

POSTGAME NOTES

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LOS ANGELES CHARGERS vs. DENVER BRONCOS



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BOLTS WIN MONDAY NIGHT BOUT

The Los Angeles Chargers defeated the Denver Broncos in overtime, 19-16, to improve to 4-2 on the season. **S Derwin James Jr.** and **DL Sebastian Joseph-Day** were the game captains for the Chargers. The Bolts lost the toss and received the opening kickoff.

The team overcame a 10-point first-quarter deficit to win for the second time this season, the most in the NFL in 2022. It's the first time a Bolts team overcame multiple first quarter double-digit deficits to win in a single season since 2018.

TEAM	1	2	3	4	OT	F
Denver	10	3	0	3	0	16
L.A. Chargers	0	10	3	3	3	19

The Los Angeles offense converted 11-of-22 third down attempts, tied for the third-most third-down conversions in a single game in the NFL this season. It was the most third-down conversions in a game by a Chargers team since converting 14 in the 2021 season-opening win at Washington.

The offensive performance featured a pair of players with nine or more catches (**RB Austin Ekeler** with 10, **WR Joshua Palmer** with nine). Ekeler added a six-yard touchdown run to open the scoring for the Chargers, giving him six scrimmage scores on the year. Palmer led the Bolts with 57 receiving yards on the night.

Defensively, the Chargers allowed 13 first downs, the fewest by the Bolts this year. The Bolts were led by **S Derwin James Jr.**, who posted a team-best 10 tackles and added an 11-yard sack. **LB Drue Tranquill** added a team-high two sacks and eight tackles, while **OLB Khalil Mack** had five tackles, a sack and pass defended.

Special teams saw impact play from **K Dustin Hopkins** and **CB Ja'Sir Taylor**. Hopkins battled through an in-game injury to make a PAT and all four field goal attempts, including the 39-yard game-winner in overtime. It was the most made field goals without a miss in a game by a Chargers kicker since 2019. Taylor set up the game-winning kick with a heady special teams play to help force a muffed punt and give the offense possession at the Denver 28-yard line.

HERBERT REACHES 1,000 COMPLETIONS

In his 38th career game, **QB Justin Herbert** completed 37 passes on 57 attempts (64.9 pct.) for 238 yards. The 37 completions tied for the third-most in a single game in Chargers history, and put him over 1,000 completions for his career. Herbert eclipsed that mark faster than any player in NFL history, and, at 24 years, 221 days old, tied as the second-youngest player ever to do so.

FEWEST GAMES TO 1,000 COMPLETIONS, NFL HISTORY

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

YOUNGEST PLAYERS TO 1,000 COMPLETIONS, NFL HISTORY

Rank	Team	Player	Age (Years-Days)
1.	Ari.	QB Kyler Murray	24-140
2.	LAC	QB Justin Herbert	24-221
	N.E.	QB Drew Bledsoe	24-221

MACK KEEPS ON SACKING

OLB Khalil Mack stopped Denver's first drive on a third-and-one with a four-yard sack to force a field goal. He now has 6.0 sacks on the year, tied for No. 2 in the NFL. Mack has posted at least six sacks in eight-straight seasons, tying Buffalo OLB Von Miller for the NFL's longest active streak.

Since entering the NFL in 2014, Mack's 12.0 sacks against Denver are the second-most by a single player against the Broncos.

SACKS LEADERS, AGAINST DENVER, NFL, SINCE 2014

Rank	Team/s	Player	Sacks
1.	K.C./Ind./Bal.	OLB Justin Houston	13.0
2.	Oak./Chi./LAC	OLB Khalil Mack	12.0
3.	L.V.	DE Maxx Crosby	9.5
4.	—	Two Other Players	7.0

EKELER SCORES ANOTHER

RB Austin Ekeler punched in his fourth rushing touchdown on the season in the second quarter. He now has six scrimmage scores on the year, tying for the third-most in the NFL.

The touchdown run gave Ekeler 25 for his career. He became the eighth player in NFL history to have at least 25 rushing touchdowns and 25 receiving touchdowns. Ekeler joined Hall of Fame RB Lenny Moore as the only players to accomplish the feat within the first six seasons of a career.

SCRIMMAGE TOUCHDOWNS LEADERS, NFL, 2022

Rank	Team	Player	Scrimmage TDs
1.	Cle.	RB Nick Chubb	7
	K.C.	TE Travis Kelce	7
3.	LAC	RB Austin Ekeler	6
	Bal.	TE Mark Andrews	6
	Buf.	WR Stefon Diggs	6
	Phi.	QB Jalen Hurts	6

Ekeler added a team-high 10 receptions for 47 yards (4.7 avg.). The performance marked his fifth career game with 10-plus catches, tying for the fourth-most by a running back in NFL history. His 41 receptions this season rank tied for No. 3 in the AFC.

RECEPTIONS LEADERS, AFC, 2022

Rank	Team	Player	Receptions
1.	Mia.	WR Tyreek Hill	50
2.	Buf.	WR Stefon Diggs	49
3.	LAC	RB Austin Ekeler	41
	K.C.	TE Travis Kelce	41
5.	Bal.	TE Mark Andrews	39
	Cin.	WR Ja'Marr Chase	39

DERWIN GETS IN ON THE ACTION

In the third quarter, **S Derwin James Jr.**, posted an 11-yard sack on third-and-nine to force a punt. It marked his second of the season and brought him to 7.5 career sacks.

James, who leads the Chargers this season with 55 tackles, is the only NFL defensive back to total at least two sacks, three passes defended and 50 tackles on the season.

PLAYERS WITH 50 TACKLES, MULTIPLE SACKS AND MULTIPLE PASSES DEFENSED, NFL, 2022

Rank.	Team	Player	Sacks	PDs	Tackles
1.	Chi.	LB Roquan Smith	1.5	2	66
2.	Min.	LB Jordan Hicks	2.0	4	56
3.	LAC	S Derwin James Jr.	2.0	3	55
	Phi.	LB T.J. Edwards	2.0	3	55