yards (J.Taylor).	
3-4-TEN 31	(13:39) (Shotgun) R.Tannehill pass short left to D.Hopkins to TEN 40 for 9 yards (J.Jackson) [M.Fox].	P8
<u>1-10-TEN 40</u>	(13:01) R.Tannehill pass short middle to C.Okonkwo to LAC 40 for 20 yards (D.James, A.Gilman).	P9
<u>1-10-LAC 40</u>	(12:16) R.Tannehill pass incomplete short right to D.Henry (K.Mack).	
2-10-LAC 40	(12:12) D.Henry up the middle to LAC 38 for 2 yards (K.Mack, A.Gilman).	
3-8-LAC 38	(11:31) (Shotgun) <i>PENALTY on TEN-J.Whyle, False Start, 5 yards, enforced at LAC 38 - No Play.</i>	
3-13-LAC 43	(11:07) (Shotgun) R.Tannehill pass incomplete short right to N.Westbrook-Ikhine. <i>PENALTY on LAC-D.James, Unnecessary Roughness, 15 yards, enforced at LAC 43 - No Play.</i>	X10
<u>1-10-LAC 28</u>	(11:04) D.Henry up the middle to LAC 24 for 4 yards (D.James).	
2-6-LAC 24	(10:24) R.Tannehill pass incomplete deep right to T.Burks.	
3-6-LAC 24	(10:19) (Shotgun) R.Tannehill pass incomplete deep left to T.Burks. <i>PENALTY on LAC-S.Joseph, Roughing the Passer, 12 yards, enforced at LAC 24 - No Play.</i>	X11
<u>1-10-LAC 12</u>	(10:14) (Shotgun) R.Tannehill right tackle for 12 yards, TOUCHDOWN. N.Folk extra point is GOOD, Center-M.Cox, Holder-R.Stonehouse.	R12

Timeout at 10:08.

LAC 14 TEN 17, 9 plays, 75 yards, 2 penalties, 4:52 drive, 4:52 elapsed

N.Folk kicks 65 yards from TEN 35 to end zone, Touchback.

Los Angeles Chargers at 10:08

1-10-LAC 25	(10:08) (Shotgun) J.Herbert pass short middle to M.Williams to LAC 36 for 11 yards (J.Gibbens; H.Landry).	P9
<u>1-10-LAC 36</u>	(9:34) (Shotgun) J.Herbert pass short right to M.Williams to LAC 47 for 11 yards (S.Murphy-Bunting; K.Byard).	P10
<u>1-10-LAC 47</u>	(8:55) (Shotgun) J.Kelley right guard to 50 for 3 yards (E.Molden).	
2-7-50	(8:22) J.Kelley up the middle to TEN 49 for 1 yard (D.Autry).	
3-6-TEN 49	(7:45) (Shotgun) J.Herbert sacked at LAC 42 for -9 yards (J.Simmons).	
4-15-LAC 42	(7:08) J.Scott punts 45 yards to TEN 13, Center-J.Harris, fair catch by K.Jackson.	

Timeout at 07:00.

Tennessee Titans at 7:00

1-10-TEN 13	(7:00) D.Henry up the middle to TEN 17 for 4 yards (K.Mack).	
2-6-TEN 17	(6:24) (Shotgun) R.Tannehill pass short right to C.Okonkwo to TEN 25 for 8 yards (N.Niemann).	P13
<u>1-10-TEN 25</u>	(5:44) R.Tannehill pass short left to D.Henry to TEN 34 for 9 yards (K.Murray).	
2-1-TEN 34	(5:14) (No Huddle) D.Henry up the middle to TEN 36 for 2 yards (A.Johnson, T.Tuipulotu).	R14
<u>1-10-TEN 36</u>	(4:37) T.Spears left tackle to TEN 47 for 11 yards (D.James, J.Jackson).	R15
<u>1-10-TEN 47</u>	(4:01) (No Huddle, Shotgun) R.Tannehill pass short left to D.Hopkins to 50 for 3 yards (J.Jackson).	
2-7-50	(3:23) (Shotgun) R.Tannehill pass incomplete short left to T.Wesco.	
3-7-50	(3:19) (Shotgun) R.Tannehill sacked at TEN 37 for -13 yards (J.Bosa).	
4-20-TEN 37	(2:49) R.Stonehouse punts 63 yards to end zone, Center-M.Cox, Touchback.	

Timeout at 02:39.

Los Angeles Chargers at 2:39

1-10-LAC 20	(2:39) (Shotgun) J.Herbert pass short left to K.Allen to LAC 29 for 9 yards (T.Avery).	
2-1-LAC 29	(1:59) J.Herbert pass incomplete deep right to K.Allen. <i>PENALTY on LAC-R.Slater, Offensive Holding, 9 yards, enforced at LAC 29 - No Play.</i>	
2-10-LAC 20	(1:54) (Shotgun) J.Herbert pass short middle to M.Williams to LAC 31 for 11 yards (K.Byard).	P11
<u>1-10-LAC 31</u>	(1:18) J.Kelley up the middle to LAC 31 for no gain (T.Tart, K.Peko).	
2-10-LAC 31	(:45) (Shotgun) J.Herbert pass deep right to S.Smartt to TEN 45 for 24 yards (K.Byard) [J.Simmons].	P12
<u>1-10-TEN 45</u>	(:09) (Shotgun) J.Herbert pass short right to G.Everett to TEN 16 for 29 yards (A.Al-Shaair).	P13

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END OF QUARTER

	Time	First Downs				Efficiencies		
Score	Poss	R	P	X	T	3 Down	4 Down	
Los Angeles Chargers	14	5:47	0	5	0	5	0/1	0/0
Tennessee Titans	17	9:13	3	3	2	8	1/2	0/0

Fourth Quarter

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Play By Play

Los Angeles Chargers continued.

- 1-10-TEN 16 (15:00) (Shotgun) J.Kelley left guard to TEN 12 for 4 yards (A.Al-Shaair).
 2-6-TEN 12 (14:41) (No Huddle, Shotgun) J.Herbert pass short left to K.Allen for 12 yards, TOUCHDOWN.
 C.Dicker extra point is GOOD, Center-J.Harris, Holder-J.Scott.

P14

Timeout at 14:38.

LAC 21 TEN 17, 7 plays, 80 yards, 3:01 drive, 0:22 elapsed

C.Dicker kicks 65 yards from LAC 35 to end zone, Touchback.

Tennessee Titans at 14:38

- 1-10-TEN 25 (14:38) D.Henry up the middle to TEN 31 for 6 yards (D.James; S.Joseph).
 2-4-TEN 31 (13:55) D.Henry right tackle to TEN 30 for -1 yards (M.Davis, S.Joseph).
 3-5-TEN 30 (13:15) (Shotgun) PENALTY on TEN-D.Radunz, False Start, 5 yards, enforced at TEN 30 - No Play.
 3-10-TEN 25 (13:15) (Shotgun) R.Tannehill pass short left to C.Okonkwo to TEN 28 for 3 yards (A.Samuel, D.James).
 4-7-TEN 28 (12:37) R.Stonehouse punts 58 yards to LAC 14, Center-M.Cox. D.Davis to LAC 34 for 20 yards (M.Rice).

Timeout at 12:25.

Los Angeles Chargers at 12:25

- 1-10-LAC 34 (12:25) (Shotgun) J.Herbert pass incomplete deep left to M.Williams.
 2-10-LAC 34 (12:19) (Shotgun) J.Herbert pass short right to E.Dotson pushed ob at LAC 40 for 6 yards (J.Gibbens).
 3-4-LAC 40 (11:49) (No Huddle, Shotgun) E.Dotson up the middle to LAC 42 for 2 yards (K.Byard, J.Simmons).
 4-2-LAC 42 (11:09) J.Scott punts 44 yards to TEN 14, Center-J.Harris, fair catch by K.Jackson.

Tennessee Titans at 11:01

- 1-10-TEN 14 (11:01) D.Henry right tackle to TEN 16 for 2 yards (T.Tuipulotu).
 2-8-TEN 16 (10:21) (Shotgun) R.Tannehill pass short right to T.Spears to TEN 20 for 4 yards (D.James).
 3-4-TEN 20 (9:41) (Shotgun) R.Tannehill sacked at TEN 14 for -6 yards (T.Tuipulotu).
 4-10-TEN 14 (8:58) R.Stonehouse punts 62 yards to LAC 24, Center-M.Cox. D.Davis to LAC 35 for 11 yards (L.Gifford; J.Chestnut).

Timeout at 08:44.

Los Angeles Chargers at 8:44

- 1-10-LAC 35 (8:44) J.Kelley left end to LAC 39 for 4 yards (K.Byard, J.Gibbens).
 2-6-LAC 39 (8:07) (Shotgun) J.Kelley up the middle to LAC 37 for -2 yards (T.Tart).
 3-8-LAC 37 (7:30) (Shotgun) J.Herbert pass short right to G.Everett pushed ob at 50 for 13 yards (S.Murphy-Bunting).
1-10-50 (6:55) (Shotgun) J.Kelley right guard to TEN 47 for 3 yards (J.Gibbens).
 2-7-TEN 47 (6:16) (Shotgun) J.Herbert pass incomplete short right to M.Williams (S.Murphy-Bunting).
 3-7-TEN 47 (6:12) (No Huddle, Shotgun) J.Herbert pass incomplete short middle to K.Allen (M.Brown).
 4-7-TEN 47 (6:08) J.Scott punts 29 yards to TEN 18, Center-J.Harris, fair catch by K.Jackson.

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Tennessee Titans at 6:00

- 1-10-TEN 18 (6:00) R.Tannehill pass deep middle to C.Moore to LAC 33 for 49 yards (M.Davis).
1-10-LAC 33 (5:19) (No Huddle) D.Henry right guard to LAC 28 for 5 yards (N.Niemann).
 2-5-LAC 28 (4:38) D.Henry right end to LAC 27 for 1 yard (T.Tuipulotu; K.Murray).
 3-4-LAC 27 (3:55) (Shotgun) R.Tannehill pass short right to D.Hopkins to LAC 13 for 14 yards (D.James).
 PENALTY on LAC-K.Murray, Roughing the Passer, 7 yards, enforced at LAC 13.
1-6-LAC 6 (3:50) D.Henry left end to LAC 1 for 5 yards (A.Johnson).
 2-1-LAC 1 (3:07) D.Henry right tackle to LAC 4 for -3 yards (K.Murray).
 3-4-LAC 4 (2:25) (Shotgun) R.Tannehill pass short middle to N.Westbrook-Ikhine for 4 yards, TOUCHDOWN.
 N.Folk extra point is GOOD, Center-M.Cox, Holder-R.Stonehouse.

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LAC 21 TEN 24, 7 plays, 82 yards, 1 penalty, 3:38 drive, 12:38 elapsed

N.Folk kicks 65 yards from TEN 35 to end zone, Touchback.

Los Angeles Chargers at 2:22

- 1-10-LAC 25 (2:22) (Shotgun) J.Herbert pass short middle to M.Williams to LAC 40 for 15 yards (T.Avery).
1-10-LAC 40 (2:01) (No Huddle, Shotgun) J.Herbert pass short left to M.Williams to LAC 49 for 9 yards (T.Avery).

P16

Two-Minute Warning

- 2-1-LAC 49 (1:56) (Shotgun) J.Herbert pass short left to D.Parham to TEN 44 for 7 yards (T.Avery; K.Byard).

P17

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- 1-10-TEN 44 (1:36) (No Huddle, Shotgun) J.Herbert pass incomplete deep left to D.Parham.
PENALTY on TEN-A.Key, Defensive Offside, 5 yards, enforced at TEN 44 - No Play.
- 1-5-TEN 39 (1:34) (Shotgun) J.Herbert pass short right to K.Allen to TEN 25 for 14 yards (R.McCreary; K.Byard). P18
- 1-10-TEN 25 (1:15) (No Huddle, Shotgun) J.Herbert pass incomplete deep left to D.Parham.
- 2-10-TEN 25 (1:11) (Shotgun) J.Herbert pass short left to K.Allen to TEN 14 for 11 yards (E.Molden). P19
- 1-10-TEN 14 (:51) (No Huddle, Shotgun) J.Herbert pass short left to J.Palmer to TEN 10 for 4 yards (K.Byard).
- 2-6-TEN 10 (:27) (No Huddle, Shotgun) J.Herbert pass short left to J.Palmer to TEN 7 for 3 yards (T.Avery).
Timeout #1 by LAC at 00:21.
Timeout #1 by TEN at 00:21.
- 3-3-TEN 7 (:20) (Shotgun) J.Herbert sacked at TEN 15 for -8 yards (H.Landry).
Timeout #2 by LAC at 00:03.
- 4-11-TEN 15 **(:03) C.Dicker 33 yard field goal is GOOD, Center-J.Harris, Holder-J.Scott.**

LAC 24 TEN 24, 10 plays, 60 yards, 1 penalty, 2:22 drive, 15:00 elapsed

END OF QUARTER

	Score	Time Poss	First Downs				Efficiencies	
			R	P	X	T	3 Down	4 Down
Los Angeles Chargers	24	6:52	0	6	0	6	1/4	0/0
Tennessee Titans	24	8:08	0	3	1	4	2/4	0/0

Overtime

Play By Play

LAC wins toss, elects to Receive, and TEN elects to defend the North goal.

N.Folk kicks 65 yards from TEN 35 to end zone, Touchback.

Los Angeles Chargers at 10:00

- 1-10-LAC 25 (10:00) (Shotgun) J.Herbert pass incomplete deep right to M.Williams (S.Murphy-Bunting).
- 2-10-LAC 25 (9:54) (Shotgun) J.Herbert pass incomplete deep right.
- 3-10-LAC 25 (9:49) (Shotgun) J.Herbert pass incomplete deep left to J.Palmer.
- 4-10-LAC 25 (9:43) J.Scott punts 47 yards to TEN 28, Center-J.Harris. K.Jackson to TEN 39 for 11 yards (J.Harris).

Tennessee Titans at 9:32

- 1-10-TEN 39 (9:32) (Shotgun) T.Spears right end to LAC 47 for 14 yards (A.Gilman). R20
- 1-10-LAC 47 (8:52) (Shotgun) R.Tannehill pass short right to D.Henry to LAC 41 for 6 yards (N.Niemann).
- 2-4-LAC 41 (8:09) D.Henry up the middle to LAC 39 for 2 yards (N.Niemann; N.Williams).
Timeout #1 by LAC at 07:31.
- 3-2-LAC 39 (7:31) D.Henry left tackle to LAC 37 for 2 yards (K.Mack; A.Samuel). R21
The Replay Official reviewed the first down ruling, and the play was Upheld. The ruling on the field stands.
- 1-10-LAC 37 (6:51) (Shotgun) R.Tannehill pass short right to D.Hopkins ran ob at LAC 23 for 14 yards. P22
- 1-10-LAC 23 (6:27) D.Henry up the middle to LAC 25 for -2 yards (A.Samuel, S.Joseph).
- 2-12-LAC 25 (5:48) D.Henry right guard to LAC 23 for 2 yards (S.Joseph; A.Gilman).
- 3-10-LAC 23 (5:06) **N.Folk 41 yard field goal is GOOD, Center-M.Cox, Holder-R.Stonehouse.**

LAC 24 TEN 27, 8 plays, 38 yards, 4:30 drive, 4:58 elapsed
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END OF QUARTER

	Score	Time Poss	First Downs				Efficiencies	
			R	P	X	T	3 Down	4 Down
Los Angeles Chargers	24	0:28	0	0	0	0	0/1	0/0
Tennessee Titans	27	4:30	2	1	0	3	1/1	0/0

Miscellaneous Statistics Report

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9/17/2023 at Nissan Stadium

Ten Longest Plays for Los Angeles Chargers

Yards	Qtr	Play Start	Play Description
42	2	2-7-LAC 43	(5:55) (Shotgun) J.Herbert pass deep right to K.Allen ran ob at TEN 15 for 42 yards (K.Byard).
29	3	1-10-TEN 45	(:09) (Shotgun) J.Herbert pass short right to G.Everett to TEN 16 for 29 yards (A.AI-Shaair).
24	2	4-1-TEN 38	(10:13) D.Davis left end pushed ob at TEN 28 for 10 yards (A.AI-Shaair). PENALTY on TEN-A.AI-Shaair, Horse Collar Tackle, 14 yards, enforced at TEN 28.
24	3	2-10-LAC 31	(:45) (Shotgun) J.Herbert pass deep right to S.Smartt to TEN 45 for 24 yards (K.Byard) [J.Simmons].
20	1	4-2-TEN 27	(4:52) (Shotgun) J.Herbert pass short left to M.Williams pushed ob at TEN 7 for 20 yards (E.Molden).
15	2	1-10-LAC 25	(7:03) J.Kelley left guard to LAC 40 for 15 yards (K.Byard; E.Molden).
15	4	1-10-LAC 25	(2:22) (Shotgun) J.Herbert pass short middle to M.Williams to LAC 40 for 15 yards (T.Avery).
14	4	1-5-TEN 39	(1:34) (Shotgun) J.Herbert pass short right to K.Allen to TEN 25 for 14 yards (R.McCreary; K.Byard).
13	4	3-8-LAC 37	(7:30) (Shotgun) J.Herbert pass short right to G.Everett pushed ob at 50 for 13 yards (S.Murphy-Bunting).
12	4	2-6-TEN 12	(14:41) (No Huddle, Shotgun) J.Herbert pass short left to K.Allen for 12 yards, TOUCHDOWN.

Ten Longest Plays for Tennessee Titans

Yards	Qtr	Play Start	Play Description
70	2	1-10-TEN 25	(8:16) R.Tannehill pass deep left to T.Burks to LAC 5 for 70 yards (A.Samuel).
49	4	1-10-TEN 18	(6:00) R.Tannehill pass deep middle to C.Moore to LAC 33 for 49 yards (M.Davis).
23	2	1-10-TEN 25	(4:23) D.Henry left end to TEN 48 for 23 yards (A.Gilman, N.Niemann).
21	4	3-4-LAC 27	(3:55) (Shotgun) R.Tannehill pass short right to D.Hopkins to LAC 13 for 14 yards (D.James).
20	3	1-10-TEN 40	(13:01) R.Tannehill pass short middle to C.Okonkwo to LAC 40 for 20 yards (D.James, A.Gilman).
14	2	1-10-LAC 36	(2:00) (Shotgun) R.Tannehill pass short middle to N.Westbrook-Ikhine to LAC 22 for 14 yards (A.Samuel).
14	5	1-10-TEN 39	(9:32) (Shotgun) T.Spears right end to LAC 47 for 14 yards (A.Gilman).
14	5	1-10-LAC 37	(6:51) (Shotgun) R.Tannehill pass short right to D.Hopkins ran ob at LAC 23 for 14 yards.
12	3	1-10-LAC 12	(10:14) (Shotgun) R.Tannehill right tackle for 12 yards, TOUCHDOWN.
11	3	1-10-TEN 36	(4:37) T.Spears left tackle to TEN 47 for 11 yards (D.James, J.Jackson).

Touchdown Scoring Information

		Offense	Defense	Special Teams
VISITOR	Los Angeles Chargers	2	0	0
HOME	Tennessee Titans	3	0	0

Player Scoring Information

Club	Player	TD	Rush TD	Rec TD	KO TD	Punt TD	Int TD	Fum TD	Misc TD	FG	XP	2Pt Rush	2Pt Rec	Sfty	Points
LAC	K.Allen	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
LAC	C.Dicker	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	10
LAC	T.Pipkins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
TEN	N.Folk	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	9
TEN	D.Henry	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
TEN	R.Tannehill	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
TEN	N.Westbrook-Ikhine	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6

Possession Detail

	First Half		Second Half		Game	
	Visitor	Home	Visitor	Home	Visitor	Home
Largest Lead	11	0	4	3	11	3
Drives Leading	3	0	2	1	5	1
Time of Possession Leading	8:57	0:00	4:08	4:21	13:05	4:21
Largest Deficit	0	-11	-3	-4	-3	-11
Drives Trailing	0	4	3	4	3	8
Time of Possession Trailing	0:00	9:49	8:31	13:00	8:31	22:49
Times Score Tied Up		0		1		1
Lead Changes		1		4		5

Playtime Percentage

Percent of playtime per player on offense, defense and special teams (Unofficial)

Los Angeles Chargers

Tennessee Titans

		Offense	Defense	Special Teams				Offense	Defense	Special Teams			
J Salyer	G	68	100%	4	13%	A Dillard	T	65	100%	5	17%		
R Slater	T	68	100%	4	13%	C Hubbard	T	65	100%	5	17%		
T Pipkins	T	68	100%	4	13%	D Brunskill	C	65	100%	5	17%		
Z Johnson	G	68	100%	4	13%	A Brewer	G	65	100%				
J Herbert	QB	68	100%			R Tannehill	QB	65	100%				
C Linsley	C	68	100%			D Radunz	T	53	82%	5	17%		
K Allen	WR	64	94%			D Henry	RB	46	71%				
M Williams	WR	61	90%			C Okonkwo	TE	45	69%	1	3%		
J Kelley	RB	54	79%			N Westbrook-Ikhine	WR	44	68%	16	53%		
J Palmer	WR	37	54%			T Burks	WR	42	65%				
D Parham	TE	34	50%			T Wesco	TE	40	62%	10	33%		
G Everett	TE	28	41%			D Hopkins	WR	39	60%				
S Smartt	TE	22	32%	15	50%	C Moore	WR	30	46%	8	27%		
D Davis	WR	11	16%	10	33%	T Spears	RB	24	37%				
Q Johnston	WR	10	15%			J Whyte	TE	14	22%	9	30%		
E Dotson	RB	9	13%	10	33%	X Newman-Johnson	G	12	18%	5	17%		
T McKitty	TE	5	7%	11	37%	J Chestnut	RB	1	2%	15	50%		
I Spiller	RB	4	6%			E Molden	CB		68	100%	9	30%	
W Clapp	C	1	1%	4	13%	K Byard	FS		68	100%	2	7%	
A Gilman	SS		65	100%	10	33%	A Al-Shaair	LB		67	99%	4	13%
A Samuel	CB		65	100%	5	17%	R McCreary	CB		67	99%		
D James	SS		65	100%			S Murphy-Bunting	CB		67	99%		
K Murray	LB		65	100%			J Simmons	DT		60	88%	6	20%
K Mack	DE		59	91%			T Avery	CB		56	82%	14	47%
T Tuipulotu	DE		50	77%	26	87%	H Landry	LB		54	79%		
N Niemann	LB		50	77%	13	43%	A Key	LB		49	72%	7	23%
A Johnson	DT		45	69%	5	17%	J Gibbens	LB		45	66%	12	40%
S Joseph	DT		45	69%	4	13%	D Autry	DE		45	66%	6	20%
J Jackson	CB		41	63%			T Tart	DT		34	50%		
J Taylor	CB		34	52%	15	50%	K Peko	DT		27	40%	6	20%
N Williams	DT		32	49%	9	30%	M Brown	FS		20	29%	23	77%
M Davis	CB		24	37%	8	27%	R Weaver	LB		9	13%	13	43%
M Fox	DT		23	35%	5	17%	N Jones	DT		6	9%		
J Bosa	DE		19	29%			J Peevy	DT		4	6%		
S Matlock	NT		17	26%	6	20%	L Gifford	LB				25	83%
B Allen	DE		8	12%	10	33%	A Kendall	CB				20	67%
A Ogbongbemiga	LB		4	6%	24	80%	M Rice	LB				19	63%
J Woods	FS		4	6%	3	10%	O Reese	LB				14	47%
T Muse	LB				26	87%	M Jackson	SS				14	47%
D Marlowe	SS				21	70%	K Jackson	WR				11	37%
D Leonard	CB				21	70%	R Stonehouse	P				10	33%
R Layne	SS				20	67%	M Cox	LS				10	33%
J Harris	LS				10	33%	N Folk	K				10	33%
J Scott	P				10	33%	C Levin	C				5	17%
C Dicker	P				9	30%							

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LOS ANGELES CHARGERS

Why Chargers' hiring of Kellen Moore is giving Brandon Staley vibes of Sean McVay

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On quiet evenings in February, a ritual was forming inside the Chargers facility. Each night, after a day of offseason work — self-scouting, evaluating, planning — Brandon Staley and Kellen Moore would convene for one-on-one meetings.

Moore was less than a month into his new job as Chargers offensive coordinator. His wife and three kids were still in Dallas, where the family had lived for the past eight years. The full-time move to Southern California would come later. Moore had his nights free, and he spent them debriefing with his recently discovered kindred spirit. A nightcap of film for Staley and Moore was the only item on the cocktail menu.

These recap sessions were a dream for the football-obsessed coaches in the infancy of their partnership. No idea too lofty. No concept or play design off the table. The meetings were part creative expression, part bonding experience, part football history discourse.

"We were able to kind of do this problem-solving quest together," Moore said.

Moore would offer up a concept he thought might work for Justin Herbert and the Chargers' talented skill players. Staley would reply with four or five examples, when similar concepts gave his defenses fits.

Staley poured his encyclopedic knowledge of NFL defensive schematics onto Moore — structures, systems, rules and the stress points an offensive play caller can exploit.

"Guys like him love that," Staley said of Moore.

For Staley, this process marked a 180-degree role reversal. Because three years ago, Staley was catalyzing a similar exchange of ideas with Rams coach Sean McVay.

After the 2019 season, McVay had parted ways with defensive coordinator Wade Phillips, an original member of his staff. McVay and Phillips had made the Super Bowl together in 2018. The following year, the Rams finished 9-7 and missed the postseason, but Phillips' defense finished in the top 10 in multiple advanced statistical metrics.

McVay nonetheless decided to move on from Phillips. There was a level the Rams defense had not yet reached, and McVay went looking for a forward-thinking defensive mind who could push the unit there. He found that in Staley, who was hired as Rams defensive coordinator in January 2020 after a 12-hour in-person interview with McVay in Los Angeles.

The Rams finished 2020 ranked No. 1 in weighted DVOA, a Football Outsiders efficiency metric. Staley was hired as Chargers head coach weeks later.

Staley is now entering his third season with the Chargers. And as those nightly February meetings with Moore set the foundation for a 2023 season teeming with expectations, Staley could not help but compare his current situation to the 2020 offseason with McVay.

"The parallels were crazy," Staley said.

Staley fired offensive coordinator Joe Lombardi three days after the Chargers' historic playoff collapse at the Jaguars in January.

Lombardi's offense was not poor. The Chargers were tied for sixth in offensive scoring over his two seasons calling plays. But as Staley assessed where his team was and where it needed to go after the shocking defeat in Jacksonville, he came to a familiar conclusion.

"Just like Sean felt like he needed to make that change, I felt like I was in a very similar spot," Staley said during a June sit-down interview in his office. "There were a lot of good things that have happened for two years. But you knew that there was another level that you could get to."

What transpired next over a whirlwind weekend in late January led Staley, officially, to that someone — Kellen Moore.

Unknowingly, the two started laying the groundwork for the partnership as early as 2020.

One could call it luck, or destiny, or merely preparation meeting opportunity. Regardless, Staley has found what he says is a true "competitor" and "energizing" force in Moore.

How Moore performs in building this Chargers offense and elevating Herbert will, more than anything, be the deciding factor in the team's 2023 season — and Staley's future as head coach.

Staley debuted as Rams defensive coordinator on Sept. 13, 2020, at SoFi Stadium. It was the first time he called plays in an NFL game.

Standing on the other sideline calling plays for the Cowboys' offense? Kellen Moore.

Staley was familiar with Moore's career as a player and coach, admiring the former Boise State standout from afar. Moore became the winningest quarterback in college football history with 50 victories from 2008 to 2011. He went on to spend six seasons as an NFL quarterback, with the Lions and Cowboys, before joining Jason Garrett's staff as quarterbacks coach in 2018.

It was in this Rams-Cowboys game, though, that Staley started to appreciate Moore's football acumen firsthand. While preparing his Rams players for the opener, Staley had warned of the versatility of running backs Ezekiel Elliott and Tony Pollard and the potential for one of the backs to split out to receiver in certain two-back packages.

Moore took it a step further. On the Cowboys' third offensive play, Moore lined up CeeDee Lamb, then a rookie making his NFL debut, in the backfield next to quarterback Dak Prescott. Elliott was at receiver to the right side. Prescott took the snap. Lamb ran a wheel route up the left sideline. The Rams carried Lamb's route, but Elliott came open on a shallow crosser, in the space Lamb created. Prescott hit Elliott, who surged ahead for a first down.

"He's going to be a good coach," Staley remembered thinking after that play.

Staley's defense held the Cowboys to 17 points, and the Rams escaped with a three-point victory, closing the game out in a two-minute drill.

He walked away impressed.

"It definitely started that first night at SoFi," Staley said.

Moore had a similar experience. Staley, at that point in his career, was a relative mystery. Moore knew Staley had coached under Vic Fangio for three seasons, in Chicago and Denver, before taking the Rams job. But the preseason was canceled in 2020. There was no film of Staley's scheme and play-calling. Moore and the Cowboys staff had to do some guesswork to figure out what his defense would look like.

During lunch breaks in the week leading up to that game, Moore and a couple of his younger offensive coaches watched YouTube clips of Division III John Carroll's 2016 defense.

That was the last time Staley had called plays.

"There's just such an element of unknowns," Moore said.

Those unknowns transformed into respect over 60 minutes.

"He just gave you so many different looks and so many different presentations," Moore said. "Usually on the offensive side, you're trying to create this for the defense, and he's doing it in the reverse order."

Moore and Staley faced off again in Week 2 of 2021. Moore was still calling plays for Mike McCarthy's Cowboys. Staley, of course, had moved on to take the Chargers job. Moore got redemption, helping Dallas to a 20-17 victory in another tight game that came down to the wire.

"Playing against him the second time, I was like, 'He really makes it easy for his guys, but he makes it tough for you,'" Staley said. "That's what good coaches do."

The following summer, the Cowboys came to Orange County for joint practices with the Chargers ahead of the teams' preseason matchup in Los Angeles.

The respect developed during the preparation and competition through those first two games. But it is difficult to truly understand what makes another coach tick — demeanor, personality, style — without interacting up close.

The two joint practices in August 2022 afforded Moore and Staley that opportunity.

The Cowboys and Chargers coaches collaborated on scripts and practice structure. Staley brought player leaders from both teams together to emphasize the importance of clean practices.

The process added depth to the burgeoning relationship.

"The whole operation for two straight days was just phenomenal," Moore said.

Staley and Moore called plays against each other for the two days.

"He's got a great way about him — really good presence, very calm, really smart, and I really value that," Staley said. "And the ball was really good."

Staley and Moore chatted before the preseason game, and the two vowed to stay in touch during the season.

As the Chargers were battered with injuries, so were the Cowboys. Left tackle Tyron Smith suffered a significant hamstring and knee injury in practice, after the Chargers-Cowboys preseason game. Prescott missed four games with a thumb injury.

The two coaches commiserated about these harsh NFL realities over text: "Hey, love what you're doing, know how impossible it is."

The Cowboys went 4-0 with Cooper Rush starting in place of Prescott and made the playoffs at 12-5. The Chargers won four straight games in December and January to clinch a playoff spot. The texts continued through the season. Neither Staley nor Moore knew in the moment how consequential the communication would end up being.

On the night of Sunday, Jan. 29, McCarthy announced that the Cowboys and Moore had reached a "mutual decision to part ways." This came one week after the Cowboys' 19-12 loss to the 49ers in the divisional round of the playoffs and five days after Moore interviewed for the Panthers head job.

As the Cowboys entered a transition phase with their coaching staff, the Chargers were in the midst of their own shakeup in the aftermath of the Jacksonville loss. They fired Lombardi and quarterbacks coach Shane Day on Jan. 17.

The decision was painful for Staley. He and Lombardi had a longstanding relationship dating to when Staley played for Lombardi at Mercyhurst College in 2005. Day and Herbert had developed a close relationship over two years.

"You know it's impossible, but you know that you have to do it," Staley said in June. "You have to do what's right."

The day after the Chargers announced the firings, Staley identified three areas in which his offense had to improve: running game, marriage of the run and pass, and creating more explosive plays on early downs.

Over Lombardi's two seasons calling plays, the Chargers ranked sixth in expected points added per play, according to TruMedia. The unit had taken a clear step back in 2022, but injuries were an unavoidable factor. Rashawn Slater, out for the season after a torn biceps in Week 3. Keenan Allen, seven games missed with a hamstring injury. Mike Williams, high ankle sprain and fractured back. Herbert, fractured rib cartilage and torn labrum. Despite that, the Chargers made the playoffs and then built a 27-0 lead in their first postseason game since 2018.

Still, the issues Staley pinpointed were real. Lombardi's offense was too reliant on third-down performance. Over two seasons, the Chargers ranked 11th in EPA per play on first and second down, including 16th in 2022. On third and fourth down, they ranked third. The Chargers also ranked 20th in explosive-play rate on early downs; an explosive play is defined by TruMedia as any rush over 11 yards or any completion over 15 yards.

The rushing scheme never established an identity either. Part of that was some transition, as run game coordinator Frank Smith left for the Dolphins' offensive coordinator position last offseason. Part of that was offensive line injuries in 2022, particularly losing Slater. But part of that too was Lombardi's scheming and play-calling. The Chargers ranked 22nd in EPA per rush in 2022 — a sluggish overall season that was epitomized by the second half in Jacksonville, when Lombardi's offense mustered just 7 yards on seven carries while trying to protect a 27-point lead.

"We didn't ever get good at one thing last year in the run game," center Corey Linsley said in June. "We had our plays that were successful, but they were individual plays. There wasn't a scheme, and we never felt like we got in a flow."

Staley needed more — more energy, more creativity, more innovation. He needed alignment. He needed a challenger.

"It was about joining up with someone who can think the way that I do," Staley said, "and with that type of agility."

Staley and the front office dove into their offensive coordinator search. They announced five interviews, all with either direct or indirect ties to McVay: Rams passing game coordinator/QBs coach Zac Robinson, Rams senior offensive assistant Greg Olson, Vikings assistant quarterbacks coach Jerrod Johnson, Rams assistant head coach Thomas Brown and Titans tight ends coach Luke Steckel.

In the background of the search, though, there were murmurs of a potential divorce in Dallas.

Moore had been elevated to offensive coordinator in 2019 by Garrett. In January 2020, the Cowboys fired Garrett, replacing him with McCarthy. The Cowboys kept Moore as offensive coordinator and play caller, setting up an arranged marriage with McCarthy. Moore achieved considerable success over three seasons, but by the end of the 2022 season, the partnership had run its course.

The Chargers announced their final interview with Steckel on Thursday, Jan. 26. By the weekend, their focus had shifted to Moore, who at the time was still under contract with the Cowboys.

Moore did not come from the McVay-Kyle Shanahan coaching tree, which had been the focus of the Chargers search thus far. That tree — highlighted in The Athletic's recent narrative podcast, "The Playcallers" — includes several of the NFL's brightest young offensive minds, such as Packers coach Matt LaFleur, Vikings coach Kevin O'Connell and Dolphins coach Mike McDaniels, the latter two of which Staley had tried to hire as his offensive coordinator when he first got the Chargers job in 2021.

But Moore, even without a direct connection, is considered almost an unofficial part of the tree.

"It's really about how you think, not, like, did you work with them or did you learn from them?" Staley said. "Do you think like them? Do you create like them? ... There's a very specific number of people, and it's not a very long list, who are wired that way. And he may not have worked with those guys, but the amount of respect that they have for him, they see him as peers, and they don't really view people like that very often."

The Chargers put in an official request to interview Moore. The Cowboys granted permission. And by the end of the weekend, Staley was on the phone with Moore.

Staley started the conversation with all his fundamental, big-picture football tenets: team-building, culture, relationships and competition, character and capacity, situational masters.

Next, he delved into schematic philosophies: weaponizing personnel groupings, motion, playing with pace, putting maximum pressure on a defense via play-calling and personnel usage.

As Staley dove deep into his football ideology, all he heard were affirmations and agreements on the other end of the line: "Yes, yes, yes."

"There was the finishing of each other's sentences," Staley said.

"You got really, really excited," Moore said.

As that excitement crescendoed over the phone, Staley was reminded of the 12-hour interview that landed him the Rams defensive coordinator job.

"You're just building. Everything is like a build, and that's how it was with Sean and I," Staley said. "You knew that he was up for it. You just knew that he's up for all of it."

The only difference is Staley's phone call with Moore did not last 12 hours. As Staley joked, "There was a lot less competition for my services."

Moore was not lacking in opportunities when it became clear that his time in Dallas was coming to an end.

"He could have gone anywhere in the NFL," Staley said. "And when I say anywhere — anywhere."

The connection with Staley was a factor. But what offensive play caller wouldn't want the opportunity to coach Herbert, one of the most talented quarterbacks in football who is still just scratching the surface of his limitless potential?

"Justin's combination of arm talent, size and athleticism is very rare," Moore said. "Not just now, but ever."

Moore's diverse schematic background as a player and coach has allowed him to both build a system tailored to Herbert and ease the transition.

Most notably, Moore played for Lombardi in 2014 with the Lions. So when he first picked up Lombardi's playbook, he recognized pretty much all of the verbiage and concepts. No learning or adjustment period necessary.

"Everybody's saying the same stuff, but we're talking in different languages," receivers coach Chris Beatty said. "Some is Spanish, some is French, some is English. Kellen's fluent in a couple of the languages."

For Moore, the process this offseason started with bridging these two worlds. "People think change has to be a reset. No," Moore said. "Part of this transition is to make sure you don't lose all the good that's going on at a place.

"It doesn't have to be Dallas. It doesn't have to be 2022 Chargers. It can be ultimately whatever we want it to be."

What will that look like?

On a general level, it will revolve around Moore's three core philosophies: play smart, play fast, attack.

On a more specific level, Moore's passing game will be more spread out than it was under Lombardi. Varying tempos will be a staple of the offense. And Moore will encourage an aggressive mentality from Herbert, both in the structure of the system and how he calls plays on game day. Moore will also implement a simplified run scheme that has an identity rooted between the tackles.

This is the vision that resonated with Staley on that phone call in late January.

"It's like we've known each other our whole lives," Staley said. "It's like we've worked together for years. You got this instant chemistry, and you can take it really far that way."

Still, there is a reality here: No one outside of the Chargers facility really knows what a Kellen Moore offense looks like. Moore carved out a seat among the elite offensive play callers in four seasons in Dallas. But he did so under certain constraints. He was calling plays for two accomplished offensive coaches with clearly defined schematic philosophies in Garrett and McCarthy.

What else can Moore achieve when there are no limitations?

Staley is determined to give Moore that space, because it is the same space McVay afforded him in 2020.

He remembers the feeling.

"I'm going to have the latitude to go places I haven't," Staley said, "and that's going to be better for me and it's going to be better for us."

FMIA: Chargers' Pace and Space Strategy

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COSTA MESA, Calif.—Scenes from the summer, as Chargers quarterback Justin Herbert adjusts to his third coordinator, Kellen Moore, in his fourth NFL season:

One. Offensive coordinator Kellen Moore and coach Brandon Staley cue up a training-camp practice play from Aug. 8 on the screen in Staley's office. First-team offense versus first-team defense. Herbert in shotgun. He has four plays in "his toolbox," as Moore calls his options here. Three pass plays, one run play, in a "check with me" call—the 10 guys on offense won't know the play till they hear Herbert's coded cadence. He sees the defense playing man. Herbert moves Austin Ekeler from sidecar right to left, and calls for one of the three passes he knows will work best against man coverage—a 15-yard "in" cut, right to left, to Keenan Allen, in single coverage. Works perfectly.

Two. Same series, a couple of snaps later. Playing fast now. Mike Williams on a deep post, and Herbert flicks the ball 43 yards in the air—so easy—and Williams catches it in stride. Touchdown.

Three. Rewind to June, to the first OTA practice with ones against ones. Moore's calls are new, the verbiage is mostly new. The specific call isn't important here—let's just say it was Gun roy left, paint right, Boise H-angle, which is a real play-call—but Moore says the call into Herbert's helmet. He starts to repeat it. There's so much new here, and he wants to be sure Herbert's got it. And Herbert waves him off, like, Got it, coach. He runs the play. Herbert never needs the call repeated.

Four. One day, Herbert looks at the script for practice. He notices something that seems off. "Did you mean 'Y' or 'F' on this play?" he asks Moore. F denotes the slot receiver (who could be a tight end or wide receiver), Y the tight end. Chagrined, Moore admits his mistake. "F.' That was a typo. You got me on that one," Moore says.

The coordinator's a football nerd. The quarterback's a football nerd.

The quarterback has one of the best arms in football. But he has one of the best brains too. He has to, to understand the "Pace and Space" concept Staley and Moore have set up for an offense that underachieved last year (13th in scoring) and must be more explosive for the Chargers to have a chance to catch Kansas City in the AFC West.

Everybody's optimistic in August.

But you look at the Chargers, and you watch this quarterback, and you think there's reason for optimism here. A lot of it.

Pace and Space

Brandon Staley has spent time with Golden State basketball coach Steve Kerr. He admires Kerr a lot. And Staley thinks there's one significant commonality between a basketball star like Steph Curry and a quarterback. They've got a big edge when putting pressure on the defense.

Kerr explained to Staley: When a defense can get set for Curry, there's a lot of different ways the defense can take him out of the game. Then we're grinding every possession, and it's an 83-79 game. When we don't let a defense get set, we can be in a free-flowing state. We can pressure the defense. We can dictate.

When Staley and Moore started talking about this job—the Chargers dismissed offensive coordinator Joe Lombardi after last season, figuring he hadn't maximized their weaponry—they agreed on lots of things, including the pressure-the-defense-through-tempo stuff.

But that isn't to say the Chargers will be all speed, all the time. They just want to have the ability to run the offense at tempo when they want, when they think it fits either in the gameplan or to tire out a defense.

Pace and Space. Playing fast, finding holes in the defense on every play—by giving Herbert the toolbox with multiple plays in it and allowing him to make the decisions in seconds while the defense, the Chargers hope, will be on its heels a bit.

"When we talked," Staley said, "we were like, 'How can we take this concept of pace and space and like be able to run our entire offense that way?' Like, no matter what time of the game. First quarter. Second quarter. Two-minute. Whenever. Challenge the defense's ability to communicate, to substitute."

Staley never doubted Herbert's ability to process quickly, even with the newness of Moore's imported schemes. Moore had to see it, though.

"You see all the physical tools that Justin has from afar," Moore said. "Then there's the element of once you start teaming up from a football intelligence standpoint, from a big-picture standpoint, how much can he handle? That's the stuff that's blowing me away—how much volume he can handle, and how fast he masters it."

In practice, what I noticed about Herbert—the Chargers were going against the Saints on this day—is how comfortable he was, and how the entire offense looked like this was their third year under Moore, not the first summer.

"Very comfortable," Herbert said post-practice when I asked about meshing with Moore. You saw it in the huddle, at the line, and in quick confabs with Moore. Now, Herbert's the kind of coachable guy who'd make it work if the custodian were his coach. But with Moore and position coach Doug Nussmeier, Herbert looks and sounds like he's in the best place he's been in during his young pro career.

I found it interesting that when Staley went looking for a coordinator after the season, he didn't want a hired gun who'd come in with his own system and scheme and with the attitude, It's my offense, coach. Out of the way. I'll take it from here. Staley has always admired Moore.

First as an undersized and very smart player, with a 50-3 record as Boise State's quarterback. Second, as the son of a high school coach, Moore would likely be a good teacher. Moore's dad recalls Kellen, in middle school, coming to the high school football practice and drawing plays in a notebook.

Plus, Staley loved Moore's rep as a low-ego team guy—because that's exactly what the quarterback is.

When I told Herbert that the precedent-setting \$262 million contract he just signed doesn't seem to have changed him, he brightened and said, "My father will be very happy to hear that."

So now the Chargers just have to cut into that scoring gap with Super Bowl champion Kansas City atop the AFC West. 2023 points scored: KC 496, LA 391. That's a touchdown a game the Chargers have to make up.

They drafted TCU wideout Quentin Johnston in the first round to help, but Herbert will wear out Keenan Allen and Mike Williams as long as they can stay healthy.

No team in the stacked AFC West has the star-receiver depth of Allen, Williams and Johnson, with a top all-around back like Austin Ekeler. It'll be surprising if the Chargers are anywhere near 13th in scoring this year.

Two final points. Those examples I gave you up top? They say to me that Herbert's gotten better at one of the most important, and underrated, parts of playing the position. That's manipulating the defense. He knows how to use the freedom of the toolbox Moore and Staley have handed him.

But the biggest issue the Chargers may face is their conference. Look at the teams with top-flight quarterbacks in the AFC, and you understand that when the musical chairs stop, two to four strong teams will be home for the playoffs. It's asking a lot of Herbert to make the Chargers 100 points better, but that could be what he'll have to do to get this franchise to important January football again.

Chargers Are Trying to Emulate This NBA Dynasty's Culture

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Chargers coach Brandon Staley had a pretty cool experience in the spring. And it affirmed something he was feeling with his team at the time.

Over the past two years, Staley, like any new head coach, looked to instill a culture and philosophy into his locker room, something that's easier to say than it is to do.

He felt like what it would take, over time, was the Chargers' best players, first and foremost, buying into what he and his staff were selling, and then for those players to also be the best people and workers in the organization.

Then, he spent some time as a fly on the wall with one of the best organizations in sports, and all of it came together for him.

Chargers coach Brandon Staley spent some time during the NBA playoffs with Warriors coach Steve Kerr and is trying to emulate their culture with his team, including star receiver Mike Williams.

"I spent some time with Steve Kerr this spring when [the Warriors] were going through the playoffs," Staley says.

"And he said the same thing about his playing career, whether he was playing at Arizona for Lute Olson or playing for Chicago and San Antonio, certainly coaching at Golden State—your best players represent your culture. In the NFL, who you pay represents your culture."

Staley and Kerr got connected through a mutual friend and have communicated over the past few years.

That led to Kerr inviting Staley to Game 3 of the Warriors' first-round series against the Kings, just a few days before the NFL draft.

Staley traveled to San Francisco and spent time as a fly on the wall, in coaching meetings and game-planning meetings, trying to soak in all he could in watching the defending champions going to work.

As luck would have it, the trip lined up with Warriors star Draymond Green's suspension, so Staley got an inside look at a proud champion under less-than-ideal circumstances.

He saw Steph Curry shine in a teammate's absence.

He saw Klay Thompson slump early but hit two crucial shots. He saw Kerr's message to his players to play with urgency, invoking the old John Wooden quote, "Be quick, but don't be in a hurry."

He left having seen a team's culture carry it through an adverse situation because, really, that culture was owned and operated by the team's best players.

And that's one reason why Staley's so encouraged now that a breakthrough is coming in Los Angeles.

"When I became the head coach, Corey Linsley, Mike Williams, Derwin James, what we did in trading for Khalil Mack, re-signing Justin Herbert, all those big contracts we've paid for, Joey Bosa, I just think you've seen the investment from the Spanoses, and it's not only the caliber of the player but the caliber of the leader," Staley says. "And I think what we have here, you keep adding these pieces as you go. So going into Year 3, you've added all these pieces, and what you see now is a lot of hard work."

"And you see these players really driving the practice field, driving the meeting room, and that's what you want. It's a team that's close. And it takes time to get close; you can't just have it happen, so we've really had to work hard for it."

Chargers coach Brandon Staley is trying to emulate the culture created by Warriors coach Steve Kerr.

Staley illustrated his point by talking about how Williams and Keenan Allen are constantly challenging the defensive players, and Bosa and Mack are doing the same for the offensive players.

"And then I just think what we did with Justin," Staley continues, "you're seeing Justin really make this his football team."

Because Staley knew it wouldn't hurt to emphasize what he saw on the weekend in San Francisco, he did pull on his Warriors connections one last time before the season started.

He asked Kerr whether he'd come out and address the team before camp.

Kerr's responsibilities coaching Team USA prevented it from happening, but Kerr sent his top assistant Chris DeMarco instead, and DeMarco drove home a message on leadership centering on the fact that Curry, Green and Thompson weren't stars out of the gate—they had to work to get there.

Which, DeMarco said, really has marked what the Warriors' culture has become, the kind that at least one NFL team would like to emulate. And Staley, for the record, does think they're getting there.

"You're seeing these players become the culture," he says, "and that's exactly what you're looking for."

Which is to say, Staley thinks he's found it.

Chargers tout Justin Herbert's Philip Rivers-like command of new offense under Kellen Moore

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COSTA MESA, Calif. — Justin Herbert spotted a slot defender creeping up behind the five down linemen.

“Oh, oh, oh,” the Los Angeles Chargers quarterback alerted running back Austin Ekeler before the snap.

Ekeler noted the threat and confirmed to his quarterback that he'd pick up his responsibility. Then, Ekeler celebrated internally.

“Just that communication in the backfield that we used to have with Philip [Rivers] when he was like 17 years in, that I'm starting to see with Herbert right now,” Ekeler said, comparing his fourth-year quarterback to the eight-time Pro Bowler he began his career alongside. “He understands the protections now, he's seeing it, he's switching calls [and] calling plays from the line of scrimmage.

“I can start to see him really maturing into a veteran quarterback.”

The prospect of deeper awareness elevating Herbert's talent is tantalizing for the Chargers.

Herbert's success preceded his arrival at veteran status. The sixth overall selection of the 2020 NFL Draft won Offensive Rookie of the Year honors as he threw for 4,336 yards and 31 touchdowns to 10 interceptions while accounting for five more touchdowns rushing.

Herbert stayed relatively consistent in Years 2 and 3, his 97.7 passer rating in Year 2 just 0.6 below his initial mark. In his third year, despite fracturing rib cartilage in Week 2 and requiring surgery for a torn labrum in his left shoulder at season's end, Herbert still played clean if less explosive football. He threw for 4,739 yards, 25 touchdowns and 10 interceptions while registering a 93.2 passer rating.

The Chargers awarded him a five-year, \$262 million contract just before training camp in a show of faith in Herbert's ability. But Chargers brass and teammates alike tout Herbert's contributions beyond his size, strength and arm talent.

Even in new offense under coordinator Kellen Moore, Herbert's command has turned heads at camp. The quarterback is shuffling teammates at the line of scrimmage and corroborating his diagnoses with defenders after plays. Awareness is climbing. Execution, the Chargers hope, will follow.

“We try to disguise and play as much stuff as anybody in the NFL, but he has a way of undressing that now,” head coach Brandon Staley said of his defense. “When you can do that, you can really control the game. Because there's not a throw or play that he can't make on that field, but it's a lot easier to make those plays when you can completely understand and know and command and control what's happening on the other side.

“He's been able to really force our hand in a lot of ways.”

For Herbert, grasping Moore's offense doesn't look one way

Herbert's real-time problem solving generates varied responses. When his pocket collapsed during one early snap of Sunday's intrasquad scrimmage, Herbert scurried to the right and scrambled up the middle of the field for a first down.

When a later red-zone situation didn't immediately create an open defender, Herbert stayed patient in the pocket, dropping back right, exploring his left, then returning to his right where he fit a tight-window touchdown into the hands of receiver Keenan Allen.

“You talk about getting comfortable in a new system. It's that flow to where it comes naturally and you're working through reads and progressions naturally and you feel the pocket collapse, and you decide to take off and go or say, ‘I can wait just that fraction second longer to get a guy into an open window,’” quarterbacks coach Doug Nussmeier told Yahoo Sports.

“You have to allow the quarterback to have freedom in what he feels. It's like playing point guard in basketball — you can't put him in a box.

“You've got to allow the game to flow for them and I think Justin's done a really good job throughout camp of working in the flow of the offense.”

That flow, the Chargers hope, will generate more explosive plays than in recent years.

Coaches and players alike are considering the “why” behind plays, be that Moore determining the reason for a play's success and failure

Stretching the field vertically and capitalizing on Herbert's powerful arm to increase explosive plays are focuses for the Chargers this camp.

The Chargers ranked ninth in offense, 13th in scoring offense last year, scoring top-5 in each the prior season. But diversifying how they move the chains and on which downs they generate significant yardage are emphases.

Los Angeles valued how Moore spaced the field horizontally in four years coordinating the Dallas Cowboys, Moore not only setting up the pass with the run but also pressuring the defense to lighten the box due to the downfield passing threat.

In his first year with the Chargers, Moore is eager to use Herbert's arm to take full advantage of a receiving corps featuring Allen, Mike Williams, Josh Palmer and first-round rookie Quentin Johnston.

“His ability to just stretch the field, how easy it is to throw across the field, it's different,” Moore told Yahoo Sports. “His ability to make throws from the far hash and get it across the field in a very casual manner? You never get used to it.

“I mean — it's pretty when he throws it.”

And the more Herbert masters the offense mentally, the prettier the Chargers expect those throws to be.

“The biggest thing for Justin is giving him the opportunities to go downfield while still making good decisions,” Moore said. “If they're there, take them. If they're not, they're not, and we'll move on and we'll call another one.

“I think he's just taking this thing over. It's really, really exciting.”

Brandon Staley's Search for New Heights on Offense

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Brandon Staley's quest to destroy NFL secondaries in 2023 began with his love of the Chicago Bulls in the 1990s.

Their guard play was exceptional and, when considering their size for the era, most of them were outliers. Michael Jordan, Ron Harper and Scottie Pippen were all 6'6" or taller, allowing the entire offense to play a hybrid style of basketball—multiple players slashing, driving, shooting and playing inside—at a time when the game was more positionally rigid. The team could dictate their own matchups, placing players with advantageous traits on defenders ill-prepared to counter them (a faster guard drawing a slower forward, a bigger guard drawing a smaller guard, etc.).

His hypothesis—that this could be applicable to the Chargers—was solidified during a predraft visit with the Warriors before their Game 3, first-round matchup with the Kings in April (Staley and Warriors head coach Steve Kerr are friends). It's about being large, handling the ball and spacing it all out efficiently. Size, he says, increases your margin for error.

Staley says over the phone a few weeks into training camp: "I've always wanted a receiver group built like that." During the coaching interview process in 2021, when Staley was a burgeoning commodity, he felt the Chargers were the most fertile place to implement an offense that can "change the spacing on the field."

A week after the Warriors defeated the Kings en route to a surprise conference semifinal berth, the Chargers were on the clock with a handful of needs and a 6'3" wide receiver from TCU on the board, Quentin Johnston. On tape, Johnston looks a little like Kevin Garnett in football pads. In Staley's mind, he's picturing slotting Johnston next to Mike Williams (6'4"), Keenan Allen (6'3"), Donald Parham (6'8"), Gerald Everett (6'3") and Joshua Palmer, who, despite being the runt of the group, is a solid 6'1" with thickness and a diverse route tree, and is discussed by his coaches as a fourth starter of equal importance to what they are trying to present.

Having been a defensive coach for the majority of his career, Staley says he's aware of how one player of that size alters the mathematics of a defense given the extra defenders it likely takes to cover just one person.

"Now, if you've got two of those guys, what does it do?"

He keeps going ...

"Now, if you've got three of those guys, and one of them is among the best slot receivers to ever play, Keenan Allen, that's when it gets tough out there. The nickels in this league are 5'10", 5'11" at best."

There are currently three projected starting cornerbacks in the Chargers' division who are 6'0" or taller. I asked Staley whether the Chargers mapped out the remainder of the schedule as a kind of analytical exercise heading into the draft. He said—confidently—that they didn't need to.

"It just doesn't exist," he says of the requisite size at the position. We spoke just days after Johnston ran a deep route in the preseason against Rams defensive back Tre Tomlinson, who is generously listed at 5'9", drawing a chuckle from the broadcast crew.

Welcome to Staley's search for new heights. At a time when one specific kind of receiver and a few specific kinds of offenses are seemingly coveted league wide—more on that shortly—Staley and his staff are borrowing more from modern basketball. It's not only to use size to stress the limits of a defense physically, but also to space out that size to consistently disrupt the comfort of defensive backs. Size not only gives Los Angeles a margin for error, but it will also lighten the number of players defenses can put in the box, it will force defenses to constantly fear the deep shot (thus hampering their ability to cover option routes being run by the second and third wide receivers), it will result in more pass interference penalties called in its favor and, most notably, it will demoralize secondaries when the true reality of the situation hits. Quarterback Justin Herbert can put the ball almost anywhere, and if all of his receivers are bigger than all of the corners, he can almost certainly put the ball where your defense is not, even if the defense is playing it perfectly.

"Defensively, it becomes a lot more challenging when we've got a basketball team out there," Staley says.

Williams put it more bluntly: "I don't want to spill too much, but just know there's going to be some numbers put up."

"It's interesting," Staley says. "A lot of the guys in the NFL that people consider great offensive coaches, Kyle Shanahan, Sean McVay, Kevin O'Connell, Mike McDaniels—guys who are good friends of mine—the kinds of receivers they are looking for, I haven't believed in that."

Staley said he was specifically referring to the "multicut route runner, who can run the whole [route] tree." While he did not name any specific receiver (and, tonally, was not denigrating any of these players, just simply stating a preference), I would assume he's referring to players with a similar scouting report to a Brandon Aiyuk, a 6'0" wide receiver Shanahan drafted in the first round of the 2020 draft.

He pointed out that the best receiver Shanahan ever had was Julio Jones while serving as the offensive coordinator for the Falcons. In Jones's prime, he was a bruising, physical pugilist at 6'3". He was talented and versatile, but he was also massive.

"Julio changes everything because of his size," Staley says.

In a typical Shanahan offense and, to some degree, a McVay offense, they often played from a more condensed formation, which presented its own unique challenges to a defense. With the Rams, there is often an explosion of activity at the point of a handoff or fake handoff that prevents defenders from properly gauging the direction of a play. The Rams' best blocker may also be their best wide receiver in Cooper Kupp. Thus, it makes more sense to play Kupp a bit like a hybrid tight end and pass catcher closer to the offensive line. It also doesn't make sense to motion a receiver way toward the sideline when the beauty of their sweep action is the immediate threat of something happening when the receiver is behind the quarterback. In San Francisco, their speed is accentuated by bunching defenders together like herded cattle in the box. A tight formation packs linebackers, safeties and corners inside, and a rocket-boostered running back taking an outside handoff suddenly has all sorts of daylight.

"What we're trying to do is change the spacing of the field by who we're putting out there and who you have to defend," Staley says. "But we don't want to bring size in closer; we want to spread it out."

Think wider splits. Think more occupied space, which expands and perforates a defense like a piece of chewed gum.

Which brings Staley back to his first love, basketball, the Bulls, Steve Kerr and the Warriors.

"Everything has gotten so spread out because of [the increase in volume and accuracy of three-point attempts]," he says. "So it changes the spacing of the defense and how you have to play defense. Everyone has to be accounted for. And when you account for the three-point shot, it opens up more space to drive the basketball."

A three-point shot for the Chargers is going to look a lot like Herbert uncorking a 20-yard pass down the sideline. Staley's equivalent of driving the basketball? Running against defenses that, mathematically, are going to struggle to present more than six defenders in the box because they need more help in the passing game, which gives a five-man offensive line, a sixth eligible blocker (a tight end) and Pro Bowl running back Austin Ekeler a marked advantage. That, or perhaps dumping the ball over the middle to Williams and Palmer, who are a chore for defenders to bring down at full velocity.

"There's going to be a mismatch somewhere," Staley says. "Whether it's in the slot or out wide, maybe they have one good corner, and they can match up with one of the guys outside. Well, they won't have two [good cornerbacks]. If they do, are they going to have a nickel corner who can match up with Keenan [Allen]? That's going to be the game they have to play."

Staley and his coaches also believe this is true because, like Chicago's trio of guards, each of them has different ways of bypassing a defender. Williams, for example, knows his strength is in body positioning. Johnston can reach top linear speed faster, which means defenders are wary of his immediate burst at the line. Allen is a footwork specialist, which means he uses precision steps to evade a defensive back at the line.

"We have everything you want in a starting five," Allen says. "We have constructors, and, for the receivers, I'm the point guard."

This offseason, when the Chargers changed offensive coordinators and brought in former Cowboys play-caller Kellen Moore, there also emerged a desire for each of the wide receivers to learn every position on the field. There are conflicting theories within the sport as to best practices. For example, many receivers coming out of college in speed-dependent, up-tempo offenses are assigned to only one position, thus making their transition to the NFL and multiple-receiver spots difficult. Some coaches opt for efficiency and the mastery of one space at the NFL level by keeping a player in that same space. (Allen, this offseason, told reporters that he almost never left the slot under former coordinator Joe Lombardi. Lombardi, now with the Broncos, had success in Los Angeles despite the ouster and oversaw passing seasons of 5,014 yards and 4,739 yards despite rarely having Allen and Williams healthy together.)

The advantage for the Chargers as a kind of positionless unit is the ability to match up one defensive back with three or four different receivers over the course of a game who each have a completely different way of getting open. On top of the built-in height advantage, there is also a stylistic one.

I asked Staley whether he was stealing from a different sport aside from basketball here. A trend in modern baseball has been the more constant changing of pitchers so that batters cannot pick up on trends or get comfortable. Isn't it similar to—on a series of three plays—having a defensive back face your equivalent of a burner, a finesse-type player and a sledgehammer?

"That's the nature of it. You're not going to get used to the matchup," Staley says. "We're changing the pace on the defense in more ways than one."

He illustrates the point with an example.

"Let's just say, with Keenan, you felt like you had a way to cover him in the slot or something. Whether it's man-to-man or zone. All of a sudden, all we need to do is motion him to the [No. 1 receiver spot], and now he's isolated on a corner. Let's say we've cut the split where Keenan has a free run at the cornerback; he can use all his moves, and the cornerback can't press [a technique where the defender gets up in the receiver's space and utilizes his hands to slow the receiver down]. That's not good for them."

Chris Beatty is the Chargers' wide receivers coach. In previous iterations of his football life he was a high-scoring offensive coordinator at Hampton (where one year he sent more players to the combine than USC) and a wide receivers coach with a string of success stories, from DJ Moore to Tavon Austin to Maurice Ffrench who, while not a household name, broke Larry Fitzgerald's single-season reception record at Pitt with Beatty as his position coach.

Staley met Beatty when they worked together at Northern Illinois. He was one of Staley's first phone calls when he received the coaching job in Los Angeles in 2021.

"He's one of the top coaches I've ever worked with," Staley says. "He's going to be an offensive coordinator in this league soon."

Beatty promised Williams he would have a career year during their first season together, which Beatty backed up. Williams finished the season with a career-best 76 catches, a career-best 1,146 yards and nine touchdowns, one behind his career high.

This is because Williams was the foundation of the Chargers' height experiment. While Allen was already a well-versed route runner, Williams, like a lot of taller wide receivers who come out of college, got pigeonholed as a boom-or-bust specialist who almost exclusively ran deeper routes outside the numbers. The NBA's equivalent would be a dying big-man center such as Patrick Ewing or Hakeem Olajuwon.

So, he and Beatty worked to re-expand his repertoire. By the third week of the 2021 season, Williams's quick-slant route, almost never respected by defensive backs because he never ran it, was the grist for an epic double-move touchdown (the slant was respected, and thus, when faked, fooled the defender into barreling down inside before Williams sprinted straight ahead) against the Chiefs.

"[Coach Beatty] wanted me to get paid," says Williams, who signed a three-year, \$60 million contract last year. "He kept it simple but pushed us."

I asked Williams, the seventh pick in the first round in 2017, when he felt he was finally reaching his potential. "When I started getting used a little different," he says. "You get one-dimensional and you get easier to guard. It stopped being, 'Oh, he's about to run a go route, so we'll play his outside shoulder. Now, they have to respect the inside.'"

This is the granular piece of Staley's strategy. In the NBA example, the height advantage doesn't work unless the bigger players learn how to shoot, run faster and handle other responsibilities not typically assigned to people that size such as the point guard position. The Chargers are not a threat unless big receivers can run the same route tree as a smaller one. Johnston is in the midst of that transition now, having been fed a crossing route in the team's preseason opener against the Rams in an effort to get him the ball with space to run over the middle. The plan is to bring him along slowly, knowing that receivers such as Palmer give the Chargers an extended window of time for development.

"He was no huddle most of the time in college," Beatty says. "He ran off signals. But he's doing a good job with it. He's working hard. And that's why they call you a coach, right?"

He added: "We don't want to limit anything Quentin is doing. There's a huge learning curve, but that was the whole deal with Mike. Mike was asked to run outside the numbers all the time, and I was like, 'He can do more than that. We just have to ask him.' I don't see it being any different for Quentin."

Beatty has adapted his methods to each receiver's individual needs, getting to know them on a personal level. Williams, he says, is more of a doer. Beatty can describe how he wants it done and send the receiver off. Allen, he says, is a suggester. Allen, who came into the league in 2013 and made five consecutive Pro Bowls from '17 to '21, has seen almost anything possible a defense can do to him. His relationship with Beatty is more of a peer-to-peer one that includes the lobbing of ideas back and forth.

"I'm learning how to pick up on Quentin," Beatty says. "I'm learning what's best for him, because coaching is learning, too."

With all of their combined size and athleticism, one would assume the Chargers' receiving corps would allow little drips of it to spill out into normal human life. Think, an Olympic sprinter who runs a sub-10-second 100-meter dash to catch a bus, or Magnus Samuelsson one-handing a dishwasher at Lowe's.

I asked Williams about any epic basketball games in the facility, hoping for a completed metaphor about Los Angeles's search for height-centered innovation. A volleyball spike? An easier time changing a light bulb? Anything?

"Uhh, we went bowling one day?" Williams says. "I haven't been bowling in like two years, but I think I finished in second place, though."

Close enough. During that team-bonding exercise, Williams says, they all worked through the experimental phase en route to higher scores.

"We all got our game," Williams says. "We all change our technique every game. Then, you might find something that works and you stick with it."

Staley is betting on it.

Chargers hoping Kellen Moore-Justin Herbert combination will pay huge dividends

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COSTA MESA, Calif. — Brandon Staley has seen this caliber of relationship once before in his coaching career.

The Los Angeles Chargers coach and his new offensive coordinator Kellen Moore have quickly developed a special rapport. It's already reminiscent of Staley's season with Los Angeles Rams coach Sean McVay.

"What we're able to do together feels very similar to what Sean and I were able to do in terms of building a team together in all phases of the game," Staley said Tuesday. "It's not all about offense. It's about defense and special teams, too. That's where Sean and I connected — being a complete coach. Kellen is a complete coach."

Moore's strong offensive background complements Staley's defensive resume, so they're able to play off one another in that respect. But Staley also noted McVay was smart enough to be a great defensive coordinator, and he viewed Moore as a similarly well-rounded coach.

Moore's expertise, of course, is still on the offensive side, as he played quarterback for the Detroit Lions and Dallas Cowboys from 2012 to 2017 before joining the Dallas staff, where he spent one year as the quarterbacks coach before a quick promotion to offensive coordinator. When Cowboys coach Mike McCarthy decided to take over play-calling duties after the 2022 season, Staley quickly moved to hire Moore.

Staley admired Moore from afar. Staley's first game as a defensive play caller in 2020 was a 20-17 win over Moore's Cowboys, and they matched up again during Staley's second game as Chargers coach in 2021, a 20-17 Dallas victory. The Chargers and Cowboys also conducted joint practices in 2022.

"You're just seeing his evolution as the coach," Staley said. "You know he's a tough cover. You know offensively he's thinking about things the right way, that he understands defenses, that he's not just randomly calling plays. He's got a plan of attack. He's setting things up. I love the way he made it simple for the quarterback. The quarterback always played fast for him."

"I knew it would be a great fit for what we built with (quarterback) Justin (Herbert) to this point and to be able to take this thing to a different level. He's been awesome. It's the way we think, the way we're trying to attack, building a football team, all the leadership and the culture we've established here. He's only going to make it better. It's been an awesome fit."

Herbert's development was a pivotal draw for all parties involved. The 2020 first-round pick, who signed a five-year, \$262.5 million contract extension last month, has the most passing yards through a player's first three seasons in league history (14,089) and has the natural talent to lead the Chargers to unprecedented organizational success.

Herbert established himself with a promising rookie season under offensive coordinator Shane Steichen and built upon that success over the past two years with Joe Lombardi. Moore, who played under Lombardi in 2015, runs a similar offense — albeit one that has evolved more over the years — so it has been a smooth, productive transition.

"I see Justin taking the practice field with a lot of confidence. His pre-snap command is outstanding," Staley said. "Let's continue to build on what (Herbert) is comfortable with, what he's done at a high level, what features our team. And then let's take the elements from Dallas and Kellen's previous experience and build it so this guy is playing fast so this isn't like Year 1 for him."

"Kellen has done a great job. That's the position he played. He knows that process. He's been around that and gone through it with (Cowboys quarterback) Dak (Prescott). He's been able to take that way of thinking and get him to play fast every day. If you get a special player like Justin playing fast, it's dangerous."

Prescott played every game in two of Moore's four seasons as offensive coordinator. They (2019 and 2021) were the only two seasons of Prescott's career in which he eclipsed 4,000 yards and 30 touchdowns, and the Cowboys led the league in yards both years.

If Herbert progresses in a similar fashion, his ceiling might be even higher.

"Justin is one of the best in this league," Moore said. "We all get to see it each and every day here. It's a lot of fun. I've really enjoyed his presence on the field. He does a phenomenal job as the commander, the leader. His understanding of football, he's got a really high football IQ, and it's been fun to see him build on that this offseason with his command of the offense and all the stuff he can do within the huddle and the line of scrimmage."

"He's got a lot of attributes that we certainly want to take advantage of. I think it's just the collaboration in building something that he is really comfortable with and he can play at a high level, play and operate really fast, play confidently. That's what this is about, going through the installation process and building it, then just making little adjustments and making sure as we're heading toward September to build this thing as we need to."

Though Herbert's development and production are major components of Moore's job, Staley was also attracted to the way Moore had used the Cowboys' skill players. Running backs Ezekiel Elliott and Tony Pollard and receivers Amari Cooper, Michael Gallup and CeeDee Lamb had 1,000-yard seasons during Moore's tenure.

The Chargers already have proven commodities on offense with wideouts Keenan Allen and Mike Williams and running back Austin Ekeler. Receiver Josh Palmer took a nice jump in his second season, and rookie first-rounder Quentin Johnston already looks like a hit.

The Chargers have been gushing over the way the skill group has looked in training camp.

"It's really fun just putting these guys in different positions and then ultimately finding where we want to build it for September," Moore said. "It's a really good blend of some veteran guys who have played a lot of ball like Mike and Keenan. Lean on their experience, and continue to try to get feedback from those guys. Josh took the big step last year. Q is coming in and (is) building his role. It's been awesome."

Of course, there's some give and take with investing in a coordinator on the rise. Moore is already on the short list of head-coaching candidates who should again hit the interview circuit after the season. And if the Chargers offense performs at an even higher level in 2023, Moore could graduate from the shortlist to the priority list.

Then again, that's exactly how it played out with Staley during his only season with the Rams.

"Certainly, we all have aspirations for that," Moore said of a head-coaching opportunity. "This has been a really fun transition because you get to see a different environment. Brandon has done an awesome job building this place. Then at the same time, this has been a fun place where you just get to dig into ball as we build the system, so there's been a lot of studying football and collaborating with a lot of people. I've really enjoyed that."

Chargers' offense under new coordinator Kellen Moore is the bomb with wide-open spaces

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His answers typically are straightforward — lacking gloss and glitz — a football coach sounding like a football coach. Mostly Xs with very few Oohs.

The Chargers didn't hire Kellen Moore to bring electricity to their news conferences, only their offense.

"He's a calm guy," wide receiver Keenan Allen said. "He's not tripping too much. Probably never seen him yell. I don't think he can get mad."

The qualities Moore hasn't shown at the podium or in practice are the same ones the Chargers hope spring to life for quarterback Justin Herbert and their playmakers in 2023:

Creativity. Explosiveness. Unpredictability.

"We want to be the aggressors," tight end Gerald Everett said. "We want to be one of those teams that people are afraid to play. We want to be known for putting up points and gaining a ton of yards."

Veteran center Corey Linsley called Moore "level-headed, very analytical, smart." He noted that those are all plus traits for a play caller, before adding "defensive coaches are the hot-headed ones."

Moore's job this season is to crank up the heat.

He was the offensive coordinator in Dallas the last four seasons, three of his Cowboys team finishing sixth, first and fourth in points. Dallas' performance dipped in 2020 after quarterback Dak Prescott was injured.

Now, Moore has a better trigger man in Herbert and the NFL's top touchdown producer over the last two seasons in running back Austin Ekeler.

He also has Keenan Allen, Mike Williams, Joshua Palmer, a first-round pick in Quentin Johnston and a pile of expectations, each of which is rooted in the notion that the Chargers are going to be more dynamic, not to mention dazzling.

As important as anything, Moore has a healthy Herbert. The quarterback played much of last season with damaged rib cartilage before ending the season with a shoulder in bad enough shape to require offseason surgery.

Who knows? If Herbert had avoided injury and reached his projected standards in 2022, Joe Lombardi still might be the Chargers' offensive coordinator.

Instead, coach Brandon Staley let Lombardi go and jumped on Moore as if he were the team's top free-agent target all along.

Allen, a lifetime Charger working with his fifth coordinator, confirmed that this new offense will take more deep shots based on film review of the Cowboys over the last few seasons.

"There's not a lot of times where everybody on the field is running short routes," Allen said, "versus Lombardi, where everybody's running short routes. Now, somebody has an opportunity every time."

Each snap in the passing game, as Allen explained it, will feature a chance for Herbert to flaunt his powerful right arm. The expectation is that Moore also will liberally align his receivers throughout the formation to create more opportunities through mismatches.

This is what the Chargers hope to show coming off a season during which the ailing Herbert connected with Ekeler 107 times, tied for the second most receptions by a running back in one NFL season. Christian McCaffrey is first (116) and second.

In 2023, at least some of those shorter tosses are forecast to soar farther downfield.

"You can see it," Palmer said. "You can feel it. We've got the guys to do it. We all see the explosive plays on social media that they're posting [during training camp]. That's one of the things we're going to do."

But will more chances lead to more risks and lead to more turnovers? Herbert has finished in the top 10 in interception percentage in two of his three seasons. The other season, he tied for 15th.

So he has taken care of the ball, while throwing more passes than every quarterback in the league other than the now-retired Tom Brady. Known for his intellect, Herbert is smart enough to understand turnovers can be killers.

"If they're not there, move on, and that gives us opportunities to keep going," Moore said. "Justin has done that throughout his career in such a phenomenal way."

Staley praised his quarterback as a decision-maker while explaining that the Chargers are "trying to walk that fine line" between being aggressive and being prudent.

He likened Herbert to a point guard, one who almost always makes the right play. With Herbert's ability to place and pace footballs, targeting experienced receivers with productive pasts, Staley said his offense is in secure hands.

"We don't ever want to take away Justin's instincts because I think those are what make him so special," Staley said. "With more experience is going to come more play making."

Williams laughed and quickly dismissed the suggestion that the Chargers could be in trouble if Herbert starts taking too many chances.

He instead sided with Allen, who noted that Herbert, through three seasons, hardly has become known for making "boneheaded plays."

"More interceptions?" Williams said. "Why not more catches for us? Why you got to look at it like a negative like that? You can be risky and not have the interceptions, you know."

"Besides, everybody's acting like we're going to throw the ball deep every play. An explosive offense really means catching a few shots a game. Do that and then you'll be known as an explosive offense."

The challenges for Moore aren't limited to the air. The Chargers also continue to search for a more reliable run game, one that doesn't have to do a lot but does have to do enough.

This is a franchise that has finished in the top half of NFL rushing offenses once since 2013. That happened five years ago and, even then, the Chargers ranked no better than 15 out of 32.

Ekeler never has had a 1,000-yard rushing season. Behind him, the Chargers will open 2023 with Joshua Kelley, Isaiah Spiller and undrafted rookie Elijah Dotson, hoping someone can provide consistency as a backup.

An improved ground game would make Herbert even more dangerous and unlock all of Moore's trumpeted concoctions, the coordinator with the muted public persona not a screamer but a schemer.

"He's pretty chill," Williams said. "I mean, he brings the energy. But you gotta kinda catch it, you know? It's not going to be just out front. Yeah, I'd say 'chill.' That's him."

Maturation of Chargers defense in focus as leader Derwin James Jr. says 'We've got the pieces to do it'

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All eyes over the next four-plus months will be on the Chargers' offense, where the NFL's highest-paid player will give life to the new coordinator's celebrated scheming.

Just don't lose sight of the defense, which almost certainly will have a greater impact on the team's success.

Derwin James Jr., the league's highest-paid safety, has the situation squarely in focus, the three-time Pro Bowler insisting that this fall the Chargers — finally — will be a better defense.

And what will be the cause of such a revival?

"A bunch of grown men coming together," James said. "We're not kids. We're not little boys. When a bunch of grown men make up their minds and they're tired of something, that's when things change."

With Justin Herbert at quarterback, the Chargers are going to be one of the NFL's best passing teams, regardless of who's calling the plays or executing them.

A year ago, an injured Herbert — operating behind an injured offensive line and throwing to an injured receiving group — finished second to eventual MVP Patrick Mahomes with nearly 4,800 yards through the air.

But what secured the Chargers their AFC wild-card playoff berth was a late four-game winning streak during which the defense permitted only four touchdowns.

In the first three of those victories, the offense produced but 20, 23 and 17 points, as Herbert threw for one touchdown and had three passes intercepted.

Still, the strong regular-season finish capped a year that saw the Chargers finish 20th in yards allowed and tied for 21st in points surrendered, improvements over the previous season but hardly a leap forward.

From the outside at least, this was not the expectation when the Chargers hired Brandon Staley to be their coach in January 2021 after he coordinated the NFL's best defense with the Rams.

But switching to a significantly different, more complex system than the one employed by predecessor Gus Bradley has required time to adjust. Staley and general manager Tom Telesco also had to rework the roster to better fit the head coach's vision.

Staley explained that the Chargers had to "kind of engineer" their personnel to reach this point, noting particularly the need to add force up front and find cornerbacks better equipped to play man coverage.

Now, two years into the transition, the Chargers believe they have a defense capable of keeping up with their offense.

"We definitely want to be that dominating group that we all know we can be," James said. "We've got the pieces to do it. We've got the guys to change that narrative."

They are counting on continuity. The Chargers allowed linebacker Drue Tranquill to depart in free agency and didn't re-sign linebacker Kyle Van Noy or slot corner Bryce Callahan.

They also weren't going to bring back safety Nasir Adderley, who announced his retirement in March.

Otherwise, all the main pieces return, supplemented mostly by two veterans, linebacker Eric Kendricks and tackle Nick Williams, and two draft picks, edge rusher Tuli Tuipulotu and lineman Scott Matlock.

In total, the Chargers league-wise have the fourth least amount of roster turnover from last season, according to Over The Cap. And they're only nine-tenths of a percentage point behind Cincinnati and Buffalo for having the least amount.

"I really feel we're way more connected this year, the whole defensive unit," lineman Sebastian Joseph-Day said. "That's what we needed. We needed time to jell with one another."

They also are hoping for better health. Edge rusher Joey Bosa, cornerback J.C. Jackson and linemen Austin Johnson and Otilio Ogbornia all missed extended stretches last season.

And the 2023 Chargers are prepared to rely heavily on Kendricks, their biggest addition in free agency and someone with an extensive background running similar defenses.

Kendricks, 31 and entering his ninth season, will relay the signals in the huddle and be in charge of ensuring that he and his teammates are properly aligned at the snap.

"Having a guy like Eric running the defense is special," Bosa said. "I think he's going to facilitate the defense in a way that we haven't had. With Derwin, it's like having two quarterbacks on defense out there."

Kendricks has been an All-Pro once, but that was in 2019. Still, he has topped 100 tackles in each of the last seven seasons and played at least 14 games in all but one season.

Just two years ago, Kendricks had 143 tackles and five sacks, both career bests, and intercepted two passes, one of which was thrown by Herbert.

The Chargers spent all training camp praising Kendricks as a communicator, leader and stabilizer. Those characteristics are expected to particularly help in defending the run.

That's where the Chargers struggled most in 2022, allowing a league-worst 5.4 yards per rush. Only Detroit and Chicago gave up more yards per play overall.

"You can tell he's been holding down defenses for a long time," edge rusher Khalil Mack said of Kendricks. "To have that experience in the middle is going to work wonders for us, especially in the run game."

So the Chargers defenders are convinced they're ready to do their part this season, ready to show that new offensive coordinator Kellen Moore isn't the only reason to anticipate more explosiveness.

Moore spent the last four years in the same role with Dallas. The Cowboys averaged 29.3 points per game over the last two seasons, tops in the NFL. During that same time, they also reached a league-best 50 points three times.

The Chargers have scored 50 or more just once since 2008. That came in Week 11 of 2017 and required the opposing quarterback — Buffalo's Nathan Peterman — to throw five interceptions.

But also understand this much: During Moore's time in Dallas, the Cowboys won just one playoff game. Yeah, it takes more than a good offense to succeed in this league.

"We're chasing completeness," Joseph-Day said. "That's what this is all about now. We don't want to be just a one-way team."

From the Chargers to Bills: NFL teams are winning over Gen Z

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It's no longer a requirement to attend or watch games or don specific colors to be deemed a fan of a team. Now, fandom can come simply by following a team's account on social media. As fandom has changed, the way teams interact with fans has changed, too.

NFL social media teams across the league have made it a mission to meet fans -- and potential new ones -- where they are ... especially the younger generation.

While a 2022 study by Emory University professor Michael Lewis, found that only 23% of Generation Z -- people born from 1997-2012 -- define themselves as "avid sports fans" and 27% define themselves as "anti-sports", the NFL's success at enticing younger generations is in the numbers.

"We've seen the feedback, we've seen the engagement, that the more behind the scenes, more access, things that make you feel a part of the team -- it's our objective every day," Nilay Shah, New York Giants senior vice president of marketing and brand strategy, told ESPN.

According to the Morning Consult, about 68% of Gen Zers use the popular social media app TikTok. This usership has fared well for the NFL, with 23 teams raking in over one million followers each. Teams across the league have routinely racked up 100,000-plus views on videos no matter the time of year.

"Gen Z and Millennial social media culture, I think drives a lot of social media culture in general," Anna Stolzenburg, director of social media strategy and content at Pegula Sports and Entertainment, working with the Buffalo Bills, said. "So we have a responsibility to be attuned to that and responsive to that."

There is still a long way to go to get a majority of Gen Zers to be passionate about sports, but the NFL, with the help of TikTok, might have cracked the code on luring the newest wave of fans.

Brand recognition helps teams get views, but it's the showcasing of the players' personalities that makes them go viral.

"I think TikTok, for a lot of teams, changed the game," Los Angeles Chargers director of social media and content performance Megan Julian said.

The unique platform and loyal usership encourages teams to show an authentic look at players who once felt unavailable and untouchable to the everyday fan.

"Everyone sees them with the helmet and sees their stats and just sees you know what they're doing in between the lines, but I think [on TikTok] you get to kind of see who the players are as a person and kind of what they like and who they are," Carolina Panthers' senior social media manager Angela Denogean said.

The most popular teams pages are the ones that are the most active, have creative videos and primarily focus on showcasing the many personalities of their players (being good on the field helps, but is not essential).

"They [the fans] have a unique sense of humor. And we have to be in tune with that. And I think that's one thing that me and my team have been able to do since I've been here, is really kind of tap into that voice of the fan and communicate with them in a way that they want to be communicated with," Jacksonville Jaguars director of digital and social media Nick Birdsong said.

The Kansas City Chiefs lead the NFL's presence on the platform with 3.1 million followers and 57.5 million likes. Their 2023 Super Bowl opponent, the Philadelphia Eagles, are second with 2.3 million followers and 59.2 million likes. The Dallas Cowboys have also captured the attention of fans sporting a lofty 2 million followers and 26.4 million likes.

Some teams' TikTok accounts have the organization's largest following among all their social platforms. The Buffalo Bills have 1.9 million TikTok followers compared to 1.7 million on X, formerly known as Twitter, and the Detroit Lions' following doubles its Instagram, with 1.9 million followers compared to 997,000.

Two of the offseason's most popular videos were the Cincinnati Bengals' social team getting tackle Orlando Brown Jr. to ask players in the locker room their favorite Taylor Swift song (over 712,000 likes), and the Bills' video capturing quarterback Josh Allen failing at basketball (809,000 likes and counting).

As much as the fans love the informal social media content, the players do, too. Most of the social team's ideas are brainstormed as a group and fleshed out among the people running the accounts, but sometimes they take ideas from the players.

"They know they can always send their ideas to me. Sebastian Joseph-Day sends me ideas all the time. And I'm like, let me write this down, let me write this down," Julian said.

"We've gotten amazing buy-in from the players, like they honestly, they love it," Stolzenburg said. "And sometimes they even bring us ideas, which is amazing."

The special thing about TikTok is that its videos can be (and have been) carried over to the other popular social media apps like Facebook, Instagram and X. Social media accounts once flooded with game highlights and informative graphics now include silly videos often taken from the team's TikTok account.

TikTok's takeover can now be seen everywhere.

The creativity and diversity in content can even be seen in one of the NFL's most-hyped up offseason events: the schedule release.

"The schedule release has really just become the NFL social team's Super Bowl in a way, and I think that it's become one of the biggest pieces of content," Deanogean said.

Just ask the Tennessee Titans, whose schedule release content reigned supreme across the league -- collecting an eye-popping 29.6 million views on X. The Titans' video was reminiscent of many Q&A videos that flood TikTok's "For You" page. The Atlanta Falcons and Los Angeles Rams also turned to TikTok for inspiration.

The second most viral 2023 schedule release was a product of the Chargers studying a specific subset of the younger demographic: anime fans.

"Anime was more about reaching the anime world of the internet, right, which is a very strong presence. A lot of our players are actually big anime fans. We found that the cross section between anime fans and football is very interesting and very strong," Julian said.

The brainstorming for the video started months in advance. Every joke was planned out, every scene was hand-drawn by one of the Chargers' producers. And the success of the video can be seen in the numbers -- their schedule release video pulled in 23.4 million views on X.

Social media and the way that video content has changed the game isn't going anywhere. It's only getting bigger and better, and becoming the leading way of getting Gen Z interested in the NFL.

"I think the league and clubs have done a really good job of meeting these generations where they're at instead of trying to bring them to us," Julian said. "You don't have to be the traditional football fan, we will adapt to you because you're the next generation of fans."

Chargers' Brandon Staley: The math, mindset behind NFL's most aggressive coach

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COSTA MESA, Calif. — Brandon Staley is sitting on a couch in his corner office at the Chargers' facility, freshly brewed coffee in hand. He is wearing a casual offseason outfit — sneakers, shorts, a thin baby blue dri-fit hoodie and a black BNP Paribas Open hat.

He considers a question about the value of understanding mathematical advantages.

"There's a really powerful part of this book that has stayed with me ..."

Staley stands up and walks over to the bookcase along the back wall of the office, next to his desk. He kneels and scans the shelf with his index finger until he finds what he is looking for — "The Undoing Project" by Michael Lewis. Staley pulls it out and starts flipping through the pages as he walks back to the couch and sits down again. With the book resting on his lap, he turns page after page, searching for a specific passage.

His goal here is to teach — he is the son of educators, after all. His mother, Linda, who died in 2004 after a long battle with breast cancer, taught sixth-grade English. His father, Bruce, taught fourth grade for a few years before starting a second career.

The only noise in the office is the flip, flip, flip of turning pages until Staley finds the passage he is looking for and reads aloud. "The new definition of a nerd," he recites. "A person who knows his own mind well enough to mistrust it."

He looks up.

"Your instincts aren't better than everybody on Earth," Staley says. "Do I think one of the big reasons why I became the head coach of the Chargers is because I've got instincts? Yes.

"But do I think that when it comes to making these premium decisions in the heat of the moment that, man, my instincts are so much better than everybody else, and I would do a perfect job if I didn't have any information? There's just no way."

For most of football history, coaches have made game-management decisions using nothing more than tradition and gut feelings. Staley is as well versed in this history as any person on the planet. He is a walking football encyclopedia. He has read Bill Polian's "Super Bowl Blueprints" cover to cover more times than he can count.

Staley is also determined to find advantages wherever he can, to better his team and give his players the best opportunities to be successful, even if it means admitting what he does not know. Staley sees a potential advantage in the admission — and in acquiring as much information as he can from as many resources as possible, in knowing his own mind well enough to mistrust it.

We are discussing fourth downs, opportunities gained and lost in an eventful 2021 season that fell just short, and the dreaded, polarizing word

that has caused arguments and outrage across sports for most of this century.

Analytics — people in and around football spend countless hours dissecting the topic. But when the dissection happens, analytics are rarely defined as what they actually are: more information.

"I think the problem with 'analytics,' when you use that word, immediately somebody is feeling something, and they shouldn't be," Staley says. "If it was another term that people were more comfortable with, then there would be a different response. But analytics has ... it's like, well, it doesn't belong in ball. It belongs in the CIA. It belongs in investment banking. It doesn't belong in sports. And that's not true. Information has been how people have been making judgments in this game since Paul Brown and Vince Lombardi were coaching.

"What we try to do is try to use data to make better decisions."

For Staley, that process started in the winter of 2021, before he went for it on fourth down at a higher rate than any coach in the league, before his in-game decisions helped propel the Chargers to the cusp of the postseason and before the fierce backlash of the NFL world came crashing down on the then-rookie head coach when his team came up one win (or tie) short.

Staley believes in math, but he also acknowledges there is a part of the game numbers cannot and may never be able to quantify. Mindset. Emotions. Effort. The human element. And the driving force in Staley's approach to in-game decision-making was rooted in that understanding.

"There has to be a fearlessness to play in this game, and what I wanted to establish was that," Staley says. "The history of this team when I got here, it was like someone's going to get hurt, they're going to blow a lead, something catastrophic is going to happen. There's this 'Charger' thing. There's all of these external factors that I know in my life, they're just all excuses. They're just all excuses.

"And so, how do you change that? Well, you have to do things different, you have to have a different approach. ... Our mindset's going to be on us, it's not going to be on the opponent. It's going to be on us. So creating that fearless mindset of, we are going to be aggressive, we're going to put the ball in our hands, we're going to trust our guys to make plays.

"If we lose, we're going to do it on our terms, not someone else's terms."

It was crucial to Staley to instill that mindset in all of his players. But it was most crucial for his rising star quarterback Justin Herbert, who was set to enter his second pro season after an eye-opening rookie campaign. Whether he failed or succeeded, Herbert needed to experience the pressure. He needed to face the do-or-die realities of the NFL head on.

"The first person that I was thinking about was Justin. I wasn't thinking about anything or anybody else," Staley says. "For me, I came into this and I said, I know I have a special quarterback. I also know part of my responsibility is to train him. Part of my responsibility is to get him ready. And I also know that if I take the ball out of his hands, I know what that's going to do, too.

"For him to grow and be as good as he's going to be, he needs to be in these pressure-packed moments. Whether he throws it or not, it's not the point. It's that the ball is in his hands, it's in our hands as a team, and that is where it all started for me."

For his vision to be executed, Staley felt he needed to institute a clear plan for streamlined communication on game days.

Only six people would be involved in game-management discussions on the headsets. Staley and his three coordinators — offensive coordinator Joe Lombardi, defensive coordinator Renaldo Hill and then-special teams coordinator Derius Swinton — plus two staffers devoted exclusively to game-management strategy, director of football research and analytics Aditya Krishnan and offensive assistant Dan Shamash, who had previous game management experience on Anthony Lynn's staff. (Shamash was hired away in the offseason by Robert Salah to be the Jets' situational football and game management coordinator.)

"Those (six) people are in complete alignment in terms of how we're going about these decisions," Staley says. "You don't have time to have a big powwow. You don't have time to have this intricate back and forth on a headset during a game."

Next, Staley constructed the mechanics of the fourth-down decision-making in a "yes, unless" system.

At the start of each series of downs on offense, win-probability models from the Chargers football research department would indicate the number of yards the offense would have to gain on first, second and third down to make it a go-for-it — or "green," in the team's lexicon — decision.

Say the Chargers have a first-and-10 from their own 40-yard line. And say the model indicates that they would increase their win probability by going for it on fourth down as long as they have 4 or fewer yards to gain. That information is communicated to all relevant parties, including Lombardi. Lombardi can then call plays on first, second and third down knowing that if he gets to fourth-and-4 or less, the Chargers are going for it — unless Staley says otherwise.

"You can be a better decision-maker if you have things modeled ahead of time," Staley says. "You have to go into the game with a plan, and then that way you're saying, 'No,' as opposed to deciding yes or no. I'm going into it saying, we're doing this unless."

With the infrastructure built, the Chargers entered the 2021 season.

"It's not just about that one down on fourth down," Staley says. "It's what happened on the previous three. And that changes the way you play, and it changes the way they have to play you. And that's what I wanted to do, was use mindset and math to our advantage."

Back in his office, Staley is quoting "The Mighty Ducks."

He references a scene from the 1992 classic in which protagonist Gordon Bombay, a defense attorney who takes over coaching a youth hockey team to fulfill a court-mandated community service sentence, is talking to one of his players, Charlie Conway. Bombay was a star player as a kid, and he rehashes a painful childhood memory of a potential winning penalty shot hitting the post in a championship game.

"A quarter of an inch this way and it would have gone in," Bombay says in the scene. "A quarter of an inch, Charlie!"

"Well, yeah," Charlie replies, "but a quarter of an inch the other way and you would have missed completely."

Staley recites the exchange nearly word for word from memory as he discusses the 2021 Chargers season, when Los Angeles missed the playoffs after losing three of its final four games, including two losses in prime time.

They entered their Week 15 Thursday night game against the Chiefs with a chance to take over first place in the AFC West but fell in overtime after going for it on five of their six fourth downs, only converting twice.

Three weeks later, in the final game of the season at Las Vegas on Sunday night, the Chargers had a chance to make the playoffs with a win or tie. They lost to the Raiders in overtime. They went for it on seven of their 12 fourth downs, though five of those came in desperation situations in the fourth quarter and overtime.

One failed attempt — a third-quarter fourth-and-1 from the Chargers' own 18-yard line when Austin Ekeler was dropped for a 2-yard loss on a run — was a sticking point in the Monday morning quarterbacking that followed. And the failed fourth downs in prime-time games became the lasting images for what had been a promising season.

"I take full responsibility for those two games," Staley says. "There's nobody that was more devastated, that was more crushed by us losing. We're going to learn a lot from those two games. But we're going to learn a lot from all the games that we played in."

That includes wins over the Chiefs (Week 3), Raiders (Week 4), Browns (Week 5), Eagles (Week 9) and Bengals (Week 13), in which the offense went a collective 9-for-12 on fourth down.

"You have to accept it can go both ways," Staley says. "And you're ready for it."

In total, the Chargers went for it on 34 of 108 fourth downs across 17 games — a 31.5 percent go rate that was the highest in the league. Despite the high rate, the Chargers were tied for fourth in fourth-down conversion rate at 64.7 percent, making them the only team in the league with a go rate over 25 percent and a conversion rate over 60 percent.

The Chargers were highly productive on all fourth downs, despite having one of the worst punt units in the league and a field goal unit that only found its footing over the second half of the season after the team replaced kicker Tristan Vizcaino with Dustin Hopkins.

Expected points added (EPA), widely used to measure and compare efficiency in all three phases, uses historical situational data — like down, distance, score and time of game — to produce a point total a team is expected to produce on a given play. After that play, a new expected points total can be calculated based on the same factors. By subtracting the second total from the first total, you are left with the number of expected points produced on a single play.

The Chargers ranked third in the league in EPA/play on fourth downs — by going for it, punting and attempting field goals — despite ranking 25th in total EPA on punts and 16th in total EPA on field goals, according to TruMedia.

"I don't think I'm smarter than everybody else," Staley says. "I believe in myself. I believe in how we do things."

Imagine you are a contestant on "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?" You have made it to the final question. One more correct answer and you win \$1 million. The question pops up, along with your four possible multiple choice options. You are stumped. You have no clue. Luckily, you have kept one of your lifelines — phone a friend.

Now answer this: Do you make the call to get someone else's opinion? What is the downside in gathering as much information as possible before making your million-dollar decision?

The same logic should apply to any decision — even the ultra-high-stakes ones NFL head coaches must make every week in the fall: the more information, the better. And that is where the Chargers football research department comes in.

At the time of his hiring, the Chargers only had one full-time analytics staffer in the building, Krishnan, whom they hired from the Browns as director of football research in March 2020. In July 2021, the Chargers hired Alex Stern, a former consultant for the University of Virginia football team who was a finalist at the 2020 NFL Big Data Bowl — the league's annual analytics contest — and an honorable mention in 2021.

"When you say analytics, it's like, well, that's an outsider's view of the game," Staley says. "But there are people that really care about the game that are really smart. They may not be a coach, they may not be a player, they may not be an executive or front office, but they have a real place in the game."

Krishnan and Stern are responsible for producing the weekly game-specific win probability models Staley uses to inform the team's strategic decisions. The models include myriad factors, like score, time of game, down, distance, weather conditions, adjusted point spread, injury reports and histories, opposing quarterback, home vs. road game, kicking and punting efficiency and more.

The models give Staley a mathematical indication of how much value the Chargers are gaining inherently in a fourth-down decision, before the play happens. That failed fourth-and-1 from the season finale in Las Vegas is a worthy example. And we can use Ben Baldwin's fourth-down bot — an open source win probability model — as a framework.

Inputting the relevant parameters — score (Chargers down 3), quarter (third), time remaining (8:57), field position (own 18), and yards to go (1) — Baldwin's win probability model gave the Chargers a 41 percent chance of winning the game if they punted. If they successfully gained that yard and converted the fourth down, their chances of winning the game would jump to 49 percent. If they failed to convert, their chances of winning the game would fall to 32 percent.

The next step is calculating the chances the Chargers have of converting the fourth-and-1. In this case, Baldwin's model gave the Chargers a 71 percent chance of converting this fourth down. (For context, the league average conversion rate on fourth-and-1s was 68.1 percent last season.)

Next, take the difference in win probability between a successful conversion and a failed conversion — in this case, 17 percent or .17. Multiple that by the probability of conversion — 71 percent or .71 — and you get 12 percent. Add that to the win probability in the case of a failed conversion — 32 percent + 12 percent — and you get 44 percent, three percentage points higher than the win probability if the Chargers punted.

In other words: According to Baldwin's model, the Chargers had a 3 percent better chance of winning the game by going for it than by punting.

The Chargers' team-specific and game-specific models are more nuanced than Baldwin's more general model that calculates win probability for every fourth-down decision from every game all season. More factors come into play — weather, kicking situations, opposing quarterback metrics, injury reports and history, etc. The Chargers also tailor their models based on how Staley wants to play in a given week, either more conservative or more aggressive.

The win probability figures are relayed to Staley and the rest of the coaches involved in game management at the beginning of a new series of downs — the "yes, unless" system — as opposed to fourth down. Staley then has final say and can do whatever he sees fit. There is no chart or sheet, just more information put into the headset of the head decision-maker. And while he trusts the math, there is always more to the decision than just numbers. That was the case with the fourth-and-1 decision in Las Vegas, too.

"When we make this, we're going to tell that team, 'This is our game to win, not yours,'" Staley remembers thinking in that moment. "It's our game to win."

Mindset, then math.

Most often, those two things aligned. According to Baldwin's model, Staley faced 17 fourth-down decisions in which he would gain at least 3 percent in win probability by going for it. He went for it on 12 of those decisions. The Chargers failed to convert four of those 12 fourth downs, including Ekeler's run against the Raiders. Staley says he is not so process-oriented that he "can be immune to the result."

"You can't be blind and say, 'Oh man, I'm so proud of that decision. It didn't work out, but I can live with that,'" he says. "There's a reality to the result. And I think as a leader, you do have to factor that in, because there's this thing called morale and buy-in that really matters. And that's something that you have to take very seriously, and that's something that is incumbent upon me to communicate to our entire team and make sure that you don't ever cross that line."

Buy-in. Morale. Mindset. The unquantifiable human element of the game.

"It's not about me," Staley says. "The mindset, it's not about one person. It's about our team."

The loss in Las Vegas showed both sides of this coin. The fourth-and-1 attempt was the right mathematical decision. But even Staley now admits that he noticed a letdown from his offense after the failed Ekeler run, and the Chargers went three-and-out on their next two possessions.

In the fourth quarter, though, the Chargers, led by Herbert, staged an epic comeback, storming back from 15 points down with 8:23 remaining. Joey Bosa sacked Derek Carr on a third-and-6 to force a punt in the Raiders' final possession of regulation, then Herbert tied the game with a 12-yard touchdown pass to Mike Williams on the final play of regulation. Herbert had a perfect passer rating on fourth down in the game

For Staley, his vision for forging an unflappability among his players had been realized in this comeback.

Even if it ultimately fell short, does it happen if Staley does not prioritize a fearless mindset in his players from his very first day on the job? There is no mathematical model in the world that can answer that question.

"For me, coming here to this team and what I had heard about this team. I knew that mindset was something that I was going to have to establish — and that I wanted to establish," Staley says, "And I think we're in the process of doing it."

Staley is reading another passage from "The Undoing Project."

"Lung cancer proved to be a handy example," he quotes. "Lung cancer doctors in the early '80s faced two unequally unpleasant options: surgery or radiation. Surgery was more likely to extend your life, but unlike radiation, it came with the small risk of instant death.

"When you told people that they had a 90 percent chance of surviving surgery, 82 percent of the patients opted for surgery. But when you told them that they had a 10 percent chance of dying from the surgery, which was of course just a different way of putting the same odds, only 54 percent chose the surgery."

He looks up.

"I think that's a big part of the language of football," he says. "Think about science itself. Sports does an even worse job of framing. People don't always have a good reference point to help them frame some of these decisions."

Staley starts scanning again, flipping pages, reading sentences to himself under his breath. Then he finds another passage he wants to share.

"The understanding of numbers is so weak that they don't know how to communicate anything," he reads aloud. "Everyone feels that those probabilities are not real."

He looks up again.

"That's the real issue," he says. "They don't think these probabilities are real."

But they are. And they could be the difference between winning and losing.

"Facts are what bring people together," Staley says. "When I tell J.C. Jackson that a wide receiver catches 90 percent of his passes outside the numbers, that math should matter to him. When I tell Justin Herbert that over 70 percent on third-and-4-to-6, they pressure, that should matter to him. That math should matter to them. It doesn't mean that on those 4-to-6s it's always going to be pressure and vice-versa. But it's part of the calculation."

Staley held exit interviews with his players, the people who brought his mindset to life, in his office after the season. Veterans came in and delivered Staley a message, as he recalls: "Don't you ever change. Don't you even think about it."

Staley had hoped to build belief among his players. And as the Chargers turn to a new season, one with Super Bowl aspirations buoyed by a defensive overhaul, it is that belief that permeates. The returning players have it. The new faces — like Jackson, Khalil Mack, Sebastian Joseph-Day, Kyle Van Noy and Bryce Callahan — want to be a part of this team because of it.

"Where we are now, we are different because of that. It's the mindset that got us here," Staley says. "This is a different group out here than last year, and it's not just because of the additions. It's because of what we accomplished last year and what we didn't accomplish."

'A lot of food gets thrown down': Inside the Chargers' extravagant team dinners

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COSTA MESA, Calif. -- Situated off the Pacific Coast Highway, with an expansive view of Crystal Cove on the Newport Coast, sits Mastro's Ocean Club.

It's a see-and-be-seen spot, enriched by live music, an impeccable bar and mouth-watering menu.

Seafood platters overflow with lobster, shrimp, crab and oysters. Steaks and chops of every variety fill a plate -- including rack of lamb, porterhouse, filet and wagyu beef.

There's delectable sides of white cheddar macaroni and cheese as well as truffle gnocchi. And butter cake. Lots and lots of butter cake.

In a corner of the restaurant, a separate entrance leads to a private room, enclosed by floor-to-ceiling glass. An area where the restaurant's ambiance can be felt, but one where lively conversations can flow freely without interruption.

Welcome to Friday nights with the Los Angeles Chargers' defense, and as of late, the offense, too.

"A lot of food gets thrown down," linebacker Kyle Van Noy said. "And honestly, it's awesome to be a part of, and part of something that is each and every week."

Order what you want -- veteran edge rusher Khalil Mack is happy to pick up the bill.

"Absolutely," get whatever you want, Mack says, and the price "absolutely" does not matter.

A crowd of NFL players -- somewhere between 20 to 40 at a time -- gather at some of Newport Beach's swankiest restaurants -- Mastro's, Javier's and Nobu -- to break bread, build camaraderie and forge their way to the NFL's postseason.

"We've been trying to get out," safety Derwin James Jr. said, "build that chemistry."

With three games remaining, including a "Monday Night Football" matchup against the Indianapolis Colts (4-9) at Lucas Oil Stadium (8:15 p.m., ET, ESPN), the Chargers (8-6) are on a path to potentially ending a three-year postseason drought under second-year coach Brandon Staley.

A win on Dec. 18 over the AFC South-leading Tennessee Titans (7-7) helped catapult them into the AFC's No. 6 seed.

"Because we're connected, it has allowed us to endure all that has happened this season, because that is the only explanation," Staley said. "There's no other way to explain it. Otherwise, we would be 3-9 or worse. We believe in one another."

Prior to entering the NFL, rookie defensive back Ja'Sir Taylor, a sixth-round pick from Wake Forest, heard from friends and former teammates about what life was like in the league.

"They had dinners with their position groups and all that stuff," Taylor explained. "And in the beginning of the year, we didn't have that."

Players started talking about it, but nobody organized it. Then Mack, barely a season into his Chargers tenure after an offseason blockbuster deal sent him from Chicago to L.A., stepped up.

"He just [said], 'You guys want to go out? I'll take you out,'" Taylor said.

A ninth-year pro, Mack remembered previous teammates -- former Raiders defensive linemen Justin Tuck and Antonio Smith and Hall of Fame defensive back Charles Woodson -- who took on leadership positions and left a lasting impression.

"It wasn't just about football," Mack said. "It was a brotherhood at the end of the day, and the more you cared about each other off the field, the harder you play for each other."

Mack's presence can be felt in a room, though his voice is not often heard. He considers himself someone who would rather be about action than words -- a doer, not a talker.

"But when he speaks," defensive coordinator Renaldo Hill said, "it's powerful."

"I was literally walking [into the locker room] from the hot tub and he was like, 'Oh, we're going to Mastro's,'" linebacker Kenneth Murray Jr. said.

"And I'm like, 'What? OK,' and he was like, 'Everybody be there.' And it was amazing because everybody showed up and we all were there and I feel like that's been one of the key things that's helped bring us together."

The dinners for defensive players started in September. As of late November, offensive players wanted in too after overhearing stories in the locker room and seeing the results on the field.

"They were getting together," tight end Gerald Everett said of the defense. "And I was like, 'Man, what are we doing?'"

Some guys arrive for dinner early. Others run late -- a true test in bonding as they're forced to find and sit in any empty chair. And no matter how much time is allotted, one thing is almost certain: "It's definitely hard to leave," defensive end Morgan Fox said.

They hang out. Talk about life. Talk about ball. And laugh -- a lot.

There's Mack and Joey Bosa, who has attended despite being on injured reserve since undergoing groin surgery following Week 3. Teammates describe the duo as opposites, but say they share some similar qualities. And they make the night lively.

"[Joey] doesn't try to be funny, but half of what he says, just his demeanor and how he controls himself, it's hilarious," defensive lineman Breiden Fehoko said. "And with Khalil, Khalil is just like reserved. If he's really comfortable around you, if he's around the guys, he's a clown."

There's inside jokes. There's stories about families and kids. There's a lot of talk among football players about subjects that hardly have anything to do with football.

"Being able to communicate and talk about life - - it's always good," Van Noy said.

And then there's food. Lots and lots of food, washed down by water, strawberry lemonade and magnums of Opus One wine.

"I get the bone-in ribeye, I get crab cakes, I'll get lobster tail, the white cheddar mac and cheese, I'll get calamari for appetizer, and then I'll get a butter cake," Fehoko said.

"I'll eat a butter cake there, and then I'll take another butter cake home."

Approximate cost for his meal? \$285.

"K-Mack says, 'Get whatever you all want.' Alright," Fehoko said. "You ain't got to tell me twice."

"Load up, big fella," Mack said, smiling. "I know he's going to have to take the double-teams on Sunday, so I try to feed him good."

Linebacker Chris Rumph blushes, then breaks into a laugh when he talks about his go-to order.

"I got to get the wagyu," he said, before attempting to lower his voice. "Between me and you, it's better if I'm not paying."

Mack, who is in the midst of a six-year, \$141 million contract, peers over from a few lockers down and grins at Rumph's laughter.

Then, there's the rookies -- still occasionally starstruck that they're having dinner with players whom they used to idolize, and whom they certainly don't want to embarrass when ordering.

"I always heard that when you're out with important people, you're not supposed to get your steak well done, so I've been dialing it back," Taylor said.

"I'm doing it well done ... well plus, something like that? Medium well plus, whatever. I think whatever [James] orders, that's what I get. Medium well plus."

Mack, with the veteran move, doesn't need to worry about anyone judging his steak.

"I like the roasted chicken," he said.

And in ordering sushi? No limit.

"The question is how much can he pay for," Fehoko said. "You name it, I'm killing sushi."

"Start with some spicy tuna, spicy edamame, have to do the spicy snow crab," defensive lineman Sebastian Joseph-Day said. "This is just the beginning ... the miso cod, the okra ..."

"We probably should just go in the ocean and catch it ourselves with the amount of fish we eat," Rumph said, laughing.

The growing camaraderie didn't immediately translate to the field, as the Chargers teetered through a 5-5 start that included a lopsided 38-10 loss to the Jacksonville Jaguars and a 27-23 loss to the Seattle Seahawks. But as the Chargers make a run down the stretch, their improved chemistry is apparent.

"The closer you are to someone," said cornerback Bryce Callahan, who leads the team with three interceptions, "the easier it is to play with them."

The Bolts have won two straight, in large part thanks to their defense, which has kept them in the game long enough to allow the offense to score, despite uneven performances.

In Week 14, the Chargers frustrated Miami Dolphins quarterback Tua Tagovailoa (10-of-28 for 145 yards and a touchdown) in a 23-17 victory. It was Tagovailoa's worst completion percentage in a game in his three-year career.

"I especially feel like we were playing as a unit, we really try to make a point of going out there and playing for each other, and I feel like everybody kind of -- you can kind of sense it," Murray said. "Everybody was out there playing for one another, everybody was trying to go hard so the other man can succeed."

The following week, Titans quarterback Ryan Tannehill completed 15 of 22 passes for 165 yards against the Chargers. Safety Nasir Adderley grabbed his first interception of the season and Tannehill was sacked by four different Chargers: linebackers Van Noy, Rumph and Drue Tranquill and defensive lineman Joe Gaziano. On the Titans' first six drives of the second half, Tannehill had more sacks than completions.

"It's slowly jelled together, and you can tell whether it's a starter or a backup guy, it's going to flow the same way because we all talk and we all have those off-the-field experiences," Mack said.

After allowing an average of 25.8 points per game (ranked 30th) through the first 13 games of the season, the defense clamped down the past two weeks, allowing 15.5 (fourth).

"We've really made some good strides," Staley said. "The last two weeks, in particular, I've probably felt more energy from the group for the whole game than at any other point since I've been here."

The defense recently extended an invitation to offensive players to join dinners, while, according to several players, more veterans have stepped up to help cover the tab.

"[Justin] Herbert showed up," Joseph-Day said, smiling. "It's great. We have Justin sitting by us and we just sitting down, shooting the s---, talking about life."

"[Mack] has done a great job of getting everyone involved," Herbert said. "That's huge for us."

The running backs, wide receivers, tight ends and offensive linemen are joining in, too.

"It's immeasurable," Staley said of Mack's influence on the team. "He's the one bringing us together. I think that he is bringing out the best in everybody."

Business Fridays: Chargers find levity in end-of-week tradition

By Lindsey Thiry
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COSTA MESA, Calif. – Los Angeles Chargers safety Derwin James Jr. jogged onto the practice field as the Sir Charles Jones end-of-the-week anthem, “Friday,” blared from the speakers.

James and the Bolts appeared to be going through the routine motions of a final practice before game day, but a quick double-take revealed something entirely unique.

Under James’ No. 3 practice jersey popped a collared shirt.

“It’s Business Friday!” James explained, smiling. “You got to come out ready for business.”

Joining James in wearing the unusual practice attire has been defensive lineman Sebastian Joseph-Day and wide receivers Keenan Allen and Mike Williams, although Williams’ time wearing a polo was short-lived.

“I didn’t like how I played [that Sunday],” Williams said. “So that was the end of that.”

“It would be hard not to notice it,” head coach Brandon Staley said, grinning, about the movement, born in Week 1 by James and Allen with an open invitation to all others wishing to join.

“It’s a little joke being about our business, taking care of the little things and staying focused,” said Joseph-Day, a team captain along with James and six others. “But also bringing some fun to it.”

The Chargers are 5-3 and on pace to earn their second playoff berth in nine seasons as they prepare for a matchup against the 4-4 San Francisco 49ers at Levi’s Stadium on “Sunday Night Football” (NBC, 8:20 p.m. ET).

Business Friday has helped translate to some Sunday success, but perhaps more than anything, it’s provided some levity through what has already been a nine-week rollercoaster, and into what can feel like a long 18-week -- and potentially longer -- season.

“You got to find those celebrations, whether it’s dressing up or something within having to play the game of football that you got to find time to have fun because it’s hard, it’s long,” said James, who became the NFL’s highest-paid safety over the offseason by signing a four-year, \$76.5 million extension. “You lose guys throughout the season with injuries and stuff, so you just got to have ways to have fun.”

The Chargers have suffered an inordinate number of injuries, placing starting edge rusher Joey Bosa, cornerback J.C. Jackson, and left tackle Rashawn Slater on injured reserve. Defensive lineman Austin Johnson is expected to also join the IR list after suffering a season-ending knee injury last Sunday. Several other players, including Allen, Williams, and kicker Dustin Hopkins have or will miss multiple games due to injury.

None of which has helped the Bolts find much-needed consistency on the field.

The offense has flashed but otherwise has been unable to repeat the success it found in 2021. Despite a recent burst of touchdowns from running back Austin Ekeler, who has scored a league-leading 10 touchdowns over the last five games, the offense ranks 18th overall in efficiency and is averaging 22.75 points per game (ranks 11th).

Quarterback Justin Herbert, playing through fractured rib cartilage since the end of a Week 2 loss to the Kansas City Chiefs, has passed for 13 touchdowns (t-ninth) with five interceptions (t-13th).

The defense, despite adding Joseph-Day and edge rusher Khalil Mack over the offseason, has underwhelmed and ranks 22nd in efficiency, while allowing 25.75 points per game and a league-worst 5.71 yards per carry.

Nevertheless, the Bolts still find themselves in position to earn a wild-card playoff spot.

“After seven games you get a real accurate picture of the fight in your football team and then you’ve had to experience all these things that most people experience in a full season,” Staley said after a 20-17 win over the Atlanta Falcons in Week 9 that required a game-winning field goal from rookie kicker Cameron Dicker.

“We haven’t performed to our capacity yet, that’s an exciting thing because we know what is in front of us and we know what we have had to absorb and now we know where we need to go and how to get there.”

Part of that journey is developing camaraderie and chemistry with teammates.

“When your guys are doing things like that, that means they like each other,” Staley said. “We’re going to need all of that, the brotherhood and our culture coming to life to play winning football down the stretch here.”
Though for some, business attire during practice doesn’t seem to be the way to go.

“I don’t know why they do that s---,” said Mack, a perplexed look on the ninth-year pro’s face.

When asked whether he’s seen – and would consider joining – the movement, it seemed a step too far for the often-serious Herbert.

“I would probably just say that I’m doing my best to go out and take care of business on Friday. Maybe that is something we can address later, but not as of now,” he said.

But for James, Joseph-Day and Allen, they intend to move forward with “Business Friday” in full effect.

“People always laugh when they see me in it,” Joseph-Day said. “It’s just a lighthearted mindset even though you know you’re serious because it’s a serious thing.”

“I’m going to continue to do it. I don’t care who does it,” said James, noting that polos are available via the equipment staff. “I feel like I’ve been playing fine doing it, so just keep doing it.”

Inside the Chargers' defensive infusion: 'They fit the way we want to play'

By Jeff Howe
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J.C. Jackson's eyes opened wide with a smile to match.

The seafood tower dominated the middle of the table at Mastro's Ocean Club in Newport Beach, Calif., with steak, lobster, shrimp and wine passed around throughout the night. Jackson, who had just finalized his five-year, \$82.5 million contract with the Chargers, was sitting next to head coach Brandon Staley. Several Chargers assistants and members of Jackson's camp attended the welcome dinner at the high-end chop house on the Pacific coast.

Staley conversed with Jackson as though they had known each other for years rather than days. For Jackson, undrafted in 2018, the night was a celebration of how far he'd come in his career and a glimpse into a promising future in Los Angeles. For the Chargers, the night represented a significant swing in free agency, as they loaded up on defense to balance their offensively gifted roster.

"Our goal this offseason was to build a complete team, a deep team," Staley told *The Athletic*. "And I think we're off to a good start."

After keeping wide receiver Mike Williams on a three-year, \$60 million contract, the Chargers got to work on a defense that allowed the fourth-most points in the NFL in 2021. They were 9-8 and eliminated from playoff contention during a 35-32 overtime loss to the Raiders on the final night of the regular season. It was a squandered opportunity — losing three of their final four games and surrendering an average of 36.7 points in those defeats — in star quarterback Justin Herbert's second season.

So the defensive-minded Staley and his staff aligned with general manager Tom Telesco and key front office members, including executive vice president of football administration Ed McGuire, to pinpoint a list of players who would make an impact on defense and fit with their culture.

"The list isn't very long," Staley said.

They started with edge rusher Khalil Mack. The Chargers recognized his high cap number for the rebuilding Bears, who overhauled their leadership structure this offseason by hiring general manager Ryan Poles and head coach Matt Eberflus, and the organization might be willing to move him.

Staley, who was the Bears' outside linebackers coach from 2017-18, has long had an affinity for the former Defensive Player of the Year. Mack held out for the entire 2018 offseason and training camp with the Raiders until the Bears jumped into the mix and acquired him in a trade package that included two first-round draft picks.

Mack immediately validated the Bears' faith.

"You trade for him (in 2018) and sign him to the richest contract of any defensive player in the National Football League," Staley said. "Then he had no offseason — no spring, no training camp. So everyone is waiting to see if this guy is in shape, has he been working? His first rep, I'll never forget it. In a one-on-one against (tackle) Bobby Massie, what that looked like with all the eyes on him, what everyone witnessed at that moment, you're like, 'Oh man, this is going to be different.' Just that explosion — what that looked like, what that felt like. You're looking at one of the elite players in the game. Just a rare player.

"You knew the ability. What expressed itself quickly was just how hard he works. In between drills, when the defense would go out against the scout-team offense, Khalil Mack would sprint to the football off the sideline. He would sprint there. Pretty soon, you've got (defensive tackle) Akiem Hicks sprinting there at 335 pounds. You've got (linebacker) Roquan Smith chasing him. And (cornerback) Kyle Fuller. It became like a game of who is going to get there first. What he did from a practice standpoint, he doesn't talk. What Khalil does is he plays, he performs, he competes. He doesn't need to say anything. He gets it done. There was no better evidence of a prime-time player than what that guy did for us in 2018. Just one of the rare players in the league."

Telesco called Poles and set the parameters for a potential trade. And on March 10, within a day of that initial conversation, the teams agreed to a deal. The Chargers got Mack for a 2022 second-round pick and a 2023 sixth-rounder.

With Mack on board, it'll be a lot more of a challenge for opponents to account for Joey Bosa and his 58 career sacks on the opposite edge. But beyond that, Staley was also excited about the way the Chargers could enhance their culture.

"That's someone who is going to make (safety) Derwin James better," Staley said. "Derwin James gives so much to our team. Well, who is giving Derwin James that in return on defense? Who is filling him up? We need to give him weapons so we can get even more out of him. This is a way to do it. Khalil Mack is a culture-changing player."

The Chargers were also focused on Jackson, who was widely viewed as the top cornerback in free agency. To feel comfortable with the requisite payday, the Chargers studied cornerbacks Jalen Ramsey, Marshon Lattimore, Marlon Humphrey, Tre'Davious White and Xavier Howard — five of the league's best corners — to evaluate how Jackson compared.

They were comfortable with the film work, notably his NFL-best 25 interceptions over the past four years. They were also impressed by his durability, as Jackson hasn't missed a game due to injury in four years (three healthy scratches in 2018). And because the Chargers place an emphasis on signing players with a championship pedigree, they appreciated Jackson's time with the Patriots, who won the Super Bowl during his rookie season.

There was also the James influence. The pair were teammates on a seven-on-seven team in high school in Florida, and James went all in to recruit Jackson to the Chargers when they linked up at the Pro Bowl in February.

James tried to sell Jackson on the team culture, the staff, their young talent, the new facilities, the California lifestyle. Everything, really. James was such an integral piece to the process that Jackson left the Pro Bowl already intrigued about the possibility of moving across the country.

His heart remained in Foxboro, though. Jackson wanted to stay with the Patriots, but the negotiations made very little progress. When the Patriots declined to use the franchise tag on Jackson, his departure from New England was a near certainty. The Patriots told Jackson to return to the negotiating table if his market didn't unfold as expected.

It did. McGuire called Jackson's camp on March 14 as soon as the negotiating window opened and expressed the Chargers' seriousness in signing the cornerback. They were among six teams that showed a decent level of interest, including three that were serious suitors. He had a few competitive offers in the same range as the Chargers' proposal, according to a source.

The Chargers' push was too strong to pass up. Jackson's deal was the fourth-highest among cornerbacks in total dollars, sixth in average annual value and third in fully guaranteed money.

"I felt like he'd be an outstanding fit for us and would provide us the type of impact player at an impact position," Staley said. "What was great about the deal, it was a good deal for both sides in terms of where he was able to exist in the marketplace and for us to be able to attack the rest of free agency. We're just really excited about him and his future and how he fits for us."

The Chargers, who ranked 30th against the run last season, also added defensive tackles Sebastian Joseph-Day (three years, \$24 million) and Austin Johnson (two years, \$14 million). Staley had history with Joseph-Day during their year together with the Rams, and those additions should help the Chargers' personnel transition into Staley's system.

"They fit the way we want to play. There was a pretty big system transition," said Staley, who took over as the Chargers head coach in 2021. "They really allow us to play the way we want to play. To pair Khalil with Joey on the edge of your defense, that's really going to help your run defense in a big way. I can't state this enough. Khalil Mack is one of the complete players in the league. This guy is not just a rusher. Why he's one of the top players in the NFL is because he's a complete player."

The improved front should create more turnover opportunities for James, Jackson and cornerback Asante Samuel Jr. Likewise, the playmakers on the back end should aid the rushers. If Herbert and the highly skilled offense continue to thrive, it'll put more pressure on opponents to play out of their comfort zone, thereby marrying it all together.

And again, Staley kept harping on the chemistry, rooted in advice he once received from longtime defensive coach Ed Donatell.

“You’re not just putting together a collection of pieces,” Staley said. “These players are people, and they’re competitors. You want to make sure when you onboard people into your locker room that they fit with who is already in your locker room. (Donatelli) told me one time, and I think it’s amazing wisdom, when you go sign a guy or trade for a guy, your locker room better know why they’re there, and it shouldn’t take them forever to know why and to see why. That’s always stayed with me.”

There’s one more aspect that shouldn’t be overlooked. Of course, the Chargers want to maximize their opportunity while Herbert is playing on his rookie contract. And looking into the future, he’ll be eligible for an extension during the 2023 offseason, though he is under the Chargers’ control through his fifth-year option in 2024.

It’s becoming an increasingly attractive place to play, and the Chargers want to ensure it’s a place where Herbert will want to stay.

“We’re going to be locked in every single year to be as good as we can be for our football team and for our fans,” Staley said. “But what we’re not going to do is mortgage our future to make that happen. We’ve been tactical so we can support Justin throughout his entire career, not just the beginning of his career. What we want to make sure we do is we have the assets, the capital to build around him for years to come. That’s been our pledge to him and all of our players. We’re trying to take advantage of the circumstance that we’re in now, and I think we’re being tactical in that approach. I think what it says to him is we’re going to compete to the best of our abilities.”

This month, that approach was highlighted by a defensive overhaul.

“We had a really good game plan going into this offseason,” Staley said. “I think we’ve executed it extremely well.”

Chargers New Facility Making 'Incredible' Progress in El Segundo

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It was only a year ago that the Chargers new practice facility was simply a few mounds of dirt.

Fast forward to Thursday, and the Bolts vision is clearly coming to life in El Segundo.

"It was literally a year today that we had the groundbreaking," said Fred Maas, the Chargers Chief of Staff & Counsel. "I've been in the development business for most of my adult life, over 30 years, and it never ceases to amaze me how much can be done in a year. This really represents that.

"It really is incredible. I was here two weeks ago and you could see the noticeable change," Maas added. "Once the drywall goes up, things happen fast. They've just done a great job ... I've been very impressed."

Abraham Garcia, the Chargers Director of Project Management, also marveled at the change over the past 365 days.

"There's a building now," Garcia said with a laugh. "At the groundbreaking, we all saw just mounds of dirt. We had just started to move some dirt around and grade the site back then.

"Now, the building's exterior has gone up — all the frame, all the concrete, the structural members — everything is up," Garcia added. "Now we're just filling in the gaps with walls and beams and everything else. A lot of progress has been made."

The Chargers held a media tour of the new facility Thursday morning, taking reporters and news cameras on a 30-minute trip through multiple spaces of the nearly 150,000-square foot building that was designed by Gensler Sports.

The biggest takeaway? Chargers players are at the heart of the design and layout.

An expansive locker room (with a lounge) sits adjacent to updated equipment, training and weight rooms, giving players all they need in one central location. The building, which sits on 14 acres, also features three natural grass practice fields.

And when it comes time to take a break, there's a relaxation pool with a grill and patio area in the players' outdoor courtyard.

"We've got an incredible group of men here who represent this team and have made sacrifices obviously in the temporary facility we've been in now," Maas said. "It was the goal of the Spanos family and the leadership here to create an environment that was second-to-none in the league.

"I think we got that kind of individuals, and this is the kind of place they deserve," Maas added.

The tour also included glimpses of the auditorium, position rooms, a lounge for coaches, an indoor/outdoor dining area (complete with a coffee bar) and the media center.

Renderings show a modern and vibrant vibe that emulates from any aspect of the building.

"It's really intended, and hopefully you can see through the imagery, to be emblematic of our brand," Maas said. "Really be something that's serious about football, serious about winning football, but also something that's fun, that really reaches out and speaks to our broader audience how they can be incorporated here.

"Hopefully this will articulate who we are as a team," Maas added.

The exterior of the entire building takes the shape of a Bolt, which Maas said was a natural choice for architecture and branding when designing the facility.

"As you go outside, the Bolt really was the inspiration for what we can do," Maas said. "And how do we take some of the exciting things around that imagery and integrate it into the building in a way that fit and didn't look hokey, but genuine to what our brand was.

"I think Gensler ... did a brilliant job of integrating it throughout the building," Maas added.

The Bolts new facility will be just miles from both SoFi Stadium and Los Angeles International Airport. And the Chargers will soon share a city with other professional Los Angeles-based sports teams, as the Kings, Lakers and Sparks all have their practice facilities nearby.

"We had our hearts set on the South Bay when we started this process five years ago," Maas said. "We always thought this was just an important focal point. We had saw a burgeoning fanbase here and it had so many positive elements — from the proximity to SoFi, proximity to LAX, and all the teams that are here and the synergies of the other teams that we had on the South Bay. It was just an exciting opportunity to kind of blossomed and came to life a couple of years ago.

"They've been great neighbors, great friends, they've participated in the process, they've reached out, they've been collaborative," Maas added about the nearby teams. "I couldn't ask for a better group of teams or people to be associated and be close to so it's been great. And [the city of] El Segundo, I can't say enough good things about them. They've just been terrific to work with."

Garcia said as many as 250 construction workers have helped on the project, and that the facility currently has more than 150 workers.

As far as the future timeline, Maas said the Chargers will integrate into the building next spring.

"Hopefully the plan is that we have the draft here next year and then move in later in the spring or the summer," Maas said. "But we'll have training camp here in 2024."

When the Bolts do move into their new digs, it will surely be one-of-a-kind.

"We want to have a building that doesn't look like anything else throughout the city," Garcia said. "We want people to know when they see it from PCH [Pacific Coast Highway] or they come up to the building that they know it's the Chargers building.

"If you compare this to any typical office building, it doesn't look like anything in the rest of the city," Garcia said. "This is a statement piece that says, 'We're here and this is our home.'"

Joey Bosa and Khalil Mack get fresh chance to launch partnership

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COSTA MESA, Calif. – A grin grew across the face of Joey Bosa.

What made the Los Angeles Chargers outside linebacker attend voluntary organized team activities?

“I mean, the coaches telling me,” Bosa said with a chuckle. “So, yeah, it’s no problem.”

As he prepares for his eighth NFL season, Bosa would otherwise be in Florida, training with his younger brother, San Francisco 49er and defending NFL Defensive Player of the Year Nick Bosa.

“For Joey to be here, I think that it shows all of these young players what it takes to be successful,” coach Brandon Staley said, “that you have to be here with your team to improve.”

Consider it a bonus that Bosa’s attendance will allow additional time to further develop with veteran counterpart Khalil Mack.

“It’s always good when you have Joey B out there,” Mack said. “A lot of knowledge. A good friend, a good dude to have around in the locker room and the meeting room.”

Bosa and Mack, along with safety Derwin James Jr., headline a group that returns eight of 11 starters from a 10-7 squad that made their first playoff appearance in four years. The Chargers also are expecting the return of cornerback J.C. Jackson, who is continuing to recover from season-ending knee surgery, and welcome veteran linebacker Eric Kendricks, who signed a two-year, \$13.25 million deal in free agency.

But the attention remains on Bosa and Mack. Two premium pass rushers who have another rare opportunity to line up together, and who will be depended on to perform if the Chargers want to improve on a 2022 run that ended in a brutal 31-30 loss to the Jacksonville Jaguars in a wild card playoff game.

“That’s one of the things that we talked about when we got on the plane,” Mack said of last season’s finale in Jacksonville. “We were like, ‘Man, just give me one more.’ That’s what we’re looking forward to.”

Expectations for the Bosa-Mack duo were sky high in 2022 after the Chargers acquired Mack in a blockbuster trade with the Chicago Bears. However, their partnership never grew out of its infancy after Bosa suffered a groin injury in a Week 3 loss to the Jaguars and spent 12 weeks on injured reserve.

This season the pair get another chance to prove that those expectations were not out of reach and that – despite being a year older – they can establish themselves among the best pass-rushing duos in the NFL.

It’s rare that you can find two players of that caliber that you can get together,” Staley said. “Our goal is for those two to get to play together.”

Despite a late-season surge, the Chargers’ defense in 2022 ranked 21st in the NFL, allowing an average of 22.6 points. In six games together, including a playoff matchup, Bosa and Mack combined for 7.5 sacks.

“Not even close,” Mack said about whether he and Bosa displayed their potential in 2022. “Just can’t wait to get out there with this guy. Not talk too much but get to work.”

Bosa, who turns 28 in July, insisted that this offseason felt different than any previous after he underwent in-season surgery to repair his groin, a source of chronic pain.

“I was talking a lot last year about how it was the best I’ve felt,” Bosa said. “It was true at the time, but I think I got used to a lot of the chronic pain that I was in, so it was hard to judge where I really was. Kind of getting back to work this year, it’s been fun to put up some times running and stuff. We’re getting back to the old me or whatever you want to say.”

In 2021, Bosa posted 10.5 sacks, forced seven fumbles and had 20 quarterback hits.

Now a year into his move to Los Angeles, Mack, 32, has proven more comfortable in his surroundings, even sitting courtside to watch LeBron James and the Lakers’ playoff run. The 10th-year pro has established a routine, which includes Pilates and stops at his favorite food spots.

“It feels very good not to have to figure all of that out,” Mack said. “It matters... Getting in that routine of knowing what to do and where I am going to be and what I am going to do throughout the week, it’s much-needed.”

Mack, similar to Bosa, also said that physically he’s feeling “pretty good,” a difference in what he felt a year ago as he worked to return from in-season foot surgery.

“Being able to get into it and get into a regimen faster and run and do all of the things that I would normally do during the offseason, it feels great,” Mack said.

And, in Bosa’s fashion of brutal honesty, he admitted something else. It wasn’t only at the coaches’ urging that he attended voluntary workouts. He likes being with Mack, too.

“Khalil and I, off the field, I think we’ve grown close just in the short amount of time that we’ve been together. I’m excited to keep it going,” Bosa said. “I’d say he’s definitely part of the reason that I came out early. I feel obligated to do my stuff when I have him watching me, have him counting on me. It’s nice to have that.”

'A Think Tank of Ideas': How the 7 Former College QBs on the Bolts Coaching Staff Help Guide Justin Herbert

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In the days after Kellen Moore was hired in late January, the Chargers Offensive Coordinator set out to learn and evaluate the dozens of new faces on the Bolts roster.

And he began building relationships with the 20 or so fellow coaches on Brandon Staley's staff.

Players were away from the building, so Moore spent his time popping in and out of offices and meeting rooms on the second floor of Hoag Performance Center.

Moore soon had a realization: There are a lot of former quarterbacks on the coaching staff.

"I quickly became aware of it," Moore said with a smile. "Brandon has talked a lot about it in the sense that when he was with the Rams up there, they had a lot of quarterbacks on their staff.

"He kind of half-joked when I came here," Moore recalled. "He said, 'We like quarterbacks.' They like people who see it from that perspective, and we've certainly got a lot in here. It's been fun."

Moore is one of seven coaches on the Chargers staff who played quarterback in college. Not all of them played on the Division I stage, but they were all good enough to play some level after high school.

Staley, one of the seven in the group, smiled wide when asked if having so many former college quarterbacks on staff was by design.

"I don't think it's a coincidence," said Staley, who played at Dayton and Mercyhurst College. "It was the same way when I was with the Rams [in 2020], there were a bunch of quarterbacks [on staff]. I think that position is just naturally attracted to coaching.

"Some of the best coaches I know are former quarterbacks, and I just think it's about the way you think, the level of football you've been exposed to," Staley continued. "When you play that position, you're responsible for all 22 [players] on the field.

"It's one of the few positions like that in all of sports, and it naturally leads guys to want to coach," Staley added. "I love having that around our team because it multiplies the impact of that position."

If you're looking for the place where those former college signal callers often congregate, look no further than, duh, the Chargers quarterback room.

Moore is in there, of course. He was a bonafide sensation at Boise State from 2008 to 2011 and helped vault the Broncos on the national stage by going 50-3 over four seasons, becoming the first quarterback in FBS history to win 50 games in his career.

Chargers quarterbacks coach Doug Nussmeier leads the room, too. He starred at Idaho and won the 1993 Walter Payton Award, which is the FCS version of the Heisman Trophy.

Tom Arth, the Chargers Passing Game Specialist, is also a familiar figure in the room, as is Chandler Whitmer, an Offensive Quality Control coach on staff.

Arth played quarterback at John Carroll University, a Division III school he was later the head coach at while employing Staley as his defensive coordinator.

Whitmer, meanwhile, played at Connecticut after playing junior college ball ... where he twice got the best of Staley.

"I ended up going to Butler Community College in Kansas and that was in 2011 when Brandon was the defensive coordinator at Hutchinson Community College," Whitmer said. "Both were in the same conference ... played them twice, beat them twice.

"I give him a hard time, not too many people know about it," Whitmer added. "But anyways, it's kind of funny how the football world works, it's a small network."

That quartet will be a sounding board, support group and anything else Justin Herbert needs this season as he endures the usual trials and tribulations of being an NFL quarterback.

"Everyone plays quarterback in a different type of offense, so having all of those opinions — the different experiences those guys have had — it's super helpful," Herbert said. "Whether it's Pat White or Kellen Moore or Coach Nussmeier, they've all got different strengths and weaknesses, so to be able to listen to all of those guys is super helpful."

Oh yes, Pat White. You know, one of the most dynamic players in college football history?

White spent his time with the receivers in 2022, but Staley said during training camp that the West Virginia legend is helping multiple position groups in his role as an Offensive Quality Control coach.

"This guy was a former Heisman Trophy candidate, he played in the National Football League," Staley said of White. "Any time you can be around someone who had that type of career, it's great for your program.

"He can also be a bridge from the quarterbacks to the receivers, and the receivers to the quarterbacks," Staley added. "That's kind of what his role is now, he's involved in both of those rooms. He's been awesome for our staff."

If you include the expertise of Staley and White, that makes six former college quarterbacks that Herbert can lean on and ask questions to.

Staley said that is by design so that Herbert can jog onto the field with a full arsenal and also a clear mind.

"They understand the routine and the rhythm and the process of a quarterback, and how important it is to set it up for him," Staley said of the coaches in the quarterback room. "We want it to where Justin can just go attack. That position understands how sacred that is because it's a very big responsibility.

"We don't want an overcrowded quarterback room, but just the right amount of people so that our quarterbacks can operate at a premium level," Staley added. "There's a lot of work people don't see behind the scenes that needs to be done in order for guys to play their best: projects, studying opponents, studying ourselves, breaking down drills. It's just a lot of work that needs to be done to set the table for them to attack and there's no better person to do that than a former quarterback."

Moore said he's enjoyed the back and forth that takes place in that room, conversations that also include Easton Stick and Max Duggan.

"It's just a really big and open collaborative room," Moore said. "You want to utilize all of these different guys' experience, whether it was some of us who were able to play for years or guys that have coached for years or guys that have been here for years.

"Stick was here before Justin so there's things he can teach us," Moore added. "Max can teach us some stuff as we install, maybe it's, 'Hey, I've ran this play before.' That's the biggest part, let's just utilize everyone in the room."

Now six months into his time with Moore, Herbert said the chance to work with the 35-year-old has allowed him to dive a little deeper into the chapters of the Chargers offense.

The two almost speak the same language now, especially when it comes to the fact that both have stood in an NFL pocket and prepped for the barrage of defenders heading their way.

"With Kellen, he has a great feel for the game," Herbert said. "He understands the protection and how little time quarterbacks really have in being able to get the ball out quick.

"Just understanding exactly what you need to work with with the offensive line," Herbert added. "I think he's done a great job communicating with the O-line so that we have a protection plan that we want and something we feel comfortable with. Kellen has a great feel for that."

Those fascinating conversations take place when players have gone home, too.

It doesn't take much to imagine the dialogue between Staley, Moore, Nussmeier, Arth, White and Whitmer in a meeting room.

"You're just able to have that healthy discussion and that open platform to share your experiences," Staley said. "Guys come from different systems, which brings different viewpoints, and then you tie that into how we believe in doing things philosophically. It's just going to add a lot of things to your program.

"We want that platform for coaches to feel free to really express themselves," Staley added. "It's like a think tank. You want a think tank of ideas so that you're always at the cutting edge."

And if those half-dozen coaches want one of the rarer viewpoints on staff, perhaps they walk over into Jay Rodgers' office to talk ball.

Rodgers is now in his second season as the Defensive Run Game Coordinator/Defensive Line Coach for the Bolts and has been with the Chargers since Staley arrived in 2021.

But Rodgers, one of the top D-line coaches in the league, appeared in 29 games for Indiana in the mid-1990s as a quarterback.

Rodgers was asked this summer if he was a good quarterback for the Hoosiers.

"If you want to look at it in terms of statistics, no," Rodgers said with a chuckle. "If you want to look at it in terms of wins and losses, no.

"I was probably a better high school quarterback than I was a college quarterback," Rodgers added.

Now a valuable member of the Bolts staff, Rodgers has carved out a reputation as one of the top position coaches in the league. (Rodgers won the 2018 John Teerlinck Award as the best defensive line coach in the NFL while with the Bears).

And he credits his time as a college quarterback for helping him now view football on a big-picture scale.

"I think you always view the game from the eyes of what you played. I still see the game a little bit more globally than some coaches in my position," Rodgers said. "They're so used to seeing defensive lines and offensive lines, that sometimes I can see outside the box through my own experiences and having to do that as a player.

"And it also helps the learning process because I can maybe teach it a different way and with a different perspective by having eyes open rather than having blinders on," Rodgers continued. "My feedback from players I've coached is that the more they understand the game of football, the more aggressive I can play.

"Those little tips and tricks, I hope, can help each guy lengthen their football career," Rodgers added.

If there's anyone who knows Rodgers path from college quarterback to defensive NFL coach, it's Staley, who's own journey is well known.

"When you can find those offensive players that become defensive coaches, that's kind of my path but I think it's a unique path and a wise one," Staley said.

Naturally, Staley jumped at the chance to add Rodgers to his staff when he was hired three years ago.

"He's got an awesome background. He was with some great defensive coaches in Denver and then we joined up in Chicago with Vic [Fangio]," Staley said. "His background is big because he understands protections, understands formations. There's a lot of D-line guys that don't have his background and he can help his guys find some tips that allow them to play fast.

"We're always trying to incorporate the quarterback position in how we coach defense," Staley added. "It doesn't matter if you're with the D-line, linebacker or secondary player, they have to understand how that position is being coached for them to do their best."

There are 23 coaches who reside on the second floor of the Bolts practice facility. Nearly one-third of them played quarterback in college.

And this group of seven doesn't even include Tommy Donatell, the Chargers Defensive Passing Game Coordinator/Secondary Coach who went to Iowa as a quarterback but quickly shifted to safety and was never under center in a game for the Hawkeyes.

Either way, having seven former college quarterbacks on staff is something Staley believes helps make himself, the staff and ultimately the Chargers better in every aspect.

Arth reflected this summer on how being a former quarterback helps him see and approach the game.

"I think from a mindset standpoint, you have to be a really competitive person," said Arth, who joined the Colts out of college and spent time as Peyton Manning's backup. "You have to be someone who is willing to serve and bring the best out of people around you.

"But you also have to have a big-picture outlook on the game itself and understand what every situation is and understand what we're really trying to get accomplished with each play," Arth continued. "Those are some of the things I enjoy most about the game. I do think playing quarterback helped me become a good coach and there's certainly a lot that I've learned coaching that I wish I knew when I was playing.

"But with the way Brandon has created the culture here, we all have the opportunity to learn the game from each other and become the best we can be," Arth added. "In turn, that helps our players become the best that they can be."

Away from the field, Staley and the Bolts have invested in plenty of quarterback brain power to help Herbert continue to thrive as he enters his fourth season in the league.

And on the field?

Let's just say that those former quarterbacks can still spin it and love a good quarterback competition from time to time.

"They're certainly alive a little bit," Moore said with a smile.

Marco Zucconi Earns Athletic Trainer of the Year Award

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Marco Zucconi has made some history.

It's not a surprise to those who know the Chargers associate athletic trainer well.

Zucconi was named the AFC recipient of the Tim Davey Assistant Athletic Trainer of the Year on Tuesday evening, becoming the first Chargers athletic trainer to earn the accolade.

Zucconi was presented the award in Phoenix at a ceremony for the Pro Football Athletic Trainers Society by James Collins, the Bolts former head trainer who hired Zucconi over a decade ago.

"As soon as James got called up, my heart was beating out of my chest," Zucconi said. "I did not expect it at all. It's special because James gave me my first opportunity in the NFL, so it was special for him to be able to call me up there.

"I've seen a lot of people get this award and they are legends in this space as athletic trainers," Zucconi said. "I don't feel like I am as deserving as them. But to be seen in that light is pretty incredible."

Zucconi initially interned with the Chargers for the 2007 season but returned to the team in a full-time role in 2012. He was an assistant athletic trainer until 2016 before he was promoted to associate trainer.

Collins, now the Chargers Director of Football/Medical Services, said he has watched Zucconi flourish over the years.

"I saw something that was different than all of the other students I'd had," Collins said. "It was his ambition, character and his attitude, plus wanting to be as good as he can be.

"He had a knack for understanding how an athletic trainer should work and take care of an athlete, even at a younger stage of his career," Collins added. "And he's grown so much. His skillset is different from other athletic trainers because of how he's gone out and learned other techniques to help get athletes better."

Chargers center Corey Linsley recently spoke with Chargers.com about the impact Zucconi has on himself and his teammates on a daily basis.

"Marco and I built a great relationship from the start," Linsley said. "Coming from Green Bay, he had a pretty good relationship with some of the trainers that I was close with back there, so it was definitely a little bit easier to kind of bridge the gap there.

"But as I started to work with him on some of the things you go through during the season with general ailments and aches and pains ... the thing he does really well is finding a lot of variety of solutions to a particular problem," Linsley continued. "Like, if I say, 'Hey, my shoulder is bothering me', we do an exercise. But if I'm not really getting what I want out of it then he'll say, 'Let's switch it up and find something that works for you.'

"It's never just linear with Marco. He's always thinking of new ideas, new ways to not only fix problems, but just maintain the general maintenance of things that you have to keep up with throughout the season," Linsley added. "And his willingness to work ... he has a phenomenal work ethic. I really appreciate that."

Zucconi was nominated for the award by Chargers colleagues and fellow athletic trainers Allison Miner, Alvin Cabrera and Sam O'Leary.

The three of them raved about working with Zucconi and noted how he constantly puts others before himself in all facets of his job.

"A professional through and through," Miner said. "But he's able to have fun, too. You enjoy going to work and working with him.

"He cares so much about our department and wants us to be elite," Miner added. "He constantly pours into all of us. That's rare and doesn't always happen in professional sports. He really pours into us to make us a great functioning unit. Whether it's his co-workers or the athletes, he always has time."

O'Leary added: "It's his people skills. He can talk to anybody in a room, whether it's somebody from the front office to somebody on the practice squad. He treats them all with the same level of respect."

Cabrera said: "His professionalism and his body of knowledge is immense. It's how much he knows and how he's able to discuss things with a player so they understand it as well."

Those around the Chargers also praised Zucconi, a husband and father of three, for the way he brilliantly balances a demanding job and his family.

"It's amazing how good of a person and family man he is. He's a great role model to everything from how he treats people to how he creates time for his wife and his family," O'Leary later added. "There's no fall off between [his work and family] ... and he's elite at both."

Linsley added: "He loves dad jokes. I would say that's his forte."

Zucconi has taken on a larger role in the department in recent years as he is responsible for organizing data from player trackers in practices and games.

Miner gave an example where a running back might hit a typical yardage amount and speed in a given practice. Based on the data Zucconi is in charge of, other athletic trainers know what marks that player needs to hit while rehabbing on the side with an injury.

"You can get in the weeds looking at all that," Miner said. "But he helps you know what to look at and what we're trying to do with each player."

For all that Zucconi does for the Bolts, it's clear that he has built up a trust with those in the building.

O'Leary gave an example where a player specifically leaned on Zucconi for help in a tough situation.

"The player went out of his way to seek out Marco because he trusted him," O'Leary said.

"He was instrumental for that player because he had built up a level of comfort and trust."

Linsley expanded on how the Bolts locker room feels about Zucconi.

"You want somebody that has a heart and has a high level of character because they're dealing with your well-being to some degree," Linsley said. "They're dealing with how you feel for us day-to-day and it's part of our livelihood and part of our career.

"So, for someone like him who has our back as players and understands, is a good person in general, you know when it comes down to it, he's going to make the right decision for you," Linsley added.

Zucconi credited the team around him for helping energize him to be his best on a daily basis.

"It's all about giving care to the players and showing that you're all in it for them," Zucconi said. "That's challenging at times, to always give of yourself, so to have the staff that we have is something we try to do.

"It's amazing to have friends and family like that to recharge you and keep you doing what you love to do," Zucconi added. "It can be tough at times, but they make it all so much easier and that much better."

Collins recalled Zucconi's relationship with former Chargers running back Danny Woodhead, who was with the team from 2013-16.

"Danny was a real go-getter and always played with a chip on his shoulder, so missing practice or missing time wasn't on his agenda," Collins said. "Marco always put in whatever time he needed to make sure Danny missed as little time as possible.

"And you could tell that Danny always appreciated it," Collins added. "He doesn't just go through the motions. He genuinely wants them to get better."

Zucconi has displayed that work ethic and empathy on a daily basis with the Chargers.

And he has now been rightfully recognized for his impact within the organization.

"He's so good at what he does," Miner said. "I don't have the words to say how great he is. He's so deserving of this award.

"He's just a wonderful leader, but he's collaborative in his leadership and he's going to take you along with him," Miner added. "He's not climbing the ladder on his own. He's putting his hand back and pulling everyone along with him. That's a special and rare trait."

BRANDON STALEY

How a grueling cancer battle taught Brandon Staley he can overcome Jacksonville fiasco

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The losses were dramatic, certainly, even historic, the Chargers' last two seasons ending in ways difficult to conceive.

But Brandon Staley is one who can relate, can relate to being repeatedly crushed, to being finished in both mind and body. Can relate to the pain of progress.

He's a fighter who, still today, summons the competitive acid that swells inside a gut trying to accept losses suffered on an AAU hoops court as a 12-year-old.

And he's a son, too, a son who watched his mother somehow cut daylight through the impossible — a winding, gnarled cancer battle that he'd eventually have to face himself.

"Because of the tough losses, the endings to the past two seasons, you're closer to the right path," Staley said. "It's exactly what my mom used to always say to us."

Linda Staley's message has shaped his life. Her words are, as Staley explained it, "what drive me from these experiences."

He used them years ago when Hodgkin lymphoma invaded his chest and demanded a response to a regimen that gives life and hope but takes so much else.

"Every one of those chemo treatments was like a football game to him," Jason, Staley's twin brother, remembered. "It was going to be a grind ... and he was going to grind the cancer right out of him."

So now, Staley is in another fight — one that isn't life or death just a whole lot of life, his life. For the second consecutive summer, he will try to steer the Chargers back from the darkest of defeats.

Understanding cancer and its ravages long before his diagnosis — the way the disease slowly consumed his mother and twice took runs at his father — Staley finds himself empowered by perspective.

"When you go through chemo, a treatment, afterward you have nothing left," he said. "It feels like losing a game. It takes the air out of you. But 13 days later you have to be ready to go do it again."

"You know what to expect now, so you build yourself up and when that date arrives, you're ready to go. And then you're actually stronger the next time. You're going to get knocked down again by the treatment, but you keep learning."

The Chargers' latest loss was so profound that the details and misery attached to it — the entire expanse of a sour-luck franchise that, in 54 years in the NFL, never has won — can be captured in a single word:

Jacksonville.

Expressed another way, it takes but two numbers:

27-0.

The league's third-worst playoff collapse spiraled the Chargers into an offseason that saw multiple assistants fired by a coach many observers believed should have been the first to go.

Worse, the 31-30 loss to the Jaguars marked Staley's second consecutive season-ending stomach kick. A year earlier, the Chargers' playoffs hopes vanished on the final play of the NFL's final regular-season game, in overtime, against the AFC West rival Raiders.

Despite starting his career with consecutive winning seasons — a more successful foundation than those laid by Bill Belichick and Andy Reid, Jimmy Johnson and Don Coryell — Staley's very competence was doubted. Even mocked.

The analysts screamed, the fans growled, the internet "internetted."

So, as he readies for his latest response in a lifetime of responses, let's offer one suggestion of what's to come by looking back at what already has been; back at the time a disease showed up to attack Staley but instead found itself under attack.

He had just spent his first year in coaching — at Northern Illinois — as a graduate assistant, a bottom-rung position where a former college standout found himself trying to discover ways to somehow impact games he previously had controlled joystick-like as a quarterback.

Staley hadn't felt well for most of that 2006 season as he dealt with a stubborn fever and re-occurring night sweats, a growth also developing on his neck and eventually turning harder.

In mid-January, at UH Cleveland Medical Center — the same hospital where his parents had been treated — Staley received the diagnosis that left both his brothers crying while he refused to waver.

"Brandon's wired differently than a lot of people," said Michael, Staley's younger brother. "I think it was tough for him to break the news to me, but the confidence he had on that call made me feel more at ease."

"He wasn't going to let people see him differently even though he was battling something terrifying. He approached things the way we saw our mom do it. She fought with such grace and elegance."

Linda Staley was supposed to live one year after breast cancer was discovered when her twin sons were 12. She lived that year and eight more before her body spent the last of its fight.

Along the way, she discovered strength by helping others on their cancer paths, continued to raise her three sons and, shining light on the grim effects of chemo, often leaned on her favorite mantra: "The sicker I get, the closer I get to getting well."

Staley's father, Bruce, already had beaten thyroid cancer and, years later, would do the same to prostate cancer. But Brandon's diagnosis hit especially hard, Michael admitting he felt fear and Jason saying he experienced something more gripping.

"There was nothing I wouldn't have done to take the cancer out of him and put it into me," Jason said. "I mean, we're twins, right? That's something I have to wake up with every day. We're blessed that he beat it, but there's still a tinge of guilt, a bit of 'Why him and not me?'"

Twelve rounds of chemo — once every other week for six months — awaited Staley. Lymphoma filled his right lung and his tumor had grown to be as visible as ever.

New Chargers coach Brandon Staley credits much of his success to the examples set by his father and mother, even as she eventually passed away from cancer.

There were unknowns, certainly, but there also was a clear picture of what was coming; a picture, Staley explained, fine-tuned by watching a pair of lifelong educators who raised him teach lessons they never envisioned teaching.

"I saw a lot from my mom and dad, especially my mom," he said. "She went through the toughest stuff you can go through. ... There was nothing in the cancer playbook that she didn't go through."

"I've seen how far the human body can go. I've seen it challenged to the edges. I know what the toughest part of life looks like because I've seen it. I've seen it and I've felt it myself."

After the ninth round of chemo, scans showed Staley to be cancer free. But the final three dosages had to go on as planned, something he said nearly staggered a mindset forged to fight.

So Brandon Zangaro, one of his former college teammates, continued to pick up Staley at the Cleveland airport, drive him to the hospital and marvel at what would happen once they arrived.

"When he would walk in, everyone's day would brighten," Zangaro said. "He's just magnifying that way, electric really. It was ironic, you know? He was going there to have poison put in his body and he was the positive one."

Following the chemo and a short break, Staley began six weeks of radiation, every morning, Monday through Friday. He would drive to Chicago, to the University of Illinois Medical Center, leaving Northern Illinois at 4 a.m. for the earliest appointment possible.

Then he'd drive back and return to work, resume building toward his dream of head coaching, the competitor in Staley choosing to embrace — no, to cherish — the two-fisted challenger before him.

The early-morning regimen brought a focus and purpose to each day. The battle generated the sort of energy he'd felt only when facing the toughest of foes. The size of the opponent demanded a response of equal stature.

"It was really good for me because it got me started in coaching the way you need to start," Staley said, "which is having the selflessness, the commitment, the dedication, the drive that ultimately gets you where you want to go."

Every day, after returning from radiation, Staley would enter the Yordon Center, which houses Northern Illinois' football offices. Amy Ward, a former Huskie volleyball player who was interning for the athletic director, worked the front desk.

The two had seen each other months earlier, at Fatty's, a local hangout known for its Cajun-fried potato salad and less famous for being Amy's former place of employment.

She would see Staley stalking his way through the Yordon Center hallways behind dark sunglasses. What Amy didn't know was those glasses were hiding a pair of eyes turned bloodshot by the drugs saving Staley's life.

Before long, they were dating, and a couple weeks into their relationship, Amy asked about the scar on Staley's neck, the spot that twice had been biopsied leading to his diagnosis.

"I was enamored at his ease in discussing his cancer," said Amy, who became Staley's wife in June 2011. "You could tell it was a big deal and it had been really hard, but he was, like, on fire about his life and what he wanted to do next."

There was passion, but there was something soothing, too. There was authenticity, the type Staley's players talk about still today. Before their first date, Staley told Amy he'd pick her up in his favorite car, bragging on his beloved ride to the point where Amy wasn't sure what to expect.

He's a car guy? Really?

Then Staley rolled up in an old Buick Skylark the color of the McDonald's character, Grimace. "The Purple Palace," as the Staley boys called it, had belonged to their grandfather, John Lucrezi, before being passed down.

There was gray paneling on the sides and some 250,000 miles on the odometer — Jason: "He drove it everywhere. We couldn't afford plane tickets." — before the poor palace, oozing oil, finally caught fire and died.

"He pulled up in that Skylark with a big smile on his face, and I was like, 'OK, this guy's different,'" Amy said. "It was just so refreshing. I knew then how original he was."

His life already buoyed by belief, Staley described himself as soaring when he appeared on the other side of cancer. His confidence surged like never before, and he worked himself into better shape than when he was quarterbacking at Dayton.

He knew he had conquered a monumental climb and just how much it had taken to reach the peak. Bigger still, Staley said, he now knew how to get where he really was going.

"There's a humility when you know how it is and how it could be," he said. "When you feel that type of stuff I felt, then everything else seems so achievable. There isn't a challenge that you don't think you can head toward."

Staley spent two more years at Northern Illinois before starting up the ladder that saw him reach Division III John Carroll for a three-year defensive coordinator run that ended in 2016.

Before his final season there, Staley, two defensive assistants and eight members of his secondary loaded into an extended van and drove two hours down I-76 to Pittsburgh, to Heinz Field, for "Race to Anyplace," a stationary bike charity event for cancer.

Even now, Staley is convinced that the trip bonded the group, helping the '16 John Carroll team play the best defense he has "ever been a part of ... and I've been a part of two No. 1 defenses in the NFL."

"A lot of people talk a good game, but he lived a good game," said Mike Hollins, one of Staley's former John Carroll cornerbacks. "What he overcame showed us we could overcome anything."

That season, Staley was named the Division III national coordinator of the year. A few months later, he was coaching outside linebackers for the Chicago Bears, an NFL assistant sprinting his way to another pinnacle with the Chargers.

Flying home from Jacksonville, Staley said he remembers wishing the NFL playoffs were like pickup basketball; he wanted to run it back against the Jaguars right then.

The next day, his brothers talked to him in separate phone conversations, both Jason and Michael saying Staley stressed to them the importance of his upcoming exit interviews with the players.

Here was a coach just flattened again by a season-sealing defeat, a coach rumored to be in danger of facing unemployment, still trying to end the year the right way, even after the season had ended with everything going wrong.

Six months later, there's evidence of healing.

"The culture this year is so much better, so much closer, so much tighter," Chargers defensive lineman Sebastian Joseph-Day said. "That's a testament to Staley, to what he's building. This is his thing, his baby. This is 100% him."

Perhaps, but Staley insisted it's a team thing, not unlike his fight against Hodgkin lymphoma; a fight that focused on one man but featured the efforts of so many others.

"You don't do it by yourself," Staley said. "You can't do it alone. You have to depend on your doctors and your nurses, your family and your friends. That's how being a head coach is, too."

"If you feel like you can do it all by yourself, you're going to fail. You won't have enough on your own. That's why you have to surround yourself with the right people. I'm not the one who beat cancer. We all did it."

The toughness required, the unpredictability involved, the perseverance needed — Staley cited each when he compared fighting cancer to head coaching in the NFL. In both challenges, he talked about the ability to feel momentum turn.

Then he talked about the Chargers' Week 14 victory last season over Miami, when a group sitting at 6-6 made one of the league's fastest offenses trudge through mud, igniting a four-game win streak that put his Chargers in the playoffs.

"I look back on my cancer path," Staley said, "and it's helped me immensely."

Each of his first two teams as a head coach had its season end when the opposition kicked a field goal as time expired. The bankrupt feeling of those empty nights — after so many fulfilling moments to get there — was conveyed poignantly by "0:00."

Now, Season 3 is beginning for Staley, and the people closest to him have little doubt how this cancer survivor will respond.

"I've seen so many things thrown his way where I think so many people would have given up or taken a different direction," Amy said. "He just digs in deeper and keeps going. I've always admired that about him. When you think his back's to the wall, he's just getting started."

FMIA: Brandon Staley Isn't Changing Who He Is

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SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO, Calif.—It's 5:39 a.m. in Orange County, and Chargers coach Brandon Staley is in a rush to get to work 25 minutes away. But he can't rush his drive too much through the thick fog enveloping the area around his home, not far from the Pacific Ocean.

"In the morning, you can get this fog, which is kind of cool," said Staley, an Ohio kid exposed to California life for the first time in 2020. He speaks of it not in annoyance for adding five minutes to his commute — but rather in a Hey, look at this awesome rolling fog tone.

"My wife is from Chicago. I'm from Cleveland. I don't know what our picture of California was, but coming to southern California we couldn't believe how much it feels like home."

Staley, 39, has a natural eagerness to him, which the football world should see a lot of this year. The Chargers were doomed by a leaky defense last year — the dramatic postseason-elimination loss to the Raiders has left a scar — and the offseason has brought in credible reinforcements: cornerback J.C. Jackson, pass rusher Khalil Mack, run-stoppers Sebastian Joseph-Day and Austin Johnson, guard Zion Johnson. With mature-beyond-his-years quarterback Justin Herbert piloting a top-five NFL offense, the pieces are in place for a young team to make a 2022 run, even in the stacked AFC West.

Staley's not just a coach, though. He's become a lightning rod for progressive football. The Chargers led the NFL in fourth-down conversions last year with 22, and they were fourth in efficiency, making a first down on 65 percent of their fourth-down tries. But it's the one they didn't convert — fourth-and-one from their own 18- in the third quarter of that final game in Las Vegas, leading to a Raider field goal in a three-point loss — that prompted a torrent of criticism.

The young coach is wounded but unbowed. The analytics community, quietly, loves Staley. "He's our Trojan horse," said one team research analyst in the growing community of numbers-crunchers throughout the league. Meaning: Staley's taking the heat from many who think it's insane to go for it on fourth-and-one deep in your own territory in a tight game, but four models say (narrowly) it was the right thing to do. Another analyst told me, "Everyone screamed about fourth-and-one from the 18-, but no one mentions the Chargers were six of seven on fourth down in their biggest game of the year, and they lost because they were awful against the run."

The Lead: Staley

Raiders 35, Chargers 32, Week 18, game 272, Sunday night. America watching.

"That was the ... that's the toughest loss that I've ever been a part of as a competitor for sure," Staley said, merging onto I-5, fog dissipating. "Then to watch the playoffs unfold how they did, you know, to see the AFC Championship Game and then the Super Bowl, that was a tough month for me. As tough a month as I've had.

"But I think it was a good month for me because I got a lot of work done in that month. I really took a hard look at myself number one, our team, our organization, how we did things, make those after-action reports in all phases. I got a lot of work done. As hard as it was, I think it set the stage for the type of offseason that we've had but it was as tough as it gets."

"Ryan Tannehill told me he got professional help," I said. "Not suggesting you did or you needed it, but can football send you into, even temporarily, a really depressed state?"

"When things matter to you so much, like I'm sure they do for Ryan...I think the finality of the NFL and sometimes how you lose, you can't help but be affected, because of how much it means, how much you care. But that's part of competition. I think when you compete, especially in the NFL, you're gonna sign up for losses like Ryan had, like we had. There's gonna be these really tough moments. That's what gets you back going again, though, knowing that you get an opportunity to prove yourself again. You have to show that resilience and I think that's what it's about for me. You learn a lot from everything and then you gotta bounce back and you gotta come back better. That's what I spent my time learning this offseason."

One thing that sticks with me about that game — and that spurred GM Tom Telesco to over-scout run defenders last winter — was the very end, the last two plays of the 2022 NFL regular season. The Raiders had second-and-11 from the LA 46 with 80 seconds left. Tie game. If it ended in a tie, both teams would have made the playoffs. Next two snaps: Josh Jacobs for seven, Jacobs for 10. Daniel Carlson's 47-yard field goal won it.

"My regret," Staley said, "is that in what should've been able to get us out of there with a tie. They ended up splitting us on a 10-yard run and that's what I've been thinking about — our execution on that last play. That's the tough side of things, having to live with that. I didn't do a good enough job. That's the tough side of things. That's what gotten me moving this whole offseason."

Staley was hired after coaching the league's top-rated defense with the Rams in 2020. The Chargers were 23rd in team defense last year, allowing more points than Jacksonville and Houston. That led to the offseason urgency to fix the defense. In Staley's first year as an NFL assistant, 2017, he coached the Bears' outside linebackers and got to know Mack well. Now he's gambling that Mack, at 31 and coming off foot surgery, can be the Mack of five years ago. It's a big gamble.

"I felt like we were missing...that presence up front," Staley said. "I think Derwin James is as good of a leader as there is in pro football. I think Joey Bosa is one of the top defensive players in pro football. But I think to establish a culture and the type of mindset, you gotta bring in players who can live that. I think there's no better example of that than Khalil. I saw it happen in Chicago. He's a fierce competitor."

Fourth-and-one. Regrets?

Of course you regret something when it doesn't work. That's human nature. But in the six or seven minutes we discussed it, these were the five words that meant the most: "The mindset, I don't regret."

I don't see Staley changing. And he shouldn't.

"I think as a coach any time something doesn't go down, you're gonna challenge yourself and say, 'Was that the best thing? Did I give myself, our team the best chance to win?' That was a moment in the game that I felt like we could take advantage of to really give our team a lift. And looking back on it, when we didn't make that fourth down, it had an impact on our offense for a couple of possessions. Defensively, we stopped them right away. I like the way we were playing but it had an impact on our offense for a few possessions and so I think I underestimated that, what that could do if we didn't make it. But the mindset, I don't regret. That's obviously something that in one of the many decisions in that game that if you had to do over again and you knew it was gonna happen, you obviously wouldn't do it. But the mindset of why we did it, I think in games like that, you have to go meet moments like that head-on."

There's a Twitter account run by a football analyst for The Athletic, Ben Baldwin, called the 4th down decision bot (@ben_bot_baldwin). Baldwin uses historical data for each team and each situation and analyzes each fourth-down decision to go for it during the NFL season. He provides, by the numbers, a percentage for the team to win if it goes for it and if it doesn't. He first-guesses, essentially. On this play — Raiders up 17-14, Chargers with fourth-and-one at their 18-, 8:57 left in the third quarter, Chargers with 15 running-back rushes for 77 yards to this point — the 4th down decision bot said the Chargers had a 44 percent chance to win the game if they went for it, a 41 percent to win if they punted. The recommendation ("STRONG") was to go for it. NFL partner Next Gen Stats and two other public analytics sites also said the right call was to go for it.

Austin Ekeler got swarmed trying to pierce the left side of the line. Loss of two. Maybe the Chargers will put the ball in Herbert's hands even on a short one the next time. Herbert was six for six throwing it for conversions on the other six times Staley went for it on fourth down.

There's a bit of an old-school/new-school divide on fourth-down tendencies. The four coaches who went for it on fourth down the fewest times in the league last year, in order: Pete Carroll (11 fourth-down attempts), Andy Reid (15), Bruce Arians (16), Bill Belichick (17). But Sean McVay (19 tries) and Kyle Shanahan (20) were close, so it's not definitive that the youngsters are all changing the landscape.

"We had two primetime games at the end of the season that were really, really, really the big games. We didn't win. There were some [fourth] downs in there that people are gonna scrutinize. That's part of it.

“But then there were five or six, seven games for sure — five games for sure, six seven depending how you look at it — where I know that we don’t win without that mindset. What you have to be able to do is look at the entire season and then in those games that everyone is rightfully talking about, just be really critical of yourself and that’s what I’ve tried to do. I know that what I’m not gonna apologize for is how our team played in those games because our team played exactly how I would want them to play.”

Fourth-down attitude is the bright shiny object; it’s easy to take shots when the team doesn’t convert a controversial one, and it’s understandable because it’s such an untraditional decision. But this was the big picture for the ’21 Chargers: They lost three of their last four. They gave up 34, 41 and 35 points in those losses. They weren’t enough of a complete team and didn’t deserve to make the playoffs. Now they’ve done something about it — but that something isn’t a change in philosophy by the head coach. It’s a change in personnel.

Now Staley was in the parking lot in Costa Mesa. Time to go to work.

“I know the mindset I tried to create within our team,” he said. “I know that’s not gonna change. Not one bit.”

Don't Knock This NFL Coach's Pregame Exercise Routine Until You Try It

By Jen Murphy
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Every NFL coach has a reputation.

Bill Belichick of the New England Patriots is known for his hoodies. Fans associate the Seattle Seahawks' Pete Carroll with his chewing gum.

And now, Los Angeles Chargers head coach Brandon Staley has a rep for his pregame yoga pose.

Before the chilling news of the collapse of Buffalo Bills safety Damar Hamlin swept national headlines this week, video of a much lighter NFL incident made the rounds: Mr. Staley doing cat-cow pose on the sideline.

(Mr. Staley, who recruited Mr. Hamlin out of high school during his time coaching at Division III John Carroll University in his native Ohio, noted this week that the personal connection hit particularly close to home and that he sent his deepest prayers to Mr. Hamlin and his family.)

Mr. Staley, 40, is a cancer survivor. He shrugs off the social-media naysayers, saying he puts a high value on health and well-being.

Both of Mr. Staley's parents had cancer. He lost his mother to breast cancer in 2004; his father completed treatment for prostate cancer in 2020. In 2007, as a graduate assistant at Northern Illinois and at the peak of health, he was diagnosed with Hodgkin lymphoma. Mr. Staley says he was determined to not just conquer the disease but also to emerge in the best shape of his life.

"After chemo, I made a pact with myself that I'd work out twice a day, waking at 4 a.m. to get to the gym before practice, then again after," he says. He says the discipline, focus and drive it took has helped him be the coach he is today.

While the Chargers suit up in the locker room, Mr. Staley is on the field preparing by stretching and running the stadium stairs, even in cold-weather cities late in the season.

The game is mentally and emotionally draining for a coach and takes a physical toll, too, he says. Mr. Staley is typically out on the field for an hour-long walk-through, then back out during warm-ups and constantly moving up and down the field throughout the game.

"As a head coach in the NFL, you're leading the best players in the world," he says. "You need to train and take care of yourself so you can be operating at the highest level."

The Workout

Before every practice and game, Mr. Staley runs through a 10-minute warm-up of dynamic movements and mobility drills to activate and loosen his lower back, ankles, hips and glutes.

He performs lateral and prone leg raises, single-leg glute bridges, hip rotations, cat-cow pose and calf raises. He says his calf muscles get tight from running the stadium stairs and his body reminds him when he neglects a session.

Before his first regular-season game as Chargers head coach in 2021, he ran the stairs at FedExField near at Washington, D.C., but didn't stretch. "I jumped up after [Chargers outside linebacker] Joey Bosa had a sack and pulled my calf," he says.

Next, Mr. Staley cycles through a series of dynamic exercises, including walking lunges forward, backward and sideways. He then hits the stadium stairs, typically running all the stairs of the lower bowl once at away stadiums.

At his home building, SoFi Stadium in Inglewood, Calif., he runs up and down aisles and aisles of club-level stairs, working his way around the stadium twice. Each club section has about 20 rows.

In the offseason, he spends more time in the gym, getting in four workouts a week. "I love to sweat, so on top of lifting, I bike, run and do the elliptical," Mr. Staley says. He played tennis growing up and nearly gave up football for it. Last offseason, he picked up a racket again for the first time in years and now takes lessons with a pro.

"It brought out a different person in me," he says. "I have three kids, ages 8, 6, and 4, so I don't have time to golf. Tennis allowed me to find the love of sport again."

The Diet

Keep it light: During the season, Mr. Staley doesn't like to eat much during the day to avoid feeling sluggish. He typically has a smoothie ahead of practice, hydrates with water and Gatorade, then enjoys a big dinner that includes a protein, starch and vegetables.

Well-caffeinated: He tries not to have more than three 8-ounce coffees before lunch, then a splash in the afternoon. "It's my burner to ignite myself for the second half of the day," he says.

Splurge: "I'll attack a Chipotle chicken burrito with beans, hot sauce and a side of chips and guac every now and again," he says.

The Gear

Apparel: Mr. Staley calls himself a Lululemon guy. "I've leaned into the Cali vibe since moving and love the stuff Vuori makes," he says, referring to the Carlsbad, Calif.-based athleisure brand.

Sneakers: He is a lifelong Nike fan. The team has a contract with the brand. Michael Jordan is his favorite athlete and he particularly likes Jordan sneakers and apparel.

The Playlist

The coach says he has a playlist to suit every mood. His country mix includes Florida Georgia Line, Luke Bryan and Brett Eldredge. Jay-Z, Drake and Tupac Shakur feature on his hip-hop mix.

Chargers coach Brandon Staley fulfills a dream with trip to Wimbledon

By Sam Farmer
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WIMBLEDON, England — Brandon Staley was simultaneously in his element and half a world removed from it.

The Chargers coach, a passionate tennis fan since childhood, spent the past two days watching Wimbledon matches in person with his wife, Amy. It's an anniversary trip for them and their first time in Europe.

Yet football is never too far away for Staley, who used the experience as an opportunity to hone his coaching techniques. He got a special invitation to watch his favorite player, Rafael Nadal, grind through a session on the practice courts. The Staleys also sat in the players' box for a Steve Johnson match, those prime seats courtesy of Marc Lucero, who coaches the former USC star.

"You're just trying to see how the top players in the world practice and perform," Staley said. "As a coach, you're trying to take in stuff in Rafa's practices that you kind of feel can help Justin Herbert. You're just observing. There were just a lot of moments in that hour pocket that I know I can bring back with me for Justin and Derwin James, because Rafa's the best of all time."

In March, the coach brought quarterback Herbert and safety James to the BNP Paribas Open at Indian Wells in hopes of exposing them to the focus and dedication required to play tennis at an elite level for, in Nadal's case, a generation.

"There's always something you can observe if you're willing to look and listen," Staley said. "There's going to be something that I can see with my own two eyes that can help me with coaching."

Josh Rupperecht, who runs media relations for the Chargers, arranged for the Staleys to sit in friend Pete Sampras' seats at Centre Court. Sampras was another childhood favorite of the coach.

Staley, 39, grew up playing tennis in Ohio, was a competitive youth player and briefly considered focusing on that instead of football. The lure of playing quarterback was too strong, though, and he wound up playing the position at the University of Dayton.

"I would use my athleticism to beat you when I was a kid," he said. "I'm out there wearing basketball shoes and baggy shorts. I could use my basketball, football background to beat these rich kids in tennis."

"Beat them a different way. Beat them like Rafa does, with my mindset. Playing the game a different way. If you hit a good shot, I can go get it and I'll get it back. Then I'll go get another one. I'm just going to wear you down."

Even as football took front and center in his life, his love for tennis never disappeared. It did fade, however, after he lost his mother, Linda, to cancer when he was in college. She had picked up the sport at 35 and became a relentless player in their community.

"My mom was amazing," he said. "She was a human backstop. She'd get everything back. She was so consistent."

Linda Staley's dream was to see the U.S. Open in person one day, and perhaps Wimbledon.

That never came to be. But now her son has spent time on these hallowed grounds, and while visiting the Tennis Channel set Saturday he had a conversation with Martina Navratilova, one of her sports idols.

"If my mom were here now, she wouldn't believe this," he said.

Like his mother, Staley's wife began playing at 35, this year, and she's showing a natural aptitude for the sport. Amy is a former Division I college volleyball player, and has to resist the urge to dive for every shot. When the youngest of their three sons starts school this fall, Amy will have even more time to work on her game.

"Brandon just doesn't have the time for hobbies that most people do," she said. "It's always been a childhood love of his, reminiscing and talking about tennis. He had said for years, 'When we stop moving, I swear, we're going to start playing together. It's going to be something that we can do together, we can do with our kids...'"

The Staleys have moved 11 times since 2007, including NFL stops with the Chicago Bears, Denver Broncos and Rams before Brandon was hired as head coach of the Chargers in 2021.

Now, he has rediscovered tennis. This spring, he started taking an hour-long lesson every Friday at 6 a.m. before driving to work.

"My first lesson, it all came back for me," he said. "I was like, 'I've got to do this the rest of the year, even during the regular season. I've got to do this at least once a week.' It's been like a renaissance. I remember how much I loved it and why."

He feels it also brings him closer to his mom, who was a teacher.

"I tell people I come from the Bruce and Linda Staley coaching tree," he said. "I learned everything I know about coaching from my parents."

As for that other dream his mom had?

Staley is sending his wife and her friends to the U.S. Open this year.

Half a world away. And never closer.

Chargers trade for Khalil Mack is a deviation from their norm — and hints at Brandon Staley's influence

By Daniel Popper
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The Chargers have made their move, and Brandon Staley's fingerprints are all over it.

Khalil Mack, a four-time All-Pro edge rusher and former NFL Defensive Player of the Year, is headed to Los Angeles. The Chargers on Tuesday agreed to trade a second-round pick in next month's draft and a sixth-rounder in 2023 to the Bears in exchange for Mack. The Athletic confirmed. ESPN was first to report the trade, which will not become official until the new league year begins Wednesday.

This deal is monumental for two reasons:

1. The Chargers are adding an elite defensive player in Mack, and he will single-handedly change the makeup of a defense that ranked 26th in Football Outsiders' DVOA and 28th in TruMedia's EPA/play last season.
2. Staley is showing how much influence he has in personnel decisions, and it signifies a shift in how the Chargers are doing business.

The first point is obvious. The second point is less so.

Mack just turned 31 years old. Trading draft picks for an older player is not something general manager Tom Telesco has previously done. It goes against every fiber of his team-building philosophy. In fact, before Tuesday, Telesco had traded a draft pick for a player just two times in his nine years as GM. He traded a conditional seventh-round pick to the Cowboys for defensive tackle Sean Lissemore in 2013. And he traded a conditional seventh-round pick to the Bills for quarterback Cardale Jones in 2017.

That's it. That's the list.

In his time with the Chargers, Telesco has always stuck to a firm roster-construction strategy. Draft players, develop them and re-sign the ones who have earned second contracts. Then use free agency and trades only as a means to supplement the roster with talent.

The Mack deal is a deviation from that strategy. And it is no coincidence that this deviation is occurring as Staley is entering his first full offseason as the Chargers' head coach.

Staley has a close personal relationship with Mack. The two spent a season together in Chicago in 2018. Staley was Mack's position coach as the outside linebackers coach under defensive coordinator Vic Fangio. Mack had 12 1/2 sacks and six forced fumbles that season and earned first-team All-Pro honors. That connection was certainly a factor in this trade.

There were other important factors, too, primarily where the Chargers are currently positioned in terms of talent and finances.

The defense was not good enough last season in any facet. They could not stop the run. They could not cover consistently enough on the back

end. They did not produce enough pressure on the quarterback. That all led to the worst third-down defense in the league and a downright bad unit overall, despite star players Derwin James and Joey Bosa playing the whole season.

When Staley took the head-coaching job last winter, he made it a priority to improve and stabilize the Chargers' offensive line. They signed three new starters in free agency and drafted a franchise left tackle, Rashawn Slater, in the first round. By focusing resources on that position group, the defense was mostly neglected. The only defensive starter they added in the offseason was rookie cornerback Asante Samuel Jr. The organization felt like Staley — a respected defensive coach — could take the existing pieces, led by James and Bosa, and turn it into a functional defense. That did not happen, in large part because of depth issues.

Now we are seeing Staley's vision for his second season. He solidified the offensive line in 2021 to help ensure Justin Herbert's continued development. In 2022, he is infusing his defense with talent, and he is doing so in a manner that runs contrary to how the Chargers normally operate.

Adding to the defense was the stated goal entering this offseason, and we are seeing it come to fruition with this trade for Mack, who will impact the defense in several ways. The Chargers now have two elite edge rushers on opposite sides of their defensive line, and opposing offenses will not be able to double-team Bosa and Mack every play. The pass rush — which ranked 19th in pressure rate last season — will improve. So will the run defense.

Financially, the Chargers' ample cap space allowed them to make this deal. They entered this offseason with close to \$60 million in space, according to OverTheCap. That number decreased after they agreed to an extension with Mike Williams earlier this week. But they still had space, and they are using it on Mack. All of this, of course, is made possible by Herbert's cheap contract. You have more money to spread around to other position groups when you have an elite quarterback on a rookie deal.

"This year, we can attack it a little bit differently because we do have a lot of cap space and we do have a quarterback on a rookie deal," Telesco said at the combine earlier this month, foreshadowing what was to come. "But the goal every year is the same. The goal is to challenge and to compete for a championship."

Mack will have a cap hit of \$17.75 million in 2022, according to numbers from OverTheCap. That's going to take up a healthy portion of the Chargers' remaining spending space for this offseason. But they will still have enough room to be players in the free-agent market, particularly at cornerback and on the defensive line. Re-signing Uchenna Nwosu is now less likely.

Mack's cap hits will jump to \$22.9 million in 2023 and \$23.25 million in 2024. The Bears are reportedly eating the \$24 million in remaining prorated signing bonus on Mack's deal, which lowers the cap hits he will have with the Chargers.

"We certainly have the space, whether it's for our players or for players from the outside," Telesco said at the combine. "It's a nice resource to have right now."

Staley needed defensive talent, and the Chargers went and got a familiar player who could elevate his unit to new heights.

Herbert has two years left on his rookie deal and is eligible for a market-setting extension next offseason.

Telesco has said he does not believe in championship windows. But the time to win is now. It will only get more challenging once Herbert signs his second deal. That is undeniable. And the team making this aggressive move is proof of that window existing.

The trade was an emphatic statement.

Brandon Staley's Chargers are not your Same Old Chargers.

Staley's journey: Chargers coach's cancer battle defined him

By Joe Reedy
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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Chargers coach Brandon Staley will be on the national stage Monday night for the first time when Los Angeles hosts the Las Vegas Raiders.

The narrative will be predictable. How Staley went from Division III defensive coordinator to NFL head coach in five years.

But the 38-year old Staley also wants the attention shifted another direction. Something that is more personal and real to him.

As the NFL begins its "Crucial Catch" initiative, Staley would like everyone to know about his most significant victory — being a cancer survivor after he was diagnosed with Hodgkin lymphoma 14 years ago.

"I wouldn't be the head coach of the Los Angeles Chargers if it weren't for my cancer journey. Cancer has been, if not the biggest, one of the biggest reasons why I'm here today," Staley said on Saturday. "I think what cancer does is that it can bring out the best in you. I know that it's brought the best out in me."

Staley was in his first season as a graduate assistant at Northern Illinois in 2007 when doctors discovered a grapefruit-sized tumor on his right lung. The Perry, Ohio, native underwent six months of chemotherapy treatments in Cleveland during offseason breaks. That was followed by six weeks of morning radiation sessions in Chicago during the season so that he could continue coaching.

Cancer has also affected more than just Brandon. His mother, Linda, died from breast cancer in 2004. Bruce, his father, had thyroid cancer when Brandon was younger and completed treatment for prostate cancer last year.

"You can't do it by yourself. I learned that by watching my mom and my dad," Staley said. "I think that so much of beating cancer is believing in yourself. A lot of times, it's knowing that there are other examples out there that show you that you should believe. I got to see it with my mom and dad. I was lucky that it was personal."

Jason Staley — Brandon's twin brother and younger sibling by 2 1/2 minutes — said that his brother's approach to beating cancer bears many resemblances to his coaching philosophy and getting those around him to buy in.

"He's always had this special way to get you to believe. Every time I talked to him, he explained, this is what's going on, this is what I'm doing, and this is how we're going to beat this," Jason Staley said.

"The way he approached it was very methodical. There were no peaks and valleys. It was one treatment at a time; find what progress you can, and continue to get stronger and better.

"His ability to stay in the present and not let it get too big was the catalyst for him. Not letting the past affect him is the same way he coaches his players. He said, 'I'm just going to compete, and I'm going to grind this thing into the ground,' and I'll be damned if he didn't do it."

Northern Illinois was the first step on a coaching road that to Staley being hired by the Chargers in January. After a second stint as John Carroll University's defensive coordinator in 2016, he was a linebackers coach in Chicago and Denver under Vic Fangio for three years before becoming the Los Angeles Rams defensive coordinator in 2020. In one season, the Rams defense went from 13th to leading the league.

Staley's communication skills have drawn rave reviews from players. Defensive lineman Linval Joseph, who is in his 12th season, said the way Staley has explained his system and philosophy has been the best he has experienced in the league.

Joseph isn't the only player to share that sentiment.

"Coach Staley is very open. He brings it to us, his plan. He listens to us, and he sees how we see it, too. He asks how we see it," safety Derwin James said. "We are constantly communicating, and that's what makes him so great as a coach. It's not just, 'Hey, you do it this way.' It's both ends of the stick."

Staley's first win as an NFL coach came on Sept. 12, when the Chargers rallied in the fourth quarter to defeat the Washington Football Team 20-16. It also was on what would have been Linda Staley's 64th birthday.

"That meant everything. That would have been the 18th birthday we celebrated without her, and this is the first one where I haven't been sad," Jason Staley said. "As a brother, that's the best gift he could have given. She loved watching us play sports."

Jason Staley said seeing his brother have the platform to reach and inform others about cancer awareness is more important than the wins and losses on the field, especially during the league's many cancer awareness programs in October.

It goes back to when they were 12 years old, sitting at a kitchen table and hearing that their mom had breast cancer.

"His goal is for the 12-year old kid that gets this news in 2021, that they don't have the same outcome we did," Jason Staley said. "From a platform standpoint, the most important thing is just his ability to make a difference and keep my mom's memory and legacy alive."

The Chargers come into Monday night's game 2-1 after a thrilling 30-24 victory at Kansas City gave them their first 2-1 start in nine years. While Justin Herbert has directed a pair of fourth-quarter comebacks this season, the defense, where Staley still calls the plays, has set up the drives with takeaways.

The Raiders, who are expected to have a large contingent of fans at the Hollywood Park stadium, are 3-0 for the first time since 2002. Derek Carr leads the league with 1,203 passing yards entering Week 4 and has led Las Vegas to two overtime wins.

While Staley is still emerging and adjusting to being an NFL head coach, he has already helped others going through their cancer journey. He met a Chargers season-ticket holder who was recently diagnosed with non-Hodgkin lymphoma during an event in April.

"You need to see other examples of why you should believe that you can do it," Staley said. "I think hopefully, from me, they can see somebody that — I'm just a kid from Perry, Ohio. I was in Division III five years ago. You can live your dreams; you can do anything that you dream of if you believe in yourself."

Unlikely interview set Brandon Staley on journey from St. Thomas to head coach of the Chargers

By Mark Craig
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Brandon Staley, the 38-year-old cancer survivor who raised the Rams' defense to No. 1 a year ago and now has the Chargers atop the AFC West as a rookie head coach, essentially began his coaching career 12 years ago while sitting in his car at a truck stop in Beloit, Wis.

He couldn't bring himself to cross back into Illinois because of something University of St. Thomas head coach Glenn Caruso had told him hours earlier during an interview for an opening to coach the Tommies' defensive line and special teams.

"Brandon was a longtime quarterback, an offensive guy who was working in administration as a graduate assistant on Jerry Kill's staff at Northern Illinois," Caruso said. "I think he was wondering, 'Why does this guy have me up in St. Paul interviewing for a defensive job?'"

"But I liked him right away. I said to him, 'I'm going to offer you the job, and I think you're going to call me before you get to the Illinois state line, and I think you're going to accept it.'"

It was early 2009. Staley, born Dec. 10, 1982, in Perry, Ohio, was 26. He was two years removed from beating Hodgkin's lymphoma with chemo treatments at the Cleveland Clinic. And he was closing in on asking his girlfriend, Amy, to marry him.

"I pulled over because I had to make sure it was OK with my future wife," Staley said last week when asked about his fateful pit stop along I-90 West. "I knew Amy was probably going to have to stay back in Chicago while I took that job in St. Paul. I wanted to make sure we were a team that could make it happen."

"Also," he added, "I didn't want to waste time and have Glenn take the offer away from me. Meeting him, I knew he operates fast."

Staley got the job and spent the 2009 season in St. Paul helping Caruso continue turning the Tommies from the 2-8 team he inherited in 2008 to 11-2 and Division III regional finalists two seasons later.

From there, Staley's whirlwind race to the top of his profession included stints as associate head coach and defensive coordinator at Hutchinson (Kan.) Community College (2010-11); graduate assistant at Tennessee (2012); defensive coordinator and secondary coach at John Carroll University in Ohio (2013, '15-16); defensive coordinator and secondary coach at James Madison (2014); outside linebackers coach with the Bears (2017-18); outside linebackers coach with the Broncos (2019); defensive coordinator with the Rams (2020); and head coach of a Chargers team that's 5-3 and plays host to the Vikings (3-5) at SoFi Stadium on Sunday.

Sleeping in a car in Mobile

Staley played quarterback at Perry High School, the University of Dayton and Mercyhurst (Pa.) University. His graduate assistant stint at Northern Illinois started in 2006, two years before Kill's staff arrived from Southern Illinois.

"I think he was video coordinator when we got there," said Tom Matukewicz, who was Kill's linebackers coach and is now the Southeast Missouri State head coach. "In the transition, I basically fell in love with the guy and took him under my wing. There wasn't a lot of on-field coaching for him, but he was kind of my right-hand man."

So how in fact did the young administrative assistant and former quarterback end up interviewing for D-Line and special teams coach?

Well, it all started when Matukewicz and Caruso's defensive coordinator, Wallie Kuchinski, met and hit it off at a coaching clinic.

"Tom Matukewicz became a guy I really trust," Caruso said. "He called me out of the blue."

Staley says that call eventually changed the trajectory of his career, challenging him to grow and become a more well-rounded coach who learned to see the game not just from a former quarterback's perspective.

But first Caruso had to be convinced to grant the interview request in the first place.

"I came at it pretty strong in that call to Glenn," Matukewicz said. "I said, 'Hey, just do me this favor. Interview him. And if you don't hire him, I'll pay for the interview.'"

Matukewicz laughs when he hears people call Staley "an overnight sensation" after the Rams led the NFL in yards allowed (281.9) and points allowed (18.5) last year.

"I was there when he went to the Senior Bowl and slept in his car because he didn't have any money for a hotel," Matukewicz said. "My wife and I gave him gas money, but we didn't have money for a hotel."

"Brandon and Amy made a lot of sacrifices. Brandon isn't a silver spoon. He's made it because he's worked his butt off and he's great at leading and teaching football."

Cancer survivors bond

Staley and twin brother, Jason, grew up in a home where teaching and football were intertwined. Bruce, the dad, coached football. Linda, the mom, was a teacher.

Cancer first struck the home when Bruce was diagnosed while the twins were in grade school. A few years later, Linda was diagnosed with breast cancer.

Bruce survived. Linda lost her nine-year battle when Brandon was at the University of Dayton. Three years later, Brandon, then 24, received his diagnosis.

"When Tom called me about Brandon, he said, 'This young man has gone through a ton of struggles in his life, and he's overcome them all,'" Caruso said. "He's tough. The year Brandon was here, we're getting ready for our first playoff game. We're sitting around talking about this very good opponent and their very fancy schemes and plays and all that."

"At the end of the meeting, I ask if anyone has anything to add. Brandon stands up with his clipboard in his hand and says, 'I heard a lot about schemes tonight, but no one said this team is tougher than we are. Let's go win.' And we did."

Staley looked back on that season last week and credited Caruso and St. Thomas with giving him a solid foundation he still leans on.

"Glenn is the total package," Staley said. "All you have to do is look at what's happened there since he arrived. That year allowed me to see up close what a real head coach should look like. I have so much respect for those guys. St. Thomas has a blueprint that I really believe in."

Staley stays in touch with Caruso and others at St. Thomas. Last year, Caruso and his wife, Rachael, went to Tampa to watch Staley's defense beat Tom Brady and the Buccaneers.

There's another side to Staley's relationship with the Carusos, one that had Glenn choking up.

"In 2017, we're getting ready for the playoffs and Rachael goes in for a routine checkup and we find out that she has Stage 3 colorectal cancer," Caruso said. "Brandon would pray for Rachael daily. Brandon would text Rachael, and it's not like he didn't have other things going on because he's coaching in the NFL."

"If he knew she was going in for chemo, he would just send a note and say, 'Hey, I'm thinking about you. I love you. I'm with you.' If there was a surgery, I swear he would be the first one to be calling after the surgery as I'm sitting there in the waiting room."

Staley heard those words and said, "From my experience, I just know that you can't do it alone. ... Those guys are amazing people. They just mean a lot to me."

To this day, that interview with Staley back in 2009 has stuck with Caruso.

"Nowadays, when I want to strongly recommend someone for a job, I think back to Tom Matukewicz calling me about Brandon," Caruso said. "I pick up the phone and say, 'Just bring him in and if you don't hire him, I'll pay for the interview.' That sure worked with Brandon."

Chargers' new leader a family man: 'I am from the Bruce and Linda Staley coaching tree'

By Jeff Miller
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It was a single line — just 10 words — from a news conference that stretched beyond an hour and a half:

"I am from the Bruce and Linda Staley coaching tree."

When Detroit unveiled its new head coach on Jan. 21, the guy talked about biting kneecaps and kicking teeth, Dan Campbell's bizarre fit of passion stirring national attention.

On the same day, just a short time later, almost no one noticed when Brandon Staley was introduced by the Chargers and talked about his mom and dad, calling them "my heroes."

This is a coach whose first NFL job came with the 2017 Chicago Bears and noted defensive mind Vic Fangio.

When he was coaching collegiately at John Carroll, Staley was so enamored with Fangio's concepts that he would finish his meetings and game-planning, and rush off to study whatever Fangio was up to next.

Back then, Fangio was San Francisco's defensive coordinator and catching the 49ers on television in Ohio sometimes meant having to go to a nearby sports bar, where Staley would sit alone in wonderment.

After the 2018 season, Fangio left Chicago to become the head coach in Denver and took two assistants with him. One of them was Staley.

Barely a year later, Staley was hired by the Rams to be their defensive coordinator and brought along everything he had learned from his handpicked mentor.

Still, when asked to declare his roots, Staley put family over football, which is understandable given how much this family, bonded by hard reality, has persevered together and kept alive a tradition of teaching.

"I am from the Bruce and Linda Staley coaching tree."

That is Brandon Staley's line and this is the story behind that line.

Everyone else saw him coaching Jalen Ramsey that day, in a moment especially poignant and peevish.

Television cameras showed Staley reasoning with the Rams' all-everything cornerback shortly after Green Bay had taken a one-touchdown lead on an Aaron Rodgers pass.

Ramsey, his team en route to a crushing 32-18 NFC divisional-round playoff loss last month, was visibly upset on the field and now well short of pleased on the sideline.

Sitting at home just outside Pittsburgh, nearly 700 miles from Lambeau Field, Jason Staley watched his twin brother coaching, too, but saw something else entirely.

He saw the woman whose impact was so profound on the Chargers' new coach that it resonates still today, nearly 17 years after her death.

"Watching Brandon teach those guys, I get a little bit of my mom back," Jason said. "I get to see that, and it's just so cool. It's the reason I pay whatever DIRECTV charges me to get his games."

Linda Staley taught sixth-grade English in northeast Ohio before the breast cancer won, ending her 9½-year battle against a disease doctors estimated would take her life in less than one year.

Bruce Staley also was a teacher — fourth-grade math — before he and Linda learned their first child instead would be children, twin boys. A combined annual income of \$22,000 wasn't going to work for a household about to double in size.

So Bruce took a second job that eventually became a second career in adhesive materials. He was a coach, too, mostly AAU basketball, working with the twins from fifth grade through their junior years at Perry High, about a 45-minute drive from Cleveland.

He always had an even, measured demeanor on the bench and an equally steady point guard on the floor, Brandon possessing sublime ball-handling skills and the sort of passing ability that led to him setting assist records in high school.

Two decades later, while watching the Rams play the Packers, Jason said he laughed more than once at the images of his brother at work.

"He looks like my dad, kind of stalking the basketball sideline," Jason, 38, said. "It's like a flashback: 'That's my dad. That's what he would do.'"

Brandon knew only two positions growing up: point guard and quarterback. He was the sort of player who almost never was taken out of a game. He was athletic but — at 6 feet, 160 pounds — there just wasn't enough of him.

So he ended up at Dayton, which plays non-scholarship football, arriving as a fifth- or sixth-stringer. During that first year, buried on the depth chart, Brandon attempted to walk on to the school's Division I basketball team. He made the final two before being cut.

He'd end up starting for two seasons in football, operating the Flyers' option offense, being voted a captain and winning 16 of 21 games.

"He was as good as any player we had on the chalkboard," said Mike Kelly, Dayton's coach at the time. "He would always ask why. Most athletes don't ask why. It's, 'OK, Coach, got it,' and they just go to it. Brandon wanted to know why all the time."

The call to return home came during Brandon's junior year. It was his father. Mom was dying. Originally diagnosed with 21 cancerous lymph nodes, Linda's fight had been an extended and courageous one.

The disease showed up when the twins were 11 and not quite two months after they'd lost an aunt, Ann Maltarich, also to breast cancer. The first two years weren't as bad as the seven that followed as Linda's condition intensified, even as she long outlived the forecasts.

"An incredible will," said Bruce, a two-time cancer survivor himself. "Nothing ever negative, either. Not a 'why me' kind of thing. Incredible resolve. Just graceful. That's what I saw."

Linda would spend weeks at a time in the hospital, typically isolated and communicating with her three children — the Staleys have a younger son, Michael — mostly through journals the boys would write.

So they didn't always see the pain, but seeing the struggle was as unavoidable as the sound of their mother in the bathroom getting sick again. Jason said he never saw his father cry, those tears also coming only in private.

"That kind of fight leaves a mark," Jason said. "As kids, you see that and there's no way that doesn't affect you. When you think back to how they handled it and how she fought, those are the things that empower us."

At his introductory news conference, Brandon called his mother "the most graceful, loving, strongest person I know." He also said she remains his inspiration today "as a coach, as a father, as a husband."

He didn't include "as a teacher" but only because there's little difference between teaching and coaching to Brandon, who became more than a son to Linda after she was diagnosed. He and his brothers also became her students.

No longer able to work, Linda taught her sons instead, showing them the importance of building relationships with students and recognizing how each one learns and then using that foundation to build something special.

"She's the best teacher I've ever seen, certainly," Brandon said. "She was always able to reach people that were more difficult to reach. Seeing that up close when I was a little kid, I saw the power in that. I've tried to embody a lot of that as a coach."

The lesson remains powerful today and so, too, does the memory of Linda's goodbye. Jason said the turnout at her funeral was eye-opening in the number of lives his mother touched, all that love expressed after she died on Valentine's Day 2004.

Two busloads of players arrived from Dayton and two more from Mercyhurst College, where Jason played linebacker and was student body vice president. Jason that day even had to help a few of his teammates tie their ties.

"You would have thought the funeral was for a superstar," Bruce, 63, said. "The line to get in this place was unbelievable. It was more than you could have hoped for. I'm sure she would have been thrilled."

Mercyhurst is a small liberal arts school in Erie, Pa., hardly known for its athletes but famous for its underdog. Former heavyweight champion Buster Douglas was recruited to play basketball for the Lakers in the early 1980s before giving up hoops for boxing.

In 2005, the school was home to another long shot — a reunion of the Staley twins, Brandon transferring to play football with his brother one final time, both now graduate students.

They lived together and worked out together, even took a class together. Jason had considered not using his final season of eligibility, but Brandon talked him out of it.

Marty Schaeztle wrote all about the twins that season for one of the school's game-day programs. He knew their story well since Schaeztle also is the Lakers' football coach.

"I think once they lost their mom, they really realized the value of family and time," he said. "I think they believed it would be a very good thing to play one more time together. We were fortunate to be able to make that happen."

Brandon practically dragged Jason to watch film with him and catch his passes. As one of the team's new captains, Jason had no choice but go along, refusing to be outworked by someone who had just arrived on campus.

He also had no interest in looking bad in front of his big brother. See, Brandon is the older twin, by two minutes. Still, there were times when big brother was almost too driven.

"He was a classroom rat, a film rat," Schaeztle recalled of Brandon. "It was natural for him to try to put everything together, from the protections to the routes to what was going on in the backfield. It came to him very naturally."

By that point, Brandon was on his coaching path and, the next year, was a graduate assistant at Northern Illinois. Those 2006 Huskies made the Poinsettia Bowl.

It was on that trip to San Diego that the night sweats and the flu-like symptoms turned worse. Brandon, who also had a growth in his chest, called his dad, and Bruce remembers telling him, "You need to get home and get home now."

The doctors determined it was lymphoma.

"As a twin brother, it's the worst day of your life, scariest moment of your life," Jason said. "I'm feeling guilty because I don't have it. I would have given anything, anything to take that cancer out of him and put it into me."

These twins would eventually serve as each other's best man. They got engaged only two weeks apart and married just six weeks from one another.

They competed plenty as kids but, more often, teamed up. Brandon was always the better athlete. Yet, to this day, the only thing that really bothers Jason is the fact that Brandon, despite being an inch shorter, was the one who could dunk a basketball.

Brandon now calls the six months of chemotherapy and six weeks of radiation that followed his "cancer journey." He phoned his twin brother after every treatment, reassuring Jason that things would work out, the patient also the healer.

As a former college quarterback evolved into an NFL defensive coordinator, Brandon has been touted for his ability to see football from both sides. His vision goes even deeper than that.

"I looked at it as a chance to compete," Brandon said of his diagnosis. "It was a chance that could really bring out all the best in me. When you get to the other side of it, there's an energy, there's a strength, there's a feeling that you can do anything that you dream of. That's what I've been trying to do every day since."

And now, he's the Chargers' head coach, a young, sharp leader ready to pair with Justin Herbert, the team's young, sharp quarterback.

Brandon's first call after accepting the job was to his wife, Amy. His second was to Herbert.

On the day he was introduced by the Chargers, Brandon called Herbert again, this time for a video chat, explaining later that he wanted to loop in his quarterback as a way of gaining Herbert's trust.

The call included not only Brandon but also Amy and couple's three young sons — Colin, Will and Grant.

"That meant a lot to me," Herbert said. "He had so many other things to do that day. To set aside some time like that was special. I thought that was a pretty cool moment."

They talked family and relationships before they talked football, this disciple of Vic Fangio leaning instead on the lessons from home, the lessons taught by his most favorite of teachers.

At the Perry Cemetery, a family friend recently hung a Chargers lanyard over Linda's gravestone and sent the twins a photo.

Thinking back to his mother, Brandon said, "She's not here, but she's with me."

And that won't change anytime soon, not for someone who comes from a coaching tree carved from his family tree.

A brother's promise and the D-II season that led Brandon Staley to the Chargers

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Mitch Phillis was still learning, and like any 19-year-old college sophomore, he had questions. But he was afraid of asking a dumb one to his superior — in this case, his football coach.

Phillis had taken over as Division II Mercyhurst College's starting quarterback four games into the 2005 season. He was developing, there was no doubt about that. But his coach was demanding, and Phillis did not want to mar his progress with public embarrassment. So in the film room, as his coach toggled through cut-ups of an exotic defensive coverage, Phillis bit his tongue.

Luckily, he had a human answer key sitting next to him: Brandon Staley, a fifth-year grad transfer backup quarterback who, despite being only 22, already was an encyclopedia of football schematics. The film session would wrap up, and later, Phillis would find Staley in the locker room to ask the questions that had been eating at him. Staley would happily oblige: It was a split coverage, of course. Man on one side, zone on the other.

Problem solved. Embarrassment avoided.

Fifteen years before he was hired to lead the Los Angeles Chargers, Staley's remarkable capacity for teaching, distilling and communicating information already was there — it just had to be uncovered. He had started two games earlier in the fall while Phillis dealt with a training camp injury, but once Phillis was healthy, he returned under center, and Staley was faced with the finality of his playing career.

Instead of wallowing, though, Staley did what was natural, what he always was destined to do.

"He just started coaching," says his twin brother Jason.

Jason Staley was ready to break up with football. His mother, Linda, died on Valentine's Day in 2004 after a long battle with breast cancer. "She approached just a truly awful disease with an amount of grace that is really hard to put into words," Jason said.

Jason, a linebacker, spent the 2004 season at Mercyhurst that fall, but he had lost his desire to keep playing.

"I hit the point where I loved football but I wasn't in love with football anymore," he said. "That's a tough realization because you've been playing the game since you were 6. It's even tougher to make the decision to walk away."

Jason was done, and he told his brother, his "best friend" who had just finished his second winning season as Dayton's starting quarterback and who, like Jason, had one more year of eligibility

But his brother was having none of it. Brandon knew Jason would regret giving up that final season for the rest of his life. So he offered a solution.

"I'll come play with you," Brandon said.

"Excuse me?" Jason replied in shock.

Brandon could have stayed at Dayton. But the brothers, inseparable from birth, had spent the last four years apart. They were still grieving for their mother, a sixth-grade English teacher who had instilled in them the value of work ethic and empathy. Brandon wanted to be there for his twin. And so they decided to spend this final season at Mercyhurst, together.

Brandon graduated from Dayton in May. He was in Erie, Pa., days later, moving in with his brother for the first time since they were 18. Brandon picked up a summer job moving furniture around campus. And he picked up Mercyhurst's hefty playbook, literally and figuratively.

The first time Phillis sat down to watch film with Staley, he was surprised to realize the newcomer already had learned the Lakers' intricate pro-style offense.

"We did not have anybody like him," Jason said.

That was evident within days — in the weight room, on the field, in the film room.

"I probably learned more in that summer about studying opponents than I had in the prior four years combined," said John Egbert, a receiver on that 2005 team. "And it just really was evident that he was a different level of cat."

Brandon was instrumental in organizing regular 7-on-7 games between the Mercyhurst offense and defense, what Egbert described as "epic, epic duels" every Sunday. Those days were transformative for the whole team.

"A lot of competition," said Jeff Nowling, who entered 2005 as the starting quarterback. "A lot of jawing at one another."

Because most of the players grew up locally, those not staying on campus drove to Erie for those scrimmages, including Phillis, who came to a sudden realization about Brandon.

"This guy's been getting after it," Phillis said. "He knows the offense already. He's been working on that. He's not coming into camp, like, oh, I'll learn it in camp. He was someone that was like, I'm going to know this before camp, and he was on it."

Brandon galvanized the team to train harder and more frequently. He threw every day with teammates.

The day Brandon got to the Mercyhurst football office, Egbert walked into the weight room and saw his new teammate doing Olympic lifts with a barbell while balancing on one leg. Egbert looked on in bewilderment. What are you doing over there?

The previous summer, before Brandon's arrival, Egbert thought he had made dramatic strides through his workouts.

"We probably did half the amount of work that we did the summer that Brandon came in," Egbert said.

Trying to find any way to get on the field, Brandon took reps at safety during those 7-on-7 games to sharpen his defensive versatility. He had only ever played quarterback.

"He could play any position," Nowling said. "He was very athletic."

Brandon still spent enough time in the playbook to grasp the complex offense at warp speed.

"I remember within a week or two," Egbert said, "not only was he teaching concepts to the other QBs who had been in the room for one, two or in some cases three years, some of the offensive assistants, like our wide receivers coach, he was teaching things to."

Brandon Zangaro, a two-way player on that 2005 team, was not in Erie for the summer. When he arrived for the start of training camp, Brandon Staley had already mastered far more than just the quarterback's duties. He knew the responsibilities of every player on the field.

"You know his intelligence and his Xs and Os are next level within the first 30 seconds of speaking with him," Zangaro said. "You have a guy transferring in, there's going to be some skepticism. Who's this guy? He hasn't been here the past four years doing what we've all been doing. But that didn't happen, because everybody knew."

Including Joe Lombardi.

Lombardi joined the Mercyhurst staff in 2002 when Marty Schaeztle took over as head coach. And though he was coaching at a small Division II liberal arts school, Lombardi, the grandson of legend Vince Lombardi, still had Super Bowl expectations.

"Every day, every week, it seemed like he thought he was in the NFL," Egbert said. "I think in his mind he was walking out to Heinz Field instead of Tullio Field in Erie, Pennsylvania."

Lombardi demanded perfect recall. He ran Bill Walsh-inspired perfect-play drills to end practice, where one minor misstep — like running a route at 14 yards of depth instead of 15 yards — required another repetition. He scripted his first 20 plays every game when no one in Division II was implementing that level of preparation.

One day at practice, Lombardi watched a play unfold that reminded him of a film clip he showed his team two months prior. He asked Phillis if he remembered it — well, more like demanded if he remembered it.

(This might explain why Phillis would go to Staley with his questions.)

"I was kind of like, 'Ummm, I don't remember that specific play,'" Phillis remembers. "He was the type that was like, 'How could you not remember that? If you see it once, you should know it forever.'"

Thinking back, Egbert still marvels at Lombardi's attention to detail.

"Football is in his blood," Egbert added. "But honestly, there's more football in his brain than in his blood."

Staley, meanwhile, was enthralled. The two football junkies connected almost immediately.

"I really fell in love with studying the game," Staley said of his time with Lombardi at Mercyhurst. "I felt like Joe was an outstanding teacher. I felt like he was really progressive at that time. I had never been around an offense like that, that really challenged the quarterback from a mental standpoint, from a preparation standpoint."

"I love that. I couldn't get enough of it."

Specifically, Lombardi offered a diverse and layered NFL-inspired playbook that differed from the option-heavy offense Staley ran at Dayton. The quarterback had much more control at the line of scrimmage, sometimes having as many as 20 possible audibles or checks at his disposal.

"He was always trying to learn," Nowling said of Staley. "He wanted to eat it up. So he asked a million questions. ... Brandon's questions sparked a different thought in Coach Lombardi."

"The way that Joe talked to Brandon, he knew he could put more on him than other guys," Egbert said. "He would feed him more, he would pick his brain more. He talked to him more as a peer than a player because he really respected his knowledge."

The connection grew over that season, and Lombardi trusted Staley's understanding of the offense. That formed an avenue to the field for Staley. With Phillis injured, Staley replaced Nowling, the starter, in the second half of the season opener with the Lakers trailing, 28-10, to Gannon. He led an early second-half touchdown drive, but four fourth-quarter turnovers prevented a comeback.

The following week, Staley entered for Nowling in the second quarter against Northern Michigan. He helped erase a five-point deficit, and Mercyhurst took its first lead of the season. But turnovers, again, were the culprit in a loss. Staley started the next week and nearly led the Lakers to a win over 18th-ranked Michigan Tech. He gained over 100 yards on the ground and threw for 192 yards, a touchdown and two interceptions.

Phillis then replaced Staley in the fourth quarter the following week with Mercyhurst trailing Northwood, 35-0. Staley's final snaps at quarterback came two weeks later in relief of Phillis against Ashland. Staley took snaps at quarterback in five of the first six games of the season. The Lakers went 0-7 to start the year. They had a young defense that gave up at least 40 points in seven of 10 games the season.

But the Staley-Lombardi relationship was a bright spot in the disappointment. Staley had earned that trust over the course of that season, in the film room and on the practice field, even after he lost the starting job for the second time.

"Brandon was just there," Jason said. "He showed up to every practice and soaked up everything from Coach Lombardi. It was like hell trying to stop him. ... He really knew he wanted to go into coaching after interacting with Coach Lombardi."

In 2009, when Staley was an assistant at Division III St. Thomas, he traveled to New Orleans to visit with Lombardi, then the Saints quarterbacks coach. Staley embedded in the Saints QB room for a week with Lombardi and Drew Brees. Lombardi long had been an advocate for Staley in NFL coaching circles, including with Ed Donatell, with whom Lombardi coached on the Falcons staff in 2006. Staley ended up getting his first NFL gig as the outside linebackers coach for the Bears in 2017 with Vic Fangio, and Donatell, a longtime Fangio assistant, was on that staff.

“He really taught me the game at a high level,” Staley said of Lombardi. “Protections, the run game, how do these concepts fit together, how can we get in and out of plays. At that time, that’s kind of where my love for coaching offensive football really came, was from him, because I loved playing for him and I learned so much and he made me better. And I think that we saw the game the same way, and that relationship has really stood the test of time.”

“They were really good memories,” Lombardi said. “He was awfully smart and fun to be around.”

Staley’s decision to play with his brother in turn helped facilitate the relationship that led to perhaps the most important hire of his life.

Justin Herbert’s development is a priority as the Chargers enter a pivotal offseason. That responsibility will fall largely on the shoulders of his offensive coordinator: Joe Lombardi.

“There are so many coaching trees built up and circles crossing, and you hear about people hiring people they know all the time,” Egbert said. “But this does seem unique, doesn’t it?”

Zangaro broke his leg midway through the 2005 season and had a front row seat to Staley’s transformation.

He watched practice as the backup quarterback, completely comfortable in his teaching role, groomed Phillis and connected with his teammates.

Staley was finding his coaching voice.

“He’s got it. He’s just got it,” Zangaro remembered thinking at that moment. “The way that he communicates and his ability to communicate with different people at different levels, it was unparalleled.”

Phillis’ growth was most evident. And Zangaro, from his sideline seat, knew Staley played a crucial part.

Phillis, a self-proclaimed pocket passer, even scored a rushing touchdown that season when he pump-faked a linebacker and dove over the goal line. He said he picked up the move from watching Staley in training camp.

As Zangaro thinks back now, he witnessed a man born to coach football embarking on a journey that would carry him to the very pinnacle of the professional.

“You knew what he was going to do,” Zangaro said, “and where he was going to go.”

Mom’s influence inspires ex-Flyer’s meteoric rise to NFL head coach

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The Dayton Flyers – who’d been on a 14-game winning streak – had suffered a heartbreaking, 33-28 loss to Valparaiso at Welcome Stadium.

Brandon Staley, UD’s option quarterback, had thrown for 280 yards and two touchdowns, ran for 86 yards and another score and nearly orchestrated the comeback when he drove the Flyers the length of the field in the final minutes, only to have four straight passes fall incomplete in the end zone.

After the game, he had gone around the dressing room consoling several of his teammates, but before he would talk to me he said he had to step outside to make a phone call.

As he did after every game in that 2003 football season, Staley called his mom, Linda, who was back home in their small Lake County town of Perry.

She was too ill to be at the game, but as she’d tell me that evening when we spoke, listening to the radio broadcast of the Flyers’ game and especially hearing her son’s voice afterward was “some of the best medicine I can get now.”

A longtime English teacher, she’d been diagnosed nine years earlier with breast cancer and by that late October game things had gotten “pretty tough” for her Brandon said.

Linda didn’t hold back when we spoke.

“I had three chemo treatments a week ago and I feel OK, but I don’t have much energy now,” she said quietly. “My cancer has metastasized to my liver and I know it’s kind of scary for my boys now. They know it can be brutal.

“But Brandon knows how much I look forward to Saturdays: Listening to what he’s doing out there on the field, hearing them say his name, knowing he’s on the Dean’s List at school, it makes me so proud.

“Saturdays I have a smile on my face.”

Less than four months later – on Valentine’s Day 2004 – Linda Staley passed away. She was just 46 and left three sons and Bruce, her husband of 23 years. After that emotional call back home following the Valpo game, Brandon had talked about his mom:

“You could never tell what she’s fighting through because... she never gives in, never gives up.”

“I draw on her strength every day. She’s my inspiration.”

Now, fast forward 17 years and 3 months to this past Thursday afternoon, and you heard Staley say almost the exact same thing about his mom when the Los Angeles Chargers formerly introduced him at press conference as their next head coach.

“She was an inspiration to me as a player and she is an inspiration to me as a coach and as a father and as a husband,” he said on the Zoom call. “There’s no possible way I would be here if it weren’t for her.”

Many football observers were surprised by what some called the “meteoric rise” of the 38-year-old coach. He has been in the NFL just four years. Five years ago he was an assistant coach at John Carroll University, the Division III school on Cleveland’s east side.

Before he was hired last Sunday to replace Anthony Lynn, he’d never been a head coach at any level.

The Chargers interviewed five other candidates, but Staley – who had spent the past season as the defensive coordinator on Sean McVay’s Los Angeles Rams staff and made the defense No. 1 in the NFL – was impressive in their interviews, said John Spanos, the president of football operations:

“He’s the son of a teacher and he’s the son of a coach. One of my favorite parts of the first time we sat down with Coach Staley was when he said, ‘People ask me what coaching tree I consider myself a part of.’

“This is a guy who coached with some great minds in football. He worked with Vic Fangio. He coached with Sean McVay. But he says, ‘I’m part of the Bruce and Linda Staley coaching tree. That’s my coaching tree.’

“And I think that says a lot about Brandon. It says a lot about his character, his values and who he is.”

Back in 2003, Linda talked to me about football and her family: “Football is important to our whole family. Actually, we’re pretty nuts about it.”

That October day had been proof. While Linda was at home, Bruce was at Mercyhurst College where Brandon’s twin brother Jason was a linebacker. It was Parents Weekend so he belonged there, but he wanted to know everything that was happening with Brandon, too.

“My husband and I had a phone call going and when Dayton was on offense, I’d hold my phone up to the Internet broadcast so Bruce could listen on his cell phone,” she laughed. “I got pretty animated, so I don’t know what he actually heard.”

That spunk his mom showed that day was something Brandon would draw on four years later – in 2007 – when he was a grad assistant at Northern Illinois and a grapefruit-sized tumor was found on his right lung. By then he’d lost his mom and aunt to breast cancer and his high school coach to the disease as well, but his dad had overcome thyroid cancer and would do the same (recently) with prostate cancer.

Brandon was diagnosed with lymphoma and when the season ended he returned to Cleveland to undergo chemotherapy. He returned to NIU for spring football, then went back home to finish his six months of chemo.

When the next season began, he drove regularly to Chicago for six weeks of radiation.

His scheduled his treatments at 7 a.m. so he could get back to campus in time for afternoon practice.

"When I went through my cancer journey...I thought of it as a chance to really bring out the best in me," he said Thursday. "I think when you get to the other side of it, there is an energy, a strength. There is a feeling you can do anything you dream of."

"And that's just what I've been trying to do every day since."

'I never would have been able to do it alone'

"He's what I'd call a typical Dayton Flyers football player," said Mike Kelly, who was UD's celebrated head coach back then and today is an assistant athletics director at the school. "He came from a smaller school, was multi-talented and an outstanding student."

After a stellar career at Perry High School, he was redshirted his first year at UD and the following season he was a backup. Finally, in his third year – that 2003 season – Staley won the starting job and guided the Flyers through a 9-2 campaign.

In 2004, the Flyers had added Kevin Hoyng from Coldwater. He'd go on to become the program's all-time leader in career passing yards completions and touchdowns, but that season he and Staley split the starting duties. Although he graduated after that season, Staley still has a year of eligibility left.

"He knew he was going to be in a serious battle with Kevin, but we probably would have played both of them again," Kelly said. "Like any young man, he wanted the spot himself, but we couldn't guarantee that."

He decided to transfer to Mercyhurst, whose quarterbacks' coach was former Flyers assistant Joe Lombardi, now the QB coach of the New Orleans Saints.

It hadn't been easy for Staley to leave Dayton, especially because of the way people reached out to him when his mom died.

"We brought two busloads of players – maybe 50 or 60 guys – up to the funeral," Kelly said. "It was a very emotional time for Brandon and his family."

Staley reflected on that Thursday: "I never would have been able to do it alone."

But in going to Mercyhurst, he became the starting quarterback, got to play with his brother and was a lot closer to his dad since Perry was just 70 minutes away from the Erie, Pa. campus.

His dad had been a longtime high school coach and that's something that always intrigued Brandon.

"I started drinking coffee in the first grade and reading the sports page," he laughed. "I wanted to be just like my dad."

'The best teacher I've ever seen'

During spring football drills in 2003, Staley registered the highest vertical jump on the UD team. And in landing now with the Chargers, it's evident he hasn't lost his hops as a coach.

"I've been around for three decades coaching and every once in a while a young, bright guy who sees the game globally comes around," Ed Donatell, the Denver Broncos defensive coordinator and a two-time Super Bowl winner, told the Denver Post. "(Staley) sees offense, defense, special teams and he knows how they work ... It's an extraordinary job of teaching (to get the Rams defense atop the NFL.) He's a young, bright mind that sees it all and can communicate with people."

After starting out as a defensive assistant at Northern Illinois, Staley became a defensive line and special teams coach at D-III St. Thomas University in Minnesota, then spent two seasons at Hutchinson Community College in Kansas and year as a grad assistant at Tennessee.

In 2013 he was hired as the defensive coordinator at John Carroll. He made a one-season detour to James Madison, then returned to John Carroll. In 2016, he planned to join JCU coach Tom Arth at Tennessee-Chattanooga when Vic Fangio of the Chicago Bears called.

Two seasons later he followed Fangio to Denver and last season he was hired by McVay, whose granddad, John McVay, had been the Flyers coach for eight seasons in the 1960s and '70s and later, as San Francisco's VP and director of football operations, helped lead the 49ers to five Super Bowl titles.

"I hardly know anything about professional football, but what amazes me is it's such a tight knit group of people," Kelly said. "There's a lot of networking."

And the Dayton Flyers are now a part of that network. When he was 30, Sean McVay – who went to Ascension School in Kettering – became the youngest head coach ever in the NFL. At 33, he was the youngest Super Bowl coach.

Part of his grandpa's staff at UD was Jim Gruden, whose son Jon would be a back-up quarterback for Kelly's UD teams in the 1980s and later won the Super Bowl as the Tampa Bay Buccaneers coach. He now coaches of the Las Vegas Raiders. Before him, Chuck Noll, the former Flyers lineman of the 1950s, won four Super Bowls as the Pittsburgh Steelers head coach and is enshrined in the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Jon Gruden now has Austin King, a former Flyers assistant, on his staff. And this evening former Flyers' center Terry Heffernan will help coach the Buffalo Bills line in the AFC title game against Kansas City.

Thursday somebody noted to Staley that he'd now be facing fellow Flyer Gruden twice a year in the AFC West. While he praised Gruden – "he's as good of a football coach as there is" – he also got in a puckish tweak: "We were both quarterbacks at Dayton, but I'll tell you that I was a little better quarterback than he was."

The Chargers hired him because of the way they believe he'll relate to his players and Staley was quick to give props to his mom for that:

"She was the best teacher I've ever seen. She had an amazing ability to listen. People just felt they could be themselves with her. She could really bring out the best in them ... I think seeing that up close when I was a kid, I saw the power in that. And certainly I've tried to embody a lot of that now as a coach."

"So even though my mom's not here, she's with me."

Once he lifted her. Now she lifts him.

KELLEN MOORE

What new offensive coordinator Kellen Moore sees in the Chargers run-starved offense

By Jeff Miller
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Only Patrick Mahomes threw for more yards this season than Justin Herbert, who finished tied for second in the NFL in game-winning drives.

It's little wonder then why Kellen Moore's introductory news conference as the Chargers' offensive coordinator Wednesday featured numerous questions about the team's franchise quarterback.

Still, even with Herbert's production to date and yet-unfulfilled potential entering his fourth NFL season, the biggest story for Moore is rooted on the ground.

If healthy, Herbert should continue to set records and carry this offense. But how the Chargers run the ball in 2023 will more greatly impact the overall success of their reimagined scheme.

"It's something that will take the whole process to go through," Moore said. "By no means are you going to walk in and say, 'I have all the answers here. Let's go.'"

Hired Monday about 15 hours after he and the Dallas Cowboys officially parted ways, Moore met with the media via video conference during a preplanned family vacation that included a stop at nearby Disneyland.

He gushed over Herbert, praised coach Brandon Staley and used the word "excited" almost too many times to count.

Moore said he and Staley didn't know each other well before the Chargers and Cowboys conducted joint practices in Costa Mesa in August. He said the two of them then often exchanged text messages during the season.

Moore also joked about the television commercial he shot last summer with Herbert for a local auto dealership in Oregon.

"It's amazing," he said, "how life can come full circle here on you."

In 2022, only Houston and Tampa Bay rushed for fewer yards than the Chargers. The inability to run the ball ultimately cost them everything as they couldn't put away Jacksonville in an AFC wild-card playoff loss that ended their season.

This is a franchise that hasn't had a 1,000-yard rusher since 2017. Staley often has explained how an effective ground game can only help Herbert and increase the Chargers' overall explosiveness.

Moore talked Wednesday about the importance of being able to run the ball, especially on early downs because of the influence it can have when employing play action.

Marrying the run and pass — an idea Staley preaches — will be among Moore's primary assignments.

"When those two are in sync — the presentations are similar — it puts defenses in conflict," Moore said. "That's something that we're really excited about building here and developing, the first- and second-down game. It will allow you to be more aggressive, to get the ball downfield."

During his four seasons coordinating Dallas' offense, the Cowboys finished fifth, 17th, ninth and ninth in yards rushing. Ezekiel Elliott ran for 1,000 yards twice and Tony Pollard once in that span.

Moore now finds himself armed with Austin Ekeler — the NFL's leading touchdown scorer over the last two seasons — and a running back group still searching for a second consistent contributor.

Joshua Kelley has looked capable of handling that job at times over the last three seasons but the Chargers also have tried the likes of Justin Jackson, Kalen Ballage and Sony Michel.

In Dallas, Moore also had an offensive line that generally ranked among the best in the league. The Chargers' offensive front has undergone a resurgence recently.

The team used first-round selections on left tackle Rashawn Slater and right guard Zion Johnson the last two drafts. The Chargers made Corey Linsley one of the NFL's highest-paid centers in March of 2021.

Entering his second season, sixth-round pick Jamaree Salyer now could take over at left guard if veteran Matt Feiler is released. Right tackle Trey Pipkins III, a 2019 third-round pick, is a pending free agent and could be re-signed.

Moore called Linsley "one of the best in the NFL for a number of years" and repeatedly referenced the Chargers' commitment along the offensive line over the last two years.

"There has been a lot invested there from a youth standpoint," he said. "I'm excited to just see those guys continue to develop. ... Their future is skyrocketing right now."

Moore also talked about the importance of moving Herbert from the pocket and using "the presnap to our advantage — the shifts, the motions, all the different things that you can do to present challenges for a defense."

He suggested the Chargers will employ tempo at times, too, something his predecessor, Joe Lombardi, might not have done enough. The Chargers' offense in 2022 occasionally did look stagnant.

Moore promised his offense will be a blend of what he learned coaching under Jason Garrett and Mike McCarthy in Dallas and what Herbert and the Chargers have done well since 2020. All that, plus more.

"It's building a system around the players," he said. "This thing, we'll all do it together. This isn't a drop the playbook down from Dallas and say, 'You learn this, and we'll do this.'"

"There's so much good stuff that's going on here with Justin and all the guys. ... What they've built, there's so much good. So I think we gotta make sure we incorporate that ..."

"There'll be stuff from Dallas that we want to incorporate that I certainly have familiarity with. But, once you get through those two steps, 'Let's go explore this thing together and figure out what we ultimately want this thing to be.'"

Chargers' offense under new coordinator Kellen Moore is the bomb with wide-open spaces

By Jeff Miller
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His answers typically are straightforward — lacking gloss and glitz — a football coach sounding like a football coach. Mostly Xs with very few Oohs.

The Chargers didn't hire Kellen Moore to bring electricity to their news conferences, only their offense.

"He's a calm guy," wide receiver Keenan Allen said. "He's not tripping too much. Probably never seen him yell. I don't think he can get mad."

The qualities Moore hasn't shown at the podium or in practice are the same ones the Chargers hope spring to life for quarterback Justin Herbert and their playmakers in 2023:

Creativity. Explosiveness. Unpredictability.

"We want to be the aggressors," tight end Gerald Everett said. "We want to be one of those teams that people are afraid to play. We want to be known for putting up points and gaining a ton of yards."

Veteran center Corey Linsley called Moore "level-headed, very analytical, smart." He noted that those are all plus traits for a play caller, before adding "defensive coaches are the hot-headed ones."

Moore's job this season is to crank up the heat.

He was the offensive coordinator in Dallas the last four seasons, three of his Cowboys team finishing sixth, first and fourth in points. Dallas' performance dipped in 2020 after quarterback Dak Prescott was injured.

Now, Moore has a better trigger man in Herbert and the NFL's top touchdown producer over the last two seasons in running back Austin Ekeler.

He also has Keenan Allen, Mike Williams, Joshua Palmer, a first-round pick in Quentin Johnston and a pile of expectations, each of which is rooted in the notion that the Chargers are going to be more dynamic, not to mention dazzling.

As important as anything, Moore has a healthy Herbert. The quarterback played much of last season with damaged rib cartilage before ending the season with a shoulder in bad enough shape to require offseason surgery.

Who knows? If Herbert had avoided injury and reached his projected standards in 2022, Joe Lombardi still might be the Chargers' offensive coordinator.

Instead, coach Brandon Staley let Lombardi go and jumped on Moore as if he were the team's top free-agent target all along.

Allen, a lifetime Charger working with his fifth coordinator, confirmed that this new offense will take more deep shots based on film review of the Cowboys over the last few seasons.

"There's not a lot of times where everybody on the field is running short routes," Allen said, "versus Lombardi, where everybody's running short routes. Now, somebody has an opportunity every time."

Each snap in the passing game, as Allen explained it, will feature a chance for Herbert to flaunt his powerful right arm. The expectation is that Moore also will liberally align his receivers throughout the formation to create more opportunities through mismatches.

This is what the Chargers hope to show coming off a season during which the ailing Herbert connected with Ekeler 107 times, tied for the second most receptions by a running back in one NFL season. Christian McCaffrey is first (116) and second.

In 2023, at least some of those shorter tosses are forecast to soar farther downfield.

"You can see it," Palmer said. "You can feel it. We've got the guys to do it. We all see the explosive plays on social media that they're posting [during training camp]. That's one of the things we're going to do."

But will more chances lead to more risks and lead to more turnovers? Herbert has finished in the top 10 in interception percentage in two of his three seasons. The other season, he tied for 15th.

So he has taken care of the ball, while throwing more passes than every quarterback in the league other than the now-retired Tom Brady. Known for his intellect, Herbert is smart enough to understand turnovers can be killers.

"If they're not there, move on, and that gives us opportunities to keep going," Moore said. "Justin has done that throughout his career in such a phenomenal way."

Staley praised his quarterback as a decision-maker while explaining that the Chargers are "trying to walk that fine line" between being aggressive and being prudent.

He likened Herbert to a point guard, one who almost always makes the right play. With Herbert's ability to place and pace footfalls, targeting experienced receivers with productive pasts, Staley said his offense is in secure hands.

"We don't ever want to take away Justin's instincts because I think those are what make him so special," Staley said. "With more experience is going to come more play making."

Chargers quarterback Justin Herbert prepares to throw during training camp.

Williams laughed and quickly dismissed the suggestion that the Chargers could be in trouble if Herbert starts taking too many chances.

He instead sided with Allen, who noted that Herbert, through three seasons, hardly has become known for making "boneheaded plays."

"More interceptions?" Williams said. "Why not more catches for us? Why you got to look at it like a negative like that? You can be risky and not have the interceptions, you know."

"Besides, everybody's acting like we're going to throw the ball deep every play. An explosive offense really means catching a few shots a game. Do that and then you'll be known as an explosive offense."

The challenges for Moore aren't limited to the air. The Chargers also continue to search for a more reliable run game, one that doesn't have to do a lot but does have to do enough.

This is a franchise that has finished in the top half of NFL rushing offenses once since 2013. That happened five years ago and, even then, the Chargers ranked no better than 15 out of 32.

Ekeler never has had a 1,000-yard rushing season. Behind him, the Chargers will open 2023 with Joshua Kelley, Isaiah Spiller and undrafted rookie Elijah Dotson, hoping someone can provide consistency as a backup.

An improved ground game would make Herbert even more dangerous and unlock all of Moore's trumpeted concoctions, the coordinator with the muted public persona not a screamer but a schemer.

"He's pretty chill," Williams said. "I mean, he brings the energy. But you gotta kinda catch it, you know? It's not going to be just out front. Yeah, I'd say 'chill.' That's him."

Can new Chargers OC Kellen Moore thrive after inglorious Dallas exit?

By Lindsey Thiry
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COSTA MESA, Calif. -- This spring, during the Los Angeles Chargers offseason program and early installation period of new offensive coordinator Kellen Moore's system, receiver Keenan Allen offered a prediction about what to expect from the offense this season.

"We're probably going to be going deep," the 11-year pro said, grinning.

As the Chargers wrap up training camp and turn to their opener against the Miami Dolphins on Sept. 10 at SoFi Stadium, it's safe to expect that if all goes to plan, Allen's prediction will come to fruition.

Now eight months into the job and with his first season in L.A. quickly approaching, Moore has implemented a system that has players on both sides of the football excited about its potential.

"He's young, knows how to get us the ball and how to move us all around, getting everyone involved," receiver Mike Williams said about Moore. "That's the main thing -- defense is sometimes keying in on certain players so you've got to adjust and he does a good job of putting us in certain spots so the defense can't key on us."

Defensive players who practice daily against the scheme have taken notice.

"They do a lot of stuff that messes with certain rules and they move around a lot," defensive lineman Morgan Fox explained. "They let [quarterback Justin] Herbert throw... and do what they do and get the running backs open, get them moving. They have great run game mechanics. It's been a challenge every day."

After a disappointing 31-30 loss to the Jacksonville Jaguars in a wild-card playoff that resulted in a stunning end to the 2022 season, the Chargers fired offensive coordinator Joe Lombardi to seek a coordinator who would upend a conservative scheme that averaged 22.47 points per game (ranked 10th in the NFL) and install one that instead creates more explosive opportunities and points.

The Chargers interviewed numerous candidates before Moore became available several days after the Dallas Cowboys 19-12 playoff loss to the San Francisco 49ers.

After eight seasons with the Cowboys, including three as a player, one as a quarterbacks coach and four as the offensive coordinator -- where he was named to the position under former coach Jason Garrett then retained the position under coach Mike McCarthy, it became time to move on.

"As we went through the process, sometimes change can be really good for all of us," said Moore, whose tenure as coordinator included two playoff appearances. "And I felt like I was in that space. It works for both sides."

The long-time playcaller while head coach of the Green Bay Packers, McCarthy will now resume the role of playcaller in Dallas. Less than 24 hours after the news of his departure, Moore found a new home with the Chargers, where a year earlier he and coach Brandon Staley began fostering a relationship during a pair of joint training camp practices.

"He has a great feel of how to fit in to the team aspect of playing and knowing how to utilize the team in front of them and how that fits into the greater scope of things," Staley said.

Players have quickly taken to the calm and collected Moore, whom several described as relatable given he starred at quarterback at Boise State and turned 34 years old last month.

"He's been incredible," Herbert said about Moore. "He's played the game quite a bit, as well. He's got a great feel for the game. Just the meeting rooms, on the field, you pick up a lot from him."

Said left tackle Rashawn Slater: "Very intense and very precise in how he wants everything. Very detail-oriented... as professionals, we all appreciate that approach."

Moore, who for four consecutive seasons helped the Cowboys to a top-four ranking in points per game, yards per game and third-down percentage, inherits a group that features players with starting experience at all 11 positions -- led by Herbert, who set a new benchmark through a player's first three NFL seasons with 14,089 passing yards, Allen, Williams and running back Austin Ekeler.

"It gives you a toolbox," Moore said of Herbert and the tools he possesses. "It allows us to make adjustments within the game based off the defensive look."

However, despite his arm strength, since entering the NFL in 2020, Herbert has ranked 28th in percentage of passes of 15-plus yards -- an area of his game that is expected to improve sharply under Moore given his arsenal of playmakers.

The Bolts also return receiver Joshua Palmer, who led the position group with 72 catches last season while Allen and Williams nursed injuries, and added former TCU receiver Quentin Johnston -- who is expected to stretch the field -- with a first-round pick in last April's draft.

Improving the run game also is an area of focus after the Chargers ranked 30th last season in both yards per rush (3.8) and rushing yards per game (89.6).

"As far as what we have going," said Ekeler, who led the league with 18 touchdowns last season, "I feel really good about it."

The Chargers have sat starters for their preseason games, opting to play it safe in attempt to reach the regular season healthy, leaving only training camp practices, an intrasquad scrimmage, and two joint workouts against the New Orleans Saints as opportunities to truly test the offense -- which has routinely demonstrated efficiency and explosiveness during routine practices.

During the intraquad scrimmage early in camp, the offense struggled with protection, causing Herbert to settle for short checkdown passes and rarely attempting a deep ball.

Then, during a pair of joint practices against the Saints, the unit turned in a pair of uneven days that included some spectacular Day 1 highlights -- including a deep one-handed grab by Allen, followed by a second day that had Herbert appearing anxious to wrap up a news conference and return to the film room to dissect what happened and how to improve.

"Kellen has been very flexible," Herbert said of the new partnership. "We've talked about what we like and what we don't like and all of the things that we wish to incorporate from last year's offense and how we want to get the guys the ball. Everyone has been on the same page so far and I think that has been the most important part -- getting the running backs in tune with the protections, getting the receivers in tune with what we want timing-wise with the routes."

Growing pains are anticipated as the Chargers deploy their new scheme for the first time in meaningful game action.

But the expectation is that with Moore, it won't take long for the offense to be moving down field.

"He lets us be free," Allen said. "And whatever we feel."

Chargers coordinator Moore taking offense through first lap through playbook

By Joe Reedy
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COSTA MESA, Calif. (AP) — Kellen Moore is with a new team, yet he has the same mandate.

Take a good offense and make it great.

Moore is in his first season as the Los Angeles Chargers offensive coordinator after eight years in Dallas, including the last four as coordinator. With the Bolts in their second week of voluntary on-field workouts, Moore is putting the unit through what he called a first lap through the playbook.

"It's a little bit fast," Moore said, referring to the installation process over the next couple weeks. "There is going to be some stuff that is good, plenty of stuff that we have to clean up and redefine and all of that sort of stuff. Then, you just have to kind of ace it in training camp."

Moore is quarterback Justin Herbert's third offensive coordinator in four seasons. Shane Steichen directed the Bolts offense as well as being QBs coach under Anthony Lynn in 2020 before Lynn was fired at the end of the season. Joe Lombardi was the coordinator the past two seasons under head coach Brandon Staley.

Even though Herbert was second in the league last season in completions (477) and passing yards (4,739), the Chargers were inconsistent on offense.

Los Angeles was ranked ninth in total offense, but 20th in scrimmage yards per play along with having the third-worst rushing attack in the league.

The Chargers also had the second-biggest discrepancy between passing and running plays (65% pass to 35% run).

By comparison, Dallas was fourth in total offense, ninth in rushing and 21st in scrimmage yards per play last season.

After sitting behind his desk watching film for the first three months after getting hired, Moore has been happy to get on the field the last couple weeks to start installing the offense.

"You're able to carry over what we can from the past couple of years and then build off some of the Dallas stuff that is, maybe, coming from a scheme standpoint," he said. "There are a lot of different ways of playing football, and you just have to keep it tight and condensed so that these guys can play fast."

While Moore sounded this week as if he is not planning to do much tinkering with the passing game concepts, his bigger concerns have been with trying to make adjustments to the run game to get it back on track.

The Cowboys ran it 47% of the time last season, which was tied for the ninth-highest percentage of run plays.

Moore said the biggest thing he wants to do with the run game is streamline it so the team moves at a quicker pace.

"I think it's identifying what your primary runs are going to be, your go-to runs," he said. "Trying to identify what are going to be our strengths, and then you have to have enough flavors through a season just to be able to present different things to defense, protect your primary runs."

The Dallas offense was balanced the past couple seasons because it had two great backs in Ezekiel Elliott and Tony Pollard.

Austin Ekeler, who led the league with 18 touchdowns from scrimmage last season, has emerged as one of the NFL's top all-purpose backs and will be in the backfield one more season after incentives were added to his contract. But Moore will be looking for either Isaiah Spiller or Joshua Kelley to emerge as a dependable second back.

Wide receiver Keenan Allen, who has had five offensive coordinators since being drafted by the Chargers in 2013, has been happy with Moore's approach to the offense during the offseason.

"He's played before, so he knows what we like, what we don't like, how defenses play, rather than sticking to something that has been in the offense for a long time. He's willing to change it and make it more friendly to us," Allen said.

New Chargers OC Kellen Moore looks to bring explosiveness to L.A.'s offense

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When Brandon Staley moved on from offensive coordinator Joe Lombardi and hired Kellen Moore this offseason, the Los Angeles Chargers' defensive-minded head coach viewed it as a chance to align himself more closely with the conductor of his offense.

Staley has been an admirer of the former Dallas Cowboys OC for years. After all, Dallas' explosive offense gave Staley fits when he served as defensive coordinator for the Los Angeles Rams.

What does Staley like most about Moore? His adaptability when players go down due to injury, including when the Cowboys went 4-1 with backup quarterback Cooper Rush last year.

"When I first became a defensive coordinator, they had a right tackle issue," Staley told FOX Sports at the NFL owners meetings earlier this year. "Terence Steele was starting, and they were kind of hurt on the O-line, and I saw [Moore] really navigate that process. Onboarding a rookie receiver in CeeDee Lamb and seeing what he did with those three receivers in [Michael] Gallup, [Amari] Cooper and CeeDee, along with the two tight ends in [Dalton] Schultz and [Blake] Jarwin. And then the work he did with Zeke [Ezekiel Elliott] and [Tony] Pollard. I just thought that was as tough a cover as I had to go against in the NFL."

"And then to see him morph through the years. ... A sign of a good coach is being able to figure it out. He's dealing with injuries at receiver. They played five games with a backup quarterback, and they went 4-1. And they were a drive away from going to the NFC Championship Game, so I just think this guy has proven production. How he leads, how he teaches, we see things very similar that way. I think the way he creates is exciting for me."

Innovation and creativity have always been at the core of Moore as a football player. He grew up around the game, carrying a notepad to design plays as a ball boy. Moore is the son of legendary high school football coach Tom Moore, who won four state titles in 23 seasons at Prosser High in a small town nestled along the Yakima River east of the Cascades in Washington state.

Those Prosser teams were known for their no-huddle offense and playing fast, using spread concepts to create big plays against more talented teams from bigger schools in the Seattle area.

Kellen Moore took that ethos with him to Boise State, where he finished 50-3 as a starting quarterback and helped the Broncos slay college football giants like Georgia and Oregon.

"I thought my dad did a really good job of having a clear vision," Kellen Moore told FOX Sports. "I thought that was always the thing about Prosser Mustang football — everyone kind of always on the same page. He always did a real good job of making the game clean and simple, while still being creative and fun. That's always a balancing act for all of us."

After four seasons as OC for the Cowboys, Moore is now tasked with creating a clear vision and foundation for a Los Angeles offense that became stagnant despite having one of the league's best young QBs in Justin Herbert.

The Cowboys averaged 391 yards and 27.7 points a contest during Moore's time as the team's offensive coordinator and playcaller, No. 2 in the NFL during that time.

More importantly to the Chargers, the Cowboys ranked No. 7 in rushing (126.6 yards per game) during that span. Running the ball effectively has been a struggle for the Bolts — one of the reasons they failed to hold onto a 27-0 lead in the AFC wild-card round in a stunning road loss to the Jacksonville Jaguars.

The Chargers averaged just 89.6 rushing yards a game last season, No. 30 in the league.

Both hailing from the Pacific Northwest, Moore and Herbert already have a connection, working together in a TV commercial for an auto group along with Cowboys linebacker Leighton Vander Esch.

"The commercial aspect, it's been kind of funny, just the way it all happened in less than 12 months," Moore said. "We spent some time doing some commercials and having some fun, and then lo and behold connecting here after the season."

"He's been awesome to work with. It's been a really fun transition, just getting to know him personally. And then just trying to build this thing together offensively."

Moore played the 2014 season as a backup QB with the Detroit Lions under the direction of Lombardi as the offensive coordinator, so he's familiar with L.A.'s offense and will keep concepts that were successful for Herbert in the past.

"With Justin, any time you have a quarterback that's played at a really high level, certain routes that he may like that we didn't run in Dallas, or I have not run — something he may be more comfortable with — let's continue to make sure we emphasize it," Moore said. "For example, Keenan [Allen] and Justin have a great feel for each other on some of these choice routes, so how do you build off that? Gerald [Everett] ran some of them. Austin [Ekeler] ran some of them. And that's just one example of 'Let's not lose this.'"

Herbert is learning his sixth different offense in eight seasons, dating back to his time in college at Oregon, so creating a smooth transition is critical for Moore.

Another area of focus for the Chargers is being explosive in three-receiver sets. The Bolts added another weapon in TCU product Quentin Johnston in the first round of this year's draft. At 6-foot-3 and 210 pounds and with 4.5-second speed in the 40-yard dash, Johnston is a big-bodied receiver who adds a vertical threat while also providing an ability to create plays with his feet on underneath routes.

According to Next Gen Stats, the 2022 Chargers ran 67.7% of their plays out of three-receiver sets. Only the Tampa Bay Buccaneers (70.5%) ran more plays out of that personnel grouping last year.

"We really liked the vertical element," Moore said about Johnston. "He did a great job down the field running by people, but more importantly attacking the football, going up and making plays in contested situations. I thought he did a tremendous job there."

"And then I think what really stood out was for his size and frame and what you traditionally expect from that, you saw all these shallow crosses, catch-and-run opportunities, the fly sweeps and bubbles. All this space player stuff that traditionally fits into the slot-receiver mold. And then you see him doing it. We just got really excited when you saw all those pieces connected."

Although he's a defensive coach, Staley played quarterback in college and, like Moore, sees the game through the QB-playcaller lens. That commonality helped bring the two together philosophically as the Chargers attempt to build an offense that can take advantage of Herbert's unique skill set and lead the team on a deep postseason run.

"It's the way he teaches, the way he leads," Staley said about Moore. "Philosophically, you're just kind of aligned with certain people. The way that he sees the game, and the way he can communicate to coaches and players to truly build an offense, I've been such a fan of his for a long time."

Chargers OC Kellen Moore Building Early Connection with Coaches, Players

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Below are three takeaways from Chargers Offensive Coordinator Kellen Moore from Monday's media session:

Moore settling in with Bolts

On Monday, the Bolts took the field for Phase Two of their voluntary offseason program — this time with coaches on the field.

It was a step closer to Organized Team Activities — a chance for Chargers Offensive Coordinator Kellen Moore to continue settling in with his new team. The Chargers hired Moore in January after he spent the past four seasons in the same role in Dallas.

"It's been really good. It's been really fun just being able to collaborate," Moore said on Monday. "Obviously, with coaches, initially. Now, that we have the players here, just really starting to build that."

"It's been a lot of fun. It's been great kind of connecting with these guys," Moore added. "Today was the first day on the field to actually do some field stuff. We actually had a football out there. That was good."

Moore has spent the last couple months working to familiarize himself with both the offense and the coaching staff.

He raved about the collaboration process with Chargers Head Coach Brandon Staley, noting how Staley has helped the transition in numerous areas.

"Brandon has been awesome. He's been really, really good," Moore said. "I've just loved working together, collaborating on this thing and kind of building this offense toward 2023. Again, kind of embracing all of the good things that are going on and then, hopefully, kind of being able to add some different things that can hopefully help us as we go on in our future here."

"Brandon has been awesome through the whole transition, through the draft process," Moore added. "It's been a lot of fun."

Top 15 Shots of Offensive Coordinator Kellen Moore

The Los Angeles Chargers today agreed to terms with Kellen Moore as the team's offensive coordinator.

In addition to working with Staley, Moore mentioned how important it's been to build that trust and relationships with a new coaching staff and players.

With Moore, quarterbacks coach Doug Nussmeier and offensive assistant Phil Serchia all joining a coaching staff and roster that has largely remained the same, a lot of the process has also been building relationships so they can continue to develop as the weeks progress.

"Really, ultimately, the roster we were pretty much able to bring everyone back from last year, for the most part," Moore said. "Walking in that room today, other than Doug, Phil and myself, the three coaches that were new, everyone else was part of 2022.

"It has been really fun just to kind of start building those relationships," Moore added. "I think that's the biggest thing about this thing, is that we're doing this thing together. As we find each other, start understanding each other and start working together, I think, develop this thing and build it."

Since Moore's arrival, one of the ways he's continued to learn more and more about the roster has been through the offensive position coaches. With some of the staff having spent multiple years with the Chargers, it has allowed Moore to get a crash course on the roster.

It is all a part of the process as the Bolts continue to have their eyes set on 2023.

"I think the really cool part is listening to the position coaches, initially, because those guys have spent a lot of time with these guys over the course of the last few years," Moore said. "Really, understanding where their position is, getting to know some of the players and then, ultimately, kind of setting our eyes on 2023.

"That was our whole plan from the beginning," Moore added. "It's been really, really good."

Early thoughts on Johnston

As Moore and the staff continue to work towards the 2023 season, their offense got another weapon in the mix this past weekend.

The Chargers selected Quentin Johnston in the first round (No. 21 overall) of last week's draft. Johnston gives the Bolts a big, explosive wide receiver from TCU and another playmaker for Justin Herbert.

"Brandon is this defensive guy and he's drafting these offensive guys, I like this," Moore said with a smile. "It's a lot of fun."

With Johnston, the Chargers are getting a big receiver that has uncommon traits for someone his size. At 6-foot-3 and 208 pounds, Moore broke down what made Johnston so special and expressed his excitement for the new addition.

"Q really stood out for us as we went through the process," Moore said. "Everyone kind of sees the measurables, the size as far as the height and the weight. What he did for TCU from his versatility, I thought, was really, really special. His ability to kind of catch-and-run, he was a fly-sweep guy.

"He got the ball in a lot of different ways," Moore added. "You saw a lot of versatility in his game that maybe, initially, someone may not have necessarily anticipated. We were really excited that he was there and available for us."

Johnston was dynamic at TCU with the ball in his hands, leading the Horned Frogs in receiving yards each of the three years. In his last season, he was second in college football last year with 8.9 yards after the catch per reception and finished the season with 60 receptions for 1,069 yards — the most by a TCU player since 2018.

Anytime he gets the ball, Johnston is a home-run threat, something he showed in the College Football Playoff Semifinal against Michigan. In that game, in which he was named Offensive MVP, Johnston caught a ball across the middle of the field and took it 76 yards for a touchdown.

Moore knows how much Johnston is capable of bringing to the Bolts offense, whether it be across the middle of the field or vertically.

"There's a vertical element of it that we're really excited about," Moore said. "With Q [Johnston], just the size, catch radius. He goes up and gets the ball downfield.

"You can do it however you need to do it, whether it's size, catch radius, speed," Moore added. "He definitely brings a vertical element to us."

Moore will have a lot of weapons and skillsets to work with in the receiver room, as Johnston now joins Keenan Allen, Mike Williams, Josh Palmer and more.

"To have Q [Johnston] join that receiver room with all the talent that's in there in those guys and the experience, I think it's going to be awesome for him because he's going to learn so much from those guys," Moore said. "It's going to allow us to put these guys in different roles and different positions to allow them to be successful.

"No one is ever going to complain about having a receiver room like this room, where you have all of this talent," Moore added. "I think we're really, really excited."

Boise State connection

Make that another Boise State Bronco in the building now.

The Bolts selected defensive tackle Scott Matlock in the sixth round out of Boise State, Moore's alma mater. Moore had one of the best quarterback careers in the history of college football at Boise, including going 50-3 as a starter.

Matlock was excited to join the Chargers and Moore, whom he called the "Boise State GOAT."

This got a laugh out of Moore, who joked about finding a way to get more players from Boise State in the building.

"He's awesome. I got a chance to meet him when he was here for his visit," Moore said. "He's a stud. I'm glad we have a couple of Broncos. I think we have two now [Matlock and DL David Moa]. We need to get a couple of more somehow. We'll figure out a way."

And yes, the two did take a picture during Matlock's visit in the pre-draft process.

Matlock was an all-conference tight end, among other positions, in high school before he became a full-time defensive tackle in Boise. Still, he made sure to put those tight end skills to use in college, catching two touchdown passes in goal line situations.

Moore is well aware of this, as both Matlock and current Boise State Head Coach Andy Avalos have mentioned it to him.

"Oh yes, he's already told me," Moore said. "Andy Avalos immediately sent them to me. He's the head coach at Boise. He sent them to me as soon as [Matlock] got drafted.

"For you guys concerned about the tight end position, maybe we have something there," Moore said with a laugh.

DERRICK ANSLEY

Chargers' Derrick Ansley has new role, but same objectives

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Derrick Ansley says he doesn't see much of a change in his role on the Los Angeles Chargers coaching staff despite being promoted to defensive coordinator.

"Nothing will change in the identification factor of the players, coaching them and developing them like we've been for the first two years," Ansley said on Tuesday during the NFL scouting combine in Indianapolis.

"The first thing is to be an extension of coach (Brandon) Staley, be a support staff for him to make sure that he can do his job at a high level and be another set of eyes to support him and his vision of the defense through the way that we see it, just be an extra set of hands."

Ansley was promoted from secondary coach to defensive coordinator on Monday. There was an opening after Renaldo Hill left to join Miami's staff as pass-game coordinator.

Staley is expected to remain the defensive play-caller though.

"I don't think words can describe how I feel about this opportunity," Ansley said. "Like you guys know, things happen fast in this NFL. When things happen, you have to be ready to adjust on the fly. Coach Staley believed in me after we interviewed a couple of guys, and the rest is history."

Ansley does have experience as a defensive coordinator. He spent two seasons leading the University of Tennessee's defense (2019-20) before joining the Chargers.

Ansley's main focus will be trying to get a underachieving defense on par with the offense.

Los Angeles spent \$218 million last offseason, most of it on defense that included six new starters. Yet, defense remained one of the team's weaknesses.

The unit was ranked eighth against the pass last season, but was 20th in total defense, 21st in points allowed per game and the fifth worst against the run. They also had the fifth-worst average in scrimmage yards allowed per play.

The Chargers made the playoffs last season and have a strong core with linebackers Khalil Mack and Joey Bosa as well as safety Derwin James. But they need to shore up a run defense prone to giving up big plays. Los Angeles had 11 opposing running backs go for at least 100 yards on it this past season, a franchise record.

"We're not looking in the past, we're going to keep our lens forward," Ansley said. "Obviously, the first two years, we had some growing pains. We also did some good things, as well. In 2023, we're going to focus on all 11 guys playing as one, just as we had the first two years. We're going to put guys into positions to make plays, coach guys hard, play to our standard, our way, and get the results that we need."

RYAN FICKEN

Ficken Maintaining High Standard for Chargers Special Teams

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Ryan Ficken has gained plenty of knowledge in his previous 15 NFL seasons.

Among the most important? Each season stands on its own merit.

So as the Chargers Special Teams Coordinator enters Year 2 with the Bolts (and Year 16 overall in his career), he isn't too interested in the impact he and his group made a year ago.

"The success that we had last year — you talk about field goals, punt returning, punting and these situations — all of that now is behind us," Ficken said. "It's now what can we do moving forward?"

"We have a higher standard now for us," Ficken added. "And we have to go out there, work and compete again."

Ficken helped the Chargers have perhaps their best overall season on special teams in decades.

The Bolts led the league by allowing opponents to average just 3.1 yards per punt return. And they ranked second in field goal percentage (93.94 percent) and third in team average per punt return (11.7 yards).

But with each season comes news storylines and fresh faces, and Ficken is ready to embrace them all.

Perhaps the biggest plot in mid-May is the kicking battle between Dustin Hopkins and Cameron Dicker.

Hopkins is the veteran who made nine of 10 field goals in 2022 but missed most of the season after injuring his hamstring in a Week 6 win over Denver in which he still hit a walk-off field goal.

Dicker was a rookie who hit a pair of walk-off winners and hit 19 of 20 field goals in powder blue.

Ficken on Monday said he's looking forward to what should be a tight battle in camp.

"I'm excited. They had a great year, both of them," Ficken said. "Obviously, Dustin was doing a great job before he went ahead and had the misfortune of getting injured.

"That's how every roster is structured. You want to have that competition at every position," Ficken continued. "That's what's exciting because [Chargers Head] Coach [Brandon] Staley and [General Manager] Tom [Telesco], they've structured the roster exactly that way, and that's what brings out the best in these guys. I'm really excited.

"They've done a great job the last couple of weeks. We're going on our third week of Phase Two," Ficken added. "Really, they start kicking in front of the team just so they can show the work that they've been putting into this offseason so they can go ahead and compete and win that battle."

Ficken noted the evaluation process has already started on Hopkins and Dicker, and that it will include how each performed last season.

The main points of emphasis? Consistency and ball flight, Ficken said.

"I'm just excited about those guys because they handle it as true pros," Ficken said. "They're really eager to go ahead and compete for that job."

The Chargers won't have to worry about a punter battle as JK Scott was re-signed this offseason after a stellar 2022 season.

"I was very excited [for him to come back]. I think the whole organization was, too," Ficken said. "We're very fortunate to be able to bring him back, have the organization support him.

"He believes in the organization, too," Ficken said. "We feel he had a really good year, but he complemented our unit and what we were trying to achieve as a unit. You saw the success that we were able to have."

Ficken also has his eye on a pair of rookies ahead of Organized Team Activity practices that begin next week.

Ficken said Daiyan Henley, a third-round linebacker out of Washington State, could have a big role on special teams in his first season.

"He was our top core guy, out of all positions that we wanted to bring in. We're very fired up about him," Ficken said. "What impressed me the most about him is that he was a starter on defense, and yet he was still able to make a huge impact on special teams.

"He takes a lot of pride in that, which I thought was great," Ficken added. "When we met him when he came in for his top-30 visit, I introduced myself and the first thing he said was, 'Have you seen my special teams tape?' That's really exciting."

Ficken said he's also looking forward to seeing fourth-rounder Derius Dais get reps at both returner spots but noted that the former TCU standout won't just be handed the job.

"The success that he had gives our team a lot of opportunities to go ahead and have some big plays in those return phases, which we're excited about," Ficken said of Davis, who has 4.36-second speed. "Like I told him going through this whole process, he has to go ahead and earn this position.

"Nothing is going to be handed to him. We have some guys that are capable that can go ahead and do it on the roster, as well," Ficken added. "He's also competing with other guys throughout the league, but he's excited for that challenge."

And Ficken is excited for the yearly challenge that comes on special teams.

Besides the kicking battle, he'll work to take different players on the roster and mold them into contributors in the all-important third phase of the game.

All while looking to build off the success of his first season with the Bolts.

"We're always going to have a sense of urgency in what we do. Last year doesn't mean anything," Ficken said. "Moving forward, we didn't do enough to go ahead and win the games and get the Super Bowl trophy here.

"At the end of the day, I'm very excited about this group. I understand some of what these players are and what they're made of, the veterans that have been here," Ficken continued. "I have to utilize them a little bit and put them in better situations to be successful, so that part I feel very comfortable.

"Other than that, no, we're starting from scratch," Ficken added. "We have to make sure we pump up the urgency and get the most out of all of these guys."

Ficken Changing Culture of Bolts Special Teams Unit

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Truth be told, Ryan Ficken wasn't even worried about himself as he prepared to transition from the only NFL organization he'd ever known.

The Chargers hired Ficken in February, less than a month after he had just completed his 15th season with the Vikings.

Ficken had held a handful of roles in Minnesota, serving as the assistant running backs coach, assistant wide receivers coach and assistant special teams coach before spending the 2021 season as the special teams coordinator.

Now, Chargers Head Coach Brandon Staley wanted him to come lead the Bolts special teams group.

Ficken was excited for the chance, but only after consulting with his family. Ficken and his wife have three children — two boys and a girl — and he knew the move would affect all of them.

"My family was the most important aspect," Ficken said. "We knew it wasn't going to be an easy transition because Minnesota was home for us.

"But doing our research and talking to Coach Staley and the Spanos family and [Chargers General Manager] Tom Telesco ... they made it feel like home and made that transition a lot easier," Ficken continued. "Knowing the culture they're trying to build here, it made it a lot easier for us. And then once we got here, the way they've treated us, it's really helped out a lot.

"Everything we thought it'd be, it's that and more," Ficken added. "Now that we're here, I just want us to win games."

The Ficken family has settled in nicely to Southern California. Ten-year-old Wyatt celebrated his birthday earlier this week, while 6-year-old Gianna and 3-year-old Jonathan have adapted well.

And Ficken is thriving in his new role, helping elevate a unit that has certainly had its fair share of ups and downs over the years.

Staley said Ficken has "really just transformed our special teams culture."

He added: "I think making everybody on our team, including coaches, just included in that, building that team culture in that everyone has a role that is important."

On the field, the Bolts special teams group has had a hand in helping the team get to 5-3 at the midway point of the season.

The Chargers punt coverage team is tops in the league, allowing just 3.0 yards per punt return (36 yards on a dozen returns).

That unit put the Bolts in position to win in Week 6 on Monday Night Football when Ja'Sir Taylor forced a muffed punt that Deane Leonard recovered. Four plays later, Dustin Hopkins sealed the win with a walk-off field goal.

The Chargers also rank in the top-10 in punt return yardage, and both kickoff units have been solid.

JK Scott has also revitalized his career under Ficken. The Bolts punter knew of Ficken from afar when they both resided in the NFC North, but jumped at the chance to work with him this spring as a free agent.

"Any opportunity I got was going to be a blessing for me," said Scott, who doesn't have a touchback this season. "But when I heard the Chargers were interested and reached out to my agent, Coach Ficken was the first one to call me.

"He told he'd been following me and that he wanted to bring me in," Scott said. "That was awesome to feel that welcome."

And then there's the kicking situation, where the Bolts will once again use their third kicker of the season Sunday in San Francisco.

Hopkins is dealing with a hamstring injury he suffered in Week 6, when he kicked four field goals on the way to AFC Special Teams Player of the Week.

Hopkins had missed the previous game with a quad injury, which meant Taylor Bertolet made his NFL debut in Week 5. All he did was make all three field goals in his NFL debut, critical points in a 30-28 win over the Browns.

But Bertolet was injured last week in practice, which meant Cameron Dicker was the latest man up at that spot. Dicker was unfazed in his Bolts debut in Atlanta, nailing a walk-off winner from 37 yards out at the buzzer in a 20-17 win.

Dicker then earned AFC Special Teams Player of the Week honors, making the Chargers — yes, the Chargers — the first team in NFL history to have two different kickers win that award.

Ficken chuckled when asked about the turnover at that spot this season.

"That's probably a record [number of kickers] for a lot of coaches," Ficken said with a laugh. "But we've been very fortunate that these three guys are all great character guys.

"We were lucky they were available, and each of them have handled it with such poise," Ficken added.

Ficken has adjusted on the fly in his first season with the Bolts, something he learned quickly while with the Vikings.

He spent eight seasons as Minnesota's assistant special teams coordinator, giving him plenty of time to craft his own approach when he got the lead role one day.

"It's more about being able to evolve because you have different players. But now people have [film] on us, what we do, tendencies," Ficken said. "Now I'm able to anticipate things a little bit more, look at things with a critical eye.

"[In Minnesota], I tried to put myself in situations where I was like, 'Alright, what would I do in this situation?' It kind of helped me get here," Ficken added.

One area where Ficken and assistant special teams coordinator Chris Gould have excelled, according to Staley, is getting contributions from the latter portion of the roster.

"What you have to do as special teams coordinators now in the NFL is you have to develop young players," Staley said. "That's such an integral part of your team is taking these young players who have maybe not played special teams very much in college and getting them up to speed, fundamentally, in understanding the pro game.

"I think that they are both excellent teachers. They set great examples," Staley added.

Chargers fullback Zander Horvath is one of the handful of young players Ficken has helped bring along this season.

Horvath plays on multiple phases of special teams, and said this week that he feels confident and prepared going into each game under Ficken's leadership.

"It's different with every guy, but he relates to you. You can go up to his office anytime and even if he's doing something, he'll stop and help with whatever you need," Horvath said. "That's great to be able to have. Just a good guy overall with great morale.

"He breaks everything down. He'll go over every play we're installing, and every position, too," Horvath later added. "If you have questions, he'll stop the meeting and make sure you understand it before we get on the field so you're not messing it up there. We make sure it's all set in stone in the meeting."

Scott echoed Horvath's sentiments.

"He's impacted us in a really positive way," Scott said. "He's done a really good job of setting the tone and creating culture. He's really good at bringing out the best in each guy.

"From a specialist standpoint, he's great at seeing what our strengths are and then using them for the advantage of the team," Scott added. "He's done a great job, man. It's been such a fun season so far."

Ficken credited Gould for helping him cultivate talent and contributions up and down the roster.

"It depends what their learning curve is, and if they've played a lot of teams or not," Ficken said of his teaching approach. "But it's a testament to the players because they want to be great, which allows us to pile on more.

"But [Gould] does a great job of getting those guys ready for certain situations. Him and I are a team," Ficken added. "It's just a matter of being open with players, being transparent and firm. Let them know what your expectations are and keep them accountable to it."

At 5-3, the Bolts find themselves in the thick of the AFC playoff picture with 10 games left.

And while who knows what the home stretch will bring, Ficken's leadership and impact has delivered a calm presence to a unit that has been erratic at times in recent seasons.

Staley said: "We're halfway through the season, almost, but as you guys have seen, it's a much different looking movie out there."

Ficken is appreciative of his time in Minnesota, and noted he wouldn't be as prepared as he is if not for the 15 seasons he spent in purple.

But he took on a new challenge with excitement and enthusiasm, even if it meant moving his family halfway across the country.

"I wanted to make sure we created an environment where we're very transparent and honest. But the biggest thing I wanted to do was create leadership on special teams," Ficken said. "This is about them, not me or anyone else. It's about the team and the players. I wanted them to have a say in it.

"We have helped our team with a goal of winning games," Ficken added. "There's a lot of plays in a game, but we just have a hand in it. This is the greatest team game there is, but we can contribute in the right direction."

So far, the Chargers special teams has done exactly that.

KEENAN ALLEN

Chargers receiver Keenan Allen talks 'The Masked Singer' appearance

By Lindsey Thiry
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LOS ANGELES -- An oversized, sparkling gargoyle costume dripping in gold chains and massive gold wings weighed heavy on Keenan Allen's 6-foot-2, 211-pound frame.

The Los Angeles Chargers receiver felt hot. His eyes strained to see from behind a mask and a deep breath became difficult to take behind a foam mouth piece that was part of an ultimate effort to conceal his identity.

A 10-year NFL veteran, Allen is accustomed to playing in the spotlight, but performing on a sound stage in the heart of Hollywood felt entirely unfamiliar.

"I was way more nervous than being on a football field," Allen said.

In an earpiece, a producer counted Allen in -- "three ... two ... one ..." -- before lights flashed, backup dancers spun into motion and Allen's mind flashed, "I'm not ready! I'm not ready!" Then, his microphone went live.

"You will remember me," Allen sang. "Remember me for centuries!"

Singer Robin Thicke looked on enthusiastically from the judge's panel, and a studio audience erupted in cheers as Allen completed a short rendition of Fall Out Boy's hit "Centuries." But Allen's performance could not save him from elimination on the Fox series, "The Masked Singer," a singing competition show with a twist: The performers' identities are concealed by costumes until they are eliminated.

"It is kind of overwhelming," Allen said of the experience. "Taking off the mask was the best part."

On the field, where he has donned a Chargers uniform for his entire career, Allen has developed a reputation as a dependable playmaker, earning five Pro Bowl appearances and recording the most games (10) with at least 12 receptions in NFL history.

This season, the 31-year-old is expected to return to form after a hamstring injury sidelined him for seven games in 2022. He's expected to become a beneficiary of an updated offense installed by coordinator Kellen Moore that will create more explosive plays and open more space for Allen to maneuver as he attempts to help the Bolts to consecutive playoff berths for the first time in his decadelong career.

Even amid the preparation for what could be a memorable season, Allen's coaches and teammates were well aware of their star wideout's appearance on another type of stage.

During a team meeting to open the offseason program, coach Brandon Staley turned on the film of the gargoyle lighting up the stage.

"We showed the group that," Staley said, laughing. "I was stunned at how good this guy was. I couldn't believe what I was hearing and that that was actually him."

Left tackle Rashawn Slater looked on in amazement. "I've heard him sing in the huddle before," Slater said. "And it's pretty good, but I didn't realize he had it like that."

"That was super dope," defensive tackle Sebastian Joseph-Day said.

Herbert had an inkling that it was his top pass-catcher under the disguise.

"I had seen some of the clips," Herbert said. "I knew he had a great voice, so it was pretty impressive to watch this."

Allen loves to sing. It's a passion sparked by his mother who made him sing in the choir in Greensboro, North Carolina, when he was young. He taught himself to play the piano without learning to read music.

The 31-year-old has a fledgling music career. He has released an R&B/soul single, "Distraction," under the moniker "K. Alexander."

More than 10 years ago while in college at the University of California, Berkeley, Allen's vocal cords and love for singing sparked a love connection with his wife, Ciandra, who saw a video of him singing on Facebook.

"He was posting videos of him singing in college at the time," Ciandra recalled behind shy laughter. "That's what attracted me. I'm like, 'Wow, he's not only cute but he could sing.'"

Allen's voice now provides background music in a house bustling with four small children.

"He's been singing around the house and everywhere for as long as I can remember," Ciandra said. "To do a show like this for the first time, I was so proud of him because I knew he was ready for it."

Training for the show was intense, Allen said.

The series' production team fitted Allen for his disguise as a gargoyle, inspired in part by his 4-year-old son, Kado, who loves dinosaurs.

Once he learned which songs he would perform, Allen would sing throughout the day, wherever he was. "I just kept singing," he said, "so I didn't mess it up."

Allen officially rehearsed three days a week, putting in 15-hour days in April. He would leave his home at 7 a.m., arriving on set in time to participate in three rehearsals ahead of the live show. Time was spent with a vocal coach but not with fellow celebrity participants or judges.

Each contestant had to keep their identity concealed by wearing masks with black hoodies emblazoned with the words, "Don't talk to me," on set. He returned home around 10 p.m. each evening.

"It's very TV friendly," Allen said of the show, laughing. "Not player friendly."

Allen said he could not shake his nerves as he prepared to perform in front of a panel of judges that included Thicke, actress Jenny McCarthy, actor Ken Jeong and singer Nicole Scherzinger.

"I was so scared," Allen said of the experience, which required live singing and the memorization of songs he sometimes was previously unfamiliar with. "You're not singing your song. You're singing somebody else's song. So it's like, f---, I don't want to f--- this up!"

Allen sang four songs over two episodes before his elimination in a one-on-one battle with the season's eventual winner, British singer Bishop Briggs.

"We all felt the talent in the voice, but I saw you get a little more confident, a little more loose in each performance," Thicke told Allen. "I thought you did a great job."

"You made a lasting impact on us because you have a beautiful voice," Scherzer said, "and your heart always shone through all of your performances."

Despite positive reviews from the audience, judges and teammates, Allen has decided that for now, he will stick to karaoke, singing in his hallways and dabbling in a potential music career that does not involve wearing costumes.

"It was fun," Allen said of the show. "But I don't want to do it again."

CHRIS BEATTY

Chargers assistant Chris Beatty keeps developing receivers, looking for opportunities

By Daniel Popper
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During the 2021 offseason, Chris Beatty sat Mike Williams down and gave the No. 7 pick from the 2017 NFL Draft a rather specific prediction.

After more than two decades coaching high school and college football, Beatty had recently achieved his longtime goal of reaching the NFL, joining Brandon Staley's Chargers staff as the receivers coach. Over the ensuing weeks, Beatty had immersed himself in the tape, learning all he could about his group.

What Beatty saw from Williams was untapped potential. Williams was entering his fifth NFL season on an expiring contract. He was a good NFL player, but he had not yet lived up to where the Chargers drafted him. Beatty had a plan to change that.

"Here's what's going to happen," Beatty remembers telling Williams that offseason. "If you do what I ask you to do, you're going to get 80 catches, 1,200 yards and 10 touchdowns and get a big contract."

Williams, a man of few words, gave Beatty a simple reply: "I got you, Coach."

What happened next provides a window into what Beatty brings to one of the most talented and expensive receiver rooms in football — and why Beatty could soon be achieving another of his coaching goals by becoming an NFL coordinator and play caller.

Beatty had a grander vision for Williams. In his first four seasons, Williams was used almost exclusively as an outside-the-numbers threat. And he made plenty of jaw-dropping plays in those areas of the field. Williams' greatest gift is how he uses his huge frame, long arms and elite body control to win jump balls.

But while watching film, Beatty could not understand why Williams wasn't being used in other areas of the field. The Chargers were building a new offense in Staley's first season, and this was the ideal opportunity to explore what else Williams could become.

Staley had tapped Joe Lombardi as his offensive coordinator. Lombardi came from the Saints, where, over the previous five seasons, Michael Thomas had set records as one of the most productive receivers in football. Thomas was the X receiver in those Sean Payton-Drew Brees offenses, typically lining up as the isolated receiver.

As the Chargers offense was developing that offseason, Lombardi approached Beatty about where Williams could fit.

"Mike can be Mike Thomas," Beatty told Lombardi.

There was some consideration into moving Keenan Allen around to fulfill some of the many duties Thomas excelled at in the Saints offense. But Allen is at his best in the slot. Giving Williams the Thomas role would put Allen in the best position to be successful and create a more dynamic passing attack overall. That is, as long as Williams was up for that challenge. And Beatty believed he was.

"He can do more," Beatty said. "You go back to Clemson, he was running in-breakers, in-cuts, slants. ... So, it was like: 'I think we can do these things with him. We don't need to move anybody there. He can do them.' He just hadn't been asked to do them."

Lombardi agreed. So did Staley.

And the vision became a reality. Williams finished 2021 with 76 catches, 1,146 yards and nine touchdowns — just missing Beatty's predictions across the board. Williams' potential was fully realized with an expanded route tree that included many of those in-breakers Beatty first pitched.

Williams signed a three-year, \$60 million extension that offseason.

"They trusted in me," Williams said at the Chargers facility a day after inking his deal.

Last season brought some adversity to Beatty's room.

Allen strained his hamstring in Week 1 and went on to miss seven games. Williams suffered a high ankle sprain in Week 7 and missed most of the next five games. Jalen Guyton, the Chargers' lone dangerous deep-field speed threat, tore his ACL in Week 3. Joshua Palmer, the Chargers' No. 3 receiver, battled through knee and ankle injuries. Palmer also missed a Week 7 loss to the Seahawks with a concussion; it was the second time he had been in the concussion protocol in two months.

Amid all the moving pieces, Beatty helped DeAndre Carter emerge as one of Justin Herbert's most reliable targets. Carter entered training camp as the fifth receiver and returner. He ended up playing close to 700 offensive snaps. Carter caught 46 passes. His previous career high was 24. He had 538 receiving yards. His previous career high was 296.

This would have been surprising to someone who isn't familiar with Beatty's career. But Beatty has been elevating and developing receivers through his 25-year coaching career that started at North Stafford High in northern Virginia.

He coached Percy Harvin at Landstown High in Virginia Beach, leading that program to a 40-2 record over three seasons. Beatty has a framed Harvin Vikings jersey hanging in his home in Maryland.

Beatty coached Tavon Austin and Stedman Bailey at West Virginia. Those two share the school single-season receptions record, which they set in the same season a year after Beatty left for a job at Vanderbilt. Austin played nine years in the NFL; Bailey played three.

At Vanderbilt in 2011, Beatty coached Jordan Matthews, who broke the school's receiving record the following season. Matthews then broke his own receiving record and set the receptions record in 2013 before being drafted in the second round.

After a year of calling plays for Illinois, Beatty left to coach receivers at Wisconsin. There, in 2013, Jared Abbrederis set the single-season receptions record for the program. In 2016, Beatty joined the staff at Maryland, where he coached DJ Moore. In his first season playing for Beatty, Moore caught 41 passes for 637 yards and six touchdowns. In his second season playing for Beatty, in 2017, Moore caught 80 passes, which remains a school record, for 1,033 yards and eight touchdowns. That spring, Moore was the first wide receiver drafted, at No. 24 to the Panthers.

Beatty coached receivers at Pitt for two seasons after leaving Maryland. In 2019, Beatty's first season, Maurice Ffrench set a school record with 96 receptions. Beatty then coached Jordan Addison in 2020. The next season, after Beatty had joined Staley's staff, Addison won the Biletnikoff Award as the best receiver in football. He caught 100 passes, breaking Ffrench's record. Addison finished just shy of the program receiving yards record set by Larry Fitzgerald Jr. in 2003.

"You hope people recognize that and will give you an opportunity," Beatty said of his career.

That opportunity, though, did not come until 2021.

"A lot of it's just perseverance," Beatty said.

Beatty and Staley first met in 2007 at Northern Illinois. Beatty was the running backs coach. Staley, two years removed from his playing career as a quarterback, was in his second season as a graduate assistant.

As Beatty recalls, Staley was working primarily with the defense but was looking to get back to the offensive side.

"He wanted to talk ball all the time," Beatty said.

So Beatty would invite Staley over for late-night discussions, scratching that offensive itch for the future Chargers head coach.

"I didn't treat him like a GA. I've never tried to treat any of my GAs like a GA," Beatty said. "That's a big thing: You treat people like coaches and like people. You don't treat them like they're lesser than you."

Almost 15 years later, Staley had a receivers coach opening on his NFL staff. He offered it to Beatty, who had maintained his desire to get to the league throughout his journey.

"It's amazing how things go full circle," Beatty said.

It is hard to square Beatty's impressive resume with how long it took for him to reach the NFL.

But, Beatty said, that can be the “frustrating” reality for Black coaches. As The Athletic’s Jim Trotter noted earlier this offseason, only five of the 33 non-interim head-coaching vacancies have been filled by Black coaches over the past five hiring cycles. And this trend is starker on the offensive side. With training camps beginning around the league this week, there is only one Black coach slated to call offensive plays in the NFL this season: Washington’s Eric Bieniemy.

Beatty has been working his whole life for that type of role — really, to become an NFL head coach. He interviewed last offseason for the Vikings’ open offensive coordinator position on Kevin O’Connell’s staff, which Beatty believes was a “positive step.”

But he added that, at times, it is hard not to “lose hope.” He last called plays in 2012 at Illinois.

“We’ve all had that feeling,” Beatty said. “If you’re never given an opportunity, how do you know that someone can’t do it?”

“If we have a real conversation, like, ‘Hey, I’m really going to interview you for my job, and I’m not interviewing you to check a box, but I’m interviewing you to see if you’ve got the smarts to run my offense and the opportunity is there,’ I think there would be more people getting hired that don’t look like everybody else that’s been hired.”

All Beatty can do for now is keep developing receivers as he has for decades.

He will keep thinking outside the box to unlock talent.

He has another such receiver this season in rookie Quentin Johnston, the Chargers’ first-round pick. And Beatty is already getting promising early returns.

One morning during OTAs in the spring, Beatty was meeting with Johnston and the rest of the receivers. The Chargers had practice scheduled for 11 a.m. Beatty wanted Johnston to try a new release called a “diamond release” at the line of scrimmage that day. Effectively, the receiver fakes a route to one side before cutting back the other way. It has the same effect as a crossover in basketball. Beatty detailed the release to Johnston in the meeting room: “Give him a little cha-cha and then beat him across the face with a foot in the ground and burst.”

As practice began, the Chargers broke into position groups. The receivers practiced diamond releases in the individual period, working against the hand shield and dummy.

When the seven-on-seven period started, Johnston got his opportunity. He was matched up one-on-one with cornerback Asante Samuel Jr. in the red zone, isolated on the right side. Johnston faked Samuel out of his shoes and caught the touchdown from Easton Stick, executing the diamond release to perfection.

“He doesn’t know what he doesn’t know, so you tell him something, and it’s almost like, ‘Oh, you can do that?’” Beatty said of Johnston. “You’re looking at it like, man, this guy, the sky’s the limit.”

Staley and the Chargers trusted that Beatty could get the most out of Johnston — “polish that raw jewel to make it into something that shines,” as Beatty put it. The same way he got the most out of Williams.

It is a safe bet. Beatty has been polishing jewels his whole career.

And one day, he hopes they all shine bright enough to help him reach his ultimate goal.

“You can’t take the fact that somebody is not opening a door,” Beatty said. “You still got to keep pounding on it. And eventually, you hope somebody opens it.”

JOEY BOSHA

'I've been eating a ridiculous amount lately': Inside Joey Bosa's quest to bulk up

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COSTA MESA, Calif. — Los Angeles Chargers outside linebacker Joey Bosa spent his offseason eating until he was uncomfortable.

Then he ate some more.

"Eating isn't really enjoyable these days," Bosa said. "It's more so just part of the job."

The calories consumed by Bosa -- he estimates between 4,500 to 5,000 per day -- were all part of a well-constructed plan to enable him to pack pounds onto his 6-foot-5 frame as prepares for his eighth NFL season.

Bosa, 28, felt a need to return to a heavier version of himself after playing last season at 250 pounds, down from the 265 to 270 range that he played at earlier in his career, and well below the 280 mark he played at during his collegiate career at Ohio State.

"I specifically tried to really eat good and put some weight on this offseason, get back to my weight I was at a few years ago, where I could really use my power," Bosa explained after a training camp practice. "Really handle guys in the run and be more effective in that part of the game."

The plan to bulk up was put into motion following a 2022 season that saw Bosa spend 12 games on injured reserve after undergoing groin surgery, and which saw the Chargers fail for a second season to stop the run, allowing a league-worst average of 5.4 yards per carry.

A discussion with position coach Giff Smith -- who has coached Bosa since he was selected with the third overall pick in 2016 -- helped further the idea that adding weight would enable him to regain power.

"When we went to this system of defense, he thought he needed to be a little bit lighter and he was dealing with some nagging injuries, so you always lose a little weight when you have some lower half injuries," Giff said. "He's finally healthy and he was able to add the muscle mass, good muscle mass, and he feels comfortable. And then it does expose the power. Everybody knows how gifted he is with his hands and his movement, but when you can shock [opponents] with the power, it just has another element to his game."

Coach Brandon Staley, who scrapped the Chargers' 4-3 defensive scheme for a 3-4 when he was onboarded in 2021, endorsed the change.

"That's where he's most comfortable," Staley said. "You have to be able to establish power as a rusher, that's what's going to make you really, really dangerous. He has some of the best hands in the NFL, which is kind of what he's famous for, but to set those hands up, you have to really establish power."

Arguably no player has felt Bosa's strength in training camp like left tackle Rashawn Slater, who must contend with him daily.

"I noticed that right away," Slater said of Bosa's weight gain. "I feel a little extra pop with him this year for sure."

To gain the weight, Bosa continued his usual offseason training regimen with his brother, 49ers star defensive lineman Nick Bosa, in Florida, but adding pounds required working closely with a nutritionist and maintaining close proximity to a refrigerator so that he could consume five to six meals per day and constantly snack.

"Was able to stay consistent with all the things that I normally would do," Bosa said. "But the key to gaining weight is just to eat a lot. Eat way more than you want to. And it's no fun a lot of the time."

Before a morning run, Bosa would drink plenty of fluids, maybe eat a little fruit. He'd follow his run with a small breakfast.

Then, the eating marathon would commence.

Five more meals with plates full of red meat, chicken or fish. A big dose of protein, some vegetables and often a version of his guilty-pleasure carbohydrates, like chickpea pasta.

And snacks. Lots of snacks -- think pretzels, nuts and fruit (But no honeydew or cantaloupe, which Bosa despises) -- often smothered in creamy peanut butter. And a smoothie.

"I'll just eat berries in the peanut butter because my chef in Florida said that the fruit, you need a fat with the fruit for it to really have its whatever benefit," Bosa said. "So that helps with the weight gain and getting all the vitamins and stuff from the fruit."

Gaining the weight while dripping sweat during hour-long workouts in the summer Florida humidity proved difficult, but perhaps not as hard as maintaining his weight during training camp in Southern California, where the Chargers spend about 2 ½ hours daily sweating on the practice field.

And Bosa's fast metabolism has required that he not miss a meal. If he does, the consequence will be felt the following day when he weighs a few pounds less.

"I've always been kinda the one that needs to eat a ridiculous amount to keep on weight," he said. "I've been eating a ridiculous amount lately."

But for all the eating and bulking up, outside linebacker Khalil Mack says you can't tell by looking at Bosa. "Which is a great thing," Mack said, before chuckling. "It's not like he has a gut or anything now."

Bosa will test the results of his offseason makeover -- which also included chopping off his long blonde locks in favor of a buzz cut -- when the Chargers open the season against the Miami Dolphins on September 10 at SoFi Stadium.

"I definitely feel stronger," Bosa said.

Bosa, Mack Aim to be 'Rare Tandem' in Year 2 Together

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The far corner of the practice field at Hoag Performance Center was full of accomplishments and accolades.

And still so much potential, too.

Yes, Joey Bosa and Khalil Mack were back together again Monday at the Chargers first Organized Team Activity practice of the spring.

It was the second straight year Bosa and Mack were on the field for Day 1 of OTAs and there once again is the familiar hope of what they can accomplish together.

"It was great last year, even the short amount of time that we were together," Bosa said. "Obviously, it was unfortunate that we didn't get more time to play together."

Mack added: "It's always good when you have Joey B. out there, man. A lot of knowledge. A good friend, a good dude to have around in the locker room and the meeting room."

A year ago, Bosa and Mack took the field together for the first time as teammates.

And their Week 1 performances seemingly offered a glimpse of what was to come, as Mack had 3.0 sacks and Bosa added 1.5 sacks (while both forced fumbles) in a season-opening win against the Raiders.

But those good vibes lasted just a few weeks as Bosa was lost for the majority of the season with a serious core muscle injury.

"Yeah, we were out there for six games together [including the playoffs]," Bosa said. "I think we were really growing close together during camp. We kind of feed off each other in the rush."

"I know when I went down, obviously, it kind of was a big shock for me, obviously, and for Khalil and for [outside linebackers coach] Giff [Smith] and all of those guys in the room," Bosa added. "We had been working so hard all camp and we have an idea of how we're rushing together and this and that, so it obviously throws us a curveball."

The tandem is ready to start another journey together, one that hopefully lasts longer than the previous edition.

Day 1 was on Monday.

"I really appreciate all these guys being here, because it's voluntary. I think it says a lot about the culture that we have. Your culture is your best players and the example that they set," said Chargers Head Coach Brandon Staley. "Certainly, Khalil Mack sets a high standard, and I think that Derwin [James, Jr.] and Joey are part of that."

"For Joey to be here, I think that it shows all of these young players what it takes to be successful, that you have to be here with your team to improve," Staley added. "We know that Joey has such a specific routine with his brother in Florida. For him to be here, Day 1, really excited about that."

Khalil Mack on Turning the Page to Year 2 with the Bolts

Bosa said Mack was a key reason why he showed up on Day 1 for the second straight year, noting the bond between two of them has strengthened in time.

"Khalil and I, off the field, I think we've grown close just in the short amount of time that we've been together," Bosa said. "I'm excited to keep it going."

"I'd say he's definitely part of the reason that I came out early," Bosa added. "I feel obligated to do my stuff when I have him watching me, have him counting on me. It's nice to have that."

Mack enters the 2022 season with 84.5 career sacks after posting 8.0 in 2022, a year that saw him get regular double teams after Bosa went out.

Bosa has 60.5 career sacks and is a four-time Pro Bowler.

The Chargers hope a healthy tandem can strike fear into opposing offenses this coming season.

"I think what we saw last year in training camp, at the beginning of the year, is that those two guys playing together are special tandem," Staley said. "It's rare that you can find two players of that caliber that you can get together. Our goal is for those two to get to play together."

"We know how productive they are. They're both perennial Defensive Player of the Year candidates," Staley added. "They both can play at that level and we expect them to play at that level. Excited for those guys to have another crack at it this season."

Both Bosa and Mack said they are healthier than they were a year ago at this time.

Bosa had battled chronic groin issues but said Monday he's feeling the best he has in years. And Mack, who was coming off late-season foot surgery in 2021, said Monday that a full offseason has him feeling like his old self.

"I feel pretty good. I was coming off that injury last year," Mack said. "Being able to get into it and get into a regiment faster and run and do all of the things that I would normally do during the offseason, it feels great."

The Chargers will need the duo to be at their best as they deal with a challenging 2023 schedule that features one elite AFC quarterback after another.

And the tandem's presence on the edge should help out a run defense that struggled on the outside last season.

If everything goes according to plan, the vision the Bolts had of Bosa and Mack playing together could fully come to fruition, even if it's a year later than they hoped.

"I think the more time that we're out there together, the more comfortable we're going to be together and the more that we're going to understand each other when somebody is doing something in the rush," Bosa said. "Like I said last year a bunch of times, I think we complement each other well."

"Once we get more reps and more time together, it'll start being non-verbal communication out there," Bosa added. "We'll really get a feel for each other and when a guy is going high, a guy is going low. I think we have the opportunity to really get to a special spot between us two."

Has the NFL seen what the two can do together?

"Not even close," Mack said. "Just can't wait to get out there with this guy. Not talk too much, but get to work."

Chargers Edge Rusher Joey Bosa Put Mental Health Recovery Over Football in Offseason

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When players line up for stretching and activation for the Los Angeles Chargers, it's done in unison at Jack Hammett Sports Complex or Hoag Performance Center.

But when all players are on the ground going through a stretch, a silent figure is in the back doing his own thing.

Joey Bosa is backpedaling, doing lunges, and working out at his own speed. He is always working on his craft and always tries to improve. He works with his trainer Todd Rice in Florida, and his workout partner is his brother -- San Francisco 49ers defensive end Nick Bosa.

He is out there in Florida from the moment the season ends until mandatory minicamp. Usually, they go through numerous pass-rushing techniques or work on getting stronger and faster.

However, this year was different.

Last season was challenging all around, with the pandemic and the offseason program being shortened. It was rough, but for Bosa, the whole season was strange.

"The impact of what I went through last year was real," said Bosa with a straight face.

He sustained numerous injuries to begin the season. By the New Orleans game in Week 5, Bosa dealt with a triceps, ankle, and knee injuries that prevented him from playing any other down but third. He got a sack in the 4th quarter against Drew Brees using a spin move that would make Dwight Freeney proud.

Fast forward to Week 9 in Denver when the Chargers had a 21-point lead over the Broncos late in the third. Bosa took a hit to the head and would miss the rest of the game with a concussion. Things would change from here.

Bosa only remembered showing up at the facility on the bus. Everything else was foggy. The next few days would get even worse with him locking himself up in his room and only coming out to get his COVID test at the facility.

He would miss two games. He returned feeling a little more upbeat. He had a dominating performance against the Buffalo Bills in week 11, sacking the opposing quarterback three times, collected nine tackles and six tackles for loss.

Three weeks later, it would happen again. He sustained a second concussion in Las Vegas against the Raiders. He wouldn't return for the last two games of the season.

"I undersold how much it affected me mentally with a concussion or what I had to deal with," explained Bosa. "It was really intense, and I kind of fell into a bit of a hole at the end of last year mentally."

One of the factors that helped him get out of his hole was that the fact that he had Nick living with him in L.A. The younger Bosa brother was rehabbing from a torn ACL he sustained in week two against the Jets.

Bosa decided to room with his brother again, like when they were kids. Growing up, they competed in anything and everything. They still kind of compete to this day.

"I think we have this intense competition against each other all the time," admitted Bosa. "That's kind of unspoken like, when somebody else does something, we're happy for him, but at the same time, we're like s***, and I want to do better."

During the back end of training camp this year, the 49ers were in town to have a joint practice with the Chargers. The younger Bosa is still coming back from his torn ACL, but he was able to practice on the side.

He also watched as his brother hand swiped, outpowered, and even used his agility to get past the 49ers offensive line. He was on a mission.

"I'm happy I was able to perform well against this team, and for him to see a few reps, it meant a lot," explained Bosa. "I was going to be really, really upset if I went out there and had a bad week because I can't have him show me up."

Bosa was Mic'd up for the Chargers, and the first thing he says when he bumps into his little brother is, "what's up, small guy?" to which Nick asked his older brother what moves he used to get past the offensive line.

It is the typical big brother, little brother love relationship. You always want your little brother to do great things, but not better than you.

"Sometimes the competition gets a little too intense, but luckily we don't play ping pong anymore or paddles are flying all over the place," said Bosa.

Bosa was happy to see his brother. He was thankful that Rice and his brother helped him climb out of that dark hole. He spoke out about mental health after what he had suffered through last season and has become more and more of an advocate.

"It's your health long term, and you see so many people losing their minds," Bosa said last November. "There's people around me that have been losing their fathers from, from brain diseases, and it's just it's a scary thing to think of."

Sometimes athletes are seen as Supermen, nothing can get to them, and nothing can hurt them, but people forget that they are more like Clark Kent. A couple of years ago, Bosa started to see a therapist, who helped significantly with what was going on during the end of last season.

"Ever since then, I've been super open about all of it, my meditation, therapy sessions, and all that," said Bosa. "So, it was just a tough time, and I had him to help me every week."

Bosa is a workout warrior. So, after the season ends, he takes some time to himself then jumps back on it with Rice and his brother in Florida. This offseason, though, Bosa felt like it was more about getting back mentally.

"The last few months, I've been steadily climbing and climbing and climbing and I'm just back to my old self, you know, feeling great," said Bosa. "Feeling great physically feeling great mentally."

He took his time. While he did that, some changes were going on back in Los Angeles. The team had fired head coach Anthony Lynn and hired 38-year-old Brandon Staley.

The new head coach called every single one of his players on the phone to explain to them who he was, and he wanted to get to know them. He wanted to show the players that he cared for them as people, not only as players.

"It's pretty obvious that this is who he is, and he's really passionate and knowledgeable about every single position," said Bosa. "He's a younger guy who listens and knows how to take care of us."

The head coach would talk to Bosa here and there but knew that his star pass rusher wouldn't be coming until mandatory minicamp. When Bosa showed up in Costa Mesa, he sat down with his head coach, and they just talked for a little over two hours. Bosa opened up to his coach about what he had gone through last season.

"I think that for him to be so outspoken," said Staley. "It's very courageous to me; there's a lot of bravery. Then there's also a selflessness too because he's not thinking about himself. He's thinking about other people. Anytime you have a star player like him that thinks that way, it's amazing."

He also talked football with Staley, realizing quick that Bosa is a unique person with a high football capacity.

"He's kind of an artist," said Staley about his initial thought after meeting with Bosa. "You don't get that way without being fully invested in your game, and I think he's so insightful about the details of his craft."

Bosa was quickly impressed by his new head coach.

"He could walk in any room really and talk about technique, and it's not just like, 'Oh, yeah, what are you guys running?' It's like he breaks it down exactly what's going on technique because he loves football," explained Bosa. "He has this kind of freaky memory where he just remembers things."

Staley was also impressed with Bosa. Staley has worked with some of the best pass rushers in Chicago's Khalil Mack, Denver's Von Miller and Bradley Chubb, and L.A. Rams' Leonard Floyd and Aaron Donald.

"I learned a lot from those guys like what he sees and what his approach is, and, and tapping into that, so you can coach him better," said Staley. "I felt like he's just has a lot of insights because he's such an accomplished player."

There will be some changes to this defense, though. Since being drafted by the Chargers in 2016, Bosa has been a big reason why the defense has generated a consistent pass rush. He has played 63 games in a Bolt uniform, sacked the opposing quarterback 47.5 times, and has 109 quarterback hits.

He also had his partner in crime in Melvin Ingram. When one of them got a sack, Bosa would do his signature shrug, and Ingram would cross his arms. They were a solid duo, but that has come to an end. Ingram wasn't re-signed and is a member of the Pittsburgh Steelers.

"He was great," said Bosa about Ingram. "He was the polar opposite of me, which I mean, opposites attract. I think we had a great relationship. Great player. I learned a lot from him. But I'm just happy he found a good spot, and he's probably going to have another great year over in Pittsburgh."

The Chargers brought Kyler Fackrell from the New York Giants to compete with Uchenna Nwosu for that spot opposite the Pro Bowl pass rusher.

"I love having Kyler," explained Bosa. "I think he was a great pickup. He had a great game the other day, was really impactful. I think Chenna's definitely coming into his own. He's been a great rusher for the past few years already, and he's finally going to have a real opportunity to get a lot of reps, but I think all three of us are going to do a really good job rotating in, and we're going to all have a lot of reps every game and keep each other fresh."

The significant change in Bosa's game will be that the team will ask him to take his hand out of the dirt and drop back into coverage. "I obviously want to rush the passer," said Bosa. "It's what I love to do. It's what I love about football and what I love to work on. But this is a new skill I have to learn. So, it's been a fun challenge. It's been frustrating at times, definitely. But at the same time, anything worth doing isn't going to be easy all the time -- corny, corny saying, but it's true."

That change also came with him not being with defensive line coach Giff Smith, who has been his defensive line coach since he entered the league. Bosa has always thought highly of him.

The Chargers hired Jay Rodgers from the Chicago Bears, who coached with Staley, to be the outside linebacker's coach.

"He's definitely a very positive guy, levelheaded -- which sometimes I need that," said Bosa. "So, I'm excited to keep on getting to know him. It has been a challenge for him, too, because he was with the big guys the last few years. So, he's been open about that. It's a new situation for him. He hasn't coached edge in a while, so it's been a fun learning process for both of us."

Rodgers had spent the last five years as the defensive line coach in the Windy City before moving out west. "This guy loves football," Rodgers said about Bosa. "He's very knowledgeable about his skill set what he's trying to do. His specific blockers run and pass. So, I've really enjoyed getting to know him and see how he reacts to some of the things that we're installing."

When camp started, Bosa was excited to work with Rodgers, but there was some hesitancy about last season.

"I was a little nervous coming into camp with how I feel at some certain things that have kind of built up over the years, but I have been feeling great," said the pass rusher. "I feel like I've got my rhythm back."

When on the defensive field at Jack Hammett, Bosa did one of two things during every practice, either going through a drill or talking to Rodgers.

"He's constantly working on his body, his timing, his footwork," explained Rodgers. "And then, as far as our conversations go on the sideline, different scenarios that could come up to help him play faster because I think the more you know, the faster you can play. Faster guys like him can play the more production they wind up having."

When it was 7-on-7, or there was a special team drill, and he wasn't needed, Bosa would be at a machine or workout dummy working on his craft, as Staley put it, like an artist.

Something else that Bosa noticed without Ingram being present is that he is now the leader of the pass rushers. Make no mistake about it, Bosa isn't a ra-ra guy; he is the furthest from that. He leads by example but doesn't mind giving tips.

"I feel like it's most effective when I'm coaching guys up one on one and telling them how I see things," said Bosa. "I understand everybody rushes differently. So, I don't want to like tell him this was the only way but tell him what I see what's been successful for me."

He has been a silent leader in the pass-rushing room. He has helped guys from Nwosu to third-year player Davin Bellamy to rookie fourth-rounder Chris Rumph.

"I mean, at the end of the day, Joey has been doing this at a high level for a long time, since his rookie year, and so any advice I go to him and talk to him about anything pass-rushing wise anytime I go to him after advice," said Rumph.

Things have certainly changed a lot since last season. The team has a new head coach with a new direction. Bosa will have some new duties to go along with getting after the quarterback.

So, the fans should expect a 10-sack season and a five-interception season from Bosa?

"Hopefully, more than ten sacks, but I'll take one interception. It's all I need," joked Bosa.

Bosa said he is excited about the season to start, but there will be a lot of factors that will go into how the Chargers will do this season. He knows that one factor he can count on is his quarterback Justin Herbert, whom Bosa has been a massive advocate for a la Paul Heyman since last training camp.

"I'm excited to see what he can do this year," said Bosa about his quarterback. "Another thing that I love about him is I don't think he... I mean, he must know is that good, but I feel like he's such a humble and normal dude. So, it's like it never comes off as arrogant or full of himself for like this super talent that he is, which was he's a 6'5 fast like he's the ideal quarterback, and I think he's got a Hall of Fame future, for sure."

From everything Bosa has gone through from last season to this one, he feels re-juiced and is looking ahead and not back.

"I don't come into practice where you don't want to bump my head or anything like that," said Bosa. "I think I've done everything right to heal my brain and heal my body, so it's part of the game."

MICHAEL DAVIS

Chargers' Michael Davis' Latino Heritage Month message: 'Just be proud of who you are'

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Los Angeles Chargers cornerback Michael Davis is stretching ahead of the team's Week 3 matchup against the Jaguars.

The cleat on Davis' left foot is emblazoned with the colors and coat of arms of the Mexican flag, with "Yo soy Mexicano," visible across the top. On the outside of the cleat on Davis' right foot, the word "esquinero," which means cornerback in Spanish, appears in big, white lettering. "Yo soy Michael Davis," is on the front of the right cleat, and on the instep are three letters: "ANA," the first name of his mother.

In honor of Latino Heritage Month, Davis was among four players gifted specially designed 1 of 1 cleats by El Snap NFL as part of the NFL's season-long "Por La Cultura" campaign. In addition to paying homage to his mother, Ana Martinez, whom he calls his "best friend," and to their Mexican heritage, the footwear aligned with the 27-year-old's desire to serve as a role model for others who share his background.

Davis does not remember watching many Mexican NFL players in his youth. Growing up in Glendale, California, he looked up to soccer stars like Ronaldinho and Chicharito. Now, in his sixth pro season, he is determined to continue making a positive impact with his own career.

"I try to do my best representing the Hispanic culture, representing Mexico," said Davis, who is also Black. "I feel like it just shows everybody, even Hispanic kids, that it's possible, anything is possible. We are able to play in the NFL."

Davis, who regularly spent time in Mexico with his mother as a kid, said that "football is not really a big sport in Mexico. It's futbol, like soccer, and baseball and basketball. It just goes to show that Hispanics can branch out and play different sports. Play in the NFL, which is an American-dominated sport."

It was not always a given that Davis would end up in the league. Drawn to the game by a desire to "fit in" with his friends, who he says preferred football, among other sports, to soccer, Davis said he started with flag football, then graduated to tackle. After playing at BYU from 2013 to '16, Davis went undrafted in 2017, catching on with the Chargers as a free agent.

"I kept telling Michael, never give up," Martinez said. "If you want to accomplish something, you need to continue."

In addition to determination, Martinez wanted to teach him about their heritage.

"I wanted him to know where I came from and for him to know my family," said Martinez, who is from Mexico. "For him to be able to interact with everybody, my entire family. For him to see what it was like when we gathered and what we do as a family. What type of food I grew up with, the music, the Catholic beliefs that my family instilled in me. I passed that to him."

Davis was a regular presence on the Chargers' defense in the previous three seasons, starting double-digit games in each campaign. But his career trajectory has taken a turn this season, as he's assumed a backup role.

As he did in Week 1, Davis started in relief of J.C. Jackson against the Jaguars, logging 10 tackles, but in the two games Jackson played this season, Davis logged all of his snaps on special teams.

Chargers head coach Brandon Staley said Friday that Davis is "going to be a big factor for us this season." He also acknowledged the impact Davis' example can set for people watching him.

"Hopefully he can be that example of young kids, boys and girls, of where you can go," Staley said. "He's just been a great teammate and a great player to coach, for sure."

For the veteran, who listed as a goal being "an all-around better corner," Latino Heritage Month is all about seeing more representation in the league, and for kids growing up to believe that anything is possible, no matter what their background is, as long as they are willing to put in the work. It's also about continuing to persevere through life's challenges while staying true to yourself.

"Just to be proud of who you are," he said. "There have been times because I am Black and I am Mexican that everything's been pointed down toward me. Everything is stacked against me, or stacked against people like me. Who cares? Be proud of who you are and overcome the odds."

Martinez said she feels "so happy and proud of" Davis.

"I know he has a lot to accomplish still in regards to the NFL but I'm happy and thankful to God that he's still there."

MORGAN FOX

Morgan Fox Shares Excitement Over Return to Chargers

By Omar Navarro
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Even when free agency began, Morgan Fox knew where he wanted to be.

"I wanted to be here," Fox said.

"I love the guys, I love the coaches, I love the area, I love the fans. It's really hard not to enjoy just being here, in general," Fox later added. "Being able to have the opportunities that are presented to me with the coaching staff and just being able to play with the caliber of players that we have, it's really, really enticing to stay back here. I really wanted to be back here and help go take this team in the direction that we're all trying to go in."

The Bolts defensive lineman spoke to the media on Monday for the first time since re-signing with the team last month and expressed his level of excitement in being back with the team.

"It's really exciting," Fox said. "I'm excited to be back with staff, with the guys, first and foremost. We have a great room across the board; offense, defense.

"I just love being around the guys. Being around them, seeing all the work we put in, we're trying to go a little farther than we did. Being back with a staff that believes in you and believes in the team is awesome."

Fox returns the Chargers following his career year in 2022 that saw him post a career-high 6.5 sacks and be a force along the defensive line. In a year where injuries ravaged the team and that position group specifically, Fox became a big part of the room that helped the late season playoff push.

His play on the field spoke for itself last season, but Chargers Head Coach Brandon Staley believes his impact lies far beyond the statistics.

"Foxy, No. 1, he represents our culture," Staley said. "He represents everything that we want in a football player, but then in terms of what he can do, he has versatility in the front to play a lot of different places. Then, he brings something that's hard to find in the NFL, which is interior pass rush. He has real sack production. When you have an interior pass rusher that can rush like he can, it gives you an advantage.

"He knows how to rush as part of a team, which is important when you have to quality outside rushers like we have," Staley added. "He understands how to fit within a rush plan. He's the guy that makes plays for us and represents who we want to be, from a culture standpoint."

As Staley mentioned, Fox's versatility is what made him a big part of the Chargers defensive line last season. With his ability to line up in different spots up front, Fox gave the Bolts value as injuries came and went throughout the season.

According to Pro Football Focus, about half of Fox's defensive snaps (283 in all) came at defensive tackle last season. He also lined up at defensive end for 298 snaps, which equated to almost the rest of his snaps.

Fox credits his bounce back season to tightness of the defensive line room and the coaching staff, as they both put him in a position to succeed.

"Just having a great room, being around a great staff that knows how to put you in the right position. And, at the end of the day, gives you the opportunities that you need to make plays," Fox said. "We have a ton of guys that make plays. You just have to see where you fit into that scheme and where you can help out.

"Coach Staley and the other coaches put me in good positions and give me a ton of opportunities to make plays," Fox added. "That's something that I really appreciate and attribute to being able to have a bounce-back year. Then, just the guys that I play with, the caliber of players that we have from front to back, it's kind of easy to go in there and do your job and make plays."

Under Staley's defensive scheme, Fox has had two of his best seasons as a pro, last season and the 2020 season when both he and Staley were with the Rams.

Fox has found success in this scheme, as he has been given opportunities to succeed — and he's done just that so far.

"Like I said earlier, it's opportunities," Fox said. "Coach Staley believes in me and he gives me opportunities to go make plays. That's something that he's always done, every year that I've been with him, is just a plethora of opportunities. He puts me in positions to win and believes in my abilities to win.

"I can't do anything but attribute to guys around me, as well," Fox added. "I have nothing but great players to play off of, to play with, from top to bottom on the roster. It definitely makes it a lot easier to make plays when you're around guys like that and are given the opportunities that the coaches gave you."

With Fox back in the fold for 2023, the defensive line has kept one of its crucial pieces from a season ago, as both he and the group hope to wreak havoc in the trenches this coming season.

ALOHI GILMAN

Chargers' Alohi Gilman keeps same level-headed approach despite raised expectations

By Joe Reedy
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COSTA MESA, Calif. (AP) — If Alohi Gilman feels any increased pressure or expectations over being one of the Los Angeles Chargers' starting safeties, he has done a good job of not showing it.

"I think 'Lo' has been calm, as cool as the other side of the pillow," defensive coordinator Derrick Ansley said.

At first, Gilman didn't quite know how to take Ansley's compliment. After thinking about it for a minute, though, he took those words to heart.

"That means a lot, coming from Coach (Ansley)," Gilman said. "I just try to come out here and be me. That's been my mentality since I was in high school. Everything flows the way it should be if you put the right mentality to work."

Gilman is expected to start at safety with Derwin James when the Chargers open the season on Sept. 10 against the Miami Dolphins. Gilman started six games last season, including the AFC wild-card game at Jacksonville.

Gilman, a sixth-round selection in the 2020 draft out of Notre Dame, moved into a starting role late last season. When Nasir Adderley retired after four seasons, that solidified Gilman's status.

"He's a guy that has been here for three years now, so a lot of reps have been invested in him, and he's invested a lot into the defense. You can see some of those dividends paying him now," Ansley said.

Gilman and James got plenty of work together during offseason workouts, which has helped build on-field chemistry throughout training camp. That didn't happen last season when James was recovering from shoulder surgery. James also sat out the first two weeks of training camp last season before signing a contract extension.

Coach Brandon Staley lauded the communication between James and Gilman during the early stages of camp when the installation process of putting in the defense is heavy.

James described Gilman as a "ball hawk." Last season Gilman picked off Cleveland's Jacoby Brissett in the end zone during the fourth quarter to help preserve a 30-28 victory in Week 5. He also had two fumble recoveries and a forced fumble during the season. During a Week 3 game in Kansas City in 2021, Gilman's fourth-quarter interception set up a game-winning drive.

Gilman's knack for interceptions has continued during training camp, where he has picked off Justin Herbert a couple of times during team drills.

"It's the same approach since I stepped in here with the Chargers. Everything has to be earned here. I don't take that for granted," Gilman said. "Even when I was a reserve guy, I felt like I was a starter. Some people may not have agreed with it, but I have viewed myself that way. I prepared myself that way so when I did get my shot, and I was out there, it was easy for me."

Ansley said Gilman's biggest strength is making adjustments before the snap.

"The game post-snap is a lot easier for him, a lot calmer for him. That's a testament to his work ethic on the field and in the classroom. He's one of those guys that studies," Ansley said.

Gilman will play limited snaps, if any, on Saturday when the Chargers have their preseason opener against the Los Angeles Rams. His most extensive preseason tests will come on Aug. 17-18, when the Bolts host the New Orleans Saints for two days of joint practices before their Aug. 20 game.

Despite what challenges may come, Gilman figures to be ready for it.

"Yes. I mean, we all get those butterflies, those nerves, I guess. But when I'm out there, I feel like a kid," he said. "I feel like playing football for me is fun because it's creative like I can get creative. I can play the game, I can have fun. That's what drives me to just keep playing."

DAIYAN HENLEY

Conceived in prison, Daiyan Henley was born into the dangerous world of his dad, who put him on a path to the NFL

By Jeff Miller
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What follows is a football story and a father-son story and a comeback story. Yeah, a comeback story, one for all time.

Most of all, though, this an L.A. story, a hometown tale that starts in a torrent of gang violence on the blocks of Crenshaw and ends in a cozy huddle of Chargers on the turf of SoFi Stadium.

That covers a distance of barely five miles. But this is L.A., where even the shortest commutes can unravel into an agonizing misadventure of dead ends, regrettable decisions and maddening detours.

Daiyan Henley, a Chargers third-round draft pick in April, was conceived in prison, the son of a first-generation Crip who served 13 years after being convicted of trying to rob an undercover sheriff's deputy of 33 pounds of cocaine.

Eugene Henley reemerged changed and determined to raise his third son better than he did his first two, determined to help heal the community he had wounded, determined to build, to unite, to lead.

"It's one heck of an origin story," Daiyan said. "You know how they talk about antiheroes, the people who are the bad guys but they really aren't? That's my dad."

He's still known by most people as "Big U," though the kids he mentors on the local football field call him "Coach U." Eugene is a hulking, hollering 6 feet 5 with a reputation twice that towering, dating to a time when he became, as Wiz Khalifa once declared, rap music's "godfather."

Eugene also is a multi-cellphone-wielding, Range Rover-maneuvering entertainment executive who produces documentaries, managed Kurupt and launched the career of Nipsey Hussle.

But it's in his youngest son that he has found his greatest achievement, this icon of the 'hood making his biggest moves at home.

"Daiyan's my example to the world," Eugene said. "I came out to save him and guide him. And I won, you know what I mean? I won."

This is an L.A. story, all right, a stuffed and twisting script come to life right in the shadow of Hollywood.

Eugene met Stacey Allen when they were teenagers, at World on Wheels, the Mid-City skating rink that was part of Los Angeles' early hip-hop scene and one of the places where Big U forged his image, often using his fists.

A student of martial arts with a temper that still teeters, Big U had an ability to separate another man from his wits and it became his signature. He wore long, cascading hair and sometimes giant, almost-goofy glasses — any suggestion that he might be square, however, disappeared when Big U started tossing his meaty, balled-up mitts.

In the 2021 documentary "Hip Hop Uncovered" — of which he was an executive producer — Eugene said: "Dudes knew that I was going to give a dude a head-up squabble and he wasn't going to win. I wasn't even going to mess the Jheri curl up."

"Hip Hop Uncovered" details the lives of Eugene and four other players in the music business. The first five minutes introduce Eugene by one of his police mugshots.

Raised in Santa Monica, Stacey knew nothing of the volatile world this giant man was beginning to rule just 20 minutes down the 10 Freeway. The night they met, Eugene used a word unfamiliar to her, so Stacey had to ask a friend what "homeboy" meant.

On one of their first dates, she found herself trapped in Eugene's neighborhood as a police helicopter spun overhead, search lights darted and chaos erupted around her.

"I was crying," Stacey remembered with a smallish smile. "I was saying, 'I'm never goin' back! I'm never goin' back!' I finally got home and called him, and I was like, 'When you comin' to get me again?'"

A few years later, on a drug-selling trip to Chicago, Eugene finished reading "The Autobiography of Malcolm X," a book he says he related to unlike any other. In exploring another man's life, he described himself as exploring his own.

He vowed to stop dealing drugs, to stop hustling, to distance himself from a life in which he was shot when he was 14 and then shot six more times over the years, including in both shoulders and legs.

Still, not all of Eugene reflects the streets. Calling himself "really a momma's boy," he never did drugs and has no tattoos, fulfilling promises he made to his mother.

But even while redirecting his life, Eugene had more debts than ways to settle them. So he began to steal, once busted with a stash of gold chains so extensive that he made another vow — to never wear jewelry again.

One night, he and a partner were caught in a sting when Eugene arrived at a meeting with a gun, intent on strong-arming an officer he mistakenly thought was a drug dealer.

"The police don't got to be lucky but one time. One time," Eugene said. "The criminal got to be lucky 100,000 times."

Stacey was left with two young boys as their father faced a 23-year sentence. Jabari, their middle son, was just 2 months old.

Stacey, the product of a single mother who saw the value of a two-parent home in her grandma and grandpa, said she never considered leaving Eugene, even though the couple remained unmarried.

She didn't want to do that to their children or to herself, the prospect of starting over with someone else less appealing than the reality of persevering with her first choice, a challenge she called "not easy but doable."

The simplest solution was marriage, and more than 30 years later, Stacey said she's pretty certain she was the one who proposed.

In 1992, Eugene and Stacey were married in the L.A. County jail, standing on opposite sides of a glass partition, in a hasty ceremony that might or might not have been permitted by law enforcement.

The whole thing lasted maybe 10 minutes. There was no wedding dress. There are no wedding pictures.

"It was 'I do, you do. Gotta go,'" Stacey says.

The family remained intact, if not together, Stacey encouraged by the changes she began to see in Eugene.

Long a Christian — even when he was rolling in the streets, Eugene carried a small Bible in his back pocket — he poured himself into Islam. "Daiyan" is a Muslim name, meaning mighty ruler or protector.

The prison time afforded Eugene uninterrupted hours to read and study and sketch the life he'd pursue once free again.

"He was growing as a man," Stacey said. "It helped him and it helped me too, because it took a little bit of the wild out of him."

After his release on Jan. 4, 2004, Eugene rejoined his family, wedging himself and his wall-to-wall presence into their three-bedroom, one-bath apartment that made up the bottom half of a duplex.

He'd been there for just a few days when Daiyan, who recently had turned 4, asked a question.

"Dad," the little boy said, "when are you going back home?"

"Jack," Eugene replied, "I am home. I ain't never going to be gone away from you again."

Daiyan had known his father only as property of the California penal system. Daiyan and his two older brothers, Michael and Jabari, would visit regularly, tagging along behind Stacey.

On some trips, the boys would convince Dad to play football, wadding up a sock to serve as their pigskin. They'd run and giggle and picnic on the barely edible prison food.

The sudden proximity was a tad much to the kid looking up to that father standing over him, day after day.

"I remember my dad being a staggering figure in our home," Daiyan said, laughing. "It's like he came in immediately yelling and barking. He basically messed up the feng shui of the whole house."

But that proximity was exactly the idea, the reason Eugene wanted one more son — one more chance — and tried to time the conjugal visit with Stacey at Calipatria State Prison so that Daiyan would be around 1 when his father returned home.

But then Eugene got in a fight, fracturing the face of another inmate, dislodging the guy's eyeball.

Authorities dumped Eugene in the hole, where he'd spend more than four years, his well-plotted timeline buried along with him.

Even worse, solitary meant family visits were restricted to 15 minutes, Eugene figuring that wasn't enough time to justify Stacey and the boys driving nearly three hours to the facility in Corcoran, where he had been transferred.

And there was another thing that discouraged time together.

"I didn't want them to see me in a hole, in a cage, behind glass looking the way I was looking," Eugene, now 56, said. "In hindsight, it broke the connection. I should have let them come see me once every other month."

The lost time, Eugene is certain, hurt Michael and Jabari, who already had lived the majority of their lives without a dad at home. The boys struggled with the same streets their father dominated.

"The other boys went through a lot growing up without a father and in an area where their dad had such a big name," said Eugene, who didn't meet his father until he was 16 and being released from Central Juvenile Hall. "That was my fault because I was gone. It's the story of the absentee father.

"The two who didn't have a dad went through the hard times. They were the ones gangbanging, making bad decisions. I don't knock 'em. Not one bit. I take the blame for that, 100%."

Daiyan heard the same stories of all the things his father had done, the drug dealing and fighting, the general mayhem wrought by the kingpin of the Rollin' 60s, a faction of Crips this publication once described as "heavily armed."

But Daiyan also was sitting in the backseat while his dad drove him to practice, was on the receiving end of his father's tough-love coaching and was watching as Eugene began to shine brighter in and around Crenshaw.

Initially, Eugene was thought to be facing more than 50 years in prison.

He joked in "Hip Hop Uncovered" that, by the time of his release, the world would be traveling by flying car.

As it was, being away for 13 years was more than enough, Stacey fast-tracking Eugene back to the outside world on their drive home from prison.

"He thought I was going too fast," she recalled. "He felt like he was on a spaceship. I said, 'You're used to being on that big-ass school bus going 20 miles an hour. The speed limit is 65. We doin' 80, OK?'"

Shortly after Eugene's release, the family moved to a two-story house just a few minutes from where Eugene grew up but along streets safer and saner.

This is where Daiyan first met Kurupt, whom he described as "almost like an uncle." This is also where Hussle lived with the family for a while, recording some of his first tracks in their downstairs studio.

"I got to watch Nipsey grind — literally like his name 'Hussle' — in our basement," Daiyan said. "He used to be down there for hours at a time. That was a good lesson for me."

Now fully free, Eugene began along the course he had charted. One of his first projects became Developing Options, a nonprofit involved in everything from gang intervention to feeding children.

Formerly called the Ex-Offender Fellowship Network, Developing Options aids in finding jobs for former inmates, counseling young people on life skills and providing educational opportunities for the less fortunate.

"God had a plan for me to be here as an example for my community," Eugene said. "Look at me. I came from the lowest point. I've been in the worst place America has ... a dungeon in a cage."

Around the same time, Kurupt took Eugene to Death Row Records to meet Suge Knight, a man Daiyan said is "like my god dad."

The two connected, with Snoop Dogg, in "Hip Hop Uncovered," explaining: "Suge recognized what Big U meant. This [man] moves mountains, and he's intelligent."

Knight gave Eugene money to help restart both his personal and professional lives, his introduction to music having come earlier when rapper Poppa LQ, wanting more street cred, asked Eugene to be his manager.

Eugene's No. 1 project, though, was Daiyan. He formally began coaching his youngest son in Snoop Dogg's kids football league. But the teaching started before that and lasted much longer.

Daiyan still has videos of their 5 a.m. workouts, training in the backyard or running the hills of the neighborhood. Some mornings, Daiyan would sneak in a half-hour nap before showering and running off to school.

Never once, he said, was he lured by what lurked just down the road.

"If anyone was ever to come to my dad and say, 'Hey, Big U, we saw your son doing this or that,' he would have lost it," Daiyan said. "The whole neighborhood would have been in trouble."

Their house became the gathering place for school buddies and peewee teammates.

Eugene took to referring to the boys as his sons or nephews.

Today, nothing has changed, the home still alive with neighborhood kids looking for somewhere to chill. Eugene and Stacey added to the frenzy too by having one more child, a daughter named Cherysh.

Likening their existence to "The Waltons," Stacey said her husband is the draw, the big man's vibes serving as a gravitational pull.

"A lot of kids want to be in this house because he's in this house," she said. "It doesn't matter what they've done, if they've gotten in trouble or something. When he says, 'We going to the house,' they all want to be here."

Said Daiyan: "My mom asked me the other day, 'Why can't I get rid of all these kids?' I told her, 'Because you're living with the biggest one.'"

Just three miles from the Henley home waits SoFi Stadium, where Daiyan will play this fall. After starting his college career at Nevada in 2017, he spent his final season at Washington State.

Eugene and Stacey flew to most of his home games over the last six years, but now can drive to them for the first time since Daiyan graduated from Crenshaw High.

After Chargers minicamp in June, Daiyan returned to Crenshaw to speak at an event for the football team. He told the players that he's an example of just how close the NFL really is for them, standing there just an arm's length away.

He also reminded them that he's available — as near as a DM — if they need anything, Daiyan already giving back just like his dad.

All of this feel-good was made possible when the Chargers reached just down the street to draft their latest linebacker.

Still, even with so much ground covered, Eugene's past is never more than a glimpse away. Remember that mugshot shown so early in the "Hip Hop Uncovered" doc? It serves as the wallpaper on one of Eugene's phones.

"Keeps me disciplined," he said.

Eugene was asked what makes him most proud of Daiyan.

"There's got to be a better way to ask that question," he said. "Like, 'What are you not most proud of?' He made it. He made the right decisions every step of the way and then slid on home. He really, like, ran around the bases and slid home, you know? For real."

This is an L.A. story, to be sure, another homecoming celebration for a family that knows how to embrace coming home.

JUSTIN HERBERT

Nothing has changed for Justin Herbert except for bank account and expectations

By Jeff Miller
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The contract extension — and all its zeroes, history and possibilities — never came up.

The NFL's biggest deal in history was so close to being reality that the quarter-of-a-billion-dollar beast might as well have been sitting right there with them at the charming eatery in equally charming Florence, a town of 9,500 tucked along the Oregon coast.

Instead, the two longtime friends — Justin Herbert and Jack Johnson — sat with fathers Mark and Lane and soaked up the atmosphere of the 1285 Restobar and one another over laughs and plates of pasta.

"It was like the football game at the local high school just got over and we're sitting there shooting it, talking about normal, everyday life," Jack recalled. "If I had to put a word to it, it was serendipitous."

In just a few days, Herbert would return to Southern California and the Chargers and sign his name to the five-year, \$262.5-million deal that made him the league's highest-paid player in average annual salary.

Then he'd keep signing — footballs, posters, those mini helmets, anything the squirming, squealing masses thrust toward him after another training camp practice. Herbert, dripping with sweat and adulation, would work his way down the fence line, giving away his wristbands, his hair ties and, more than once, his cleats.

Giving away himself, that's what he really was doing, a young superstar athlete trying to find comfort in feeding his public without also starving his desire to remain private.

All of this for the Eugene kid who didn't play varsity football in high school until his junior year — then immediately broke his leg — who thought he'd eventually excel more in baseball, who wasn't supposed to start as a college freshman or an NFL rookie but did anyway.

All of this for the Eugene kid who arrived in the league facing questions about his accuracy, touch and leadership and then buried all those doubts and others under a mountain of yards, highlights and records.

"The whole thing has kind of been, 'Has this really happened to Justin Herbert?'" said Lane Johnson, who coached Herbert at Sheldon High. "It's mind-boggling to me. I just sit back with pride and say, 'Yeah, that's our guy.'"

Our guy.

That's what the Chargers said, too, when they gave Herbert all that money and, along with it, the reins of a 64-year-old franchise still searching for its first Super Bowl title.

At age 25 — yeah, he just turned 25 this offseason — Herbert most definitely holds this organization in his right hand, the same right hand that has spiraled footballs to heights and depths previously unseen for a player so early in his career.

Now, the Chargers are asking Herbert to be just as prolific as a leader, as a unifying force. The franchise's face? Of course, but the Chargers hope Herbert is just as productive as their voice. The Chargers want him to earn every cent of his new deal with his play and his way.

Wide receiver Keenan Allen, who is entering his 11th season, said Herbert indeed has been more vocal and comfortable this summer — at the line of scrimmage, in the huddle and on the sidelines.

The player who has been a Charger longer than any of them said Herbert has "found his spot," explaining that the quarterback even has taken to sharing a few encouraging words before breaking down the team, something that in the past wouldn't have happened.

"You have to earn your way in this league," head coach Brandon Staley said. "He has definitely earned his way. He has made this his football team."

This is growth — something people most certainly do in their early to mid-20s — and just the latest example of it since Herbert trotted onto the field three Septembers ago as a last-second replacement to start for the injured Tyrod Taylor, surprising everyone in SoFi Stadium, including those standing in the huddle with him.

No one at the time was sure if Herbert belonged, his admission months earlier at the NFL combine that he wasn't certain he could play in the league because he never had — still scorching the ears of some naysayers.

Even as he performed so well that Taylor never started another game for the Chargers — hell, poor Tyrod played only one more snap for the team — Herbert, after absorbing a few particularly jarring hits, still faced critiques as basic as, "He played baseball, right, and he doesn't know how to slide?"

During his second season — his most productive to date — Herbert quieted doubts about his ability to win amid hostility, leading the Chargers to victories at Kansas City, Philadelphia and Cincinnati.

He made his first Pro Bowl, but the Chargers made a mess of everything at the end, losing their final game on the final play of overtime in Las Vegas to miss the playoffs with miraculous misery.

Then last year, more growth — Herbert playing through damaged ribs, an offense shredded by injury and, finally, an achy shoulder — to push his team into the postseason.

Along the way, the story of his continued development cited new evidence of Herbert's leadership, the quarterback with the vanilla public personality suddenly oozing emotion — at precisely the right moments — on the field.

The peak of the highlights came against Miami in Week 14. After converting a third-and-eight with a 10-yard scramble in the final five minutes to seal victory, Herbert slid — yes, a perfect baseball slide — got up and emphatically signaled first down, holding the ball in his extended right arm.

This was growth, sure, but this was not the Sheldon High way, not the Justin Herbert way. At least not the younger Justin Herbert way. At Sheldon, the players were told to play and leave the signaling to the officials.

"Before I taught him that, that was kind of his personality anyway," Lane Johnson said. "He wasn't going to bring attention to himself. When he did that, I was shocked and kind of expected a message from him."

First thing the next morning, a text from Herbert arrived on Johnson's phone. "Sorry about the first down celebration," it read. "The guys needed to see it though."

Herbert's no winner, his teams only one game over .500 in his starts. He threw so many dinky passes last season what's the point of having a big arm? If he were a playoff quarterback, Jacksonville wouldn't have happened!

All of that analysis and so much more just as biting is why Mark Herbert didn't want to hear the news from his son when the contract extension was completed. No, he wanted to read about it on Twitter, one factual post taking a blow torch to all the blathering opinions.

"To turn on your phone and read that your son is the highest-paid player in the NFL ... could you read something cooler?" Mark said. "I got to do that."

He did, sort of. In Las Vegas on that late-July Tuesday for a trade show, Mark turned off the ringer and stuck his phone in his back pocket so as not to disrespect any customers visiting his company's booth.

He knew the deal was close to done because Justin had texted him and Mitchell and Patrick, Mark's other two sons, with the briefest of updates on that Saturday.

Nearly two-and-a-half hours after going silent, Mark pulled out his phone and noticed a missed call from Herbert. A minute later, a text had arrived. "No need to call me back," Herbert had written, "just wanted you to know it's official."

No need to call me back?! For the NFL's fattest contract of all time?! So Mark texted his congratulations and, about 30 minutes later, Herbert's agent, Justin Schulman, called.

Not until that conversation did Mark know the specifics of the extension, father and son never once talking about the quarterback's golden-goose future in such precise terms. "That's his business," Mark explained, "not mine."

Jack Johnson read about the extension on his phone, as well. He said he first felt joy and then thought about all the time he and his buddy from middle school had spent throwing the football on Sheldon High's practice field.

He said he and Herbert also never dove into how much the deal could be worth. And when Johnson did see the numbers, the \$133.7 million fully guaranteed and \$60 million more guaranteed for injury?

"I thought, 'Holy crap,' for lack of a better term," Johnson said. "I mean, it's not real. What does that look like if you actually put it in paper bills? It would fill a house."

Johnson texted Herbert with congrats and made a joke about the taxes in California. Herbert responded with a text that included a reference to "93 Pass," one of the first football plays the two of them learned. In fifth grade.

Square-ins on the outside and corner routes on the inside — "93 Pass," Herbert-to-Johnson, perhaps the most lethal play in the history of Pacific Northwest little league football.

"Nobody in the Eugene area ever seemed to figure out how to cover a corner route," Johnson said, "and he and I took advantage."

After a laugh, Johnson added: "I mean, I think about that stuff every now and then, too. The fact that it's still in his mind and he's this guy you see on TV or on your phone all the time, it's almost hilarious."

Along with the buzz on Twitter, Instagram mumbled with the news of Herbert's new deal. Below a post announcing the extension on Herbert's account was a comment that read, "I can put in an order for about 3.7 million Fatty Benders, if you're interested."

Charlie Landgraf played football with Herbert at Oregon, where the two also lived together. Every chance they get, they go back to Killer Burger and load up on Fatty Benders.

They also still play golf as much as possible and the board game "The Settlers of Catan." At least they do when they aren't fishing Oregon's Umpqua River for smallmouth bass.

Landgraf said Herbert is the most prepared person he has met, recalling the detailed notes filled with Xs and O's and impossibly precise squiggly lines, as if Herbert's mind itself was a white board. He remembers going days without seeing Herbert at home because the quarterback "lived at the football facility."

Landgraf thought about all that after Herbert's deal was official. He also thought about how little his former Ducks teammate has changed.

"I watch the content the Chargers put out and I just laugh," Landgraf said. "That's Justin. What you see from him down there is what you see from him up here when we're hanging out in my living room."

A few days after Herbert signed, his father and brother Mitchell drove to Southern California for a visit. Dad wanted to treat the boys to something special to mark the occasion.

So the three of them headed to Dairy Queen, went through the drive-through and placed an order that has been something of a Herbert family tradition.

Then they sat in the car and ate their Blizzards.

A quarter of a billion dollars can buy a lot of things, even freedom. Hours after signing his deal, Herbert explained he could focus solely on football, his future neatly plotted out in black and white for all to see.

Allen, who signed an eight-figure extension in 2020, said "your nerves leave you a little bit" with the arrival of such security. Edge rusher Khalil Mack, with two years remaining on his \$141-million extension, explained that Herbert does seem happier.

"Why?" Mack asked. "I feel like you all probably can guess why. You can tell that he's maturing and growing. He loves football. We love him because he loves the game."

"Wired for the work" is how Staley described Herbert, adding that the quarterback labors "fiercely" over football. Staley called Herbert's commitment his "secret," even if everyone around the Chargers knows.

The prospect of an unleashed Herbert, one equipped with a newfound fearlessness, bears watching given how this is a quarterback who, through his first three NFL seasons, threw for more than eight miles of offense.

The Chargers have a new play caller this year in Kellen Moore, a coordinator forecast to bring creativity and explosiveness. If Moore has a trigger man who feels just as ready to launch, well, what might Herbert's next level of performance look like?

"I can't think of someone I would rather have play fast and free than him because the quarterback has so much pressure on him," Staley said. "There's so much day-to-day and game-to-game, season-to-season."

"The fact that he feels that way, that's exciting for me. I think that shows his experience. It shows what he's putting into his game and the fact that he feels that confidence, not only in himself, but in his teammates and his coaches."

Yes, a quarter of a billion dollars can buy a lot of things but no amount of money can bring the sort of power Herbert's performance has manifested since he joined the Chargers.

Near the end of camp, after the first of two days of joint practices with the New Orleans Saints, Herbert was back standing along that fence line, scribbling autographs and modeling for selfies.

One of last things he did was to bend down and untie his cleats. He grabbed a Sharpie and signed the toe end of both shoes before handing one to a kid named Samuel Spencer and the other to Spencer's friend, Trevor Scott.

The boys, ages 13 and 12, were part of the Lynwood Jr. Knights, a youth program that emphasizes academics and sports. Spencer said he was in "disbelief" when Herbert offered him the cleat.

Then he explained why having another player's shoe — having this player's shoe — meant so much.

"I wanted something to remember this day," Spencer said, "so when I'm in the NFL, I can think back to when he was my idol and the reason I made it to the league."

Yes, a quarter of a billion dollars can buy a lot of things, though Herbert apparently hasn't bought anything particularly notable yet.

Center Corey Linsley joked about Herbert purchasing "a jet boat." Running back Joshua Kelley said Herbert should buy "stocks, real estate and a Rolls-Royce, too, custom made." Several Chargers said Herbert owes them dinner, "them" being the entire team.

Mark Herbert said life for the family hasn't changed so far, explaining that he's still working, walking the dog and driving his 2004 Ford pickup "with the paint falling off."

"I think Justin's embarrassed by it, to be honest with you," Mark said. "He said it to me. He said, 'Dad, nobody deserves this much money.' And he's right. But, you know, somebody feels like he's earned it."

The Chargers, for instance, the team going all out to go all-in on a quarterback who has accomplished so much with so much more still to do.

The measurables for Herbert are all there. The 14,089 passing yards. The 94 touchdowns. The 13 game-winning drives.

Next, all the things not so easily quantified.

Said backup quarterback Easton Stick, "He's taking command, and it's been really cool." And quarterback coach Doug Nussmeier, "He's dedicated to having it perfect." And wide receiver Mike Williams: "Calm, cool, collected. That's him. It don't matter. No pressure. No matter the situation, he's always going to rally us."

Herbert is the Chargers, his presence becoming the very franchise the moment he signed his extension. He is the Los Angeles Chargers, playing in the footlights of Hollywood on a roster that's dwindled to just two holdovers from the San Diego days.

The hype. The hope. What's real. What's possible. So much of it can be traced to No. 10 in powder blue.

"He's going to have to continue to prove it every single year and every single day he's out here — that he is that," running back Austin Ekeler said. "I think that he's done a good job with that. I'm really excited to see him continue to do it."

They're just as excited in Oregon, where the 6-foot-6, 236-pound Herbert can fill the doorway of a place such as 1285 Restobar and still be allowed to slip through largely unnoticed.

So there he sat, a little more than a month ago, laughing about the Sheldon days and what used to be without a mention of what was to come. Just shooting it. Uninterrupted — the conversation and the good feelings.

When dinner ended, Lane Johnson said he and Herbert hugged, the old high school coach telling him, "Herbie, the coolest thing about this is it hasn't changed you a bit."

"He gave me that sheepish grin that said, 'It hasn't' because it really hasn't," Johnson said. "He's still just Justin."

Just Justin. Yeah, Herbert's still the same and, the Chargers sure hope in 2023, a lot more.

Justin Herbert after megadeal: 'I just get to play football now'

By Lindsey Thiry
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COSTA MESA, Calif. -- A known fishing enthusiast, Los Angeles Chargers quarterback Justin Herbert will never need to worry again about budgeting for a boat, poles, tackle or bait.

Not after signing a five-year, \$262.5 million contract extension that made him the highest-paid player in NFL history.

But Herbert said that was something he'd yet to account for only hours after signing the deal, which according to ESPN's Adam Scheffer includes \$133.7 million guaranteed and a no-trade clause.

"That's something to address at a later point," Herbert said with a smile on Wednesday. "Come offseason next year, we'll get around to that."

The Chargers' investment in Herbert signals their hope that the next offseason could be further away than ever in their 64-year history.

For Herbert, the record-breaking deal signals freedom to be himself.

"I just get to play football now and I think that's the best part about it is I get to play free," Herbert said. "I get to play fearless, and we go out there and we get to play our type of ball."

That appeared to be on display during the Chargers' first training camp practice as Herbert, 25, moved swiftly through drills and completed several impressive passes with apparent ease in front of screaming fans, team executives and owner Dean Spanos.

"We're very, very fortunate," Chargers coach Brandon Staley said of reaching a deal with Herbert. "To have a young player leading your team that is made up of all the right stuff, most importantly, and then who can play the game like few who have ever played the position can -- it's just really exciting for us."

Herbert has set several NFL milestones since being selected with the sixth overall draft pick in 2020, including the most passing yards (14,089) through a player's first three seasons.

Last season, despite playing through fractured rib cartilage and later an injured left shoulder that required postseason surgery, Herbert led the injury-plagued Chargers to their first playoff appearance since 2018.

The Chargers opened negotiations with Herbert shortly after their season ended with a wild-card loss to the Jacksonville Jaguars, and they expressed optimism throughout the process that a deal would be reached.

Staley said Wednesday he was not concerned with any possible distraction if negotiations lingered, but Herbert called it "huge" that the sides reached an agreement before opening camp.

"Now our focus is on football," Herbert said. "It's to be the best football team that we can be, it's not going to be a distraction for us."

While Herbert said multiple times that he now felt free to play, the fourth-year pro also acknowledged that such commitment from an organization would be accompanied by additional responsibility.

"That's kind of the role of the quarterback, is to have that big responsibility," he said. "I look forward to that challenge. I've grown each year. I've gotten better at that."

Chargers Training Camp: Justin Herbert Is Poised for a Big Year

By Albert Breer
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Front end of two Saturday camps for me, this one with the Chargers in Costa Mesa. Here's what we got ...

Justin Herbert's been locked in through two weeks of camp—playing fast and confident, throwing an accurate ball and finding his voice as a leader. There's very little question here either that he fits new coordinator Kellen Moore's scheme, which is built to force the defense to cover every blade of grass out there, something that, on paper, should unlock Herbert as a quarterback. And maybe the way that's shown itself most is in how aggressive the fourth-year man has been pushing the ball down the field. The feeling here is he's in for a very, very big year.

What's around Herbert should be improved too. The line is much healthier than it was a year ago and, if that health is maintained, that area should become a strength (especially if Zion Johnson takes the step the Chargers expect him to). And the feeling in camp is that, with the addition of impressive rookie Quentin Johnston, the receiver room should be the NFL's best. Of course, this is another area where health is a variable. But everyone knows what Keenan Allen and Mike Williams are capable of, and Josh Palmer's put together another rock solid camp, coming off a 70-catch season. Which is to say, as usual, talent is not an issue with this team.

There are two areas, though, that need some work through the rest of camp. One is at tight end, where Gerald Everett, Donald Parham and Stone Smartt are vying for the starting job. All three guys are adept in the passing game. So what's likely to determine which one plays, particularly with so many options at receiver, is who's the best blocker in the run game. And the other spot to watch would be the interior of the defensive line, where Austin Johnson's return will help, and the team is trying to develop a little more depth. The run defense could be a question otherwise.

Eric Kendricks came in highly recommended by, well, just about everyone. Kendricks had been with Jonathan Gannon, Kevin O'Connell, Ed Donatell, Wes Phillips, Justin Rascati and Chris Rumph—all good friends of Brandon Staley—as well as Chargers linebackers coach Jeff Howard. Kendricks also had an hour-long talk with Staley, over the phone from his vacation in Hawai'i back in March, just before signing. So the institutional knowledge the team had was deep and Kendricks hasn't disappointed. The 31-year-old has been a missile out there in the middle of the defense. And his presence has helped the team get a little more out of former first-round pick Kenneth Murray, who's had a really nice summer after having his fifth-year option declined by the team in the spring.

Asante Samuel is another young vet who's taking a step—he's gotten his hands on the ball a lot through camp, and looks like he's ready to take advantage of chances created by what should be, again, health-permitting, one of the NFL's best pass-rush tandems, in Joey Bosa and Khalil Mack.

'A silent killer with great hair': How Justin Herbert helped turn the L.A. Chargers around

By Tim Keown
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The football leaves Justin Herbert's hand and appears to travel downhill, nose down, a plane forever on approach. It rotates through the air roughly 12½ times per second, the laces spinning vertiginously into a white fuzz. A football released by Herbert's right hand and powered by his right arm has always been more than a mere object. Its path, a straight line for longer than seems possible, sends a message of hope and expectation -- for him, for his teammates, for those who run the Los Angeles Chargers. His receivers call it a heavy ball, but they're describing it solely in the literal sense. Its figurative weight can be measured only by the man who throws it.

On its own, stripped of its greater significance, the arm is a marvel. During a Friday practice more than a month ago, two days before the Chargers played the Miami Dolphins on a Sunday night, Herbert rolled about 15 yards to his right, planted his back foot, turned his hips and sent a spiral more than 60 yards to the opposite corner of the field.

After the ball landed in receiver Mike Williams' hands, muffled and polite applause sifted its way through the team. And after practice, standing at his locker next to Herbert's, third-string quarterback Easton Stick describes the throw just so he can get to the part about the applause.

"Everyone goes 'Yeah, yeah, yeah,'" Stick says, rolling his eyes and tapping the fingertips of his right hand into the palm of his left, an exaggerated, patronizing version of a golf clap. "But: No, no, no." Stick's got his right hand in the air now, like a traffic cop. "I wanted to stop practice and scream, 'Guys, that's not normal. Like, really not normal.'"

Roughly 54 hours after the throw on the practice field and roughly 56 hours after Stick's awed description, on Sunday night of Week 14 in a season-defining game against the Dolphins, in a game against a quarterback (Tua Tagovailoa) chosen one spot ahead of him in the first round of the 2020 draft, Herbert rolled about 15 yards to the right, side-stepped a rusher, planted his feet at his own 22-yard line and threw across his body to hit Williams near the opposite sideline at the Dolphins' 21. It was the same exact pass Stick described two days before: more than 60 yards in the air, never seeming to climb higher than 15 feet off the ground, plausible for perhaps four of the 7.8 billion inhabitants of the planet.

This is nothing new. Herbert has always been great at this throwing business. He was 7 when he entered his first all-comers track meet in his hometown of Eugene, Oregon, where his grandfather was a track coach. There was no discus or shot put for 7-year-olds, so Justin competed in the softball throw.

From one week to the next, he kept throwing and winning until that arm carried him all the way to Hershey, Pennsylvania, where he competed in a national meet. That arm has continued to carry him, to stardom at Sheldon High School in Eugene to the University of Oregon and now to Los Angeles.

Despite the arm -- or maybe because of it, and its near flawlessness -- the focus always seemed to shift to Herbert's personality. NFL evaluators, paid to hunt weakness, wondered if his introverted nature would translate to a professional huddle and all the attendant demands the position requires. John Elway was once asked what was harder, doing the job or having the job? Having it, he said without hesitation. It was obvious Herbert could do the job, but could he have it?

Through his first two seasons in Los Angeles, the arm sustained him.

"The throws he makes are not normal," says backup quarterback Chase Daniel, in his 13th year in the NFL. "I've been a lot of places, seen a lot of things and I'm here to tell you: That stuff ain't normal."

There were so many throws this season -- 699 attempts, 477 completions, 4,739 yards, 25 touchdowns. Many of them were made when his team needed them most, during the Chargers' stretch of four wins in their final five games, putting them in the playoffs -- a five seed, they play at the six-seeded Jacksonville Jaguars on Saturday in the AFC wild-card round -- for the first time since 2018 and third time in 13 seasons. There was an 11-yard rollout touchdown pass against Miami that blithely ignored four Dolphin defenders on its way to Williams at the back of the end zone; the sidarm throw to Gerald Everett in Week 16 that skimmed the left armpit of Colts' defensive tackle DeForest Buckner; the game- and possibly season-saving dart he threw 35 yards on a straight line off a dead sprint to Williams to set up a game-winning, last-second field goal to beat the Tennessee Titans in Week 15.

But the ball, spinning kaleidoscopically through the air toward the waiting arms of a Chargers' receiver, carries its own secret. This ball has always been the easy part.

It was early December, the Chargers were 6-6, injured and average, coming off a loss to the Las Vegas Raiders. The fate of their second-year coach, Brandon Staley, became a topic. Herbert's season -- maybe even his career -- was beginning to look like a collection of impressive but empty statistics.

He was, unquestionably, doing the job, but he came across as almost intentionally enigmatic. Uneasy in the public eye or in front of a microphone, Herbert became a vessel into which any and all theories could be deposited. In his weekly news conferences with the relatively small Charger media contingent, his motto seems to be: Speak quickly and say little. In his third season with the team, he remained just out of reach.

The Week 14 win over the Dolphins initiated an unlikely stretch for the Chargers. Herbert benefited from his top receivers, Keenan Allen and Williams, returning from injury. The offensive line, spackled together most of the season, got healthier as well. The win over the Dolphins was followed by wins over the Titans, Indianapolis Colts and Los Angeles Rams, a winning streak that earned the Chargers the fifth seed in the AFC playoffs.

How did yet another textbook Charger season -- overpromised, underdelivered -- turn into this something both unexpected and uplifting? Like everything in the NFL, the rules state it must begin with the quarterback. It's the most scrutinized position in sports, and its practitioners -- especially ones as talented as Herbert -- are expected to be vocal and motivational and even promotional. On a team fighting for traction in a saturated market, he is expected to be the face of a franchise that desperately needs one. But those rules are unenforceable and theoretical, applicable to whomever wants to adopt them. Herbert doesn't build the roads, he just drives on them.

Given that, is it heartening or disappointing to discover there was no Hollywood moment? Herbert's numbers were, for him, more of the same; over the four-game winning streak he completed 74% of his passes and averaged 281 yards passing. His teammates, some of them apologizing for the mundaneness of it all, praised him for his steadiness and attention to detail, the same qualities they've seen since he arrived.

"He's not an ego guy," says offensive tackle Trey Pipkins III. "He's not a big media-look-at-me guy. There's a balance; you want to be confident, but you don't want to be the guy who's always looking for the camera."

I began four conversations with his teammates by telling them I was there to figure out their quarterback, and each of the four responded with the same two words: Good luck. When I ask receiver DeAndre Carter, one of the well-wishers, if he has decoded the mystery of his quarterback, he laughs and says, "I have not. I have not." His words are delivered with a smile, in a good-natured tone that signifies a certain respect, an acknowledgment that if he -- a man who occupies a locker less than 15 feet away from Herbert's -- is not able to figure him out, there's no hope for an outsider.

"I don't even think Justin hates attention," Stick says. "It might come off that way, but I don't know if that's really the word for it. A lot of guys enjoy a lot of the stuff that comes with that position; he just doesn't enjoy it as much. He wants to play football and hang out in the locker room and be with the guys."

Stick stops and points a finger first at himself and then at me. "But this stuff right here?" he says. "Probably not. Definitely not in this setting."

Herbert is stubbornly unwilling to speak about himself. He can turn any question intended to elicit a personal response -- questions tailored to him and only him -- into an answer that somehow includes everybody but him.

Linguistically, it feels like a form of performance art, but in other ways it can feel almost hardwired. Questions as inconsequential as, "What do you have to do to be better this week?" are dexterously turned into answers that begin, "We need to ..." or "As a team ..." After the Chargers beat the Rams to clinch a playoff berth and win their fourth straight, I asked Herbert what he learned about himself over that stretch. "As a team," he said, "the word toughness comes to mind." When I pressed him, he said, "My most important job is to put the team in a position to win." He is not Justin Herbert, star quarterback. He is Justin Herbert, member of the Los Angeles Chargers.

He is the lowest-profile guy in the highest-profile job, a star quarterback with the mentality of a backup offensive lineman. He has asked that he not be announced with the rest of his Chargers' offensive teammates during pregame introductions at home games, preferring to run onto the field as just another guy in a uniform. Because this wish is not granted -- anonymity, after all, is not consistent with the face of a franchise seeking traction in a packed market -- he runs from the tunnel onto the SoFi Stadium field with his head down and his thoughts to himself, as if the noise has nothing to do with him.

Whenever the team presents him with a game ball, he tries to turn it down. "He's like, 'No. No. No.'" defensive lineman Breiden Fehoko says. "We've told him, 'Justin, you've got to stop being so modest.' He's like, 'No, man.' If I told him, 'Man, I can't believe that sidearm throw you made against Indy,' and he said, 'It was only possible because you guys stopped them on defense.' He's just too nice, and he doesn't like being in the spotlight. He's the same with us as with everyone else. What you see is what he gives us. It's not a show or a façade. He's a humble, silent killer with great hair."

Herbert is uncommonly fastidious and conscientious, traits that are quickly becoming legendary. (In the summer of 2021, former Chargers teammate Gabe Nabers said he saw Herbert's temper flare once, when Nabers failed to return a shopping cart to its rightful place). After a recent road game, he was among the last to leave the locker room in part because he needed to find a member of the equipment staff to ask where he should leave his used towels. It didn't matter to him that every one of his teammates had left their towels where they always leave them: on the floor in front of their lockers, for the staff to pick up and toss into rolling carts. He carried his towels to the cart himself.

"That doesn't surprise me at all," says Justin's older brother Mitch, a third-year medical student at Columbia who played tight end at Montana State. "He's going to do the right thing when no one's watching."

It's a Friday afternoon tradition -- and something of a running joke -- in the Chargers' locker room for the equipment staff to walk around the room and remind players to pack their bags for that weekend's game. It's a joke because almost nobody ever does it -- they simply put their gear and their bags in front of their lockers, unzipped, and let the equipment crew round it up. Herbert, however, is the one who necessitates the almost: He dutifully packs his bag, zips it closed and carries it to the equipment room.

Whenever Mitch and youngest brother Patrick, a tight end at Oregon, travel to Justin's games, they joke about how much they want the Chargers to win so Justin is more fun to be around. If he has a bad game or the Chargers lose, his parents and brothers text him knowing they're unlikely to hear back for two or three days.

"I wouldn't say we worry about him," Mitch says.

"I think we've just accepted it at this point, and over the last couple of years he's gotten better about being more comfortable in his own skin. I think it's a healthy obsession, and I think anyone who's been around him -- teammates, coaches -- would agree. He's just ultracompetitive and ultra-focused. It's all about limiting distractions, and I think that goes along with the way he deals with the media. If he doesn't say anything wrong or controversial, he can concentrate on what's important to him."

Again, nothing new. The three brothers were home together in Eugene with Justin between the NFL combine and the 2020 draft. Justin had work to do, so the three of them would go to their high school or a neighborhood park so Justin could run through specific route trees. He would position his brothers on the field and go through his progressions. If a pass wasn't a perfectly precise spiral delivered in the perfectly precise spot, he would do it over. Mitch and Patrick would trade glances -- get a load of Mr. Perfect -- but they knew they couldn't leave until every pass met their brother's exacting standard.

"It would have been so easy for him to just go through the motions," Mitch says. "We were basically in our backyard. Nobody knew what he was doing. But he's a perfectionist."

He's trying. Give him that.

The run that put the Chargers in the playoffs might have lacked high drama, but something unexpected did happen. Staring down a season that could go either way -- the exact situation many believed he couldn't handle -- a different Herbert began to emerge. His Friday news conferences became more engaging. He cracked jokes, at one point responding to a question about whether he was aware of being one away from setting an NFL record for most touchdown passes in the first three seasons by saying, "Now ... that's something I'm aware of now." He might have even relaxed. He began showing up with some other offensive players at the defense's Friday night dinner. He shocked his teammates three times during the pivotal Sunday night win over the Dolphins, first by signaling for a first down after scrambling to convert a first down, second by spiking an NBC-bestowed game ball in the locker room (he promptly apologized if anyone at the network believed he was disrespecting it or the ball) and third by delivering a short but rousing postgame speech, the first of his career. "Pretty cool to see Justin coming out of his routine," running back Austin Ekeler said. It wasn't so much what he said -- nobody reported anything memorable -- but the fact that he said it. Staley, asked afterward for his interpretation of Herbert's intentions, said, with more than a hint of sarcasm, "I'm not going to interpret what Justin is feeling. I'm going to let him interpret his feelings for you guys, and I'm sure that will be a fun process."

As he deflects question after question, Herbert professes that winning -- as a team, not as a quarterback -- is his sole motivation. And, well, this was his chance to prove it. His teammates dismiss the idea that he knows success in the playoffs is a requirement for entry into the QB VIP room along with Patrick Mahomes, Josh Allen and Joe Burrow. "He's not the type of guy to worry about whether people are putting him in conversations with certain other guys," Pipkins says. Maybe, but being ultracompetitive would seem to entail a devotion to competition in all its forms.

"He's definitely introverted," Mitch Herbert says. "You see the rah-rah type leaders, and that's what people think is the face of leadership. They think you have to be in someone's face, do the pregame speech. The can-he-lead-a-team thing was unfair. Anyone who ever played with him or coached Justin thought that was ridiculous. He's true to himself."

Against Tennessee, after the Titans scored a game-tying touchdown with 51 seconds left in a game the Chargers had to win, Herbert stormed up and down the sideline, Brady-like, telling his teammates they were being given the only chance they needed. Forty-three seconds later, Cameron Dicker kicked a game-winning field goal.

"The difference I see is just maturity," Fehoko says. "It's weird to say, since he's a three-year starter, but it's how he's grown as a man off the field. He's finding ways to uplift guys around him, doing more of what we didn't have the past two years. He was just so quiet. He's still quiet -- he's one of the most reserved guys on the team -- but he's showing more emotion, and that stuff gets us going. I think he's starting to see that."

There's a lot going on. For every position but one, football is a grand exercise in overcomplication. But a quarterback's preparation is consuming: different game plans each week, different pressures, different coverage disguises. They have to see everything before it happens, and even if they're right there's still the biggest part of the job: making the plays work. It's why, in advance of his brother's first playoff game, Mitch says, "We won't hear from Justin this week."

"I've got to come to accept that there's more to this job than just playing football," Justin says, "and that's something I'm continuing to work on. I still have plenty of room for improvement, but my responsibility is to my team and the Chargers organization, and my first priority is always football."

Asked if he is getting more comfortable with the ancillary requirements of the job, he says, "I'm trying to. I just don't like talking about myself. I was the middle of three brothers -- they got a lot of attention and I kind of got picked on. I deserved it, but having those brothers kind of pushed me to become a better human. My older brother [Mitch] did everything right: great grades, incredible athlete, just a great human being. I tried to live up to that."

He is 24 years old and famous in a city that defines it. He's incredibly wealthy, 6-foot-6, handsome and playing the most glamorous position in sports. And yet he seems to navigate the world in a state of uncomfortable self-consciousness, keenly aware of every eye that lands on him.

"Yeah," he says. "I feel like I've gotten better at that."

The offensive linemen will be watching film of practice, ostensibly for their own improvement, but inevitably something will catch their eye. It's a constant reminder that they miss so much; heads down, legs pumping, the best parts of the game taking place outside their field of vision. So someone will interrupt. "What was that? Run that back." So they do, and this room full of massive humans will sit back, shake their heads and laugh at the ball spinning through the air. "If you watch some of the throws," Pipkins says, "it's just absurd."

The question would be ridiculous in any other context, but somehow pertinent in this one: Does Herbert understand what everybody else sees?

"I don't know," Pipkins says. "And that's his thing: He wouldn't tell you if he did or he didn't."

Whether he knows it or not, whether the world knows it or not, the ball still spins, farther on a line than anyone thought possible. It tears almost violently through the air, providing the only validation needed.

Linemen point at a screen. Wait -- run that back. Quarterbacks watch from behind him and suppress the temptation to make a scene. Guys -- that's not normal. Broadcasters gush and coaches swoon. The stage will only get bigger, but none of it matters.

Its nose forever down, the ball's apparent lightness belies everything it carries with it: promise, expectations, demands. It continues along its way -- at 12½ rotations per second -- to wherever it will take him.

Each throw is a marvel to everyone except the man who creates it. He stands back, unimpressed, perhaps knowing this ball -- this gift -- has the power to take him places he isn't entirely sure he wants to go.

Justin Herbert Is Known for His Arm. But His Mental Game May Be Even Better.

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In hindsight, it was probably a bad question. That became clear as Los Angeles Chargers quarterbacks coach Shane Day looked off into the spotless Costa Mesa sky searching for an answer. I had asked him to pick out the best play he'd seen Justin Herbert make during their first year working together, and he was struggling—not because he had trouble coming up with an answer. There were just too many options to choose from.

We'd set forth some parameters: For example, he couldn't pick Herbert's big throw against the Giants, the one when the QB fled the pocket after his left tackle got beat, planted at his own 33-yard line, and then launched a pass that dropped right into Jalen Guyton's hands for a touchdown.

It was probably the throw of the 2021 NFL season, so I thought it was too easy. "I wouldn't pick that one anyway," Day reassured me.

"There were several plays in the red zone," Day continued. "A lot of times as coaches, when we watch the red zone [film], we'll talk about how most of the touchdowns are scored off schedule. But [Herbert] doesn't. He goes through the progressions. He goes, bang, bang, bang and throws touchdowns."

Suddenly Day started doing an impression of a quarterback going through a progression, bouncing on his feet as he reads an imaginary defense. That seemed to jog his memory, and he finally had an answer: It's a 4-yard touchdown pass on the opening drive of L.A.'s 41-22 win over the Bengals in Week 13. Not a gargantuan throw, a buzzer-beating strike to force overtime in the season finale against Vegas, or the 40-yard hole shot Herbert threw against the Cowboys that looked like CGI. No, this random-ass 4-yarder from a game you probably barely remember.

Day cited that play because of what happened between the moment Herbert took the snap and when he let go of the ball. Most quarterbacks aren't able to get through a full-field progression in the open field—and doing it in the red zone, where everything is condensed, basically never happens, said Day. But on this play, Herbert considered and dismissed three different options before finally making a throw to Keenan Allen, who was considered a "checkdown" option.

To fully appreciate the work Herbert did to make that touchdown, we need to break down his progression step-by-step, starting before the ball is even snapped. The Chargers motion Guyton across the formation, and the cornerback across from him follows, leaving Mike Williams one-on-one on the outside. Herbert, thinking he's getting some sort of man coverage, wants to attack that matchup. But right before the ball is snapped, Bengals safety Jessie Bates audibles into a zone coverage that takes away Williams's post route.

So option one is off the table. Herbert's next read is running back Austin Ekeler in the flat, but the cornerback had passed Williams off to Bates and was in position to rally and make the tackle short of the end zone. On fourth-and-goal, that's a no-go.

So Herbert's eyes move on to tight end Jared Cook, who's running a shallow crossing route from the opposite side of the formation. Cincinnati had that covered, too: Sam Hubbard, who typically rushes the passer, had dropped back from the line of scrimmage.

At this point, the defense had clearly "won" the play call. Time and space is limited in the red zone, so if the defense can take away even just the first option for an offense, they consider it a minor victory. Cincinnati had smothered Herbert's first three options. Most quarterbacks in this situation would panic: scramble, throw the ball away, or just take a sack. But Herbert found another answer. His eyes went straight to linebacker Logan Wilson, who was manning his zone over the middle of the field. Allen was running an in-breaking route from the backside of the formation, and there was just enough of a throwing window to fit in a pass.

"If you freeze that, where that ball location was, and you see the type of traffic that he fit that in," said Chargers coach Brandon Staley, who also brought up the same play unprompted. "That's the only place it could have been on fourth-and-4."

It was a perfectly placed pass thrown with enough velocity to beat the multiple zone defenders. But as impressive as the throw itself may have been, the process Herbert used to get to it is what made it so special. That can be hard to appreciate when watching from home without knowledge of the play call or what's expected of the QB. It's certainly harder to appreciate than a 60-yard bomb thrown under pressure. But watch that play back at normal speed. There's just about 2.5 seconds between the time the ball is snapped and when Herbert starts his throwing motion—that's all he needed to make four-plus calculations before nailing a highly difficult throw.

Highlight reel throws have accelerated Herbert's climb up the quarterback hierarchy. Everybody loves a good deep ball. And his coaches concede that his generational arm—which helped him finish second in both completion percentage and yards per attempt on deep passes (20-plus air yards) in 2021, per Pro Football Focus—allows him to pierce windows that other quarterbacks can't. But the real magic is having the imagination and foresight to make those throws in the first place. Staley brings up one of the many season-saving throws Herbert made late in the Week 18 game against the Raiders:

The velocity is unreal, but Staley was in awe that Herbert knew exactly where to place it to navigate the gauntlet of Raiders defenders standing in the way—and to do it while allowing Williams to catch it in stride and pick up a big chunk of yards. In that way, there's an underappreciated depth to Herbert's game that can be obscured by his overwhelming physical talent. The throws are awesome, but if you ask his coaches, it's the young quarterback's advanced mastery of the position that makes him so special.

"So we kind of get numb to the splash plays—the deep throws, the runs down the sideline, all that," Day said. "But I think what's most impressive about Justin [is] when you watch him play quarterback ... he goes one-two-three through progressions, and I think that's what he does better than anything."

"It's not the splash plays; it's playing quarterback."

Before Staley started on the defensive coaching track, he played quarterback at Mercyhurst University and Dayton. That gives him a unique point of view when analyzing the job his young passer is doing. The Chargers coach knows how difficult it is to play the position at a high level ... and just how difficult it is to stop a quarterback when they're operating like that.

"Hitting five in the progression" is a phrase Staley used several times during our conversation after the Chargers' annual intra-squad scrimmage. On any given passing play, there are five eligible receivers for the quarterback to throw to. It's rare that a quarterback will even get a chance to look at three of them before getting rid of the ball or taking off. Tom Brady does it every now and then, but even for the GOAT, it can be tough to process all of that information in a matter of seconds.

Brady has been running these plays for more than 20 years, so it's not a surprise that he's able to do this. But Herbert just finished his first year in offensive coordinator Joe Lombardi's scheme and is already doing it with regularity.

"He's getting through five in the progression, and you just know that many young quarterbacks in their first year in an offense aren't getting there," said Staley. "I know that because I have to defend them. So I know who's making it through and who isn't. Most guys, they get one-two-three and then they're out of there. They're moving, they're running, and they're escaping. They're getting out of trouble. Where what this guy [is doing] is playing quarterback at the highest level already."

Staley says knowing that a quarterback is willing and able to exhaust all the options available to him puts tremendous stress on a defensive play caller. There are no perfect calls, and every coverage has a weak point. But the top quarterbacks sniff out those vulnerabilities quickly and exploit them with ruthless efficiency.

"I know that our margin of error is so small on defense," Staley said of playing against quarterbacks who can hit five in the progression. "If we're not connected, if we're not on it, and if the rush isn't coming, like, he's gonna make it."

While studying the playbook certainly helps Herbert get through his progression quickly, he also possesses the innate spatial awareness that's required to do it in the heat of a game. The 2020 first-round pick says when he's reading a defense from the pocket, he's reacting to stimuli rather than actually going through the thought process the coaches design for him. Those instincts are honed by putting in the work and taking coaching well, Herbert says, but there's obviously a limit to that.

“He sees a lot more than I can coach,” Day said. “He has just a great feel for, Hey, this guy’s open. I’m going to put the ball there and I’m going to progress through the read like this. He just has a very good sense of the whole position at a very young age.”

Day brought up Herbert’s game-winning touchdown pass to Williams in a pivotal mid-season win against the Steelers as an example. Williams was so open it looked like Pittsburgh had blown a coverage.

It hadn’t.

Early in the game, Los Angeles had called an identical pass pattern with the outside receiver running straight down the field and the slot receiver running a quick out. Herbert had noticed the corner “getting nosy,” as Day puts it, trying to jump the out route for an interception—what coaches might call a “trap” coverage. So when the Chargers, trailing by three, dialed up the concept late in the fourth quarter, Herbert was ready to take advantage. As soon as he saw the corner flip his hips toward the out route, Herbert fired off a far-hash hole shot that arrived early enough for Williams to erase the safety’s tackling angle with ease. After the score, the NBC broadcast cut to a tight shot of Herbert nodding at the Chargers sideline, as if to say, “Did you see how easy that was for me?”

“I think what he does better than a lot of players, when they see that, they’ll come out and predetermine it,” said Day, who’s worked with cerebral quarterbacks like Kirk Cousins and Alex Smith while coaching in the NFL.

“And then it won’t be there and they’ll get stuck. He really plays it straight, and if he reacts to the defense and the defense makes a mistake, he makes them pay.”

You would think a young quarterback making rapid-fire decisions like that would make more mistakes, but Herbert rarely does. He threw 15 interceptions last season, but that was the product of throwing a ton of passes while trying to keep a porous defense in games. The Chargers’ typical rotten luck also played a part. Herbert had the lowest turnover-worthy play rate of any quarterback in 2021 and was the only one who finished with more interceptions than turnover-worthy plays, per Pro Football Focus.

If you just look at Herbert’s pressured dropbacks, his 1.9 percent TWP rate would have still been tied with Tom Brady’s overall figure for second lowest in the NFL.

No quarterback is immune to pressure, but Herbert is the closest I’ve ever seen. The numbers in the last paragraph show he doesn’t throw dangerous passes into coverage. He finished top 10 in pressure-to-sack rate last year, so he doesn’t take hits either. He doesn’t really even scramble as much as he probably could, finishing around the middle of the league in scramble rate on pressured dropbacks.

Herbert is consistently able to find answers built into the design of the play—the “break glass in case of emergency” options that quarterbacks rarely have the poise to consider.

“He ‘plays the play’ better than anyone I’ve ever seen,” says Day. “If you want to take something away in man coverage, he’s gonna make you pay with his legs. But it’s not forcing it. And he never does that, which is very rare for a young quarterback. Usually [they] lean on those physical gifts.”

So where does Herbert go from here? How does he get better after throwing for 5,014 yards and 38 touchdowns last season? There aren’t any glaring issues that need to be addressed before his third year. Herbert said on *The Ringer NFL Show* this spring that sharpening his footwork, and how it syncs up with his receivers’ routes, was his big focus of his offseason training regimen. Both Staley and Day pointed to pre-snap operation—getting in and out of the huddle faster, fixing pass protections, checking out of bad play calls before snap, etc.—as an area of growth for the third-year pro. But these are just small improvements here and there. There is no need for wide-scale corrections.

“I think the second year in the offense, you got the terminology down, you know what the coaches expect, and now you can really concentrate on the fundamentals,” Day said. “You can concentrate on fixing protections, making checks in the run game, but we put a lot of that on him last year, too. ... I think he’ll continue to grow in those areas.”

By all accounts, Herbert is a diligent worker who is constantly tinkering with his game, finding ways to get better. Last season, it often seemed like he was just running the offense as it was designed on paper, and in 2022, he should have more creative freedom to put his own twist on the scheme. Staley says that more than anything, though, it’s the quarterback’s desire to learn and improve that has driven his early success.

“It’s not just natural passing—like, this guy is pouring into his game,” Staley said. “It’s not God-given talent. It’s God-given work ethic. He’s got an incredible will to be a great player. And I think that’s what people don’t realize because of his physical gifts. They don’t realize the will that he has inside.”

Herbert’s lore will soon spread to the masses.

Playing in the AFC West, the league’s toughest division, he’ll have quite the platform to prove himself in 2022. The Chargers are scheduled to play five prime-time games, including a Thursday-night showdown with Patrick Mahomes’s Chiefs in Week 2 and a Sunday-nighter against Russell Wilson’s Broncos in Week 6. Herbert has already beaten Mahomes in his own stadium, but that game was played at 1 p.m. in September. Outplaying top quarterbacks (especially ones with rings) on the national stage will give the QB’s reputation a boost. And getting this cursed franchise to the postseason would likely push Herbert into the MVP discussion and get more people comfortable with the idea that he is elite. But Day is already there.

“I have this huge folder [on my computer] called ‘Why Justin’s the greatest quarterback of all time,’” Day says.

“It’s like 67 plays. If I’ve had a bad day, I just watch that.”

If Day is right about Herbert’s ceiling, the Chargers won’t have too many of those in the foreseeable future.

The magic and mystery of Los Angeles Chargers quarterback Justin Herbert

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EUGENE, ORE. – Let's talk about the haircut.

Justin Herbert looks away, visibly distraught. Not because he's embarrassed by the haircut in question -- in December, he showed up at a Chargers news conference looking less like a golden-haired surfer god and more like a military school cadet, a visually awkward transformation that launched a thousand memes -- but because talking about the haircut means he has to talk about his least favorite subject, the one that he's been trying to avoid ever since we sat down for breakfast: himself.

Herbert stabs his pancakes with a fork. "So John Lott, our strength and conditioning coach ... he said, 'I cut my son's hair all the time.' I was like 'Sweet, you can cut mine.'" He shoves a bite into his mouth. "He cut it in the weight room, and ... that's kind of it."

But why would you let your strength and conditioning coach ...

He shrugs. "I just didn't really want to pay for a haircut, to be honest."

Offensive Rookie of the Year, \$27 million contract, face of a newly relevant franchise. And yet.

Herbert's hair has grown back, but he still looks younger than his 23 years, hunching over his plate like the biggest kid at school. He's dressed in a T-shirt and shorts that were probably sent to him by Nike; he drives an Audi sedan that was definitely a gift from an auto dealership here in Eugene (he drove it more than 13 hours from Los Angeles). Later, when I point out a Whole Foods from the car, he says he doesn't shop at the grocery store because it's too expensive. "It's just calories," he explains.

Herbert barely looks at social media. He doesn't tweet, and only joined Instagram at the end of college, when his marketing representatives made him sign up. "I don't really run it," he tells me, a little sheepishly. When I mention his public persona is somewhat inscrutable, he seems pleased. "I think the less people know about me, the better," he says. "I don't want to read an article about myself."

Herbert glances at the tape recorder. We both laugh.

When the quarterback's representative told me we were meeting here, in a crowded breakfast spot on the fringe of Oregon's campus, I was curious to see how he'd handle interactions with fans. But in the hour or so since we've arrived, no one has approached him, save the waitress who keeps wordlessly refilling his coffee (Herbert, polite to a fault, stops midsentence to thank her every time). I ask him if he's surprised he hasn't been bothered, and he shakes his head. "I don't think people care a whole lot," he says.

That is, of course, preposterous. We're in Eugene freaking Oregon; Herbert's origin story is as woven into this college town's fabric (hemp, no doubt) as beer and bicycles and Phil Knight. And unlike Knight, he actually grew up here, in the shadow of Autzen Stadium, attending football games with his grandfather as a boy. Eventually, he'd star there as the school's quarterback, solidifying his local legend by returning for a senior season with the Ducks instead of entering the draft. His picture hangs on the wall of the restaurant where we're sitting, along with Oregon sports heroes like Sabrina Ionescu, Payton Pritchard and Marcus Mariota, all clad in green and yellow.

Herbert is friendly with Mariota; the former No. 2 overall pick, now a backup in Las Vegas, owns a house in Eugene not far from where Herbert's parents live. The two quarterbacks share a marketing agency, as well as a network of Oregon alumni and friends. And while their careers seem to be headed in different directions at the moment, their NFL journeys started in the same place, with the football world questioning their ability to lead.

If the draft is a marketplace of competing ideas, the league's disdain for quieter personalities under center is one of its staler tropes -- an investing principle that persists despite numerous counterexamples, as though introversion is tantamount to sloppy footwork or a wonky release. Herbert, with his generational gifts, could be the star whose success both catalyzes a scarred fan base and shatters the myth of the outspoken Alpha. But he's reluctant to clap back, demurring when nudged for comment on how he has been perceived. So I try a different tack, pointing out that Eli Manning, two-time Super Bowl MVP, was criticized early in his career for his reserved demeanor.

Herbert furrows his brow. "I wish I knew people on the Giants roster that could explain what Eli Manning was all about -- how he acted in the huddle," he says. "I bet when he stepped onto the field, he had control of the offense. Because he had to. And maybe he is soft-spoken off the football field, and maybe he doesn't love all the attention, but I don't think loving the attention and needing it is a requirement to be a good football player."

So, yeah: Justin Herbert doesn't want to talk about Justin Herbert. But that doesn't mean he has nothing to say.

When the Chargers' offense jogged onto the field in Week 2 last season, CBS play-by-play announcer Jim Nantz was stupefied. "Well how about this," he said to his booth partner, Tony Romo. "Justin Herbert's the quarterback on the first snap!" Nantz wasn't the only one surprised to see Herbert instead of Tyrod Taylor, the team's veteran starter. When tight end Hunter Henry saw the rookie in the huddle, he asked him what he was doing on the field. "I was like, just let me call the play," says Herbert, laughing.

The quarterback, like the rest of the world, didn't know at the time that Taylor had suffered a chest injury during warm-ups when the team doctor accidentally punctured his lung ("I felt horrible for him," Herbert says. "I wouldn't wish that on anyone.") Coach Anthony Lynn told the rookie less than 30 seconds before kickoff that he was starting in Taylor's place; as the news trickled through the sideline, star edge rusher Joey Bosa walked over and slapped him on the back.

The first drive was a blur. Because the pandemic had abbreviated the NFL's offseason program and eliminated the preseason altogether, Herbert, who operated exclusively out of the gun at Oregon, was unusually green. He spent part of the summer in Eugene calling plays in an imaginary huddle, his brothers Patrick and Mitchell radioing in messages using a walkie-talkie. Now he was lining up in SoFi Stadium, with the Chiefs' defense bearing down on him like homesteaders descending on untouched land. His teammates were awestruck. Easton Stick, the Chargers' third-string quarterback, recalls watching Herbert flip his protection early in the series and go through his progressions before checking down to running back Joshua Kelley for a 35-yard gain. "He had probably never done that a single time in training camp," Stick says.

Herbert blew everyone away in his debut, but L.A. lost in overtime to the reigning Super Bowl champs. Then, the next week, the Chargers lost again, and again ... going 2-8 over the next 10 games. Some of the losses were chaotic, and others a little freaky -- standard stuff in recent years for the Chargers, a team seemingly subject to the whims of a vindictive special-teams god. Still, optimism abounded. The results mattered less to fans than the performance of their young quarterback, and the early returns were strong. Despite playing behind a leaky offensive line, Herbert dazzled with his arm and his legs, Fred Astaire-ing his way through crowded pockets and launching bombs downfield. He broke Baker Mayfield's rookie passing record with 31 touchdowns, and the team ended the season with a four-game win streak.

While Herbert was taken sixth overall, behind Joe Burrow and Tua Tagovailoa, he did encounter a fair amount of skepticism during the pre-draft process. Many analysts admired his physical tools but questioned his decision-making; in his final season at Oregon, where he lacked elite weapons, the quarterback occasionally locked onto his first read before taking off with the ball. Over breakfast, I confess to Herbert that I underestimated him coming out of college, in part because I didn't properly account for the context around him compared to what Burrow and Tagovailoa were working with at LSU and Alabama. "I appreciate you saying that," he says, with a gentle smile. "It can't be easy."

Herbert says he generally tries to avoid consuming analysis or coverage of his career. Last year, the Chargers, along with the Rams, were featured on HBO's "Hard Knocks." Even though the rookie quarterback was featured in a few scenes, he says he skipped the series (Stick tells me Herbert tried to hide from the cameras). His teammates describe him as a homebody, more keen on watching movies -- he loves Christopher Nolan films, especially "Inception" and "Interstellar" -- and playing board games than going out. During camp last year, when the rookies were quarantined together in a hotel, he insisted on buying a copy of Settlers of Catan, the Risk-like strategy game where players gather resources to accrue territory, for the group. Gabe Nabers, the team's fullback, says they played nearly every night. "He loves that game," says Nabers. "He'll do anything to win."

"The first time he lost, he looked at whoever won -- maybe Gabe or me or some other guy -- and said: "That won't ever happen again," recalls Nate Gilliam, a guard on the practice squad. He giggles. "I was like, 'Uh, OK ... I just met you.'"

Before the season started, the three rookies moved into a house near the Chargers facility in Costa Mesa. Herbert's teammates say they quickly learned that their new roommate was a something of a neat freak, with meticulous handwriting, a color-coordinated closet and a thinly veiled distaste for any sort of mess. Nabers says he has seen Herbert's temper flare up only once, when Nabers tried to abandon his grocery store cart in the parking lot. "The first time we went shopping, I was like, 'Eh, I'll leave it right here,'" he says, pantomiming a gentle push. "And he said: 'No. Take it all the way back.'"

Herbert, who lives alone now (he recently adopted a cat, which he named Nova, after a weapon in the video game Call of Duty), doesn't dispute this characterization. "I like things neat," he says. "Things have a place, and they should be put back where they come from." His preference for order extends to the football field, where he loves feeling confident in his ability to sort through the mess on defense and Marie Kondo his way to a first down -- pre-snap recognition, in quarterback terms. One of his favorite moments as a rookie took place on a seemingly unremarkable play, when he recognized a defensive look from the Raiders, killed the call, then reloaded it after Las Vegas adjusted to his adjustment.

"It was like a game of chess," he says. "If you could do that on every play, every drive ..." he sighs a little. "I think that's where success comes from."

Perhaps. But it also came when Herbert was immersed in chaos -- dodging free rushers and hurling passes across his body, breaking the rules that apply to less gifted athletes. His private quarterback coach, John Beck, says Herbert's natural arm talent is what enables him to thrive outside of structure. "I feel fortunate to have been around some really good throwers," says Beck, who has worked with Matt Ryan and Drew Brees. "There aren't that many people on the planet like that."

If Herbert wasn't a professional football player, he'd probably be a doctor or a science teacher. His dad, Mark, taught high school biology; so did his grandfather, who lived near the family in Eugene. Growing up, he and his brothers used to spend hours at the pond by their grandparents' house, chasing snakes and trying to trap nutria, a rat-like species of rodent endemic to the Pacific Northwest. Holly, his mother, says Herbert used to bring home various animals as pets, including one fish that jumped out of its aquarium while the family was out and died. "He was devastated," she says.

After Justin and I finish breakfast, he takes me to his parents' house, a rambler where he and his brothers grew up. One of them, Mitchell, is visiting from New York (he's a student at Columbia medical school), so the two of us sit outside, on a dusty patio set in the backyard. Mitchell points to the stretch of lawn where he used to catch passes from his younger brother when they were kids. "He was just always so athletically gifted," says Mitchell. "Justin would never say this, but people knew he was different. That's just kind of how he's always been."

Earlier in the day, I had asked Herbert how he ended up playing quarterback growing up. In his usual self-deprecating manner, he told me it was probably because his dad was the team's coach; everyone else says he was an obvious athletic prodigy, the sort of kid who could sling perfect spirals when he was barely out of diapers. At 4, he was out-throwing older boys at track and field events. At 5, he was pulling off unassisted triple plays. His high school football coach, Lane Johnson, says he first witnessed Herbert's "Rookie of the Year"-like throwing power at a little league game, when a young Justin whipped off his catcher's mask to field a bunt, barehanded the ball and threw a kid out. At the time, he was in the second grade.

Holly says she has only one memory of ever getting a call about Herbert's behavior, when a teacher phoned her to ask if she could get him to go easier on the other kids at recess. Watching him play youth soccer was a little embarrassing, she says, because her son scored all of the goals. As a boy, she says, Herbert was equally reluctant to tout his own accomplishments. "When the spotlight was on him, it was uncomfortable -- he was not attention-seeking." Holly describes Justin as a classic middle child. "Sort of the odd man out," she explains.

Herbert's aversion to self-promotion explains, in part, why he wasn't more heavily recruited in high school. After breaking his femur at the beginning of his junior year, he shot up several inches, approaching his current height of 6-foot-6. One would think a kid the size of a power forward with a Howitzer attached to his right shoulder would've enticed football programs far and wide, but Herbert wasn't heavily recruited, in part because, well, he rarely left Eugene. He visited only one quarterback camp, at his dad's request, and told his parents afterward he didn't plan on attending any more. "I don't think he fully understood how unique of a talent he was," says Beck, who notes that Herbert also didn't compete in The Elite 11, the throwing event widely attended by the nation's top prospects. "He never knew how he stacked up next to everyone else."

In the end, Herbert ended up at his dream school, Oregon, cracking the starting lineup as a true freshman under head coach Mark Helfrich. Though the team was very mediocre, Herbert was clearly very good. But when Helfrich was fired, the new head coach, Willie Taggart, declined to name the young quarterback as the starter from the jump, kindling a faux controversy when he told the media he was looking for a real leader. From that point on, Herbert was relentlessly critiqued for his understated attitude, figuratively poked and prodded all the way until the Chargers picked him in the draft. The quarterback studied biology and scored numerous academic honors, with near-perfect grades. Was he too smart? An unnamed lineman told a reporter that Herbert was extremely shy. Could he steer a team? Someone wrote a cute story about how he started a fishing club in high school. Did he like fish more than people?! (No one actually said the last thing, but you get the idea.)

It had to be exhausting. Herbert never complained in public, but others did -- teammates, coaches, friends. Joey Harrington, the former Oregon QB who was also panned for his cerebral vibe, tells me he gets frustrated watching history repeat itself year after year. "I think people have an idea of what a quarterback or leader should be," he says. "But a lot of times in the NFL, people just want you to shut the f--- up and do your job. I don't care if you're trying to motivate me -- if you don't play well, you're costing me money."

I ask him if he has advised Herbert to ignore the noise, and he chuckles. "He doesn't really care. He doesn't listen to this s---; he just does him."

It's true that Herbert mostly ignored the discourse ahead of the draft. ESPN's Desmond Howard questioned his ability to win over a locker room compared to Burrow; the quote spread like an oil spill, but Herbert says he didn't hear it until the comments resurfaced this spring, after he won Offensive Rookie of the Year. He insists he didn't care -- but concedes he did have to answer pointed queries from NFL teams, some of whom shared similar concerns. "I'd go to a meeting and they'd say, 'Well, we've heard some issues about your leadership ability,'" he says. "I said, 'Listen, I'm myself. Ask my teammates.' I'd give them examples."

One of the stories he brought up, he says, was a moment from his performance against Washington State in 2019, when there was less than a minute left in the game and the team was down by one. "I remember being on the sideline and saying, 'We practiced this every Wednesday, the 2-minute drill. We're absolutely fine. We'll go out there, we know what we're doing.'" Herbert went 4-for-4 on passing attempts on the final drive, and Oregon won 37-35.

"If you can look people in the eye in the huddle and say we're fine when bullets are flying and things seem bad ... that's my idea of leadership," he says. "Being yourself. Not being a rah-rah guy. Being the same person always."

He doesn't deny that he's an introvert but contends that the label is widely misunderstood. Back in college, Oregon's offensive coordinator, Marcus Arroyo, gave Herbert a book called "Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can't Stop Talking." Herbert remembers a section about a developmental psychologist who studied hundreds of children, exposing them to stimulating noises and visuals as infants. One might expect the babies who eventually became quiet kids to turtle inward in response to hectic environments, he says, but the future introverts were actually the infants who wiggled and danced the most.

The book's author, Susan Cain, wrote: "It's as if they process more deeply -- sometimes consciously, sometimes not -- the information they take in about the world."

The day after I meet Herbert and his family, his current and former teammates descend on Eugene for a charity golf tournament he's hosting at a local country club, to benefit a nonprofit that funds youth sports programs. As the morning fog rolls off of the pines, Chargers wideout Keenan Allen, conspicuously dressed in a bright violet polo with matching sneakers, is sitting next to a buffet, plowing through a plate of biscuits and grits. I pull up a chair and ask him what it was like playing with a rookie quarterback after seven seasons of catching passes from Philip Rivers. "Phil has the knowledge, the experience," he says. "But as far as athletic ability?" He snorts. "It's not even close. The guy is throwing 70-yard bombs as he gets hit."

The wide receiver points to a play against the Raiders in Week 9 called X Tower. Herbert was supposed to throw the ball to Mike Williams on a post route, with Allen clearing space -- "running for the love of the game," he says. But when the safety abandoned his responsibility and left Allen in space, Herbert, who was looking to his left at a double-covered Williams, abruptly flicked the ball nearly 30 yards downfield to Allen, who was caught by surprise when it spiraled into his outstretched hands.

"Experienced quarterbacks wouldn't even look at that route," says Allen. Herbert's extraterrestrial arm talent has made all of the receivers work harder, he continues, because no one can take any plays off. "Now, when you're the third guy on the team, you can't think ... OK the ball is going to Keenan, so you don't have to run your route. You can always get the ball at any point in time."

Herbert is Rivers' polar opposite in more ways than one. Allen can't remember a single instance of the rookie screaming in his presence; Rivers was, of course, well known for his antics on the field. "Phil's gonna yell every play," Allen says, cackling. "His team, the other team, he don't care. Phil yellin'." But the wide receiver is quick to point out that, for all of their ostensible differences, Rivers and Herbert share the same competitive fervor, it just manifests itself in different ways. During the Chargers' losing streak last year, he says, Herbert used to sit by himself at his locker for hours after games in full pads, eyes straight ahead. "I had to tell him, 'Bro: Let it go,'" says Allen. "'It ain't got nothing to do with you. Leave it out on the field.'"

Allen pauses, then adds: "It's good to have a guy like that. You know he wants to win."

While the Chargers advanced to the playoffs seven times during the Rivers era, the team made it past the divisional round only once and never reached the Super Bowl. Even when the roster was stocked with talent, the organization seemed to be mired in perpetual misfortune, or playing out a Sisyphian drama where Rivers was doomed to lead endless comeback attempts, seemingly always culminating in a shanked field goal. Between the bizarre losses, the pervasive injuries and ownership's decision to skip town, Chargers fans could be forgiven for jumping ship. But then, Herbert entered the picture, and the franchise's prospects flipped overnight. While Kansas City still looms as the favorite in the conference, there's a sense among fans -- and analysts -- that Los Angeles could be a dark horse in the playoffs.

In a league where quarterback play matters more than ever, drafting a game-changing passer is a little like finding a working compass; no matter where you are, or where your team is going, you can always find your way north. Today, the Chargers' compass is posted up on the 10th hole, hitting the same shot over and over, exchanging pleasantries with every group that stops by his tee. Allen does a double take when Herbert smacks a perfect drive over the treetops, shaking his head. "Relax, my guy!"

Herbert grins. "Sometimes you get a good one, sometimes you get a bad one."

A few minutes later, Pep Hamilton, the former quarterbacks coach in Los Angeles, pulls up in his golf cart. Herbert hits an identical shot (I watch him take the same swing about a dozen times, and almost all of them follow a similar arc), and Hamilton, now with the Texans, whistles. "Jesus, Herbert," he says. "You been doing that all day?"

The quarterback shrugs. "I've had some good ones, some not-so-good ones," he says, tossing his driver in his bag.

As Herbert's Chargers teammates pass through, I pull them to the side, looking for insights. "He's like a sponge in the building -- eats everything up, absorbs so much info, wants to know the playbook more than anything. I mean, he's a biology major," says Scott Quessenberry, a backup guard. Herbert sidles up to us, and Quessenberry gestures in his direction. "He's like: 'Do you know the lifespan of organisms in the ocean?'"

"I've never said that," says Herbert.

Groups of golfers cycle in and out; the sun goes down and the tournament ends, giving way to a party next to the green. Hundreds more people show up for the festivities, lining up for barbecue and drinks and a glimpse of Dan Fouts. I spot Hamilton standing alone with a beer and ask him what it was like teaching Herbert last year. "I think he has a lot more in common with Andrew Luck than any other quarterback I've had a chance to be around in the NFL," says Hamilton, who spent just over two seasons as the offensive coordinator of the Colts. "He's a quiet leader -- he leads by example. He has an innate toughness about him, and he garners field credibility and respect as a result."

Hamilton smiles. "You can be tough without announcing you're tough."

We find a table and watch as a small crowd gathers around a makeshift stage, where a hired performer is playing covers of wedding songs. The singer strums the opening bars of "Sweet Caroline," then stops and calls for Herbert to join him. The quarterback shakes his head, but the guy won't take no for an answer, so Herbert trudges up the steps, where he's flanked by a couple of his offensive linemen. Before long, all of the Chargers still at the event have joined them; one of the linemen is belting out the chorus, the kicker is swaying with his eyes closed, and Allen is dancing with somebody's mom. A minute or so into the song, I spot Herbert fading into the background, then trying to slip into the crowd. So do his teammates, who pull him back on stage.

Justin Herbert's misinterpreted personality becomes Chargers' gain

By Gilbert Manzano
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Jana Prikryl, the director of general science at the University of Oregon, didn't realize she had helped Justin Herbert change his major until a peer advisor identified him with a scream.

"Oh, my God, that was Justin Herbert," Prikryl recalled hearing when the 6-foot-6 Oregon quarterback left the office.

Herbert, now a star quarterback for the Chargers, submitted his change-of-major form to switch from biology to general science. Herbert was the second future NFL quarterback that Prikryl had assisted. Marcus Mariota was a general science major at Oregon a few years before Herbert.

"Embarrassingly, I did not know that he was Justin Herbert," Prikryl said in a phone interview last week. "I knew we had Justin Herbert and I knew he was fantastic, but I didn't put the face to the name."

Prikryl shouldn't be embarrassed. Not many knew of Herbert before he became a star at Oregon and the latest NFL rookie sensation.

Even now, as more become familiar with the name, not many truly know Herbert. Although, there were many guesses about his personality in the lead up to the 2020 NFL Draft.

Herbert was described as an introvert, also known as a shy person, and few NFL teams want a shy quarterback. But that didn't stop the Chargers from selecting Herbert with the No. 6 overall pick in April's draft.

They were well aware of Herbert's physical gifts, just like the other 31 teams, but perhaps the Chargers dug deeper in getting to know Herbert as a person.

"I think a lot of introverts get labeled with that word shy, lack of leadership," Chargers coach Anthony Lynn said. "My son is an introvert, so I raised one. I know what the tags are, but you just look at how people respond to them. That's all you need to know."

The Chargers did their personality research on Herbert and are now getting rewarded for it with weekly touchdown passes from his rocket right arm.

"Ultimately, this guy is just very talented," said Denver Broncos coach Vic Fangio, whose team hosts Herbert and the Chargers on Sunday. "Looks to me like he's made up of the right stuff to be a quarterback in the NFL, and fortunate for (the Chargers) and unfortunate for us, I think they found their quarterback for the next 10 to 15 years."

Herbert has only started five games, but he's played so well that questions are now being asked. How did a quarterback who is enjoying a historic NFL start that rivals Patrick Mahomes and Dan Marino become available at No. 6 for the Chargers?

Why didn't the Washington Football Team take Herbert second overall and why didn't other quarterback-needy teams leapfrog the Chargers in the draft order to take him?

Many draft experts described Herbert as having all the physical tools, but somehow that wasn't enough to shake the introvert label that hung like a dark cloud.

Of course, it wasn't all because of Herbert's quiet demeanor, but it likely played a part in why teams were skeptical, and it goes to show that swaggy isn't everything. Sometimes saying less means there's more of other leadership qualities.

Herbert won't say teams got it wrong by passing on him and making him the third quarterback selected – that's not his personality – but he did say the introvert tag was incorrect.

"I wouldn't say that's fairly accurate," Herbert said. "I think on the surface it might appear that way, but when I really get to know people and the team, I think a lot of the guys on the team would tell you differently."

Many draft experts and talking heads have said they got it wrong with Herbert, but the Chargers should thank them because all the personality speculation they provided before the draft became their gain.

Herbert celebrated his first NFL victory against the Jacksonville Jaguars last week by giving star wide receiver Keenan Allen an enthusiastic slap on the behind.

"Yes, sir!" Herbert shouted at Allen.

That doesn't sound like a shy quarterback.

Here's how family members, teammates and former professors described Herbert as a person and leader:

THE REAL HERBERT

College recruiters also got it wrong with Herbert.

Herbert was a three-star high school recruit with no Division I FBS scholarship offers heading into his senior year at Sheldon High in Eugene, Ore. Herbert was set on attending Montana State to play with his older brother, Mitchell, before Oregon made an offer.

"He did not go to (football) camps because he practiced with his high school team," said Mark Herbert, Justin's father. "When other guys were looking for exposure to go to colleges, Justin was practicing with the little kid down the street that he'd grown up with or another kid he played middle school football with or somebody else because that was going to be their team in the fall."

Justin Herbert has a reputation for not looking ahead. He prioritizes the present and enjoyed it by playing baseball, basketball and forming a fishing club in high school.

In college, it wasn't all about making it to the NFL. It was also about improving as a biology student. Herbert agreed to be a biology professor's assistant even though it took time away from football.

But helping the little kid down the street and having extracurricular activities didn't help Herbert in the college recruiting process and it was probably ignored by some NFL teams.

Multi-sport prep athletes have become a thing of the past. It's now about specializing in one sport and getting as much exposure as possible by participating in 7-on-7 tournaments, creating Youtube highlight videos and announcing every college offer received on Twitter.

You can't find Herbert on Twitter, although he does have an Instagram account.

"He didn't enroll early (at Oregon) because he wanted to play his senior year of baseball with his buddies," Mark Herbert said.

Justin Herbert stayed in one place before the NFL called, never leaving Oregon while the university's coaching staff changed twice in four years.

Mark Herbert recalled being asked by a local reporter if Herbert would consider transferring if he lost the quarterback job when Willie Taggart replaced Mark Helfrich as head coach in 2017.

"What are you talking about?" the older Herbert remembered asking. "I don't understand the line of question. What's Justin going to do? Get his degree in biology, he's gonna play football and he's gonna go to medical school or he's going to go to the NFL."

"I don't know what he's going to do, but he's not leaving. That's not what Justin does."

Justin Herbert also didn't leave when Mario Cristobal took over in 2018 and then stayed for his senior season, despite being projected as a first-round selection.

Sticking around for an extra year to play with friends gave pundits more time to analyze Herbert as armchair psychologists.

He wasn't viewed as the committed teammate who wanted to help win a Pac-12 championship. Instead, he was the quarterback who struggled against Arizona State and lacked the alpha-male personality to lead an NFL locker room.

But Herbert proved in high school and college that he doesn't run from adversity and makes it work with what he has. Those are the leadership traits that went unnoticed, and he's showing it again in the NFL by elevating undrafted players such as Jalen Guyton, Tyron Johnson and Donald Parham and doing it without his top offensive linemen, Bryan Bulaga and Trai Turner.

Herbert gets everyone involved and is not afraid to ask for advice. But all of that was lost during the lead up to the draft and it became the Herbert family's gain.

Mark and his wife, Holly, were rooting for their son to play for the Chargers. They have family ties to Southern California.

Justin Herbert's paternal grandfather, Roger, played football and ran track for Fullerton College before transferring to Oregon State. Herbert's maternal grandfather, Rich Schwab, grew up in San Diego before playing football at Oregon.

"We looked at (the draft order), 'Hey, Los Angeles all the way.'" Mark Herbert said. "Oh my goodness, travel-wise, and family-wise, team-wise ... a lot of things pointing to the Chargers."

Mark Herbert credited the grandfathers for Justin's professionalism and said his son got plenty of good qualities from his mother Holly.

"I'd say Justin is fiercely loyal and fiercely focused and dedicated and definitely gets that from her," Mark said.

Justin Herbert's love for science likely came from his father, who was a science and biology teacher for middle school and high school students.

HERBERT, THE COMEDIAN

Chargers defensive tackle Linval Joseph played four seasons with recently retired Giants quarterback Eli Manning. The two-time Super Bowl champion was also described as an introvert.

Joseph sees similarities between Manning and Herbert.

"I felt like there was two different types of Elis," Joseph said. "You have funny Eli and then you have 'get the job done' Eli. Two minutes in the quarter, fourth quarter, need this drive and he woke up, and when he woke up, he made those big throws, made those big plays, and I see that in Herbert. I really do."

"I feel like he's going to have a great career and once we put everything in order, he's going to be elite. He's going to be great."

Chargers rookie wide receiver K.J. Hill can attest to Herbert's comedic side. Hill explained why Herbert was shown in a scene of "Hard Knocks" doing a lengthy "whassup" from the popular Budweiser commercials.

"I told him you gotta say the 'whassup' in the huddle," Hill said. "I told him to say it in the huddle before he called a play or something like that. It was something silly like that. He was practicing basically before he did it to get my OK if it was good or not."

Herbert and Hill texted each other after being drafted by the Chargers and have become close friends.

"Inside the locker room, (he's) making jokes, talking," Hill said about Herbert. "He has not been a quiet guy since I've been around him. We're always talking about anything and everything, so I feel like he got a great personality and great competitor side that I love about him, too."

Hill said he's a better "Call of Duty" player than Herbert, but he gave his quarterback the edge in golf.

"Justin likes to golf," Hill said. "I told him the only close thing I get to golf is Top Golf."

HERBERT, THE TUTOR

Mark Carrier, a professor at Oregon, was in need of a teacher's assistant for his Biology 212 course. Herbert was one of his best students, but Carrier assumed he didn't have time to teach the material to other students for the upcoming quarter.

"I figured no way a football player is going to have the time to do that, but in passing one day, I told him, 'Hey, you know if you weren't so busy being the quarterback of the football team I would definitely offer you this role,'" Carrier recalled.

Without hesitation, Herbert took the offer and assisted the class of about 200 students.

"It's a pretty interactive class time," Carrier said. "You can tell if people are going to hide what they know or help others along. Justin was the kind of guy who helped the people around him.

"It was clear to the people around him he understood the material more quickly than most. He didn't struggle as much as people tend to do. It's a very challenging course. He was very helpful to the people around him."

At the time, it wasn't certain that Herbert would be a top NFL draft pick. Carrier said Herbert expressed interest in a career in medicine or becoming a researcher.

"I was just really interested with how everything worked out (in biology) and science and kinda how your body processes things and kinda explaining the natural phenomena that happened around us," Herbert said.

Biology sounds as complex as breaking down NFL defenses. Herbert being able to grasp intricate material at a fast pace while also teaching it is perhaps another leadership sign (and an indicator of future success) that went unnoticed.

"That might be a reach, but it's a good analogy," Herbert said about comparing football to biology. "Having a good understanding of defenses, coverages and things like that. It definitely helps."

Herbert said his top passion has always been football. He'd said he would likely be a coach right now if he wasn't an NFL quarterback.

"Hopefully I'd be coaching the game or somewhere involved in the game," Herbert said. "I just love football too much to not be around it."

That's the real Justin Herbert. Passionate about football, but with other interests. Not the loudest, but a quiet genius with an occasional comedic side.

"I think he's more outgoing than what people give him credit for, but that's OK," Lynn said.

The Chargers said that's OK to Herbert's personality and now, as Fangio mused, they stand to reap the rewards for years to come.

Chargers quarterback Justin Herbert has found his voice as a leader heading into fourth season

By Joe Reedy
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COSTA MESA, Calif. (AP) — Justin Herbert let his performance and statistics do the talking during his first three years in the NFL.

The Los Angeles Chargers quarterback has found his voice as a team leader heading into Sunday's season opener against the Miami Dolphins.

Herbert became one of the league's highest-paid quarterbacks when he signed a five-year, \$262.5 million extension at the start of training camp. The security of a long-term contract — which includes \$218.7 million guaranteed — and being on a team that returned most of its starters have given Herbert an extra jolt of confidence.

At the end of practices during training camp, it was common to see Herbert break down the team huddle. While most starters did not make the trip to San Francisco for the final preseason game on Aug. 25, Herbert was on the sidelines to lend support and help mentor backup quarterbacks Easton Stick and Max Duggan.

"I've taken my time to understand what a unique situation I'm in, and I've tried to do my best to enjoy it," Herbert said. "I've let everyone know that helped me along the way that I'm super thankful for them. Football is the best, and I wouldn't want to be anywhere else."

Herbert is the first quarterback in NFL history to begin his career with three consecutive seasons of at least 4,000 passing yards and is one of two players to throw 25 touchdown passes in each of his first three years.

Since entering the league, he is second in the league in completions (1,316), third in passing yards (14,089), and sixth in TD passes (102).

Despite those numbers, Los Angeles is 25-25, including the playoffs, with Herbert under center.

Herbert this season will attempt to lead the Chargers to consecutive postseason appearances for the first time since 2009. Los Angeles has posted winning records the past two years — including a playoff trip last season — but the memories of disappointing finishes still stand out.

The Bolts most recently blew a 27-point lead in last season's wild-card round and lost 31-30 to Jacksonville.

The playoff loss was among a series of tests Herbert had to face during the past 12 months. After being relatively injury-free his first two years in the league, Herbert suffered a rib injury in a Week 2 loss at Kansas City and then tore the labrum in his non-throwing shoulder in a Week 17 game against the Rams.

The labrum injury required surgery in late January that limited Herbert's throwing during the early portion of offseason workouts.

The Chargers did finish 10-7 last season, but there were many weeks when the offense was limited. Wide receivers Keenan Allen and Mike Williams were on the field together for only eight games. Neither was at his best until late in the year before Williams suffered a season-ending back injury in the regular-season finale at Denver.

There were two games where Allen and Williams weren't in the lineup, but the Chargers managed to split those. Left tackle Rashawn Slater suffered a season-ending injury in Week 3.

Instead of playing the blame game, Herbert took it as a challenge.

"It was a great opportunity for guys to step up," he said. "Josh Palmer stepped up and made some huge plays against the Falcons, which allowed him to come out with a whole new attitude and confidence, which was awesome to see. Jamaree Salyer stepped up at left tackle, and we found out that he could play. So, going into this year, we know injuries are a part of it and are going to happen. It's all about how you react to it."

Despite being limited most of the season at receiver, Herbert was second in the league in passing yards and completions. The Chargers also joined the New Orleans Saints as the only teams with six players with at least 500 receiving yards in a season.

Herbert is 1-1 in his career against Miami. He completed a career-high 39 passes for 367 yards and a touchdown in last season's 23-17 win.

He goes into the regular season with his third offensive coordinator in four years. Kellen Moore, who spent the last four seasons leading Dallas' offense, worked with Herbert to keep many of the passing game concepts intact, but it will feature a more aggressive mindset, especially when trying to get the ball downfield.

A more consistent run game should also help take pressure off Herbert. The Chargers led the league in rushing during the preseason as Joshua Kelley and Isaiah Spiller vied for more playing time behind Austin Ekeler.

A new coordinator and the response to last year's adversity give Herbert some confidence the Chargers have learned their lessons and are ready to take the next step.

"Experience is the best teacher. To be able to go through that and see the other side, I know that we're better because of it," Herbert said. "Whether it's a fourth-quarter drive or a play that we need late in the game, I know these guys have been able to fight through it. Whenever this adversity comes, we'll be ready."

J.C. JACKSON

J.C. Jackson eager to get back on field for LA Chargers after season-ending injury

By Tyler Dragon
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COSTA MESA, Calif. — Cornerback J.C. Jackson's 2022 campaign didn't go as anticipated.

As one of the top players on the open market, Jackson signed with the Los Angeles Chargers on a five-year, \$82.5 million deal during free agency last year and he didn't live up to expectations. He allowed a 70% completion percentage and gave up four touchdowns in five games. In his fifth game, which was Week 7 against the Seattle Seahawks, he sustained a season-ending ruptured Patellar tendon injury that required surgery.

Jackson finished the year with just 15 tackles, two pass deflections and zero interceptions. Production far below the "Mr. INT" status he gave himself when he compiled 25 interceptions in his first four seasons as a member of the New England Patriots.

"I felt like (expletive). I haven't done anything (and) got hurt. I just got paid. I still got to prove to my teammates and to myself that I'm still 'Mr. INT.' I didn't do (expletive) last year. I felt like (expletive), honestly," Jackson said of his 2022 season. "I didn't feel good."

Jackson is currently rehabbing his injured right knee. He's been at the Chargers' team facility for most of the offseason. He was working off to the side during Tuesday's mandatory minicamp.

The cornerback admitted the biggest challenge for himself this offseason has been psychological. But he's determined to prove he's still one of the top cornerbacks in the NFL.

"Most of it is mental. Every day is a challenge. You get bored sometimes. You'd be up sometimes by yourself rehabbing. It's all mental. You got to tell yourself every day that you want it. You want to be the best. I can do it. I'm gonna come back 110%. You got to have that confidence," Jackson said. "If you don't have that confidence you're not gonna do nothing in life. That's how I look at it. If you don't have confidence, you're not gonna succeed."

The 27-year-old Jackson is eager to get back on the field. He has an appointment with Dr. Neal ElAttrache on June 19 that will give him a better prognosis when he can return to action. He told reporters Tuesday that mentally he wants to be ready for training camp and Week 1.

"He's progressing. He's been working really hard," Chargers coach Brandon Staley said of Jackson. "This summer will be important for him."

Whenever Jackson does get back on the field, he's confident he'll return to the level that earned him a 2021 Pro Bowl invitation and a mega contract.

"I'm ready to get back out there. I love this game of football and I love to compete," Jackson said. "I'm excited for this year."

And his teammates echo his sentiments.

"I see him every day just grinding away," Chargers defensive lineman Sebastian Joseph-Day said of Jackson. "I expect a huge comeback from him."

Chargers CB J.C. Jackson 'right on track' in injury rehab

By Lindsey Thiry
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COSTA MESA, Calif. -- As the Los Angeles Chargers opened mandatory minicamp Tuesday, cornerback J.C. Jackson watched from the sideline as he continued to work through rehabilitation drills.

Nearly eight months removed from surgery to repair a ruptured patellar tendon in his right knee that sidelined him after Week 7 last season, Jackson expressed optimism that it won't be long until he is cleared to return to football activities.

"I'm right on track," Jackson said of the 7 to 8 month recovery timeline provided by doctors. "Almost there."

"He's progressing. He's been working really hard," coach Brandon Staley said of Jackson. "This summer will be important for him."

Jackson's surgery was performed last October by Dr. Neal ElAttrache, who he is scheduled to meet with again next week to gain clarity on a return date.

Jackson, 27, sounded hopeful that opening training camp with the team in late July remained a possibility.

"I'm expecting to come out here and practice every day," Jackson said. "That's how I'm taking it."

Ahead of the 2022 season, the Chargers signed Jackson -- the NFL interceptions leader (25) over the previous four seasons with the New England Patriots -- to a blockbuster five-year, \$82.5 million contract.

He was anticipated to become a pillar of a defense that included outside linebackers Joey Bosa and Khalil Mack and safety Derwin James Jr., all of whom return in 2023.

However, Jackson missed Weeks 1 and 3 because of an ankle issue and struggled to adapt to Staley's scheme in five starts.

When asked about his season ending prematurely after signing a lucrative deal and producing uneven play, Jackson said he "felt like s---."

"Haven't done anything. Got hurt. And I just got paid," said Jackson, who finished the season with 15 tackles and two pass deflections. "I still got to prove to my teammates and to myself that I am still Mr. INT. I didn't do s--- last year."

Jackson described the recovery process as mentally taxing but said it has provided a unique opportunity to spend more time learning. "I've been grinding, meeting with the coaches every other day, learning, just breaking down the defense so it can slow down," Jackson said. "I'm going to be ready to go this year."

Staley said Jackson would be expected this season to return to defending their opponents' top receiver.

"That's what we brought him here to do," Staley said. "Fundamentally, we're asking him to do the things that he's done his whole career, just it's with us. It's just getting that comfort zone of being around the guys that you play with ... I'm confident that in training camp, once he gets to working with his teammates, that he'll be able to showcase the real player that he is."

His family was scared he'd go to prison. How J.C. Jackson kept his NFL dream alive

By Jeff Miller
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LAKELAND, Fla. — They sold their house, their furniture, Dad's truck and his motorcycle.

Lisa Dasher and Chris Jackson surrendered their jobs and their friends and trekked 140 miles north, joining Lisa's oldest daughter in her apartment — her one-and-a-half bedroom apartment.

"We was living in the half," Lisa recalled, smiling.

Dasher, Jackson and their son, J.C., were three of the seven people wedged into the space, their lives squeezed for the most basic of reasons: They needed money.

Yes, the bills were significant. And so were the circumstances. They had to pay the attorneys trying to keep J.C. out of prison.

"Every success he's having now is very emotional to me because I know the path," Lisa said. "I tell people, 'You don't understand everything that we had to sacrifice to be here.' It just wasn't easy. But I'm glad we made it, man."

In March, J.C. Jackson signed with the Chargers, accepting a five-year contract worth up to \$82.5 million, \$40 million of which is guaranteed.

A team rebuilding its defense added one of the NFL's top cornerbacks, a tough, resilient, playmaking star coming off his first Pro Bowl appearance and four seasons removed from being a Super Bowl champion.

But the Chargers added more than that because Jackson hardly arrived on his own, his path cluttered by obstacles discouraging to staggering, including a trial that threatened not just his football but also his freedom.

Navigating such a twisting, tortured journey required the strength of more than just one man.

"J.C.," his dad said, "hasn't walked alone in his shoes."

Before he was a Hall of Famer, Edgerrin James was a blocking back, burying opposing tacklers for Chris Jackson during their time together at Immokalee High. James was two grades behind Jackson and, playing in a stacked program, had to wait his turn.

"That's how it was back in the day," said John Thomas, a longtime Immokalee coach. "The talent's usually lined up pretty good around here."

They called Chris "Action Jackson" because of his athletic prowess. He and his crew labeled themselves "The Raw Dogs" and set out to properly represent their home.

Immokalee is an everyone-knows-everyone town deep in southwest Florida and the heart of industrial agriculture in the United States. They grow an abundance of tomatoes and watermelons down here, a dusty place where there's genuine value in the dirt.

In the Mikasuki language, Immokalee means "My Home," and the pride of the people who choose to stay can be as thick as the July humidity.

"If you gonna make it out of Immokalee, you gotta get it from the mud," said Jackson, 47. "Nothing comes easy in Immokalee. It taught me to grind, to be a strong man."

Jackson had plans to leave, at least for a while, to pursue a playing opportunity at a small school in Mississippi. Lisa, who was a state-qualifying sprinter at Immokalee, remembers dropping him off at the bus station in Fort Myers and waving goodbye through streaming tears.

But after only a week or so, Jackson was on his way home, where he and Lisa soon enough were welcoming their son.

"I wanted to be in J.C.'s life," said Jackson, who was raised by his grandparents. "Everything I knew about football, I wanted to put into him."

They spent hours together in the backyard, Chris firing passes to J.C. and urging him to catch with his fingertips. At age 4, J.C. was spinning around on his father's command and snagging footballs spiraling toward his face.

Dad was training the boy's hands, hands that two decades later would carry the reminder of an Immokalee upbringing yet still ignite an NFL career rooted in the ability to catch passes thrown by the opposition.

When he was 5, J.C. scored the first touchdown of his life. It was flag football and he slipped to the outside and sprinted away from everyone. Well, almost everyone.

"I was running right with him down the sidelines, jumping and screaming," Lisa said. As she did so, she yelled, "He's gonna play for the Florida Gators! He's gonna play for the Florida Gators!"

That was the plan too, after J.C. was a four-year varsity starter at Immokalee, his two all-state plaques as a wide receiver now hanging near the school's main entrance, not far from the plaque commemorating his All-America selection as a defensive back.

Thomas has spent a quarter-century coaching at Immokalee and was in charge of the receivers when he convinced Chris that his son was too talented to play on the freshman team and instead belonged on varsity.

J.C. needed roughly one-half of one game to prove his position coach correct.

"He lit up the stadium right from the start," said Thomas, who recalls sitting in film sessions on Saturday mornings and wondering what the opposing coaches were thinking trying to cover J.C. one-on-one.

The talent was obvious, and so were the other gifts, most notably the long and athletic body that suggested J.C. could be special, as Chris remembers it, as early as elementary school.

Fort Myers-based trainer LeDondrick Rowe first worked with J.C. during the kid's sophomore season in high school. All the Immokalee players were lined up in the end zone as Rowe walked along and introduced himself one by one.

"I got to J.C. and asked him what position he played," Rowe said. "He told me wide receiver. I said, 'Dude, you're a defensive back.' Those were our first words: 'You look like an NFL defensive back.'"

All that work J.C. and his father logged in the backyard — sometimes out there past midnight — was boosted by another level of training, a tough-love regimen Chris employed throughout his son's development.

He explained that he "used to cuss J.C. out, just talk harsh to him, 'cause I knew what it takes to make it." Lisa said she often defended her son as Chris assured her his methods would pay dividends.

During an NFL game two seasons ago, while playing with New England, Jackson was beaten twice by receiver Breshad Perriman for touchdowns — 50 yards in the second quarter and 15 in the third — the latter putting the New York Jets up 27-17.

Following the second score, a television camera caught Jackson slumped on the bench, his head hanging.

"I said, 'Lisa, I'm in his ear again right now,'" Chris said, edging forward in his seat. "J.C. was hearin' his daddy. I said, 'Watch, he's gonna make a play.'"

In the final six minutes of the fourth quarter, Jackson picked off Joe Flacco. Four minutes later, New England tied the score en route to a 30-27 victory secured on the game's last snap.

"All that talking," Lisa said, "I think that's what kept J.C. strong through everything."

During his four years of two-way high school stardom, J.C. emerged as a recruit so sought after that Lisa remembers hiding when someone would show up unannounced and knock on the door.

She also recalled how the Miami coaches arrived one day for dinner in a series of black SUVs with dark-tinted windows. "They rolled up," Lisa said, "like the President."

But J.C. chose Florida — fulfilling his mother's Pop Warner projection — because he was drawn to then-coach Will Muschamp and his defensive coordinator, D.J. Durkin.

It was a shoulder injury that resulted in Jackson redshirting his first season. It was an off-field incident that cost him the rest of his Gators career.

In April 2015, Jackson was arrested and charged with four felonies in connection with an armed robbery in Gainesville. He and two companions were involved, though Jackson no longer was present when the robbery occurred, according to the police report.

Still, he faced those four counts, each carrying a minimum sentence of 10 years and a maximum of life in prison.

"I was scared. Forty years in jail? I might be dead and gone when he gets out."

— Chris Jackson, on the charges his son faced in connection to a 2015 armed robbery

When officials at Florida informed Jackson he no longer was welcome there, his desire to continue playing led him to Riverside City College, three time zones from Gainesville and an immeasurable distance from SEC country.

That November, Jackson's lone season at Riverside was interrupted when he had to return to Florida for his trial, which included five days of excruciating uncertainty for parents convinced their son had done nothing wrong but knowing a jury would make the ultimate decision.

Each morning, Chris and J.C. would drive from the cramped apartment in Lakeland to Gainesville, leaving before the sun came up, traveling the 120 miles one way in Chris' orange Dodge Charger.

Chris said they had to "scrape up gas money" to make it through the week. One of the attorneys the family hired bought J.C. a suit to wear in court.

On those otherwise quiet drives, Chris played what he called "my church music" — "Be Encouraged" by gospel singer William Becton was in heavy rotation.

J.C. would sit back in the passenger seat and, in the darkness, Chris would stroke his son's head. "Just lovin' on him," Chris said.

"I was scared," the father acknowledged. "Forty years in jail? I might be dead and gone when he gets out."

On the morning of the final day, Lisa said she wept while wrapping her arms around J.C.

"I hugged him hard 'cause I didn't know what the verdict was going to be," she said. "I told him, 'Remember this: I love you so much.' He said, 'Ma, I'll be back.' I'm looking at him like, Do you not know what you're up against?"

Chris said he sat in the back of the courtroom each day with tears in his eyes as he listened to the prosecutor characterize his son as a criminal. At some point during the week, Chris said he stopped eating.

Lisa couldn't bring herself to attend the proceedings. She remained in Lakeland where she had just started a new job, working in early child care. She wasn't allowed to have her cell phone on during business hours, meaning she spent that entire final afternoon unaware of her son's fate. Asked to explain the experience, Lisa said, "H-e-I-I."

Up in Gainesville, the jury deliberated for approximately two hours before — in the late morning four days before J.C.'s 20th birthday — acquitting him on all four counts.

At the end of her work day, Lisa retrieved her phone from a desk drawer and turned it on.

"There was so many calls, so many messages," she said. " 'Not guilty! Not guilty! Not guilty!' All of a sudden, I'm crying and crying and trying to call everybody back at once."

The jury sided with J.C. after hearing testimony that he arranged the visit in which the robbery occurred but was not otherwise involved. His attorneys argued that the evidence against him was circumstantial.

After being cleared, Jackson returned to Riverside, a step that helped put his football career back on track, leading him to Maryland, where he reunited with Durkin, then the Terrapins coach.

In his first Maryland practice, an oft-repeated story goes, Jackson intercepted three passes. He made 23 starts over two seasons and became a draft prospect some observers forecast to go as high as the second round.

"I can't let it go unknown how much we appreciate what the people at Maryland did for J.C.," said Lisa, now 48. "We thank them so much."

It was after the combine that Jackson — back home and sitting at a Tropical Smoothie Cafe having lunch with his mother — revealed how depressed he was at times in Riverside.

"He just started crying," Lisa recalled. "I said, 'J.C., what's wrong?' He said, 'You just don't know. It was so hard out in California. I was sleeping on floors, not having food. That was the time I wanted to just forget it all.' It hurt me to my heart hearing that because I had no idea that he was struggling that bad. None of us knew."

Now, though, all the pain, all the sacrifice would be swept away by the 2018 draft. Having since moved into their own apartment in Lakeland, Chris and Lisa hosted a viewing party.

J.C. was surrounded by the love and support of more than a dozen family members and friends. There was food, including cupcakes made to look like little footballs.

Over three days and 256 selections, the name J.C. Jackson was never announced. Teams took 28 cornerbacks and passed on him every chance they had.

If he was going to make it in the NFL, this cornerback with all the ball skills was going to have to reach out and steal someone else's roster spot as an undrafted free agent.

And that's exactly what Jackson did with New England, first starring during scout-team repetitions, flustering at times even all-everything quarterback Tom Brady.

As training camp unfolded, Jackson began getting time with the first-stringers. He ended his rookie season appearing in 13 games, with five starts, and launched a four-year stretch in which he intercepted an NFL-best 25 passes.

Those hands, first trained by Dad, soon secured the second-largest signing bonus in Chargers history while offering another example of Jackson's perseverance.

When his boy was just 7 or 8, Chris got J.C. a job at a watermelon processing plant to expose him to the exact sort of existence he wanted his son to avoid in life.

While he was positioned along a conveyor belt, J.C.'s hand became entangled in the machinery. Seeing blood oozing everywhere, Chris grabbed his son and carried him to a nearby fire station.

The boy spent almost a week in the hospital and required surgery to restore the mangled mess hanging from his arm. In his right hand today, Jackson literally holds the scars of his hometown.

"J.C. is Immokalee," said Rowe, the Fort Myers-based trainer. "I saw a kid struggle. I saw a kid grow. I saw a kid overcome. If you're not tough, Immokalee can overwhelm you."

Over his first three NFL seasons, Jackson played on an entry-level deal before receiving a one-year, \$3.4-million contract for 2021.

When he signed with the Chargers, he earned a \$25-million bonus on the spot. During the next two seasons, he is guaranteed another \$15 million in base salary. The kid from Immokalee had made it, had indeed gotten it from the mud.

His big payday came after Jackson watched his father work in everything from corrections to sanitation — "throwin' trash," Chris described it — before becoming a delivery driver.

Lisa has worked extensively with teenage mothers and is employed at Pace Center for Girls.

There are plans for Jackson to buy his parents a new home, something closer to Tampa ... maybe near the water.

In May, he bought each an Audi. Lisa drives hers regularly, while Chris has his in storage. For now, he prefers the 2011 orange Charger, which has eclipsed 200,000 miles.

Chris' Audi was delivered while he was at work, with no advance warning, a surprise that came with a sticker price of \$181,790.

He simply was called outside to the parking lot, where the car was hidden under a cover, with a big red bow on the hood.

There also was a note from J.C., who signed it "#27."

"Without U," the note read, "There Is No Me."

DERWIN JAMES JR.

Once called 'Pooh Bear,' Derwin James Jr.'s Florida legacy began with famous father

By Jeff Miller
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HAINES CITY, Fla. — They can still feel the reverberations around here, the beautiful aftershocks from the ferocity produced when he flexed his uncommon level of athleticism.

Derwin James' exploits echo at his alma mater to this day, even breaking the midsummer stillness of the grassy countryside that surrounds a football field flanked by a cemetery.

Yes, the locals proudly suggest, James rocked the opposition with enough force to stir the dead.

"He came at you like a flash, just a black streak comin' and then, 'Boom!' " said Olin Gee, who spent more than three decades coaching at Haines City High. "When he got to you, he was lightin' you up good."

Fans of the Chargers can nod knowingly at Gee's recollections, their eyes confirming as genuine any tale of James' ability to separate a man from his senses.

An All-Pro as a rookie, James now enters his fifth year in the NFL coming off a season in which he made 118 tackles and his second Pro Bowl.

But here's what Chargers fans don't know: Gee wasn't talking about that Derwin James — but their Derwin James.

He was recalling the original Derwin James, the father of the Chargers' safety, the Haines City Hornet they nicknamed "Blue" because, when he dropped his shoulder into someone, the poor mark turned that most unnatural of colors.

"The son was a hell of a hitter," said Gee, who coached both versions of Derwin James. "But the father, he came with bad intentions every time. People ran away from him in high school."

So the story of Derwin James Jr. can rightly start only here, with Derwin James Sr., who gifted his son everything from athletic prowess to mannerisms to an easy smile, helping shape the boy many in these parts still call by a childhood nickname: "Pooh Bear."

It was Derwin Jr.'s sister, Shaderrika, who recently had to be reminded of the order of business in this family.

"She told me, 'You act just like 'Pooh Bear,' " Derwin Sr. recalled with that identifiable grin. "I told her, 'No, 'Pooh Bear' acts just like me.' "

He was a high school running back, as well, Derwin Sr. blessed with the kind of speed that made him an annual participant in Florida's state track championships.

But he really excelled at middle linebacker, where he could smear chaos sideline to sideline and orchestrate the defense like another coach, making sure everyone was lined up properly.

If that again sounds familiar to Chargers fans, well, Derwin Sr. passed those qualities to his son, too, Derwin Jr. one of the few NFL defensive backs who calls signals in the huddle.

"His father was faster than Derwin," said longtime Florida State assistant Odell Haggins, who recruited both Derwin Jameses. "His father would knock your face off. His daddy was unreal."

Yes, Derwin Sr. had the game. He just didn't have the grades, his academic issues preventing him from fully seizing his athletic talents.

During his final year of high school, Derwin Sr. discovered he was going to be a father. Derwin Jr.'s mom, Shanita Williams, gave birth the summer before her senior year.

She had to give up going to college and running track at Haines City, where she also stood out as a sprinter.

Shanita took one job at the nearby Publix and another at a day-care center and got her own place, a \$315-a-month one-bedroom apartment. She said she still graduated on time and with honors.

Derwin Sr. was at college then, his football career expiring after two seasons at a small school in Michigan because of a knee injury.

He returned to Florida and remained with Shanita until 2001, the couple splitting when their son was 4, by which point they were convinced they had produced something special.

Although he was "Pooh Bear" — Shanita: "He always looked like a little bear to me, so plump and round and hairy." — Derwin Jr. was tough as a toddler, a burly ball whose first word actually was "ball."

By middle school, he was running past, around or through kids his size and larger.

"You could see where Derwin was going with it," Shanita said. "Even that early on I felt it. I believed it."

There remain conflicting accounts about how many times a young Derwin Jr. was hit by a car while riding his bike. Some say it happened twice; others contend it was three times. Either way, the point is "Pooh Bear" grew up as a rumbling sort of child.

Derwin Sr. said he was coaching a team of 6- and 7-year-old kids when he finally relented to the tugging on his pants leg and allowed Derwin Jr. to join them. He recalled his boy being 4 at the time.

"He was just begging to play," Derwin Sr. said. "We put that kid in some pads and the rest is history."

Having worked two places at once when Derwin Jr. was an infant, Shanita said she assumed another significant responsibility later. She emphasized the importance of succeeding in school, too, understanding the possibilities awaiting her firstborn.

"That was my other job," she said. "I made sure I did that."

Derwin Jr. began high school next door in Auburndale, where he arrived with a familiar name and too much talent and want-to to go unnoticed. He was long and lanky, an eye-grabbing sort of sleek.

The kid's body was different. Derwin Jr. was stronger than he appeared to be, ran faster than he looked to be moving and could dunk a basketball with an almost bizarre ease.

"It was crazy how freakish of an athlete he was at 15," said Auburndale basketball coach Eric Robinson. "He had that crazy athletic build. His body looked all — I don't know how else to say it — crazy."

Still, the rules were simple as presented by the man who was then the school's head football coach. No freshmen on varsity. Period.

Rick Smith was a defensive assistant at the time and still can recall the reaction when the edict was presented.

"Every one of the varsity coaches was like, 'There's no way you're keeping Derwin down,' " Smith said. "He was probably our best player already. I mean, we almost said it in unison."

By then, they had identified the enormous potential and everything else that suggested Derwin Jr. was a rarity.

The kid would lift weights to the point where coaches had to tell him to stop. He was smart and continually asking questions because he wanted to be smarter. He didn't just watch film; Derwin Jr. decoded it.

In something that felt like an instant, he was escaping his father's shadow as an ascending college football recruit but also reflecting light back on everything Derwin Sr. had been by reminding locals of the stories of "Blue" James.

Derwin Jr. has said he knew he wanted to play for Florida State as early as first grade. Then-Seminoles head coach Jimbo Fisher wasn't that far behind in that thinking.

Haggins visited Auburndale during Derwin Jr.'s first season, noticed him lining up all over the place — on both sides of the ball — and then looked at a roster. Speaking to no one in particular, Haggins recalled saying aloud, "You're telling me that's a freshman?"

When he returned to Tallahassee, Haggins said he walked into the football offices and, so excited about what he had just witnessed, couldn't resist presenting his findings in a way what would be memorable.

He opened by apologizing to Fisher for missing on Derwin Jr., admitting a kid that noticeable somehow had ducked his radar. Then Haggins played the video from Auburndale, pointed to Derwin Jr. streaking across the screen and told Fisher he was a senior.

With Fisher about to explode, Haggins said he laughed and informed his boss that Derwin Jr., in truth, was just a freshman. Fisher's response: "We need to offer him now!"

The offer did come, after just another day or two, Haggins remembering tears pooling in the eyes of both Derwin Sr. and Jr., who committed immediately. They called Shanita with the news and she cried, as well.

During his two years at Auburndale, Derwin Jr. became a star in football and track and a team-first grinder in basketball, one who applied his abundant athletic talents to the grunt work. Setting screens. Rebounding. Blocking shots.

He also emerged quickly as a leader despite being an underclassman at a new school and playing a sport that was no better than his third-best.

“Everyone heard his voice when he talked,” Robinson said. “There were things I didn’t have to worry about. I knew he’d take care of it. I mean, who’s gonna bow up to Derwin James?”

For his final two high school years, Derwin Jr. attended Haines City High, rejoining many of the kids with whom he grew up.

He continued roaming the entire field — too dynamic for one position, Derwin Jr. played them all — often accurately calling out the opposition’s plans pre-snap because he recognized what was coming from his Monday film study.

He kept pushing iron until finally, as a senior, he passed even Gee, his old Haines City coach, in the bench press. To fully grasp the significance of that accomplishment, realize that today all the Hornets’ athletes work out in the Coach Olin Gee Weight Room, named this spring after the thick, broad-shouldered career educator.

Having started at 135 pounds, Derwin Jr. maxed out in high school with a bench press of 415.

But here’s the thing about Derwin Jr. and his strength: He always has displayed a capacity to lift more than just weight.

“What you see in L.A., that’s what we saw in Polk County,” Robinson said. “Fun-loving, always smiling, always positive. People loved Derwin. And I mean not just on Friday nights.”

Said Haggins: “He puts others before him. ... Guys like that, they come around once in a lifetime.”

The display is entirely fitting, if not completely accurate. A small gold plate near the bottom identifies Derwin Jr. as the 17th overall pick of the 2018 draft — all true — but selected by the “San Diego” Chargers.

Though he changed high schools, Derwin Jr.’s commitment to Florida State remained permanent, just like the Seminoles tattoo he wore on his upper left arm long before he played for Florida State.

During his senior year, Derwin Jr. even told Haggins that the coach didn’t have to continue calling him every week, that his promise to be a Seminole couldn’t be shaken.

“He never deviated,” Haggins said. “He told me once, ‘Look on my arm, Coach. You’ve seen it. I’m coming to Florida State.’ That kind of commitment tells you something about a young man.”

If a single play could define Derwin Jr.’s time in Tallahassee, it came during his freshman season, against rival Florida.

Lined up at defensive end in a pass-rush situation, he bullied to the ground a fifth-year senior named Mason Halter, who was listed at 6 feet 6, 295 pounds, four inches taller and 80 pounds heavier than Derwin Jr. weighs to this day.

“As coaches, we all looked at each other like, ‘What?’ ” Haggins recalled. “One of the greatest plays I’ve ever seen.”

After beginning his time at Florida State with only “James” on his back, Derwin Jr. later added the nod to his father after he approached Derwin Sr. and shared his intentions.

The decision meant a jersey alternation that was minor — just the inclusion of “Jr.” — yet carried significance that was anything but.

“It was a proud moment,” Derwin Sr. said. “I told him, ‘OK, do your thing, baby.’ That was cool.”

With the Chargers, the “Jr.” appeared at the start of his second season. By then, Derwin Jr. had made an impact that was just as impressive and equally as immediate as the moment he demolished that Florida offensive lineman.

In his NFL debut, against AFC West rival Kansas City, Derwin Jr. broke up a pass some 40 yards downfield to open the second quarter.

Two snaps later he was in the backfield, sacking Patrick Mahomes.

Turns out, Derwin Jr. had time-stamped his arrival in the league even before facing the Chiefs. That August, he sent his father a training-camp video of him intercepting Philip Rivers in practice.

“He picked off Phil at the goal line,” said Derwin Sr., who still has the video on his phone. “Oh yeah, baby. That was big. I came off my seat on that one. ‘My boy! Ain’t nobody gonna stop him from bein’ great!’ ”

After signing his rookie deal, Derwin Jr. bought his mother a five-bedroom, four-bath home in a gated community in Auburndale. For his father, he purchased a truck.

Both parents still work and said they will continue to do so even if, as expected, Derwin Jr. soon signs an extension that could make him the highest-paid safety in the league.

Shanita, who has been employed at McKesson Pharmaceutical for 17 years, said she prefers to earn her own money, and that she can make no claim to the millions her son has collected.

Having spent 26 years working with at-risk youth, Derwin Sr. looks at the situation through eyes so familiar with sometimes-stark, often-unforgiving central Florida.

“I like to sit back and reflect on where we come from,” he said. “I grew up picking oranges. And not just me, but his momma’s side of the family, too. I mean, picking oranges! We all did harvest work. That’s just the way it was.”

After missing the first 11 games of the 2019 season because of injury, Derwin Jr.’s second game back came in his home state, in Jacksonville. He finished with six tackles, including one for loss, and a pass breakup as the Chargers won by five touchdowns.

Sitting in the stands that overcast December afternoon, Derwin Sr. said he stared down and marveled at what he was witnessing, the reality hitting him deeper than ever before.

“I’m looking at my son and saying, ‘Man, he’s dominating out here. He’s the best of the best,’” Derwin Sr. remembered.

“Just a little country boy from ol’ Polk County. That was like, ‘My boy is here to stay.’ ”

Having been to Southern California several times for games, Derwin Sr. said he still isn’t accustomed to seeing his son’s face all over town, whether on a billboard for Oakley or a mural in Venice Beach.

He said a friend recently sent him a picture of Derwin Jr. featured on an advertisement in a Las Vegas mall.

The image caused chills, similar to the ones Derwin Sr. said he feels when seeing “Pooh Bear” on the giant SoFi Stadium video board.

“He’s everywhere,” Derwin Sr. said. “You can’t get rid of him. ‘Damn, you everywhere, son.’ You just have to think about it, think about where we come from and say, ‘Wow!’ ”

Derwin Jr. is everywhere — on the field and off it. Sometimes, it’s like there are two Derwin Jameses. Yeah, sometimes. Like now.

'He can do it all': Derwin James remains a rare constant for Chargers defense

By Lindsey Thiry
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COSTA MESA, Calif. -- Kansas City Chiefs tight end Travis Kelce caught a pass, then spun to his left for a sprint downfield.

The 6-foot-5, 250-pound tight end dodged two Los Angeles Chargers defenders, but had no luck avoiding a third.

At the Chargers three-yard line, Bolts safety Derwin James Jr. upended Kelce in a move that resembled a signature slam from the WWE's most famous wrestler the Undertaker.

"WWE style right there!" Chargers defensive lineman Sebastian Joseph-Day said of James' tackle.

"That was crazy," Chargers wide receiver Mike Williams said. "D.J., he brings the wood, he tackles real hard."

James' stop was one that even Kelce had to admire.

"You good, brother?" James asked after the ensuing snap.

"That was a hell of a play," Kelce admitted.

The Bolts fell to the division-rival Chiefs in that Week 2 matchup, 27-24, but will have a chance to split the season series when they meet again at SoFi Stadium on "Sunday Night Football" (8:20 p.m. ET, NBC).

Void of a postseason appearance since 2018, the Chargers (5-4) are clinging to the final spot in the playoff race, and are chasing the division-leading Chiefs (7-2) in the AFC West.

The Bolts have a 48 percent chance to make the playoffs entering Week 11, and their chances improve to 69 percent with a win, but fall to 42 percent with a loss, according to ESPN's Football Power Index.

This will be the Chargers' second consecutive game in primetime, a place James has shined this season, but where his team has otherwise fallen flat at 0-2.

Last Sunday night, in a 22-16 loss to the San Francisco 49ers, James set the tone early in a stout defensive performance when he delivered a punishing hit to strip the ball loose from wide receiver Brandon Aiyuk, forcing a turnover recovered by cornerback Asante Samuel Jr.

"We had really talked about attacking the football in that game," coach Brandon Staley said. "It was kind one of those virtuoso Derwin performances. He was everywhere, doing everything, for us."

"Teamwork made the dream work," said Samuel, who made initial contact with Aiyuk before recovering the loose ball. "Derwin was right there."

Being "right there" is a common theme for James, a 26-year-old, fifth-year pro, who signed a record-breaking four-year, \$76.5-million extension before the season.

"Derwin James is a guy that just is all over the place," Jacksonville Jaguars coach Doug Pederson said before facing James in Week 3.

"They line him up as an outside rush or a stack back, or they line him up in as a secondary safety position, potentially a nickel guy. I mean it's just all over the field and it's a credit to him and his knowledge and understanding of the defense."

Prior to handing Houston a loss in Week 4, Texans coach Lovie Smith said, "He can do it all ... He's one of those guys that you love watching and you're not all excited when he is on the other side of the football field."

James has played free safety for most of the snaps this season and spent significant time lining up as an outside linebacker and slot cornerback, while also competing as a cornerback and inside linebacker.

He has amassed 85 tackles, a league-high among defensive backs, and three sacks, ranking him tied for second among DBs.

"To be able to do as much as he does on the football field, not only what he is doing, but how he is doing it -- and how challenging that is physically and mentally, like the tax -- it would just be hard to explain to people the tax that Derwin has on him during a week," Staley said. "That's what special players in the league get paid for, for that tax. But he always answers the bell and there is no role that he won't perform."

This season, arguably more than any other recently, the Bolts have needed it.

The Chargers entered the season expecting to field playmakers, like edge rushers Khalil Mack and Joey Bosa, at every level of the defense. Interior linemen Joseph-Day and Austin Johnson, both signed in free agency, along with cornerback J.C. Jackson.

But they have been decimated by injuries.

Bosa, Jackson and Johnson all have been placed on injured reserve, along with backup linemen Obito Ogbornia and Christian Covington.

Tempered optimism remains that Bosa could return this season, but no timeline has been provided.

The Bolts defense ranks 23rd in efficiency, allowing 25.3 points per game (Ranks 29th), an average of 146.8 rushing yards (30th) and 5.4 rushing yards per attempt (31st).

The crux of their run defense has been explosive plays. The Bolts have allowed six runs this season of more than 40 yards and four that have gone for 50 or more yards --- the most in the NFL in both categories.

"It's been a huge emphasis for our team. We're going to continue to do it," defensive coordinator Renaldo Hill said of limiting explosive runs. "The only way that I know how to get better is to continue going onto the practice field, continue trying to meet together, make sure that we're seeing the puzzle in the run game the same way."

Coaches and players have avoided using injuries as an excuse for any shortcoming, and some have gone so far to say that no excuses are even necessary.

"We can't make excuses, no one cares," James said. "KC don't care. So we have to go play."

"We've kind of been winning," Samuel said. "We can't just give excuses. This is the NFL and other people are getting hurt on other teams."

The Chiefs boast the top-scoring offense, averaging 29 points per game behind quarterback Patrick Mahomes league-best 25 passing touchdowns.

"He's one of the best, mobile quarterback, being able to not only throw from the pocket but being able to throw on the run," James said.

"Right when you think you got him, he can make that last throw or right when you have him, he can make it, so just being able to play him honest, straight up, so you got to be ready."

The Chargers will look to James, who is often described by coaches and teammates as the "heartbeat" of the team, to establish a presence early.

"Tough, rugged, physical, smart, dependable and he's not afraid to get his nose bloody," Joseph-Day said of James.

James said he has not watched his WWE-style tackle on Kelce since Week 2.

"I've been every week worrying about the next team," he said.

However, Hill said the body slam has appeared in film sessions throughout the week and that an encore would be welcome.

"It has shown up just being a crossover game and we're gonna look back at that game and it's still the oohs and ahhs," Hill said.

"We know we have to be physical with these guys and it's going to take everybody, not just Derwin. But if he can do that again I think it would be a tone-setter."

QUENTIN JOHNSTON

The Inside Story of How the Chargers Drafted Quentin Johnston

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Mike Jasinski knew two things were certain as he arrived on the campus of Texas Christian University on August 11.

The first was that it was going to be hot. After all, it was Texas in mid-August.

The second was that he wanted to get to TCU as early as possible, and not to beat the heat.

Jasinski, less than three months into his new role as Chargers area scout for the Southwest, needed to get a head start on making connections and finding out as much information as possible about potential TCU draftees.

What Jasinski didn't know was that the Horned Frogs were about to embark on a magical season that would culminate with an appearance in the National Championship.

Or that he was about to get his first in-person look at TCU's best offensive playmaker, someone who would eventually become the Bolts' first-round pick in the 2023 NFL Draft.

Wide receiver Quentin Johnston — all 6-foot-3 and 208 pounds of him — didn't take long to make an impression on Jasinski.

"I was talking to the strength coach off to the side, and they were just doing some routes on air and warming up," Jasinski recalled. "But out of the corner of my eye, I see a red-zone fade ball that Quentin goes up for. It felt like the guy was just levitating in the air.

"That was my first live exposure to him, and you felt it," Jasinski continued. "Guys that end up as first-round players, their movements just feel different. There's no doubt about it.

"The strength coach saw it, too," Jasinski added. "He had a wry smirk and just kind of said, 'Oh yeah, he can do that.' You see stuff on film but then you see that and it was just so effortless. It was just like, 'Wow, OK. This guy is different.' His explosiveness just really stood out."

Jasinski wasn't the only person connected to the Chargers in attendance for that summer practice in Fort Worth.

Hall of Fame running back LaDainian Tomlinson was there, too, back on the campus where TCU's all-time leading rusher established himself as a college football legend.

Roughly nine months later, everything came full circle.

On the clock with the 21st overall pick — and Tomlinson himself on stage at the team's draft party — the Chargers selected Johnston with both a short and long-term vision in mind for him to boost the offense.

"He's big, strong and fast. That's a good way to start it off as a player," Chargers General Manager Tom Telesco said of Johnston after Round 1. "Great work ethic that we love. We know all these players that are drafted, they're all talented. But once they get in this league, it takes a lot of work to get to where you want to go and keep improving.

"He has some physical characteristics that we think he can add to our offense in a different role," Telesco added. "We're trying to give Justin [Herbert], our whole offense and [Offensive Coordinator] Kellen Moore a lot of different styles of players to use in different situations. We think he can fit that."

Here is the inside story of how the Chargers scouted Johnston, the impression he made on them and how the wide receiver eventually ended up in powder blue.

That scorching August day wasn't the first time Johnston appeared on the Chargers radar.

While the focus of the NFL Draft ramps up each spring, teams often scout players years before they even declare for the draft.

Johnston — who was a top-75 overall recruit in the nation coming out of high school — began generating buzz as far back as his freshman season.

The job of an area scout is to evaluate which players could be drafted the following April. But it's also to keep tabs on players who could be top prospects a year or two down the road.

Tyler Lyon, a Pro and College Scout for the Bolts working out of the team's training facility, was the Chargers area scout for the Southwest before Jasinski took over that role roughly a year ago.

If you're looking for the first person who scouted Johnston for the Chargers, it's Lyon.

Lyon said he knew of Johnston in 2020 when the freshman wide receiver led the Horned Frogs in receiving yards — the first of three straight seasons he'd accomplish that.

And while Johnston had shown flashes of potential, his breakout game came in mid-October of 2021 against Oklahoma.

Johnston did it all against the Sooners, catching seven passes for a whopping 185 yards and three touchdowns.

"He had a big running catch down the sideline, got behind the defense ... you could see the speed," said Lyon, who was in attendance that day in Norman. "After that I kind of honed in on him a little more even though he was a sophomore. Just watched him a little more to see how he got out of his breaks.

"That's the thing for me, how big he is, how he's able to move like that," Lyon added. "Like, 'OK, this is the real deal right here'. He was also a high recruit, he's one of the best recruits TCU's gotten in a long time. When you go in as an area scout, that's something you look at. If he's a top recruit and he has production, easy start."

Two weeks after Johnston's performance against Oklahoma, TCU and longtime football coach Gary Patterson mutually agreed to part ways.

With the staff on the way out, Lyon took advantage of the turnover to get as much info as possible on Johnston despite the fact he was still a sophomore and a year away from possibly declaring.

"I made sure I got their opinion on him before the next staff came in," Lyon said.

Not much changed with Johnston in the first six months of 2022.

The Chargers front office and personnel department was focused on the 2022 NFL Draft, which included the likes of Zion Johnson, Jamaree Salyer and others.

But a few weeks after that ended, the Bolts held their annual summer meetings to get a head start on the 2023 NFL Draft.

Johnston was about to pop up on many people's radars with the Chargers. He was certainly on Jasinski's, who'd already done a deep dive into his film.

"He jumped off right away. I had heard of his name, so I was intrigued," Jasinski said. "But as soon as you watch film on him ... guys that end up going high kind of jump off the screen a little bit and move a little different.

"He certainly did ... it was pretty instantaneous that you knew he had a lot of ability," Jasinski added.

So, when Jasinski was asked to submit his list of the Top 30 players in his area heading into the 2023 season, Johnston was on the top tier.

For many within the Bolts front office, including Justin Sheridan, it was their first exposure to Johnston. Sheridan is a national crosschecker for the Chargers, meaning he dives into prospects after the initial evaluations have been completed.

Sheridan offered high praise of Johnston, who immediately stood out as one of the best wide receivers in the nation.

"It wasn't hard to see that this kid was really talented," Sheridan said. "But when you look at the whole country, he was the best in the West for me from the jump.

"Just the combination of the stuff he did and put on tape, he stood out to me," Sheridan added. "Q was on the radar early and often. Big, fast and strong ... and he affects the game at all three levels."

It was no surprise then that Sheridan's first in-person college football game of the 2023 season was to see Johnston.

TCU was on the road in Colorado, and Sheridan was fired up to watch No. 1 for the Horned Frogs as he settled in next to Jasinski in Boulder.

But the life of a scout is about riding the ups and downs, especially as Johnston tallied just three catches for 22 yards in a season opener that was delayed nearly 45 minutes due to lightning in the area.

The Horned Frogs, under new coach Sonny Dykes, mustered just 63 yards of offense and no offensive points in the first half.

And while they turned it on in the second half for a 25-point win, Johnston wasn't targeted much as the Horned Frogs also underwent a change at quarterback.

"Mike and I were both at the game, we sat side-by-side," Sheridan said. "TCU was stuck in the mud almost and had nothing going offensively.

"It's luck of the draw in scouting. You schedule them when you can," Sheridan added.

Jasinski said he felt the same sentiments as Sheridan after the Colorado game.

"You knew it was going to happen, it was just a matter of time before everything would click," Jasinski said of a possible big-time performance from Johnston.

Sure enough, Johnston got the nation's attention on October 8 on the road against Kansas.

With both teams undefeated and ranked in the Top 20, Johnston announced his presence with career-best totals of 14 catches and 206 yards.

Jasinski, who had watched the Texas-Oklahoma game, could only smile as he listened on the radio in his rental car.

"You could see the guy's body movement and you knew it was coming," Jasinski said. "Would it have been great to see it in person? Maybe.

"But in the grand scheme of scouting, you can't put too much stock into one game. It just skews your opinion," Jasinski added. "It doesn't matter when it happened, just that it did happen."

Johnston was just getting started, posting multiple mega games while helping lead TCU to the National Championship.

There was his 180-yard performance against Oklahoma State, a 139-yard showing against Kansas State in the Big 12 title game and, of course, his 163-yard masterpiece in the College Football Playoff semifinal.

By the time Johnston officially declared for the NFL Draft in mid-January, the Chargers knew all about him.

"The size that he has, he can run, he's long, he can run, he's athletic, he can make plays with the ball in his hands," said JoJo Wooden, the Chargers Director of Player Personnel. "You see him make big plays down the field, you see him make big plays between the numbers as well. You just saw him do it a lot.

"Obviously, great program, had a lot of success this past year so you knew about the quarterback and some of the other guys they had down there as well," Wooden added. "Just jumps out on you when you watch one guy and you see this other guy making all the plays as well, so it's pretty easy scouting."

Hoag Performance Center was bustling in mid-February.

The 2023 NFL Scouting Combine was two weeks away and the Chargers' entire scouting department had assembled in the Draft Room for important meetings.

Jasinski could likely tell you about Johnston in his sleep by this point. And others around the organization were also high on the 21-year-old from TCU.

"What stood out for me was the consensus on it. We all felt the same way," said Kevin Kelly, the Chargers Senior Director of College Scouting. "Q is exactly what you look for in a receiver – he's big, he's fast, his catch radius, his competitiveness, his production.

"We just really liked the whole package," Kelly added.

At this point, Jasinski had talked to Johnston by phone to get a sense of the person and not the player.

Both of Johnston's parents, Carl and Sherry, are Army veterans. Carl was in Kuwait in 1995 and Sherry served during Operation Desert Storm.

A day after getting drafted, Johnston credited his parents for helping him reach the NFL.

"Both of my parents were in the Army. The baseline of who I am, of Quentin, is based on discipline and respect," Johnston said. "That's something that I feel like has stayed with me from the time I could talk until now, and something that I'm going to keep doing.

"There was a lot of waking up early in the morning just to do whatever — a lot of everything, being on-point. I got used to it and that's just how I move now," Johnston added.

When asked for his biggest inspiration, Johnston referenced his parents again.

"That's who I am, as a person. I see a lot of myself in them, whether it's something that I say, it's something that my dad would do," Johnston said. "For sure, them."

Jasinski said he picked up on Johnston's strong upbringing when the two talked by phone.

"He's a very humble guy. You could tell he was brought up right," Jasinski said. "Parents were in the military, his uncle was in the Navy. Very respectful, very direct.

"He was open and honest, but just a humble guy," Jasinski added. "Not lacking confidence but he had a sense of humility about it, which I appreciated."

And when it came time to bring Johnston up to a packed room of NFL evaluators, Jasinski didn't mince words.

"I do my best to be as consistent as I can in terms of talking about the player, wherever they may be stacked or wherever you may have them," Jasinski said. "But your enthusiasm for a guy will show through a little bit.

"You imagine in your own head the vision you can see on your roster and how he could help the room and elevate our offense," Jasinski continued. "You want to make it be known you like this player and that he could do X, Y and Z for us. Make sure that everyone who is in the room feels the emotion of where I'm at with that.

"He was always one of the top guys. He jumped out and stayed that way throughout," Jasinski added. "There was the Texas running back [Bijan Robinson] that people were high on, and Q was right there as well. He was a guy we were really interested in."

Two weeks later, the Chargers and the rest of the NFL descended upon Indianapolis for the Combine.

Johnston was about to meet key Chargers decision makers for the first time in person. He made sure to not waste the opportunity.

One of the most frenzied weeks of the NFL year takes place in Indianapolis at the Combine.

For a player like Johnston — a junior who was too young to participate in annual All-Star games — the Combine is where teams get an in-depth, in-person look at certain college players.

And when it comes time for those ever-important 15-minute interviews, teams try to cram as much information as they can into that small window.

Whatever Johnston said during his 15 minutes certainly stuck with Chargers Head Coach Brandon Staley, who referenced that initial meeting in a phone call to the wide receiver on draft night.

"Q! Hey, this is Coach Staley. You made a big time first impression on me in that Combine interview," Staley said. "We've been studying you ever since and we were hoping this day would come, man."

An hour later, Staley referenced that Combine interview in a post-draft press conference.

"There are some times when you don't learn anything from those interviews," Staley said. "And then there are some times where you just have a feeling from a guy that, 'Man, I'd like to join up with him.'

"I think there are some times when a guy leaves a 15-minute interview and you look at each other and say, 'Yeah, that's one of us,' and that's how we felt. All it is a feeling," Staley added. "Then, you have to dive deep into the player. But it's one of those impressions that he made on us where there's just a focus, there's a maturity, there's a pride."

Kelly and Chargers wide receivers coach Chris Beatty led the interview that night in Indianapolis.

Each recalled what they took away from their short time with Johnston.

"You could tell he was 'Yes, sir. No, sir.' The military background kind of shows up when you meet him," Beatty said. "I think he had better knowledge of the offense and what the position entails than most because sometimes you get in there and certain college systems don't teach a lot of the things that translate to the pros, but he had some of that in his game.

"He had been coached up by those guys pretty well, so I think those things showed up," Beatty added. "Really it's more about getting a feel — because the meetings are so short — so it's really more getting a feel of would this guy fit in our room, does he fit in our culture, those kinds of things, which I thought he did."

Kelly added: "Oh yeah, there really was [a good vibe]. He's just a tremendous young man. It was reminiscent of Mike [Williams] when we interviewed, scouted and recruited him out of Clemson. He's just got a real positive vibe; confident guy like Mike. Players like that, you just want to find a way to get them on your team. The other 31 teams are watching the film and interviewing the same players. Quentin, he'll impress everybody."

With one box clearly checked, Johnston then impressed on the field at Lucas Oil Stadium.

While he didn't do any running or agility drills, Johnston wowed in a pair of jumps, showing off his elite athleticism in both the vertical jump (40.5 inches) and the broad jump (11 feet, two inches).

Johnston's broad jump was in the 98th percentile of prospects, and his vertical jump was in the 96th percentile of this year's class.

"It's more of a checks and balances. You never want to be swayed way high or way low on a guy because of what he does in a pair of shorts," Sheridan said. "He did the jumps in Indy but jumped out of the gym. You could see the twitch and athleticism from his background as a basketball player."

Johnston would eventually run the 40-yard dash and do other agility drills at TCU's Pro Day in late March.

And with the 2023 NFL Draft creeping up on the calendar, Johnston had cemented himself as one of the top wide receiver prospects across the league.

The Chargers drafted board had been set, and the hay was in the barn.

Now it was a waiting game until April 27.

Tom Telesco had a feeling that the latter half of the first round would see a run on wide receivers.

No receivers had been taken by the middle of Round 1, but teams who were potentially interested in drafting one were looming.

Sure enough, Seattle took Ohio State's Jaxon Smith-Njigba with the 20th overall pick. The run commenced, as the Chargers took Johnston followed by Zay Flowers landing in Baltimore and Minnesota taking Jordan Addison.

It was the first time in draft history that four wide receivers had been drafted in succession.

Up at the Chargers draft party at Westfield Century City in Los Angeles, the Bolts were elated.

"No question. I thought as far as the things that we look for, he's a really good fit short term and long term," Beatty said. "We were really happy with the one that we got. At the end of the day, as soon as you make the pick and you celebrate, then you start thinking of how we're going to use them."

Was Beatty pushing for a wide receiver at No. 21 overall?

"Everyone is selfish," Beatty said with a laugh. "Everybody wants their position to get drafted so at the end of the day when you get to 15, 16, 17 and you're like 'Man, no receivers have gone,' you're always hoping one of them falls that we have a high grade on."

Telesco and Wooden, two of the Chargers' top decision makers, credited the Bolts front office for hours and hours of prep work.

And when the board unfolded the way it did, nobody was fazed when the Chargers were on the clock.

"You don't go into the draft saying, 'Hey, this is the position that we're going to take.' We've never done that before. We didn't do that today," Telesco said after Round 1. "As we got about six or seven picks away, we kind of saw what our group was with that pick."

"Do we want to trade out? Do we want to stay and pick? We decided to stay and pick," Telesco added.

Wooden said: "There was a good plan in place in terms of the different scenarios or possibilities that were there. It wasn't a surprise that it kind of ended up the way it did, at least for me. We knew we were going to have options there and again, all the work we had done up to that kind of played out exactly that way when it came to that pick."

So, after months and months of scouting and evaluating Johnston, what made him the pick?

To start, there was the rare combination size (6-foot-3 and 208 pounds) and athleticism (see those testing numbers above).

Everyone with the Chargers who scouted Johnston all expressed similar versions of their evaluations of him.

"We love his run-after-catch skills," Telesco said. "He's a big receiver, but he has really quick feet to change directions — so he can not only try and make somebody miss to make yards but also, he's big and strong to pull through some tackles."

Jasinski added: "When he was running routes, you felt like he was a 5-foot-11 guy. He can really sink his hips and you really don't see that with second-level routes like Quentin had. It was pretty rare. He can run curls, digs, outs ... and run it like a smaller guy."

Wooden said: "He's built like an NFL receiver. That was a big thing for us as well, he had NFL size, he runs well, he can catch the ball, he's athletic. The way they used him at TCU, he wasn't just running deep balls, he was doing other things that you saw him do as well, just like the whole package."

Beatty also offered his pre-draft scouting report on Johnston's all-around game.

"I thought he was really light on his feet. Really good after the catch. The first thing that popped out to me was his ability to transition into a ball carrier, like, right now," Beatty said. "His RAC [run after catch] was tremendous. He doesn't have a lot of wasted motion, he makes people miss without having to come to a stop and he can make people miss on the move."

"I think he's got some small forward to his game, but he also has the ability to be a power forward and dunk on guys and go over their heads. He can do both of them at the same time," Beatty continued.

"He checked all the boxes," Beatty added.

The Chargers are not going to ask Johnston to be WR1 as a rookie. Not in a room with Keenan Allen, Mike Williams and Joshua Palmer.

But Beatty wants him to compete for playing time as if he is a top target, a role he certainly might grow into down the road.

"At the end of the day, making him feel at ease that he doesn't have to carry us," Beatty said. "That's one of the great things about this situation is. He's got Mike Williams, he's got Keenan Allen and he's got Josh Palmer ... they've been in this league over time. So it's not like we're counting on you to come in and be the No. 1 receiver on Day 1, but that being said, he should compete to be the No. 1 receiver on Day 1. They kind of both go together," Beatty added.

Johnston said the established trio of receivers stopped by his hotel room in Southern California after he was drafted to check in on him and welcome him to the squad.

"Letting me know that we were all family. Letting me know what to expect," Johnston recalled of the first interaction. "Kind of a crash course they gave me of what to expect, how stuff is run, a baseline so that I could get an understanding and feel for the football team, as much as I can at that point."

"That's everything," Johnston added. "I feel like I came into a good situation, starting off initially under some guys that have been in the league, playing at a high level for a minute. I feel like I can pick a lot of their game, apply it to mine, then kind of expand from there."

The man tasked with finding a way to get Johnston involved in the Bolts offense said he can't wait to get started on that process.

"Q really stood out for us as we went through the process," said Chargers Offensive Coordinator Kellen Moore. "Everyone kind of sees the measurables, the size as far as the height and the weight. What he did for TCU from his versatility, I thought, was really, really special."

"His ability to kind of catch-and-run, he was a fly-sweep guy. He got the ball in a lot of different ways," Moore added. "You saw a lot of versatility in his game that maybe, initially, someone may not have necessarily anticipated. We were really excited that he was there and available for us."

On a larger scale, the selection of Johnston makes it three straight years the Chargers have drafted an offensive player to build around quarterback Justin Herbert.

"Certainly, as you're building your offense, we're building it around our franchise quarterback," Telesco said.

The Chargers hope Johnston makes an immediate impact as a rookie as he goes through the rookie learning curve in the NFL.

But they also have lofty plans for him down the line, too.

"Taking a guy in the first round, you're not taking him for the next three or four years, you're taking him for the next 10 years. That's the plan," Lyon said. "That is something to definitely consider and for him, he fits in short term and long term."

Johnston donned a Chargers jersey for the first time earlier this month at rookie minicamp.

And while Johnston's official NFL debut (Week 1 at home against the Dolphins) is still roughly four months away, the wide receiver's journey with the Bolts has just begun.

It was the culmination of incredible effort from tons of people over multiple years.

"I've moved onto 2024," said a laughing Jasinski, who was already grinding the tape on a prospect for next year. "I don't see it as a feather in my cap because we're all working for the same goal. But I'm genuinely excited to get him because I think he can add another element to our offense."

"Quentin, in some ways, is still kind of new to the game," Jasinski added. "The fact that he's going to be in a room with Mike Williams and Keenan Allen and what makes those guys great, plus adding what Quentin can do, he can just elevate our whole offense. The validation is just being able to watch him play and add to our offense."

Chargers rookie makes good on draft-night promise: His mom's officially retiring

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COSTA MESA, Calif. -- With his parents Sherry and Carl Johnston standing at his side, Quentin Johnston watched on television as commissioner Roger Goodell announced that the Los Angeles Chargers were selecting him with the No. 21 overall pick in the 2023 NFL draft.

"Yesss!" Carl shouted amid boisterous cheers at his son's draft party in Dallas.

"You did it baby!" Sherry screamed.

When emotions simmered, the wide receiver stood up to deliver a speech to his family and friends.

"I just want to give a big shout-out to my mom," he said in a steady voice. "She's going to be putting her two weeks' notice in today. She can retire. I don't want you working another day."

Thursday is Sherry's final day at the VA Hospital in Temple, Texas, where she has worked as a secretary for 24 years after serving in the U.S. Army. She will now join Carl in retirement.

"When he said that to me, I couldn't believe it," Sherry said, describing Quentin's draft-night speech. "It was mind-blowing."

The Chargers selected the 6-foot-3, 208-pound Johnston with a first-round pick to provide a deep-threat target for quarterback Justin Herbert and round out a receiving corps that includes Keenan Allen, Mike Williams and Joshua Palmer.

His four-year rookie contract, with a fifth-year team option, is worth \$14.19 million and fully guaranteed. It also includes a signing bonus of \$7.32 million.

"The money is cool, but I don't plan on sitting there and blowing it," Johnston said. "I'm going to have it in my savings account. I'm not really focused on the money, I'm focused on football."

And his family.

Johnston's dream of making it to the NFL came into focus while playing at TCU. His draft grade as a junior soared after helping the Horned Frogs to a national championship appearance last season.

"We could see what type of player that he was, what he meant for TCU," coach Brandon Staley said. "On the field, he's capable of so much, but when you can get a special person, a special leader, like him, that makes it even a stronger pick."

Johnston says he wouldn't be in a position to achieve his goals if it weren't for the sacrifices of his parents.

Sherry constantly put Quentin and his younger brother, Xavier, ahead of herself. He recalled a specific time when his mom had to forgo her own favorite pastime of singing in church to shuttle him to a basketball tournament.

Sherry expressed amazement that Quentin remembered that instance, because to her, it was inconsequential; she was doing what she believed any mom should.

"It was nothing for me to just not do whatever -- whether it's singing or doing something else that I wanted to do, I don't think about that kind of stuff," Sherry said. "You just do it and for him to ... that touched me for him to think about something like that."

Carl, also a U.S. Army veteran, slipped on a pair of dark shades to hide the tears when the commissioner announced his son's name. And he knew more would come streaming after spending several months helping Quentin perfect his mom's surprise.

"We went over that a few times and once it came to it, the way he put it out there, it was just so eloquent," Carl said. "The way he did it, it was flowing. I said, 'Man, you did a great job.'"

For Sherry, the decision to leave her job and retire wasn't automatic. She planned on working about 10 more years and mulled for weeks over the decision before Quentin provided a final nudge.

"He was like, 'Mama, I don't want to hear it,'" Sherry said. "I was trying to explain to him why I felt like I should work and he said, 'Mama, you always talk about how God blesses us with stuff,' and he said, 'Bless me with this opportunity to retire you.'"

"Well, that makes sense," Sherry thought.

Seven weeks to the day her son began his professional career, Sherry Johnston is officially retired.

How Quentin Johnston can help Chargers, Justin Herbert take the top off defenses

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COSTA MESA, Calif. -- Los Angeles Chargers general manager Tom Telesco says he's never met a coach who didn't want speed on his roster.

Telesco's staff is no different.

However, the 2022 Bolts lacked the type of speed that's crucial to create an explosive offense.

That no longer is expected to be an issue.

With a first-round pick, the 21st overall selection, the Chargers selected TCU receiver Quentin Johnston, a 6-foot-4, 208-pound deep-threat target who also possesses an ability to create after the catch.

"He's big, strong and fast," said Telesco, entering his 11th season as general manager. "He has some physical characteristics that we think he can add to our offense in a different role."

Translation: Quarterback Justin Herbert should have every opportunity to air the ball out in 2023.

"What I can do with the ball in my hands is something that, I feel like, it's a no-brainer for somebody to pick me," Johnston said after his selection.

Herbert, entering his fourth season, has a complete arsenal of playmakers, including receivers Keenan Allen, Mike Williams and Joshua Palmer, running back Austin Ekeler and tight end Gerald Everett. The Chargers will attempt to improve on their 10th-ranked average of 22.5 points per game last season.

First-year offensive coordinator Kellen Moore, who held the same post with the Dallas Cowboys the past four seasons with his offense ranking in the top four in points per game (27.7), yards per game (391) and third-down conversion percentage (44%), said creating explosive opportunities has been among topics discussed throughout the offseason.

"It's a collaborative effort," Moore said. "At the end of the day, when you do have explosive opportunities, you need to take advantage of those. It's a quicker way to get to the end zone and, ultimately, when you look at the statistics, explosive plays [have] a huge impact on who's winning games."

The Cowboys under Moore ranked 11th in rate of explosive plays (10.1%), qualified as a 10-yard run or 20-yard pass play, while the Chargers the past two seasons under former coordinator Joe Lombardi ranked 30th (8.1%).

"Kellen's offense is going to bring some more explosions with it," Telesco said, "and then adding this receiver in the draft, who had a ton of explosive plays in college -- both on long balls and on short passes that he took the distance, I think he can add there."

Last season, the Chargers ranked fifth in the NFL in receiving yards after contact (688), while Johnston ranked third among all Power 5 players in receiving yards after contact (241). And the Bolts had only two players who averaged more than two yards per route run last season with Allen and Williams averaging 2.22 and 2.0, respectively, while Johnston averaged

3.04 -- the best in the Big 12 and eighth in the FBS.

"All Quentin needs to do is come be himself," coach Brandon Staley said. "He's a weapon to score the ball any time that he touches it."

Johnston, who turns 22 in September, credits his ability to create after contact with also competing in basketball and track, along with his competitive mindset.

"It's a want to get extra yards, a want to keep fighting for yards, a first down, things like that," said Johnston, who produced 1,069 receiving yards and six touchdowns for the Horned Frogs, who played in the national title game last season. "I feel like it has been instilled in me long ago in high school and it's just something that's been carried out with me throughout my college career."

Among areas he must improve include dropped passes, but neither Moore nor Staley expressed concern.

"There are no perfect players, all of these guys have something," Staley said.

And, as Moore described, what Johnston has is a "vertical element" that can make an explosive impact.

"We're really excited," Moore said. "With Q, just the size, catch radius. He goes up and gets the ball downfield. You can do it however you need to do it, whether it's size, catch radius and speed. He definitely brings a vertical element to us."

If Johnston's speed alone wasn't enough, the Chargers also added his TCU teammate, Derius Davis, with a fourth-round pick. Following the departure of DeAndre Carter to the Las Vegas Raiders in free agency, Davis will step in immediately as a kick and punt returner, but Staley said he could provide an added weapon as a fifth receiver.

"Was the fastest guy at the combine, a 4.3 guy, real juice. Five returns for touchdowns. Proven production in both phases," Staley said. "Then, gives you that fifth receiver element, too. He was an outstanding offensive weapon for that team, as well, factoring in your offensive football team."

When asked to evaluate his first draft with the Bolts, Moore grinned.

"Brandon is this defensive guy and he's drafting these offensive guys, I like this," Moore said, referencing Staley's role also as defensive playcaller. "It's a lot of fun."

ZION JOHNSON

How a bus driver nudged Zion Johnson on his unlikely path to the Chargers

By Gilberto Manzano
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Hank Lloyd had lost track of Zion Johnson until the plumber from his church mentioned the name while fixing the hose in Lloyd's backyard.

"That name sounds familiar," Lloyd said. "That sounds like this kid that I asked, could he play football? Why didn't he play?"

Lloyd was the mystery school bus driver that Johnson credited during pre-draft interviews for getting him to play football as a junior at Riverdale Baptist High School in Upper Marlboro, Maryland.

"Well, you must be the guy," said the plumber, who heard the bus driver story from other church members.

A few weeks before last week's NFL draft, Lloyd was made aware that the lanky golfer he encouraged to play football had transferred to Boston College and developed into a first-round prospect. In a span of seven years, Johnson went from being the "nerdy kid" who was clueless about football to the most NFL-ready offensive guard in the draft.

The Chargers selected the 6-foot-2, 312-pound Johnson with the 17th overall pick last week, viewing him as an immediate starter at right guard and a cornerstone piece to their offensive line for years to come.

"What you don't want to do is reach for a tackle and then you have an issue somewhere else," Chargers coach Brandon Staley said. "We just really felt like (Johnson) is a really complete player and this guy is a first-round-level guard."

It was a stretch to assume Johnson would become a reliable offensive lineman after what he displayed in his first spring workouts at Riverdale Baptist. Johnson spent most of his first year in football in the weight room and standing on the sideline before seeing game action as a senior, including a tussle against Chase Young, the star edge rusher for the Washington Commanders.

"Undersized is an understatement," Johnson said. "I was 225 pounds and I played right tackle and our team played Chase Young, so it wasn't like we were playing scrubs or anything."

NO REGRETS

Initially, Johnson wasn't interested in football, but Lloyd kept asking and mentioned the idea to his mother, Tammie Edwards, and recommended him to the high school's football head coach, Caesar Nettles.

"He would come home and say, 'Mommy, the bus driver keeps saying why do I keep getting on the bus with these golf clubs,'" Edwards recalled. "He had to haul those to school every day."

Johnson eventually agreed to try football and Edwards gave Nettles permission to meet Johnson at his bus stop.

"I was talking to his bus driver and said, 'Well, can you point out Zion for me'" Nettles said. "He came on out (with the football team) and he was really, really raw."

Lloyd pushed football and Nettles showed interest because of Johnson's long arms and large hands and feet. He was a few inches shorter than most offensive linemen, but once he filled out his arms, he made up for it with strength.

At the NFL Scouting Combine in March, Johnson had 32 reps on the bench press, the most among offensive linemen who participated. He was measured with 34-inch arms, an 82-inch wingspan and 10 5/8-inch hands.

"With that size he had, he needs to be playing football," Lloyd said. "When you get blessed with a body like that and you're smart ... I thought he would have no problems picking up the offense."

But there were problems early on, and Johnson's size wasn't enough for Keith McIver, Riverdale Baptist's then-offensive line coach. After what would become the first of many rides home, Johnson explained to McIver in detail why the garage was structured near the front of the house.

"He was saying this and that," McIver recalled. "I was like, 'Son, just get out my car.' The first thing I thought was, 'This kid ain't going to make it.'"

McIver didn't realize it then, but Johnson's technical side and affinity for learning the ins and outs were reasons why he quickly developed into a polished offensive guard.

Staley called Johnson pro-ready and Chargers general manager Tom Telesco raved about Johnson's strength and determination. Johnson continued football at Davidson, where he struggled financially for two years due to the private college's non-scholarship program. He then went on to earn a scholarship at Boston College and left with a master's degree in cybersecurity policy and governance.

Johnson had the right coaches and mentors during his meteoric rise in football, but it was Edwards, who raised Johnson as a single mother, who made this improbable football story possible. James Stacy Edwards, Johnson's uncle, also played a role in why Johnson went from no-star recruit to the Chargers' prize first-round selection.

"It was really my mom who pushed me to play," Johnson said. "She always taught me that you should try things so that you don't have regrets later on in life. I'm glad that I tried football because that would've definitely been a regret that I would have had."

DRAFT EXPERIENCE

McIver has been one of Johnson's strongest supporters since he started football, but he was still surprised about being in the draft green room with Johnson in Las Vegas.

"If we look back and look at when you first started and look at where we are at now, we would never have believed it," McIver told Johnson before the draft began.

Johnson said he was glued to the prospect's chair, a location for TV cameras to easily spot the draftees, for the first hour until he learned he was allowed to walk around. The draft experience moved rapidly after Johnson left his seat.

Johnson was expecting to get drafted after the 19th pick, with the Dallas Cowboys at No. 24 being the most likely destination. Johnson grew up in Bowie, Maryland, an area outside of Washington D.C. Most of his friends and relatives are fans of the Commanders and dislike the Cowboys.

"Then the Cowboys were calling, that would have been very difficult," McIver recalled. "I had mentioned to (Johnson), it might be nice to go to the Chargers. He was just chilling and then the phone rang. I knew something was up because the cameras came over."

Nettles wasn't surprised about Johnson being the 17th pick and thought he would go sooner after speaking with about 20 teams who showed interest in Johnson, including the Chargers.

"Zion was one of those prospects that teams didn't really try to find dirt on because they know they couldn't," Nettles said. "He's that good of a kid. He's his authentic self. They were just trying to see what made him tick and all of that, because the film doesn't lie. And once you meet him, he's infectious."

Johnson had a whirlwind first 24 hours with the Chargers and briefly met some of his new teammates. Johnson will have plenty of time to get to know them, especially on the Chargers' starting offensive line with left tackle Rashawn Slater, left guard Matt Feiler and center Corey Linsley.

"From everybody that I've talked to, people that know him, they have all raved about him," Linsley said. "The kind of person that he is and, obviously, the kind of football player."

NEW KID ON THE O-LINE

Johnson played golf and basketball before the bus driver suggested football.

Tammie Edwards was a basketball standout at Virginia Tech, where she set rebounding records, but she knew basketball wasn't for her son.

"He didn't have the passion for basketball like I did," Edwards said. "But football, I saw it differently in his eyes. He has the passion, he loves the game. I think he loves the mechanics of it. He loves figuring things out. He likes breaking it down."

But before Johnson gave up basketball, he won back-to-back championships with his mom as the head coach of his youth team. Edwards was the only female coach in the U13 basketball league.

"Some of the fathers who would come with their kids and they would say, 'Dad, here's my coach,' and they would walk past me and look for somebody else," Edwards recalled. "No, it's me."

Johnson credited his mom for his athletic gifts and some of his coaches credited her for Johnson's competitive side.

"He is the most articulate, genuine, young man I've probably come in contact with," Nettles said. "But on the field, he's going through the whistle on every play, and he's gonna give you 110 percent on every play. And it doesn't matter if somebody gets him on one play. ... He's coming right back and he's going 1,000 percent at his throat. I think (the Chargers) have a silent assassin."

For a period, Johnson's passion was golf. He was the only middle-school student on the high school's golf team. Johnson learned to golf during summers spent with his grandmother, Rosa Edwards, who was a principal at a school in Norfolk, Virginia.

Johnson participated in the school's golf camps and received coaching from a golf instructor. But Johnson stopped carrying his golf clubs after Lloyd physically nudged him to play football.

"I gave him a little elbow to the chest," Lloyd said. "I asked him, 'Did you feel it?' He said, 'I didn't even feel it.' I was just telling him you ain't going to get hurt because you'll be doing the hitting."

Johnson gained the respect of McIver and Nettles with his work ethic and how quickly he learned the playbook, but the coaches didn't rush his development. Johnson weighed only 225 pounds when he joined the football team.

"This is a very bright kid," McIver said. "I'm thinking, like, 'OK, this is a little nerdy kid. Not sure how much he's gonna play or anything like that.' But his work ethic changed everything."

Johnson bench-pressed 135 pounds the spring before his junior season and increased that to 225 by the fall.

Johnson didn't see the field until the final game of his junior season when he filled in at left tackle for Christian Darrisaw, who later starred at Virginia Tech and was a first-round pick of the Minnesota Vikings last season.

"You need to give (Johnson) a test," McIver remembered telling the coaches. "He did a heck of a job (at left tackle) and he proved that he belonged on the team."

Johnson had a productive senior year at right tackle with Darrisaw patrolling the left side, but Johnson joined the recruiting process too late and went unnoticed until Davidson called.

"Me and Christian were pretty close in high school because our O-line coach (McIver) would have us over to the house," Johnson said. "With him going to Virginia Tech, we weren't able to stay as close because it's like, 'I want to beat you.' He's definitely someone who has pushed me, especially in high school and throughout my career, because with his level of play, I've always wanted to outdo him as a rival sort of thing."

Johnson improved at Davidson under the guidance of Matt Applebaum and Phil Trautwein and later reunited with the offensive line coaches at Boston College. With Johnson in the ACC, he got to measure his skills against Darrisaw and Virginia Tech.

McIver wore a Boston College shirt with a Virginia Tech hat when the game was at Boston College and vice versa for the game at Virginia Tech.

"I would sit on the Virginia Tech side for one half and the Boston College side for the other half," McIver said.

CREDIT TO THE BUS DRIVER

On Sunday, Johnson called Lloyd to reconnect and told his former bus driver that his advice got him drafted to the NFL.

"I told him, 'That's gonna be my second team now (the Chargers) that I'm gonna be rooting for,'" said Lloyd, a fan of the Commanders.

Lloyd, 68, coached high school basketball, volleyball and softball for 40 years before being a school bus driver. He coached former NBA players Michael Beasley, Nolan Smith and Thomas Robinson, and WNBA players Shakira Austin and Tianna Hawkins.

Lloyd's only request for Johnson was to get one of his Chargers jerseys to hang next to his Wanisha Smith jersey – another former basketball standout he coached.

"He's a great kid," Lloyd said. "He's going to be a great asset to the Chargers."

Zion Johnson reveals inside info on journey to become Chargers' new starting guard

By Jeff Miller
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Zion Johnson spent most of his first full day as an NFL player in a place he'd never been before: Southern California.

The Chargers' 2022 first-round pick grew up in Maryland and went to school at Davidson and Boston College before being selected 17th overall in the NFL draft Thursday.

On Friday, Johnson traveled to meet his new team in person and take questions from the local media.

"When I was driving from LAX, I was like, 'It kind of does look like L.A. on TV with the palm trees,'" he said.

"There's this certain lighting ... it's like this vibe ... I don't know how to explain it, but it looks like L.A. on TV, like one of the cop shows."

Highlights of Johnson's first face-to-face session with reporters covering the Chargers:

Humble first steps

Johnson never played football until his junior year at Riverdale Baptist School in Upper Marlboro. Instead, he was a member of the school's golf team, having picked up that sport after trying it during a summer camp.

The first person who suggested he might be good at football was the driver of a bus Johnson rode home after golf practices. But he wasn't the one most instrumental in launching Johnson's career.

"It was really my mom who pushed me to play," Johnson said.

"She always taught me that you should try things so you don't have regrets later on in life. I'm glad I tried football because that would definitely be a regret I had."

Tammie Edwards played basketball at Virginia Tech, where she was a record-setting rebounder as a center and power forward. Johnson said his mother has been the most influential person in his life, noting her work ethic.

"A lot of the qualities she taught me," he said, "have made me the person I am today."

Asked if he also inherited his athletic ability from his mom, Johnson smiled and said: "I think most of it comes from her. She was definitely a force in the post."

From undersized to big-time

When he began playing football, Johnson said he was a 225-pound right tackle. Today, he's a 6-foot-3, 314-pound right guard.

"Undersized is an understatement," he said. "Our team played Chase Young. It wasn't like we were playing scrubs or anything."

Young, who went to DeMatha Catholic, was the No. 2 overall pick of the 2020 draft, selected by Washington. He made the Pro Bowl as a rookie defensive end.

"Really for me at that point, I wanted to play football, wanted to prove that I could be a good player," Johnson recalled of his debut in the sport. "Being undersized, I just had to strain on every play and try not to give up a sack."

Said Chargers coach Brandon Staley: "It's one of those great stories of a guy that really worked at it, really developed his game. He worked at it, and here he is today."

One of Johnson's high school teammates was offensive tackle Christian Darrisaw, who was the No. 23 overall pick by Minnesota last year.

"He's definitely someone who has pushed me throughout my career with his level of play," Johnson said of Darrisaw. "I've always wanted to outdo him, kind of like a rival."

The road to BC

Because he was a strong student, Johnson made it into Davidson, where he played for two seasons on a partial scholarship before money became an issue.

"There was a financial strain to my family that I didn't want to happen anymore," Johnson said.

So he entered the transfer portal and ended up at Boston College, he explained, because he liked the school's academics and the football program's history of developing offensive linemen.

In three seasons with the Eagles, Johnson grew from being a nice story of perseverance to the fifth offensive lineman selected Thursday.

Man of many languages

Johnson graduated from Boston College in 2020 with a degree in computer science and earned his master's degree in cyber security last fall.

He said he does computer programming "in my spare time" and has coded in at least six languages.

"When you learn one language, it's not that hard to learn a new one," he said, "because there's a lot of similarities and things you can pick up on after you learn your first one."

SEBASTIAN JOSEPH-DAY

Sebastian Joseph-Day brings a load of experience to middle of Chargers' defense

By Jeff Miller
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Having had one of the worst run defenses in the NFL last season, the Chargers added what they believe will be 624 pounds of improvement this week.

Tackles Sebastian Joseph-Day and Austin Johnson agreed to free-agent contracts, both deals announced Wednesday when the new league year opened.

On Thursday, Joseph-Day met with the Chargers media for the first time.

Highlights from the day at the team's Costa Mesa headquarters:

A Rams redux? With the Chargers, Joseph-Day will reunite with Brandon Staley, who is now his head coach after serving as his defensive coordinator with the 2020 Rams.

Joseph-Day smiled widely — something he does often, by the way — when he recalled his first meeting with Staley. At the time, Joseph-Day was a relative unknown having not played during his first season in the NFL before starting 15 games in 2019.

The Rams' defensive front that season also had included, among others, Aaron Donald, Michael Brockers and Dante Fowler. Still, when he introduced himself to Staley, Joseph-Day said Staley told him, "I know who you are."

Staley then proceeded to praise Joseph-Day and tout him as someone on the verge of breaking through.

"Hearing that as a young player," Joseph-Day said, "that gave me a different kind of confidence."

Under Staley, Joseph-Day started all 16 games in 2020 and totaled career highs in tackles (55) and snaps (481). He was on his way to an even better season last year before suffering a pectoral injury in late October.

The defense rushes in: During the 2020 season, Joseph-Day had his best grades against the run and overall, according to Pro Football Focus. Last season, he was showing an improved pass rush — with a single-season best three sacks in only seven games — before getting hurt.

But he and Johnson were acquired to — first and foremost — upgrade the Chargers' run defense. Both players arrive with reputations as stout stuffers up front who have performed with some consistency.

Joseph-Day said that, along with being "strong" and "powerful at the point" and "heavy handed," in order to play the position well in Staley's scheme "you have to be intelligent, be able to read what you see, read formations ... stuff like that."

He said the lasting lesson from his previous experience under Staley was the importance of film study.

A year ago, in their first season running Staley's system, the Chargers struggled early on grasping and executing concepts. Joseph-Day will have no such issues when he joins his new teammates on the field.

Where does Tillery stand? Barring anything unforeseen, the defensive line in 2022 will include Jerry Tillery in some role. But Staley has indicated the Chargers aren't done adding help up front, so the circumstances remain unsettled.

On Thursday afternoon, they re-signed veteran defensive tackle Christian Covington, who had a career-high 52 tackles in 16 games as a rotational player last season.

The Chargers appear to be at least one defensive lineman short, with both Justin Jones and Linval Joseph free agents.

Tillery, a first-round pick in 2019, started 15 games last season and has 26 starts over the last two years. He has had his moments but overall has not distinguished himself. Tillery especially has lacked the sort of consistency NFL teams crave.

The intangibles: On Wednesday, Staley noted that Joseph-Day will bring a "spirit" that he said the Chargers lacked on defense in 2021. In his session with reporters, Joseph-Day practically oozed personality.

Asked specifically about the spirit to which Staley referred, Joseph-Day said: "I can't really explain it. It's just me being myself. I'm just a happy guy. I appreciate each day. ... You'll have to see, honestly. I can't really describe it."

About more than football: Joseph-Day called switching from one L.A. team to the other "a perfect mesh" since the transition will allow him to continue his off-field interests.

He is extensively involved in several charities and started a program called "Dine N Bash" that highlights and assists local restaurants. Joseph-Day also co-hosts a podcast with Mike Tyson.

"I obviously take pride in playing football and what-not," he said. "But I don't try to box myself in as that."

One more to go: Cornerback J.C. Jackson, the Chargers' biggest-ticket free agent, is scheduled to meet with reports Friday morning. He was undergoing his physical Thursday.

Jackson has agreed to terms on a five-year deal that guarantees him \$40 million and is worth up to \$82.5 million. That average annual value of \$16.5 million is tied for the fourth-highest among all free agents this year.

ERIC KENDRICKS

Why LB Eric Kendricks is critical to Chargers' defensive ambitions

By Lindsey Thiry
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COSTA MESA, Calif. -- Los Angeles Chargers coach Brandon Staley vividly remembers his sales pitch to then-free agent linebacker Eric Kendricks.

From his home in Southern California, Staley sat on the phone with Kendricks, who was vacationing in Hawaii with his wife, Ally, before the anticipated arrival of their baby.

The call lasted about an hour, with the two able to connect on the topics of family and football. For Staley, the conversation easily could have stretched longer if he didn't feel an obligation to allow Kendricks to return to vacationing.

"There's some times where you just feel like you've known someone a lot longer than you have," Staley said. "And he's one of those players that I had never coached, but I felt like I knew his game... I think we knew that we were going to have a special thing and that the fit was right."

With a glaring need at the position after deciding not to retain linebacker Drue Tranquill in free agency, the Chargers signed Kendricks to a two-year, \$13.25 million contract.

Through nearly five months, including the offseason program and nearly two weeks in training camp, Kendricks is proving a perfect fit in a defense that features standout edge rushers Joey Bosa and Khalil Mack and safety Derwin James Jr.

"He takes command in the middle and has been a calm presence in there," first-year defensive coordinator Derrick Ansley said. "It's been really good for us."

In eight seasons with the Minnesota Vikings, who released him last March due to salary cap constraints, Kendricks piled up 919 tackles, second in the NFL over that time span behind Bobby Wagner, with 15 sacks and nine interceptions.

"As a linebacker, he's a very complete player," Staley said. "[He can] key diagnose, concept-trigger, open-field tackle, box tackler, passing-game blitz. He just brings a lot to the table."

Now entering his ninth season, the 31-year-old Kendricks is tasked with playing alongside fourth-year pro Kenneth Murray Jr. and helping a unit that last season ranked 25th in efficiency and must improve dramatically against the run after allowing a league-worst 5.4 yards per carry.

"The whole learning the terminology, the switching over is a little bit different," Kendricks said of the transition. "I feel like they've been very good at explaining why we do things and having reasons for them. When you have a reason for why we do stuff and you pair it together, you can understand better."

Kendricks' biggest impact could be his intangibles, including his experience, leadership and communication, as he takes over as the defensive signal-caller -- the player who relays coach Brandon Staley's defensive playcalls on the field.

"Having a guy like Eric running the defense is special," said Bosa, who's entering his eighth season. "He's a great leader out there. I think he's going to facilitate the defense in a way that we haven't had."

"Talk about knowledge and the experience of having him in the middle, you can already hear the voice, and the power and inflection in his voice, whenever he is calling the calls and putting people into position," Mack said. "It's going to be great, it's going to be fun playing with him."

Kendricks' ability to communicate with not only teammates, but Staley, will be key.

"It just goes so far beyond going through the play call," Staley said. "It's the personal relationship, it's the professional relationship. You want him to be able to think and see just like you do. You also want to give him the freedom too. He's the one out there. If he can see something that he feels like can help us, you want to give him that green light to do it."

Kendricks knows based on experience that the role will only grow more complicated as they reach deeper into the scheme and begin to game-plan for opponents, but for now, he said it's been going "great."

"I've been getting the calls out quick," Kendricks said. "We've been getting lined up and playing football."

As for all the early praise from his teammates, Kendricks expressed an appreciation for their comments, but emphasized that he merely has been playing his part.

"I haven't made, really, any big plays, for me, personally," Kendricks said. "I'm just doing my job. I'm trying to do it at a high level."

Eric Kendricks Ready to Embrace Leadership Role with Bolts

By Eric Smith
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Eric Kendricks had plenty of butterflies Monday morning as he drove to Hoag Performance Center for the first day of the Chargers voluntary offseason program.

The Chargers new middle linebacker, who joined the Bolts last month after eight seasons in Minnesota, was the fresh face in a locker room full of players that knew each other.

"It was like I was the new kid in school," Kendricks said. "It was a little bit nerve-wracking for me.

"I've met people but didn't really know anybody on that level. Not yet. I'm looking forward to building those relationships and things like that," Kendricks later added. "I've obviously played against a lot of people. Familiarity-wise, that's why I'm here, so I can get to know all of the players and build that camaraderie."

At least Kendricks was in somewhat familiar colors (and his old college number) in a new environment. A former star at UCLA, he donned the powder blue and gold for an on-field workout where he began the acclimation process.

The California native mingled with Khalil Mack and Morgan Fox among others, going through his workout with a smile on his face.

Kendricks said he's going to take a simple approach to getting to know his new teammates.

"Just lifting, running and shooting the [breeze] on the side," Kendricks said. "Do little things like that. Not do too much, just be myself and come in here and just learn."

Kendricks was welcomed with open arms Monday by teammates and coaches.

Fox said he knew of Kendricks from afar and was fired up to be on the same team with him.

"He's awesome. We actually have a lot of mutual friends," Fox said. "[Monday] was the first time that I've met him in person, but everyone that I know that knows him speaks very highly of him, nothing but great things about him.

"It was awesome to actually meet him today, get to work with him," Fox added. "I'm excited to see what the season is going to look like with him."

Kendricks was released by the Vikings earlier this offseason after making 113 starts and racking up 900-plus tackles, earning All-Pro and Pro Bowl honors in 2019.

He said his initial conversation with Chargers Head Coach Brandon Staley lasted 90 minutes as the two talked ball and what Kendricks' role would be with the Bolts.

"It was 11 o'clock at night and I got to know his personality a lot," Kendricks said. "I'm glad that I can fit into this program, into this system, but also, I don't have to do too much as I come in.

"I can get to know the guys, get to know the leaders on the team, like Khalil, and things like that and just play my role," Kendricks added. "This is my ninth year in the league. I've seen a lot. I've done a lot. Hopefully, my experiences can help everybody else around me. Like I said, I'm not pushing for that. I'm just going to come in here, be myself and play the game that I love to play."

Staley said Monday that he jumped at the chance to add Kendricks' pedigree and leadership skills to the roster.

"A lot of experience, a lot of play-making ability. He's been at the heart of one of the top defenses in the NFL his entire career," Staley said. "He's a very complete player and he's also one of the best leaders that you're going to be around. I'm excited about joining up with him. We're going to have a lot of work ahead of us."

Staley later referenced how Kendricks' experience will translate to his scheme and affect those around him.

"I think the intangible part of that position is that you're truly connecting both places, you're connecting the front of your defense to the back of your defense. You're in the middle of everything," Staley said. "In the NFL, any time that you play a position that's in the middle – inside linebacker, safety, quarterback, center – any time that you're in the middle, you have to be a connector. That's part of your value to the football team that goes far beyond height, weight, speed.

"As good of a player as he is, the fact that he has that type of leadership capacity multiplies his impact on the team," Staley continued. "What he did in Minnesota, I got to witness firsthand because I was in the division when I was in Chicago and played him when I went to Denver and played him as a head coach here.

"Some of my best friends have been a part of coaching him," Staley added. "Watching him from afar, just the level of respect that I've had for him, not just as a player, but as a leader – Walter Payton Man of the Year, you're talking about the highest caliber that you could join up with."

Kendricks will slide right into a starting role for the Chargers, but his impact will go beyond his play on the field.

The Bolts brought him in to be a leader in the huddle, yes, but he'll also be one in the locker room and the community, too.

As soon as the butterflies wear off, expect Kendricks and his easy-going personality to fit right in back in Southern California.

"My goal is not to do too much. Not try to overextend. Just do what I've done my whole career," Kendricks said. "I feel like I came into UCLA kind of as the underdog in the same situation, not really knowing anybody. I'm just kind of taking that approach, just like when I was a rookie — put my head down and work. Do things that I'm good at and we'll go from there.

"Coming to the Chargers, especially being around a bunch of great players, it's going to bring another level to my game," Kendricks later added. "It's going to make me feel like I'm the underdog again. I'm back to the bottom of the totem pole. I have to prove myself to everybody."

Chargers gush over addition of Eric Kendricks, 'one of the most complete linebackers'

By Jeff Miller
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PHOENIX — Drue Tranquill just led the Chargers in tackles, finished tied for third in sacks and established himself as a down-in, down-out defensive leader.

Still, coach Brandon Staley said Monday that the allure of free agent Eric Kendricks was too much to pass up.

"He's one of the most complete linebackers in the last decade," Staley, speaking at the NFL's owners meetings, said of Kendricks. "You're talking about five to seven players that are as complete a linebacker as he is."

So the Chargers signed Kendricks this month after Minnesota released the eight-year veteran.

Tranquill, a 2019 fourth-round pick of the Chargers, then signed with Kansas City, one of their AFC West rivals.

"I love the way he plays the game," Chiefs coach Andy Reid said of Tranquill. "He's smart. He's aggressive, good cover guy. He's big."

Staley praised Tranquill for his contributions and wished him luck with Kansas City.

Staley then turned his attention to Kendricks, who likely will assume Tranquill's role of relaying the signals in the defensive huddle.

"A true commander," he said. "A tackling machine — sideline to sideline, in the box, physicality. He's one of the best passing-game linebackers in the last decade."

Staley also noted Kendricks' instincts, energy and ability to communicate. He said he expects the transition to the Chargers to be "seamless" because the Vikings employ a similar scheme.

KHALIL MACK

How Khalil Mack's family helped him annihilate his 'soft' reputation

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FORT PIERCE, Fla. — He could see the potential in all that mass and all those muscles, the physical promises so pronounced that the kid's high school coach begged his father to let him play.

Robert Wimberly knew Khalil Mack could fit in at Liberty University right away and maybe, if things went well, with two more years of development be ready for a larger football program.

Then a Liberty assistant, Wimberly was the only college coach who showed interest in Mack, a prospect left on the periphery because of a high school career that covered a single season.

The staff at Florida said Mack couldn't play in the Southeastern Conference. Miami's coaches expressed similar doubts about his Atlantic Coast Conference chances. Others questioned whether Mack was explosive enough or flexible enough.

A sport that values so highly what it can see on tape lacked sufficient evidence — just 12 games? — on Mack.

But Wimberly had seen enough of his 140 stops during that one fall at Westwood High to appreciate that, as a linebacker, he played with something all defensive coaches believe they can build upon: a solid base.

What Wimberly didn't realize until he sat down with Mack one night for dinner — along with Mack's parents and two brothers — was how impressive the kid's foundation was, as well.

"It was almost like the Huxtables, you know, on the 'The Cosby Show,' " Wimberly recalled. "There was sincere love among them. Everyone was genuinely excited for Khalil. Just a lot of love and respect in that household."

When the Chargers aimed to rebuild their defense this offseason, the first move was to trade for Mack, who came from Chicago in mid-March at the cost of two draft picks — a second-round selection in 2022 and a sixth-round selection in 2023.

With Mack now 31 and trying to rebound from a season in which he missed 10 games because of a foot injury, it is fair to wonder where the six-time Pro Bowl pick is heading.

But there can be no questioning where Mack came from, a former two-star recruit reared in a five-star home that as recently as last year gained even more glow.

"It's just all the grace of God," Mack's father, Sandy, said. "This couldn't be orchestrated. You couldn't write this. We don't take any credit for what God has done. That would be robbery."

The name "Khalil" came from one of Sandy's muscle magazines and proved prophetic when the baby boy debuted at nearly 11 pounds and with definition in his arms, legs and everywhere else.

This was a toddler with traps. Doctors were so concerned about Mack's size that they had him tested for diabetes.

"He came out with quads," Sandy said. "Big shoulders. Big legs. Right away I thought, 'This boy's different.' "

Sandy and his wife, Yolanda, were high school sweethearts at Fort Pierce's Central High. They were married in the cafeteria of another school nearby, Lincoln Park Academy, where Yolanda's mother worked.

Having lost his father at an early age, Sandy never had the chance to play high school sports despite his own muscular, athletic frame. He and twin brother Sammie Jr. had to work instead.

"Mom told us," Sandy explained, " 'You can either play sports or you can eat.' "

As an adult, he became a corrections officer at the St. Lucie County Jail, and, concerned with protecting himself, Sandy began working out at a local gym. He and Sammie Jr. soon were battling to see who could get bigger.

That's the way it was with these twins, who competed against each other with the intensity of worst enemies or best friends.

And that's also how it was for Sandy's three sons — Sandy Jr., Khalil and Ledarius. As the oldest brother, Sandy Jr. loved challenging Khalil, the quietest of the Mack boys. So did Dad.

Years later and still today, observers marvel at Mack's ability to go from talking soft to hitting hard in the time it takes to stride across the white lines that define a football field.

"Between Sandy Jr. and I, we used to put it on him pretty good," Sandy, 57, said. "Khalil got it from both of us. You better throw a switch in that situation because crying's not going to work."

He took it, but Mack also gave it back. Sandy recalled more than once having to halt a backyard basketball game to remind Mack that Dad had to go to work in the morning and he'd prefer to do so without multiple bruises. Yolanda's half of the family is where the quiet comes from. Mack loved spending time with his maternal grandfather, Alfred Booker, the two bonding after Booker would pick him up from school.

"He has a personality like my dad — real laid back, no worries," Yolanda said. "Khalil is just Khalil, you know. He was kind of a homebody."

"Boring and focused" is how Mack has described himself when he was growing up, those qualities leading some people around the family to question his toughness. The doubters included a cousin who used to call Mack "soft."

The fact he wasn't especially drawn to football added to the notion that a kid who would become a three-time NFL All-Pro and quarterback terrorizer somehow lacked sufficient aggression.

"He just never really wanted to play the sport," Sandy said. "But I'd tell people all the time, 'If I get him off this leash, you'll see.' "

When he was 12, Mack decided to give organized football a shot. First, though, he and his father had a discussion.

"I sat him down and told him, 'OK, these guys are saying you're soft,' " Sandy remembered. " 'The first guy you hit out there, I don't want him to get up.' That was my little pep talk."

To understand how things went from there, it's not inaccurate to report that Mack put the pop in Pop Warner. Early in his first game, Sandy recalled, Mack caused a violent collision near the sidelines after appearing only as a blur.

"I didn't even know it was Khalil," Sandy said. "People were saying, 'Mack, that's your son!' I was like, 'Yeah!' While I was celebrating, I didn't see the paramedics coming to get the other guy. I didn't know Khalil was going to do it for real. The kid had to go to the hospital. I felt kind of guilty about that."

Still, Mack, more interested in basketball, wouldn't play football again until late in high school, during the spring before his senior year. By then, a torn patella tendon had sidetracked his hoops plans and, while rehabbing from the injury, Mack had thrown himself into weight lifting, first asking to join his father at the gym and later insisting on it.

At the time, Sandy had concerns about his son's academic standing, particularly Mack's struggles with math. Admitting he hadn't been a great student, Sandy said he understood the difficulties in falling behind in school.

Sandy also had worked at a juvenile detention center and was aware of the dangers that lurked for teenagers, especially outside a structured life. He figured the military might be Khalil's best chance to get out of Fort Pierce.

But one day at work, Sandy's phone rang and it was Westwood High's new coach, a man named Waides Ashmon, who had just pulled Mack out of class to talk to him about playing football again. Mack's response: "You need to talk to my dad."

"I called and said, 'Mr. Mack, I've been doing this a long time,' " Ashmon said. " 'I've never guaranteed a parent that their kid's gonna go to school. But if you allow Khalil to play for me, I promise you he'll go to school free.' "

Ashmon was so certain of Mack's potential that he made the assurance even after glimpsing Mack only in a collared shirt and shorts. He figured that physique alone would be too enticing to college coaches.

The conversation — and enclosed guarantee of a continued, free education — convinced Sandy, who agreed by the end of the call to allow his son to return to football.

With that decision, Mack went into full pursuit, this player who later would become famous for his ability to chase down quarterbacks.

In one of his first practices that spring, Mack proved he could do more than just look as if he belonged. With Yolanda waiting in the parking lot to take her son to a class at a nearby community college, Westwood's coaches told Mack to go first during a tackling drill.

"Khalil beat the block and smacked the running back and it was like, 'Oh, you're done. Go to class, kid,'" said Jabari Williams, then a Westwood assistant. "It took just one hit. After that, we knew we had ourselves something."

Yet, Mack was regarded as only the third-best prospect on a team that would finish 10-2. Defensive lineman Luther Robinson, who went to Miami and eventually to the Green Bay Packers, and quarterback Isaac Virgin, who played at South Florida as a tight end, were ranked ahead of him.

As much as the Westwood staff promoted Mack — Williams: "We were begging schools to take him." — the pleas went unheard.

"I was like, 'What are y'all ... we can't be watching the same film,'" Ashmon said. "But I also knew Khalil's work ethic and how with college coaching he would get a lot better."

Mack's lone offer came from Liberty, which is where he was headed until Wimberly left to take a job at Buffalo. Mack followed him, receiving the full-ride Ashmon had promised Sandy.

That summer and into training camp, Wimberly remembers the Bulls' coaches debating about whether to play Mack or redshirt him. Asked his opinion, Wimberly sided with redshirting, noting that Mack, with more experience, could be "super special."

Buffalo did redshirt him, slowing the start of Mack's college career but hardly the beginning of his rapid growth. Actually playing wasn't a requirement to show he could make plays.

One day, a reporter from upstate New York called Sandy with a question:

"Mr. Mack, do you know what your son is up here doing?"

"No. No I don't."

"Your son's doing some things we've never seen before."

"Really?"

"Mr. Mack, I think your son is going to be something real special here at Buffalo."

Wrecking practices, that's what Mack was doing, to the point where Wimberly said he was asked more than once by a fellow Buffalo assistant, "Wimbo, can you talk to him, please?"

Mack was leaving impressions — the black-and-blue kind, and others much more permanent.

Sandy took another call from Buffalo one afternoon. This time, it was an assistant coach telling him his son was doing something the coach had never seen before: Mack was cleaning the locker room.

When his boys were young, Sandy would bring them along anytime he would do volunteer work in and around Fort Pierce. "Because it's just the right thing to do," he said he'd tell them if they asked why they had to go.

Today, Mack is widely recognized for giving back. His foundation made a \$500,000 donation to a Fort Pierce park that now includes a football field bearing Mack's name.

Westwood needed football uniforms a few years back and, the school's athletic director said, Sandy wrote a \$20,000 check. Just a couple weeks ago, a box full of several pairs of cleats showed up unannounced at Westwood, compliments of Mack, who also has done things such as pay off all the layaway bills at the local Walmart around Christmastime.

"It's a family thing," Ashmon said. "Khalil's mimicking his dad. His dad was giving back way before Khalil became Khalil."

After he signed his first NFL contract, Mack bought his parents a home in nearby Vero Beach. He also paid off his dad's truck.

The BMW and Mercedes in the driveway of that Vero Beach house came from Mack, who has rewarded some of the younger members of the extended household with cars in exchange for maintaining their grades.

This is a family anchored in its faith and its church, Sandy and Yolanda both deacons at the Miracle Prayer Temple Worship Center. They all love music and have been part of the church band. Sandy has written and recorded gospel songs.

Mack can sing, too, and also taught himself to play the guitar while in college. Sandy thought he was the best piano player in the family until Ledarius came along.

As the church's music director, Sandy would arrange songs so that the Macks could sing four-part harmony. They still can do it, on cue, which happened recently when the boys were back together.

So, when that Buffalo assistant called with the news that Mack was picking up his teammates' trash, Sandy said the words came wrapped in reassurance.

"That made me feel like, 'Wow, he got it,'" Sandy said. "For me to get a call from somebody way up in Buffalo to tell me that made me think Khalil's going to be OK."

OK, plus plenty more. With the Bulls, Mack would develop into a freakish force — one capable of lifting offensive linemen off the ground one-handed — and easily the greatest player in program history.

As a senior, he had 2½ sacks, nine tackles and an interception for touchdown against Ohio State in the game that cemented Mack's status as an NFL prospect and a Bulls legend.

"Buffalo plays in the MAC," Sandy said. "It can't be coincidence that that happened. I told him, 'Khalil, they're spelling Mack wrong. Make sure they know how to spell Mack before you leave.' And that's what he did."

(Five years after Khalil left Buffalo, Ledarius joined the Bulls' football program for two seasons. He debuted in the NFL last year, appearing in three games for the Bears. How rich is the athletic DNA in this family? Ledarius attended a high school — Lincoln Park Academy — that didn't have a football team and then went to a small college in Miami to play basketball before giving football a try.)

The story goes that in the lead-up to that 2013 season opener in Columbus, then-Buckeyes coach Urban Meyer was talking about Mack when, suddenly forgetting his name, referred to him as "No. 46."

After Ohio State's 40-20 victory, Mack approached Meyer, extended his right hand and introduced himself.

Longtime coach Lou Tepper was Buffalo's defensive coordinator during that time. He spent nearly a half-century in football and literally wrote the book on linebacker play, putting Mack on the cover of the second edition of "Complete Linebacking."

To grasp the totality of Mack's impact, though, consider that Tepper, to this day, texts Mack a Bible verse every Saturday morning and speaks of him with a reverence rooted in nothing having to do with football.

"I love him," Tepper said, "and if he had never played a down in the NFL, if he had never been drafted, I wouldn't love him any differently."

So what's left? Just this: Remember that line about the five-star home gaining more glow? In June of 2021, Sandy and Yolanda heard from a man named Jalen Parmele, who, using one of those ancestry programs, discovered he was a Mack boy, as well. The original Mack boy.

Sandy and Yolanda had a son before Sandy Jr. arrived. At the time, they both thought they were too young to properly handle the responsibility, so they put the baby up for adoption.

Parmele grew up in Michigan to be a football player and made the NFL, a running back who spent parts of five seasons with Baltimore, Jacksonville and Arizona.

A month after Parmele reached out to the Macks, everyone reunited in Florida for a genuine Sunshine State celebration. They filled in the gaps of their life stories and shot selfies, embracing a previously unknown family chapter.

Sandy smiled when he pointed out that Parmele played in college at Toledo, which is in the same conference as Buffalo. That's right, another Mack in the MAC.

"I'm telling you, you couldn't orchestrate this," Sandy said. "No way. This was orchestrated at a higher level."

Chargers Khalil Mack Paid a Tax, and Now He's Ready for a 'Special' Year

By Albert Breer
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For a minute there, it looked like the shared vision of the Chargers and Khalil Mack for 2022 was about to play out in a very, very big way.

Set opposite Joey Bosa, easily the best bookend Mack has ever had, the 2016 Defensive Player of the Year registered three sacks in the opener against the team that drafted him.

What's more, it was back-to-back sacks from him and Bosa that closed the Raiders out. It was, as those guys saw it, just the beginning. Or so they thought.

"It was like a high. Man, it's going to be like this? This could be a 20-sack year," Mack said, sitting at a picnic table after an early August practice.

"We were rolling, getting everything we wanted. Run game, pass game, three sacks. I'm like, Oh man, you could take a deep breath. Going into the K.C. game, rough game for us, but still had them where we wanted them. It was kind of one of those things where you're building."

And then, they weren't. Bosa tore a groin muscle the next week against the Jaguars. Mack remembers thinking, Holy s----- I have to do this by myself. Everything after that was different, for sure.

Ten months later, no one on the Chargers' roster would say it was better, in a good way. It wasn't. Losing a player like Bosa can't be, not for Mack, and not for the team. But if there was a silver lining that the Chargers could take from it, it was that everyone got to see how Mack, in his ninth NFL season, would handle such an adverse situation.

Mack had only four sacks in the 14 (and three-quarters) games after Bosa was injured. He fought through chips and double teams and protection sliding to him over that time, with offenses not needing to worry as much about anyone else making them pay for it.

And, over time, Mack opened up chances for others simply by not taking his foot off the gas, or letting any opponent think it could back off in sending the cavalry after him.

Most of all, he was selfless, in seeing the bigger picture of what he was bringing to his team.

He had to be, because every game plan was engineered for him, whether it was in the pass protection game or run game," coach Brandon Staley says.

"When you lose a guy like Joey, then you have to pace yourself a little bit too. It happened to Von [Miller]. When I coached Von in 2019 and Bradley [Chubb] got hurt, I saw the same thing happen. You just know, O.K., all the attention is going his way, and there's just a real tax to that.

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"He had an incredible year, but because of the amount of attention, you didn't see that splash year that I think he was capable of, that he was headed towards. But what he did was, from a leadership standpoint, when we played that great defense down the stretch, he's the one that willed us there. ... I think we'll look back on it and say, Man, the impact that Khalil Mack had on this football team, really getting it to go this way, he'll be looked at within this franchise as one of the guys that really changed the course of it."

And that's because of what Mack meant, as a tone-setting veteran, to the younger guys on Staley's roster—"he's been just fantastic for the whole group"—and what he could mean going forward, with Bosa back and healthy, and hopes high within the organization for the year ahead.

With that as the backdrop, we got the chance to catch up on a bunch of things with Mack last week.

Here's more of our conversation.

Sports Illustrated: How are you trying to take care of yourself differently?

Khalil Mack: It's night and day. You're talking about three times a week, massages, needling, stretching, even just from stress level, frame of mind, when I get home, there's a home environment and life, having my wife. All that's new. It's getting in that groove and settling in and not doing too much. I used to be on the go, doing this and that in between what I had going on already. It's just nice to be in the space that I'm in.

SI: How did losing Joey change things for you last year?

KM: You understand that it was no longer Joey and Khalil that teams worry about. The focus on the edge was solely on me. Just to take that on, I remember talking to Giff Smith, the position coach, and he's like I know you feel like you have to carry everything, but don't feel like you have to carry everything. Just make sure you're you on Sundays. I did everything in my power to make sure I was myself on Sundays. ... I just had to move a lot smarter and use that wisdom that Coach Staley was talking about.

SI: Brandon said there was a tax you paid with the attention you got after Joey was hurt ...

KM: That thought process alone, it was like, Damn, this is going to be a lot harder than I thought when we first started. It definitely took a toll because your body's still getting used to it. I had to get back used to football coming off of that injury from the previous year. It was a lot of taxing things that was happening body-wise, I carried a little lighter. I'm back to my normal weight. I was at 255 [pounds]. Some weeks I'd come in 252, 250. Now I'm at 265 to 268. That's my normal weight. That's where I feel the most comfortable, the most explosive.

SI: Was there a point where last year felt hard?

KM: [After] that Raiders game, against Kansas City was like, Damn, I didn't really know if I could play. Talk about sore; it was a different type of sore coming in from that Raiders game. It was like, Damn, not used to feeling like this the second week. It was new. Just kind of grinding that whole process out and trying to take care of my body to where I could keep going throughout the year, 17 games, playoff game was hard. This year, just understanding that and having the whole offseason, it's going to be fun.

SI: Have you lost anything from your prime?

KM: No, if anything it's just staying healthy, understanding that teams are going to scheme against the outside guy and just preparing for that as well as making sure everybody's bringing everybody else along. It was not just me solely acting by myself. It was 10 other guys. ... We're trying to get everybody together so that we can bring that fist together in one punch.

SI: Is the standard rising here?

KM: Absolutely. It's rubbing off. We see it every day, especially in our room. Chris [Rumph II] and Tuili [Tuipulotu], the two main [backups]. We're playing at a high level. Whenever we need a breather, or Joey and I need a breather, there's no letup in these tackles, either. That's understood. The standard is the standard, and you can't hop off from there.

SI: How do you feel about people not talking about you much?

KM: I love it. I use anything to fuel me.

SI: Do you think people have forgotten about you?

KM: I hope so. This year's going to be fun.

SI: Maybe one of your best years?

KM: Absolutely. It's going to be fun. It's going to be special.

SI: How good can you and Joey be together?

KM: It could be a special year. It could be a very special year. Like I said, defensive line, if everything goes as planned, it can be a special year.

SI: What individual career goals do you have left?

KM: A goal of mine: I have to touch 100 sacks, at least. If I can do it this year, that'll be my goal. Get 10, at least touch 100.

SI: How about the Hall of Fame?

KM: That's always been at the forefront of my mind. I've been in huddles with Charles Woodson. You understand that level of greatness. You see it every day, and you try to apply it to your game and your lifestyle. The plan is there to be the best.

SI: Do you see other guys here who could reach that level?

KM: Absolutely. You see sparks over there. It's all about consistency. That's what I'm trying to bring to this team, make sure they know I'm bringing my lunch pail every day to the practice field.

SI: It sounds like you still love it ...

KM: Absolutely. I thought seeing Wood [Woodson] was crazy, 18 years. But I see why he did it for so long. He loves the game. It's a blessing.

SI: Have you thought about how much time you have left?

KM: I used to, but I got hurt the year before last and got to make up for it.

SI: What was the plan before?

KM: It was going to be 10, and I was going to be done, but I still look a little fast and athletic out there, so who knows?

How the Bears and Chargers became perfect trade partners for Khalil Mack

By Daniel Popper & Kevin Fishbain
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The Chargers introduced Brandon Staley as their new head coach on Jan. 21, 2021. Speaking to reporters on a video call from the team's facility in Orange County, Staley knew a long process awaited.

Roster turnover is a painstaking, meticulous process. Staley was inheriting a talented collection of players, led by emerging superstar quarterback Justin Herbert. He had a clear vision of where he wanted to go and what he needed to get there. But it was going to take time and patience.

"You know that you got to do things in a sequence," Staley said earlier this month. "It's not college, where you can recruit and turn things over and just have everything at once."

That sequence had to begin with creating the best possible structure for Herbert, from the coaching staff down to the supporting cast of players. So in that first offseason, Staley and general manager Tom Telesco invested in that structure — step one in what Staley has referred to as a "two-year vision." The offensive line was a mess. They bolstered that group through free agency and the draft. They added weapons and a veteran backup quarterback in Chase Daniel, who was familiar with new offensive coordinator Joe Lombardi's scheme from their time together in New Orleans.

The structure they built worked. Herbert excelled. The Chargers had a top-five offense. But they missed the playoffs, primarily because Staley's defense did not coalesce or perform as expected.

And that brings us to the second step in Staley's roster-turnover plan. This offseason was always going to be the time to overhaul the defense and rebuild that side of the ball with players that truly fit Staley's vision.

They needed playmakers. They needed more elite talent that could help take Staley's system — a system that, with the right players, proved to be one of the best and most innovative in football with the Rams in 2020 — and make it come alive on the field.

There was a player who could be available via trade, the type of edge rusher who the Chargers felt could improve all of the defense's weaknesses and provide the pedigree, standard of performance and mentality that could reshape the unit's identity: Khalil Mack.

Meanwhile in Chicago, Ryan Poles took over a franchise that had gone from 12-4 with the best defense in football — led by Mack — in 2018 to 6-11 last season, firing both general manager Ryan Pace and head coach Matt Nagy.

The Bears' roster is nowhere near Super Bowl-caliber, and as Poles hopes the Bears have a quarterback in Justin Fields to build around like the Chargers do in Herbert, the process of doing so required tough decisions, such as potentially moving the highest-paid player in franchise history.

Teams had begun to inquire, and the more calls Poles received, the more the 37-year-old, first-time GM realized that trading Mack was a possibility. It would signal the start of a roster makeover and could get the Bears some badly needed draft capital.

Mack had arguably the best season of his career with the Bears in 2018 when Staley was his position coach under then-defensive coordinator Vic Fangio. Staley was determined to push for Mack. Telesco, who has always listened to his head coaches and tried to provide them with the tools they need, was on board. With Herbert on a rookie deal and a championship window clearly open, owner Dean Spanos and president of football operations John Spanos were in lockstep with their coach and general manager.

"It showed the alignment of our organization, starting with Dean and John Spanos, starting with the Spanos family," Staley said. "Because that's where it begins: with leadership."

A similar sense of agreement was taking place in Chicago.

"There was buy-in from (head coach) Matt (Eberflus), from ownership, from everyone," Poles said. "They understood that it was the right move at the right time."

The Chargers possessed the cap space to take on Mack's initial \$17.75 million cap hit. But they were not going to overpay in draft capital. It is doubtful the Chargers would have made the deal if the Bears and Poles had demanded a first-round pick in return. But a 2022 second-round pick? That was a sweet spot.

"Any time that you're going to get involved in a move like that, there are very few players that you're going to do that for," Staley said. "That list is not very long, and so when you assess, OK, this player — doesn't matter what position — hey, this is what we think that he's worth. The Khalil trade, that's representative of that. We feel like that was really good value for a player of his caliber."

The final price: A 2022 second-round pick and a 2023 sixth-round pick.

"We made a trade that we felt like really added a premium player to our team, but without it mortgaging our future," Staley said.

Poles' familiarity with the star pass rusher came predominantly when the two were both in the AFC West — Poles in the personnel department with the Chiefs and Mack as an NFL Defensive Player of the Year with the Raiders.

He'd have to have a tough conversation with a player he never acquired in the first place — part of the gig for a new GM.

Poles didn't necessarily owe Mack anything, but he understood the magnitude of the trade and what Mack meant to the Bears.

When it became time to make a trade, Poles called Mack to tell him that he wanted to put the player in a good situation. Poles considered everything about the situation he'd send Mack to, including how a warm-weather team would benefit the 31-year old at this time in his career.

"The big thing was just letting him know how much the organization appreciated him, how much I appreciated his career," Poles said. "I think the world of him. But also to let him know that it's best for the club that we go in different directions. But I took the time to let him know that I was going to make sure that he was going to be put in a situation that was going to be good for him, where he could compete."

Poles probably wasn't going to get pushback from Mack, who moves from a team in transition with a new coaching staff to a team with Super Bowl aspirations in Los Angeles for his former position coach. Trading for Mack was a seminal moment for the Bears in the past decade, but moving him signaled a change, and that might have been a tough decision for George McCaskey to give the OK.

In the new power structure at Halas Hall, Poles reports directly to the team's chairman, and McCaskey is nothing if not a die-hard Bears fan.

"Well, Khalil is a great player," McCaskey said. "And showed on many occasions for us how he can take over a game, so when you have a player like that, you want to have a good discussion. (Poles) explained to me the reasons why he thought the Bears should do it and it made sense to me."

Trading the highest-paid player in Bears history wasn't an easy decision for new head coach Matt Eberflus, left, and general manager Ryan Poles. (Nam Y. Huh / Associated Press)

Another important person in the organization who might have had to be sold? Eberflus. Imagine being a new head coach, one with a defensive background, and getting the opportunity to work with a player like Mack, only to see him traded less than two months into the job. But Eberflus understands the business, and what Poles is trying to build.

"Yeah I mean, Khalil has had a great career," Eberflus said. "He's going to continue to do well and do a lot of good things in the future. But we just thought what was best for the organization going forward, looking at the whole piece of it, you know, the contract, looking at everything. Going forward for us, the club, it was the best move for us. We all signed off on it. It will be good for us in the long run."

Poles had everyone on the same page, but he still called the move one of the hardest moments of his first two months on the job.

This wasn't just any trade, and Poles didn't treat it that way, starting with his call to Mack.

"I wasn't going to send him somewhere that he wasn't happy," Poles said. "I wanted to make sure he knew that I cared and I wanted to put him in a good situation. I think he really appreciated that. I know the agent appreciated that. It's really ... I think a win-win for Khalil, the Chargers and the Bears in terms of the direction that we're all going. (But) that was a hard thing to do to move on from a guy like that."

Mack was at home watching the new Peacock drama “Bel-Air” — a re-imagining of Will Smith’s classic ‘90s sitcom “The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air” — with his fiancée, rapper and actress Brianna Perry, and his infant son, Deuce, when his phone rang.

It was his agent, Joel Segal, and there was some news to share.

Like the main character in the show, Mack would be making an unexpected move to Los Angeles.

“Kind of a strange coincidence,” Mack said.

The Chargers had traded for him, and Mack would be reuniting with Staley.

Mack said he went through a range of emotions after hearing the news. But he settled on a positive note because of that familiarity with Staley.

“It was weird to hear,” Mack said of his initial thoughts. “But understanding the team and the coach, having a relationship with Coach Staley and knowing his mindset and knowing his passion for the game, it went from bittersweet to kind of excited; knowing who I’m dealing with — the type of man he is, first and foremost — and how much he truly loves the game of football. You can feel it whenever you speak to him.”

Staley did not have to ride the same emotional roller coaster.

The negotiations had progressed quickly. Staley said Telesco and Poles first connected around the NFL combine in early March. After the two sides agreed to terms on March 10, Telesco walked to Staley’s office and told his head coach that the trade was happening.

The only feeling for Staley: Elation.

“Tom came down to my office and (was) pretty casual,” Staley said. “He acted like he’d been there before.”

Telesco, though, had not been here before. In his previous nine years as general manager, Telesco had traded picks for a player only twice — a conditional seventh-round pick for defensive tackle Sean Lissemore in 2013 and a conditional seventh-round pick for quarterback Cardale Jones in 2017.

This was new territory for the organization. And it is evidence, more than anything else, of where the Chargers stand entering 2022.

They traded for Mack. They signed the top cornerback on the market in J.C. Jackson.

The time to win is now.

“You partner up with a GM who believes in what you do, and you have a vision for how you’re going to build a team and what you need,” Staley said. “And so it was just exciting to see it all come together.”

Based on Poles’ moves and focus on the long-term view, it’s evident how he evaluated this roster. But he said he didn’t take the job thinking, “I’m going to trade Khalil Mack.” The volume of calls made it a reality.

The move, however, tracks with his plan. That’s not to say it will ultimately prove to be the right plan or the correct approach — a lot of that will depend on Fields and how the Bears use their draft picks, then what they do with their extra resources in 2023 — but moving a player like Mack to get a second-round pick signaled the start of the strategy.

“To me, it kind of just kicked it off in terms of executing our plan to be successful and to get this roster to where it needs to be,” Poles said. “But it was definitely mixed emotions because it’s a guy who’s a good football player. I know what he’s meant to this organization. I remember that night game when he first got to Chicago, it was incredible.

“That’s a tough player to move on from, but again, when you know what you need to do for the betterment of the club, it was like, let’s go, the clock has started. We’ve got to move and do what we can to improve the roster.”

Poles said they took a look at analytics, Mack’s age, his playing time, and then the timing element — when could they get the best compensation for Mack?

“If you wait, what does that look like? If you do it now, what does it look like?” Poles said. “And we just thought, right now it would allow the Bears to have more ammunition to add more players.”

From his first day at Halas Hall, Poles noted the low number of draft picks the Bears had in 2022 — only five, in part because of the Fields trade. That’s a difficult foundation for a GM who wants to infuse the roster with young talent and ultimately try to build through the draft.

The Mack trade might have added only one more pick to the 2022 Bears haul, but it’s a significant one, as it’s in the top 50.

“It was just looking at our future,” Poles said. “It was looking at where we needed to go. Again, the (number of) picks were low. And like I mentioned, using the different tools, analytics, everything, it just seemed like the right time to do it in terms of value where we can help this team out now and in the future.”

Mack has still been a dominant player ... when healthy. That durability question mark, his age and his cap hit are all going to be viewed through the prism of the team’s direction. While the Chargers believe they acquired someone who gets them closer to a Super Bowl, the Bears believe this move gets them closer to where they want to be as well with the extra draft picks and cap flexibility for a franchise that was not going to contend in 2022.

Staley is a defensive coach. Yet the priority in his first head-coaching gig was elevating Herbert and ensuring his continued growth and development.

“We had to get that right,” Staley, who played quarterback in college, said in January.

That started with protection. The Chargers signed three starters in free agency — All-Pro center Corey Linsley and guards Matt Feiler and Oday Aboushi — and drafted a franchise left tackle in the first round in Rashawn Slater. They added two more offensive players in the top 100 of the draft in wide receiver Joshua Palmer and tight end Tre’ McKitty. They signed tight end Jared Cook, who also played under Lombardi with the Saints, and Daniel. The Chargers hired Lombardi from the Saints, where he was Sean Payton’s longtime quarterbacks coach, and he brought a version of that New Orleans passing offense to Los Angeles.

The vision for the structure around Herbert turned into production. The Chargers finished fourth in both TruMedia’s offensive EPA/play and Football Outsiders’ offensive DVOA. Herbert passed for more than 5,000 yards and finished third in the league in QBR.

The defense, though, struggled.

The Chargers had one of the worst defenses in football in 2021. They finished 28th in EPA/play and 26th in DVOA. They could not stop the run consistently. They could not get off the field on third down. They did not generate enough pressure on the quarterback. They did not force enough turnovers.

Their Week 18 loss to the Raiders provided the final evidence that the Chargers needed to shore up their defense in 2022. (Stephen R. Sylvania / USA Today)

The Chargers had built an offense for Herbert. Now they needed a defense that could take some of the pressure off his shoulders. Herbert can keep the Chargers in games almost single-handedly. He put together one of the most remarkable comebacks in recent NFL history in Week 18 against the Raiders in Las Vegas with a heroic three-drive stretch in the fourth quarter and overtime of that season-ending loss. Herbert is capable of doing those things, but that does not mean the Chargers want to live in that world.

“It’s not just enough to outscore people in this league, because there’s going to be a game where you don’t shoot it well, and you’ve got to win in a lot of different ways in this league,” Staley said. “When you have a quarterback, it’s not just surrounding him with offensive weapons. It’s surrounding him with a complete team where the pressure isn’t on him every single game to score 35, to throw for 350, to bring you back. And I think that’s what we’re trying to do.”

The Chargers had several key defensive players hitting free agency: edge rusher Uchenna Nwosu, linebacker Kyzir White, defensive lineman Justin Jones, nickel corner Chris Harris Jr. and defensive lineman Linval Joseph. That meant a boatload of cap space and open starting positions at all three levels of the defense.

Mack was the first piece in reassembling that defensive puzzle. The team was initially interested in re-signing Nwosu as its second edge rusher opposite Joey Bosa, but then the Mack trade materialized. It was no longer financially feasible to bring back the 2018 second-round pick. Nwosu ended up signing a two-year, \$19.055 million deal with the Seahawks.

In Mack, the Chargers believe they have added a player who can affect all facets of their defense, tangible and intangible. His edge-rushing prowess is well documented. But he is also an outstanding run defender, and, along with the interior additions of Sebastian Joseph-Day and Austin Johnson, the Chargers are expecting significant improvements in that area.

“He brings a lot of the elements that our team needs right now,” Staley said. “He brings the play style that we really value, that toughness. He’s a complete player. I think that from a culture standpoint, we really wanted to have somebody join up with Derwin James up front. Derwin plays in the secondary, he’s our signal caller, but someone up front that can really maximize him.”

Mack is coming off a foot injury that limited him to seven games last season. But the Chargers are confident that he has good football left in him. Part of that confidence is embedded in Staley’s existing relationship with Mack.

When Mack was traded to the Bears in 2018, he arrived in Chicago less than a week before the season opener against the Packers. Staley, then the Bears outside linebackers coach, spent hours and hours with Mack, late into the night sometimes, teaching his new star player the complex Fangio playbook.

Staley got Mack ready to play, and Mack had a strip-sack, a fumble recovery and a pick-six — in the first half.

“I don’t think y’all understand how fast I really had to learn a whole defensive playbook,” Mack said, “and he made it easy.”

Staley now has a full offseason to integrate Mack into his Chargers defense.

“You’re not envisioning the fit or projecting the fit. You know the fit,” Staley said. “You know exactly how to use that player, so the ramp-up time is going to be very short with that guy.”

The Chargers still have 10 picks in April’s draft after trading for Mack. That additional capital made parting with the second-rounder more palatable.

“You’re trading for one of the best players in the game, and you know exactly what you’re getting,” Staley said. “The cost was very minimal for a player of his caliber. I think it was an excellent trade.”

In a month that saw Russell Wilson, Deshaun Watson, Carson Wentz, Matt Ryan, Davante Adams and Tyreek Hill change teams, the Mack trade took a back seat. It is an offense-first league, after all.

But Mack himself has become the symbol of the direction of a team in two separate offseasons.

Nearly four years ago, the Raiders moved Mack to a Bears team that saw an opportunity to win in 2018, and he led them to a 12-4 record while his former team hoped to take advantage of its extra draft picks.

Then near the start of the 2022 league year, a Chargers team that sees its Super Bowl window as right now made the move for Mack, while the Bears hope to make the best of their additional draft picks, as they are now the team in transition.

Before the 2019 draft, Pace quipped that when the Raiders were on the clock for the first-round pick they received from the Bears, the personnel department would turn on a highlight reel of Mack’s first season in Chicago. At that time, the Bears still had high expectations, and Mack was a major part of it. He had 12 1/2 sacks and six forced fumbles. He was the centerpiece of the league’s best defense.

When the Bears are on the clock at No. 48, maybe Telesco and Staley will flip on clips of Mack, and let their minds wander as to what he can mean to the 2022 Chargers. And maybe in Lake Forest, Ill., Poles will let his mind wander with that pick, and whatever he does with it, hoping it will help get the Bears to be where the Chargers are.

It’s the right move at the right time for both teams, using different roster-building strategies. But the Chargers get to reap the rewards of their side of the deal much more quickly. The Bears understand that. This is part of their plan.

Mack hears the doubters. He is aware of what he calls “the narrative” — that he has lost a step, that he is not the same player.

“Turn on the TV. You’ll hear what they’re saying,” Mack said. “And it’s like, OK, bet. You know what I mean? I’ll bet on myself any day.”

The Chargers bet on him, too. This is their big swing. And if the Chargers want to win a Lombardi Trophy in the 2022 season, then all parties involved — from Mack, to Staley, to Telesco, to the Spanos family — need those bets to cash.

“If people are saying that, then they certainly don’t know him. At all,” Staley said. “And if they are saying that, then good luck to them. Because you’ll see. You’ll see.”

Chargers coach Brandon Staley, linebacker Khalil Mack were a dynamic duo before

By Jeff Miller
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The remaking of the Chargers defense took its most tangible step forward yet Wednesday when Khalil Mack was introduced at a news conference.

The Chargers traded last week for the three-time All-Pro edge rusher, bringing him in to help upgrade a unit that was the team’s shortcoming last season. They also signed three young veteran defenders in free agency: comeback J.C. Jackson and interior linemen Sebastian Joseph-Day and Austin Johnson. That trio will speak over the next two days.

Mack was first to go. Here are the highlights of the day from the Chargers’ Costa Mesa training facility:

Hard-hitter in more ways than one: The Chargers are looking for Mack to make an impact that can be accurately described as profound. Head coach Brandon Staley has seen it before.

Staley was coaching the outside linebackers in Chicago when the Bears acquired Mack from Oakland just before the start of the 2018 season.

“When he got to Chicago, our entire team changed,” Staley said. “We were a top-10 defense. ... When he got there, we became the No. 1 defense. We had a good defense. When he came, we became the best defense.”

Staley explained that Mack will affect the Chargers both on and off the field, saying he can change cultures as much as he can games “because of who he is on a day-to-day basis.”

“He’s not one of these guys that’s going to tell you something,” Staley said. “He’s going to show you. And you feel that right away.”

Indeed, Mack called himself “an action guy” and “not a talker.” Staley suggested the Chargers’ lacked enough of that type of presence on defense last season. It was notable that Staley also referenced his desire to pair Mack with safety Derwin James Jr., the widely acknowledged heart of the defense. This is a partnership upon which the Chargers will lean in 2022.

Sacks and a whole lot more: On the field, Staley said Mack’s impact should be easy to spot. He talked about his consistency, durability and toughness.

“He also brings a style of play that we really believe in,” Staley said. “I don’t think we had enough of it [in 2021]. Not even close.”

The Chargers struggled last season particularly against the run and on third down. They gave up an average of 138.9 yards on the ground, one the worst single-season performances in franchise history. Their season — and playoff chances — ended in the most fitting of ways when they failed to prevent Las Vegas from converting on a third-down run in overtime in Week 18 and lost on the field goal that followed.

Staley said Mack's 76.5 career sacks tell only part of story of how Mack impacts offenses, which is especially important for the Chargers. "Complete defender because he can do everything," Staley said. "He can dominate the edge in the run game, which is where it starts. He's athletic on his feet to be able to run and catch anybody."

Staley explained that the ability of edge rushers to move is vital in today's NFL with "the ball on the perimeter as much as it is." This was another area where the 2021 Chargers no doubt lacked.

A player-coach reunion: Mack almost certainly wouldn't be a Charger without Staley also being here. Their relationship is rooted in the long hours they spent together after Mack joined the Bears in early September 2018. Following the trade, Mack had barely a week to prepare for Chicago's opener against Green Bay.

"He made it easy," Mack said. "You could see his passion through it, understanding he knew how much I wanted to get out there for that first game, and we were able to do it."

Against the Packers, Mack had a sack, a forced fumble, a fumble recovery and an interception, one he returned 27 yards for a touchdown. How's that for instant impact? The time together for Mack and Staley was brief, Staley leaving after the '18 season to join Vic Fangio's staff in Denver. "It was bittersweet in Chicago," Staley said. "It was an amazing year. All these great things are happening. But then it was like, 'Man, that didn't last long enough.' To be able to go do it again, is very special."

Healthy and motivated: Mack said his surgically repaired foot is "100%, good to go, whatever you want to hear." He missed the final 10 games last season after being injured in late October. Before going down, Mack had six sacks, which represented a single-season career-best pace. He hasn't reached double figures in sacks since that '18 season when he finished with 12½.

Mack, 31, suggested he has heard rumblings about his fading production. He dismissed the notion by saying, "I'll bet on myself any day."

"If people are saying that, then they certainly don't know him at all," Staley said. "And if they are saying that, then good luck to them. Because you'll see. You'll see."

Added Mack: "It's going to be fun. I know ya'll going to enjoy watching it for sure."

More defensive help on the way: The roster rebuild will continue, Staley saying the work is far from complete.

Even with the addition of Jackson, he said the search for defensive backs won't stop. As for the defensive front, Staley said there would be more to come. "We're much closer to where we need to be," he said. "We're not there yet. But we're much closer. ... It's about depth in this league."

KENNETH MURRAY JR.

Los Angeles Chargers' Kenneth Murray Jr. playing with heavy heart in aftermath of brother's death

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COSTA MESA, Calif. -- You can hear the sadness in his voice. It's not outwardly noticeable if you didn't know to look for it, but it's there -- the kind of sadness you would never wish on anyone.

Los Angeles Chargers linebacker Kenneth Murray Jr. is a 6-foot-2, 241-pound chiseled athlete who cares passionately about the game of football. He also cares passionately about his family, especially his adopted siblings, all of whom have a chromosomal abnormality known as deletion.

His father, a Baptist minister, and his mother, a retired police officer, learned of the children from his church congregation and took them in when Murray was 11. And when their middle son, the one he was closest to, Lenny, died unexpectedly in April on what would have been his 14th birthday, Murray was devastated.

Murray had pledged to take care of the kids if something happened to his parents. But nobody expected something like this to happen to one of the children.

"One day I was doing something with football and I got a phone call and I kind of had to drop everything and jump on a flight and go through that," he said. "Since then I've just kind of stayed to myself."

He took to Twitter to process his grief:

Not wanting to divulge more details, all Murray would say about Lenny's death is that it was "like a bad nightmare," and something he tries not to think about.

"It's too hurtful to do in the media," he explained simply.

The children, Niya, Lenny and James, were born with deletion, a condition in which part of a chromosome is missing crucial genetic material. Lenny was the most severely affected and used a wheelchair. He was also Murray's biggest fan.

"He was super enthusiastic about coming to the games," Murray said. "That's what makes it such a sore spot for me."

The family would often make the seven-hour drive from their home in Missouri City, Texas, up to Norman, Oklahoma, where Murray played for the Sooners. He started at linebacker for three years and racked up 334 tackles and 9.5 sacks. His biggest year came as a sophomore in 2018, when he had 155 tackles, including a school record 28 in an overtime win over Army.

Murray was co-Big 12 defensive freshman of the year in 2017 and second-team all-conference in 2018 before being a first-team All-Big 12 and third-team All-America pick in 2019. His work ethic was legendary. He'd often watch five to six hours of film a day early in the morning before class. And when he was selected in the first round of the 2020 draft by the Chargers with the No. 23 pick, his entire family was with him as GM Tom Telesco made the call that would change his football life.

He's carried his work ethic with him to the NFL, where he had 107 tackles as a rookie a year ago and 20 through three games this season with the Chargers (2-1), who host the Las Vegas Raiders (3-0) on Monday Night Football (8:15 p.m. ET, ESPN). Murray will miss Monday's game with an ankle injury suffered in practice Saturday.

"We have just a great group on defense including Kenneth, we have him and [S] Derwin [James Jr.]," Chargers defensive end Joey Bosa said. "All the guys during practice every week, every day, they always bring energy so they have been great."

"He has worked extremely hard," Chargers defensive coordinator Renaldo Hill said. "We have talked about playing him downhill, being back and being able to run sideline to sideline. He has all of those traits."

When the children arrived at the Murray home 11 years ago, Murray and his biological sister, Kimberly, had to grow up fast. With their parents, they helped shuttle the kids to various doctors' appointments and therapy.

Niya is now 19 and reads at an elementary school level. James, the youngest, is 12 and uses a wheelchair. Lenny was the sports fan in the group and used to spend hours in front of the TV watching whatever sport was being played. And they all loved traveling to Oklahoma to watch Murray perform.

Lenny and Murray would go out in the backyard and do whatever they could to emulate playing catch and other sports and activities.

It's been a painful five months since Lenny died, but Murray says his family and his faith have gotten him through the hardest times. Of his compassion, he points directly to his parents.

"I'm from them," Murray said. "It's where I get all of this."

In his pre-draft interview, Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones asked Murray what challenge has made him who he is on and off the field. He pointed to his experience growing up with his siblings.

"I look at it not as a setback, but as a blessing," he answered. "When I was growing up, my mom and my dad did things that were true acts of selflessness."

It's what inspired him to work as a church counselor during summers growing up. He also volunteered at El Modena High School in Orange, California, last month to help honor the Chargers' high school coach of the month, Matt Mitchell, and be part of El Modena's pregame coin toss. Murray is an active member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and regularly visited the Children's Hospital at the Oklahoma Medical Center. His first task after the draft was to set up funds for his siblings for long-term care.

Murray cherishes every interaction that he has with his siblings, which is why Lenny's death hit so hard.

"He had special needs and you learn to appreciate the small things because you know the small goals that a lot of times, we as human beings we take for granted," Murray said. "And you learn to appreciate them when you see somebody who can't do those things and still finds a way to be happy."

"That was Lenny."

Okoye's journey: Chargers defensive lineman from Nigeria records a sack in his first football game

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COSTA MESA, Calif. (AP) — Imagine never having played cricket before and then taking a wicket in an Indian Premier League match your first time out, or never seeing a rugby match in person and scoring a try in Australia's National Rugby League.

That might give you a better understanding of what CJ Okoye did Saturday night.

The 21-year-old defensive lineman from Nigeria recorded a sack in his first organized football game at any level during the Los Angeles Chargers' 34-17 victory over the Rams. Okoye chased down Stetson Bennett for a 16-yard loss late in the fourth quarter.

"It was an amazing moment for me," Okoye said. "It was amazing seeing my teammates and my D-line room go crazy like that. I wish to go back there again."

Okoye came to the Chargers this year through the NFL's International Pathway Program, which was established in 2017 to increase the number of international players in the league. While he had shown enough to be allocated to an NFL team, he hadn't played organized football before.

Okoye didn't even know he recorded a sack until a teammate told him. He broke out his version of a sack dance as the Chargers sideline celebrated the moment.

Okoye also received a game ball from coach Brandon Staley in the locker room after the game.

"Just to see how he's been working, it brought me back to when I first started playing and was kind of green to the game, back in my senior year of high school," offensive guard Zion Johnson said. "Those moments are what craft you and push you forward to want to become a better player."

The sack was even more impressive because it didn't come on a straight rush but a stunt. Bennett eluded pressure from defensive tackle Jerrod Clark in the pocket before Okoye chased him down.

"It was the play we normally run, so we just need to run and twist," Okoye said. "We communicated, and (Clark) said, 'I'm going in. You just wrap around.' He did a good job. I just needed to finish it."

Before arriving in the NFL, the 6-foot-6, 315-pound Okoye had played basketball in a local league in Nigeria. Ejike Ugboaja, drafted by the Cleveland Cavaliers in 2006, was scouting one of the games and asked Okoye about trying out for Osi Umenyiora's Uprise football camp. Umenyiora, who was born in London to Nigerian parents, has been at the forefront of football development efforts in Africa.

Even though Okoye struggled during his tryout, he showed Umenyiora enough to take a chance on him.

Okoye was initially projected to be an offensive tackle and showed enough potential to be named the Offensive MVP during the first NFL Africa camp held in Ghana last year. From there, Okoye was one of 38 players from 13 countries to participate in last year's NFL International Combine in London.

Okoye came to the U.S. in January as one of 13 accepted into the International Pathway Program. That group underwent a 10-week training camp at the IMG Academy in Bradenton, Florida. In May, he discovered he was one of eight players who made the final cuts and was allocated to the Chargers.

"This time last year, I was in Nigeria. I didn't even know if I would come to the States or play football," he said. "Sometimes it hits me, 'You're in the States with the Chargers in the NFL. You need to make the most out of it.' I'm shocked every day, but I still need to go out and do my thing."

Since the program started, 37 international players have been allocated, drafted, or signed as free agents. Four players were on their team's active roster during the offseason, including Jordan Mailata. The Australian started at left tackle for the Philadelphia Eagles in February's Super Bowl.

The seven players remaining in this year's program saw at least one snap during last week's preseason games.

Kansas City offensive lineman Chukwuebuka Godrick saw the most action with 20 snaps against New Orleans.

Denver defensive lineman Haggai Chisom Ndubuisi assisted on two tackles during his four snaps against Arizona. Green Bay defensive lineman Kenneth Odumegwu also received a game ball after being in for 12 plays at Cincinnati.

All but one of the rookies in this year's program are from Nigeria. At the end of training camp, they will be eligible for an international player practice squad exemption, which gives teams an extra practice squad player. They also could be elevated to the active roster during the season.

Chargers defensive line coach Jay Rodgers said this is the first time in his 15 years coaching in the NFL that he has had an International Pathway Program player. He has been impressed with how quickly Okoye has picked up things.

"Every day is a new experience for him. Even some of the terms we use in football, those are terms that he has never heard before that other people take for granted," Rodgers said. "He moves pretty well for a big man. The more reps he gets mentally in the meetings and on the field, you'll see his play speed start to take over because we know his physical ability."

How many snaps Okoye will get in the final two preseason games remains to be seen, but he is taking everything in stride.

"I don't think I'm a celebrity yet. It's just my story. I have never played football, I just magically got a sack," he said. "I won't lie, it's an awesome feeling, but you just stay in the middle and do your thing. I want to learn more plays and learn more techniques."

JOSHUA PALMER

With his friend's health on his mind, Joshua Palmer aiming for bigger Chargers role

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His position coach called him “so, so serious,” adding that Joshua Palmer is “straight-laced” to the point where it becomes “almost too much.”

To be more businesslike on the field, Palmer would have to line up in a three-piece suit. Yet before opening his second training camp with the Chargers last week, the 23-year-old wide receiver was heavily into his emotions.

Palmer's childhood friend, John Metchie III, had just revealed that he'll likely miss his rookie season with Houston after being diagnosed with leukemia.

“You hear about these things, but it never hit so close to home,” Palmer said. “I was just speechless. You don't know what to say or how to say it.”

Palmer and Metchie grew up together in Canada, in a town called Brampton, a suburb of some 600,000 northwest of Toronto. Their friendship goes back so far that Palmer said, “I don't remember not knowing him.”

Both eventually moved to the United States to pursue football and ended up in the SEC. Palmer played at Tennessee before being drafted by the Chargers in the third round last year while Metchie at Alabama before the Texans took him in the second round in April.

They were scheduled to share the field again this season in Week 4, when the Chargers play at Houston. But their next reunion is on hold indefinitely.

“John's a soldier,” Palmer said. “Right now, he's just in a different camp, a different camp that he has to get through. He'll come out with a full head of steam next season.”

With his friend on his mind, Palmer arrived in Costa Mesa for what the Chargers hope is a season of significant development. After Keenan Allen and Mike Williams, there's a need for more consistency at the team's third wide receiver spot.

Palmer finished his rookie season trending upward. Starting in Week 14 against the New York Giants — a game Allen missed because of COVID-19 — he had 18 of his 33 receptions and three of his four touchdowns. He caught a 23-yard scoring pass from Justin Herbert to convert a fourth-and-21 play late in the fourth quarter of the Chargers' dramatic season finale in Las Vegas.

“That Giants game was a huge boost for him,” Chargers wide receivers coach Chris Beatty said. “He was able to do multiple things in Keenan's role and see, ‘Hey, I can do this.’ Now, he has the confidence and it's more about mastering what he wants to do.”

Beatty almost worked with Palmer long before the two came together with the Chargers. He was an assistant at Maryland and recruited Palmer out of Fort Lauderdale's St. Thomas Aquinas High.

Palmer also nearly played in Southern California long before he was a Charger. Before committing to Tennessee, his college visits included a stop at UCLA, where a higher source evidently intervened.

“Someone told me it doesn't rain in California,” Palmer said. “The one time I was there, it rained the whole weekend. So I took that as a sign.”

Palmer's serious nature showed itself when he left Canada for South Florida to finish high school, St. Thomas Aquinas a traditional football powerhouse. At the time, he described it as “a business decision.” He was 15.

At a position that famously can produce divas and distractions, Palmer retains something closer to tunnel vision. His personality, Beatty explained, is the quietest among the Chargers' receivers.

“He's different like that,” Beatty said. “He balances the room. You can't have all comedians in there. With Josh, everybody else is joking and he's over there looking at his iPad.”

That's not to suggest Palmer lacks a lighter side. Asked if he played hockey growing up, he said only the street version before adding, “I could skate. I just couldn't stop.”

Palmer is an athlete who prefers to remain locked in. At Tennessee, Palmer prepped for the NFL on and off the field. He said during his final year of college he pretended he already was in the league. He became a harsher self-critic. He studied more film. He started taking better care of his body and tried to develop the routine of a professional athlete.

Beatty praised Palmer's approach and commitment but admitted there are times when he can dig in too deeply. The coach offered the example of Palmer trying to improve on an otherwise perfect route because the ball didn't come his way.

“He's just really so straight ahead, which is good in a lot of ways, but sometimes you overthink things,” Beatty said. “That's kind of where he is, trying to learn how to get out of his own way a little bit.”

The one thing Palmer has mastered entering this season is perspective, the situation involving Metchie and how his friend is handling it are both reminders of what's most important.

Palmer said the two have been in touch, adding that Metchie already is bouncing back. “The whole thing is hard to describe in words,” Palmer said. “But John's going to be fine. He's going to get through this.”

DONALD PARHAM JR.

Chargers' Donald Parham Jr. on injury: 'A life-flashing-before-your-eyes kind of thing'

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DELAND, Fla. — He re-emerged here, on a small set of metal bleachers, next to an empty practice field, 2,500 miles from SoFi Stadium.

On a windy and warm spring afternoon, Donald Parham Jr. sat alone with a visitor sent to chronicle his comeback.

Nearly four months had passed since Parham disappeared from view under much brighter lights. A national television audience and sellout crowd watched as he was strapped to a stretcher and rolled out of the most frightening scene of the 2021 NFL season.

The Chargers tight end remembers all of it: the touchdown pass slipping from his grip, his head snapping back onto the turf, his body stiffening and ignoring the pleas to move even as the tremors shook his otherwise rigid arms.

"I was just thinking about if I'll ever play again," Parham said. "Really thinking about everything else I still wanted to do. It was a life-flashing-before-your-eyes kind of thing. Was it all going to be taken away from me in that instant?"

Watching the game from the family home in Lakeland, Fla., Felicia Parham said she and her husband, Donald Sr., were pulled from their seats and found themselves pacing. And praying. Mostly praying.

On their TV came a close-up of their son's face. His eyes were shut, and he wore no discernible expression.

Just moments earlier, Felicia said, she had been bouncing on the couch, shouting at the TV and rooting on her firstborn — just as always — much to the concern of the family's anxious, barking Pomeranian, Cash.

"All of a sudden," Felicia said, "everything went on pause."

Before long, she was on the phone, first with her son's girlfriend. Then with his agent. Then his girlfriend again. Then his agent's secretary. Travel plans had to be made — and right now.

A few sleepless hours later, Felicia was headed to the airport in Tampa for a 6 a.m. nonstop to LAX, an uneasy 5½ hours for a mother to do little more than think.

Brittany McGee, Parham's girlfriend, picked her up and they drove to Harbor-UCLA Medical Center.

At that blurry-eyed moment, Parham's future was very uncertain. He had talked to his mother on a video call hours earlier from the hospital, had told her he would be OK and assured he would play again. But Felicia needed to see for herself.

By the end of the weekend, everyone knew that, yes, Parham was going to be fine. But not many know the details of a situation so sobering that today Parham has no memory of that video call.

What follows is a collection of those details, an account that began with a quiet conversation on a small college campus.

Stetson University is a private school of roughly 4,300 students located among mossy oaks and waltzing palms about 40 miles north of Orlando.

Parham played here from 2015-18, two plaques displayed in the athletics building commemorating a final season in which he was the NCAA per-game leader in receptions and yards.

This is where he first truly stood his tallest, where he grew those final two inches to reach 6-foot-8, fulfilling forecasts of the pediatricians who had repeatedly told the Parhams their son was, size-wise, "off all the charts."

Parham is a student here again, working toward a communications degree he hopes to complete in the spring of 2023.

His picture hangs along the fence that encircles the practice field. A wall inside the football offices will soon feature another giant likeness, one of Parham in action as a Charger.

"He has lived up to all the expectations and become an overwhelming figure for this program and our league," said head coach Brian Young, who was the defensive coordinator during Parham's time as a Hatter. "Donald is Stetson."

State Road 44 passes next to campus and is dotted by nearby businesses with names such as Dolly's Olde Time Tavern, Lucky Ducky Arcade and DeLand Feed & Pet Supply.

To be sure, this is not a road that traditionally leads to the NFL. Parham and former teammate Donald Payne are the only Stetson players to make it to the league since the school reinstated football in 2013 after a half-century hiatus.

In that sense, the horrific scene in Inglewood on the night of Dec. 16 was another twist on a path that has seen Parham overcome going undrafted, failing to make it with a handful of NFL teams and ending up in the now-suspended XFL before the Chargers signed him.

"He's already had a detour coming out of the XFL," Payne said. "He worked his way up from that detour to make it to the biggest stage ever, catching touchdown passes on 'Monday Night Football.' Those of us who know Donald know he's got this, 1,000%."

That night, Kansas City won the coin toss and deferred, giving the Chargers the ball to start a matchup the NFL couldn't have scripted better. Young superstar quarterbacks Justin Herbert and Patrick Mahomes would battle with the AFC West lead going to the winner. Set up by a 75-yard kickoff return by Andre Roberts, Herbert and his offense quickly moved to the Chiefs' five-yard line, where it was first-and-goal. Three incompletions brought fourth down and coach Brandon Staley's decision to go for it.

"A routine play," Parham said. "We ran it a few times in practice. We were comfortable with it."

Lined up in a standing position on the right side, Parham cut inside between two linebackers, working his way toward the back of the end zone, where he ran away from safety Tyrann Mathieu as fellow safety Daniel Sorensen closed in.

He went airborne lunging for Herbert's spiral and landed on his back before coming to rest on his right side, Parham's body frozen with his arms extended in front of him and bent upward at the elbows in what experts call the fencing response, a condition that can follow trauma to the brain.

Running back Austin Ekeler arrived to help Parham to his feet before realizing something was wrong. Medical personnel were summoned and rushed from the Chargers' sideline.

Many of Parham's teammates began to gather around him. Tight end Stephen Anderson knelt nearby, dropping his head. A TV camera caught linebacker Drue Tranquill staring solemnly from one knee.

With this being a Thursday night, there were no other NFL games being played. The next day, it would be determined that 18 million people — the second-most to watch the Chargers all season — were tuned in.

"It was all very traumatic," Felicia said. "Then to be so far away and not be able to ... I was sick with my stomach. My husband was sick to his stomach. I immediately packed my bags. I had to see him."

Amid the scrambling, she sent a text message to a group of friends she called "prayer warriors," seeking support.

Payne, who also was watching the game, said his ongoing group chat "started blowing up, you know, praying for him. It was definitely something intense."

It was something familiar, as well. In August 2017, a sophomore linebacker named Nick Blakely collapsed at a Stetson practice and later died. An autopsy revealed that he had an enlarged heart.

"The Stetson community already had something along these lines happen," Payne said. "So to be in another situation where it was one of our own who was down made it even scarier."

Only 93 seconds into the most-anticipated of games, the mood inside SoFi Stadium struggled to recover, the image of Parham being wheeled out through an end-zone tunnel powerful and lasting.

And then his arms — restrained but still trembling in a way that was visible to all — caused wild speculation from people who couldn't possibly know the specifics.

"It was extremely scary," Felicia said. "To see him shaking, I didn't know what that was. So I'm checking social media and I'm seeing things about people counting him out, talking about him being paralyzed."

"I was so disheartened to see people say these things. They're not thinking about how he has a family. How are they saying such things when he's got a mom and a dad and a brother and others who love him?"

Parham said he was intubated in the ambulance en route to the hospital and remembers nothing more until awakening early Friday. He started by trying to wiggle his fingers and called his body's immediate response "a blessing."

He underwent a variety of scans and other tests, all the signs encouraging. Doctors repeatedly checked Parham's motor skills, those results similarly positive.

By mid-morning, the Chargers were able to provide an official update, announcing on Twitter that Parham had been diagnosed with a concussion and would be leaving the hospital soon.

Later that day, he posted a photo of his right hand flashing the thumbs-up and a proclamation that he'd return better than ever. The tweet was liked more than 80,000 times.

"The doctors assured me nothing was wrong in terms of paralysis or anything like that," Parham said. "My first thought was, 'OK, well I need to get out of here.' That was the biggest thing, getting out of there and getting back to reality."

He ended up spending three nights at Harbor-UCLA, his mom and girlfriend sleeping in his room on chairs, Brittany's pulled up next to his bed so the two could hold hands.

Around noon Sunday, they all left the hospital together.

A few days later, Parham walked into the Chargers' Costa Mesa facility, headed toward the locker room and was greeted by a series of friendly but disbelieving faces.

"They were freaking out, almost like they were seeing a ghost," he said. "It was kind of funny. A lot of the guys were like, 'Just go home, bro. You don't have to be here.' I was like, 'Oh, OK, my bad.' And I left."

He wanted to return as quickly as possible, Parham said, because playing in the NFL has been his truest passion for years. He also wanted to prove he was tougher than even the scariest of career-threatening incidents.

Parham has a very practical, measured approach looking back on something that has so much emotion attached.

"I didn't have to dive," he said. "I could have possibly stayed on my feet or slid almost like a baseball player. But it happened. I have to learn from it and grow from it."

"Really, it's just a learning experience. Nothing more now. I gotta protect myself. That's just my character. I'm pretty even-keeled, level-headed. I'm always able to re-evaluate and reassess and go from there."

After missing the final three games of the season, Parham was medically cleared in early February. He said he expects to rejoin his teammates for offseason workouts in May, after the semester ends at Stetson. The first day of offseason workouts for players is Monday. His want to play has not been diminished, he promised, adding that he anticipates no issues the next time he's hit or takes a hard or awkward tumble. He said he never thinks about the play, unless someone asks about it. He called the whole scene "an afterthought."

Football is "just what we do," Parham explained, his father having played running back at Albany State and his little brother, Donovan, now a linebacker at Robert Morris.

As for those tremors, Parham said no one has been able to provide a specific reason.

"One doctor explained it as having seizure-like symptoms," he said. "But they weren't sure. I saw a specialist and he said they weren't exactly seizures. No one could really pinpoint it. It was just a reaction to what happened."

The Chargers' expectations for Parham will only grow in 2022. At 24, he's entering his third NFL season and will be part of a tight-end rotation that includes veteran Gerald Everett and 2021 third-round pick Tre' McKitty.

Parham will be counted upon to stand tall again, this time after taking the most frightening of falls. Following a pause that could have been so much longer, so much worse, a twisting NFL journey will continue.

Recalling the moment she first entered her son's hospital room, Felicia said she can still feel the relief.

"I was finally able to put my eyes on him and see that he was alert and OK," she said. "It was, 'Thank you, Jesus.' It was great to see him and see that he was Donald. He had stuff wired up to him and all that, but he was Donald."

They talked about family and about faith, Felicia studying her son's answers by the word to make sure he was all right.

The subject of the game didn't really come up, Parham, in fact, admitted he was unaware the Chargers had lost — 34-28 in overtime — until days later.

But there was one thing from the night before he did mention.

"Mom," Felicia remembered Donald Jr. saying, "I should've caught that ball."

RASHAWN SLATER

Chargers left tackle Rashawn Slater feeling '100 percent'

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COSTA MESA, Calif. -- Los Angeles Chargers left tackle Rashawn Slater says he is feeling "100 percent" after undergoing season-ending surgery last season.

Slater earned Pro Bowl recognition as a rookie and was anticipated last season to produce an encore performance. However, Slater exited a Week 3 loss to the Jacksonville Jaguars after rupturing his left biceps tendon and subsequently was placed on injured reserve for the remainder of the year.

"It's great," Slater said about his injury on Wednesday after organized team activities. "I would say it's been 100 percent for a while now, so at this point it's just - the more reps I get the more confident I'll feel."

Slater was designated to return from injured reserve after the Chargers' regular-season finale and coach Brandon Staley expressed optimism that he could appear in the lineup if they were able to make a playoff run.

However, the Jaguars defeated the Chargers, 31-30, in a Wild Card playoff to eliminate them from the postseason

"It was very close," Slater said when asked if he could have played if the team had advanced. "That's kind of what we were going after. Now I get more time."

Slater missed 15 games in total, including the playoff.

"I feel like the biggest thing I learned from that was just how easily this can be taken from you," said Slater, who turned 24 in March. "You only get so much time as it is in the NFL... so really feel a lot of urgency to get to where I want to be."

In Slater's absence, rookie Jamaree Salyer -- a sixth-round pick from Georgia -- took over at the position. Salyer is expected to maintain a starting role this season at right guard, where Zion Johnson is expected to move to left guard. The Bolts also return veteran center Corey Linsley and right tackle Trey Pipkins, who re-signed on a three-year, \$21.75 million deal over the offseason.