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# LOS ANGELES CHARGERS at MINNESOTA VIKINGS



Sunday, Sept. 24, 2023 | 12:00 p.m. CT | Minneapolis, Minn.

## **CHARGERS DEFEAT VIKINGS ON THE ROAD**

The Los Angeles Chargers defeated the Minnesota Vikings, 28-24, in Week 3. **WR Keenan Allen**, **S Derwin James Jr.**, and **DL Sebastian Joseph-Day** were the game captains for the Chargers. The Bolts lost the toss and received the opening kickoff.

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| L.A. Chargers | 7 | 7  | 7 | 7 | -  | 28 |
| Minnesota     | 0 | 10 | 7 | 7 | -  | 24 |

**WR Keenan Allen** finished the game with career highs in reception (18) and receiving yards (215), besting his own single-game franchise record with 16 receptions in 2020. The 18 grabs registered as his third-career game with 15-plus catches, the most by any player in NFL history. With a touchdown pass in the third quarter, Allen became the first player in NFL history to secure 15 receptions, 200 receiving yards and a passing touchdown in a single game. The receiving yardage output helped break the franchise record for most career receiving yards by a wide receiver (9,689) in Chargers history.

**QB** Justin Herbert set the NFL record for most pass completions through a player's first four seasons (1,406) and has now attempted a franchise-best 213 passes without an interception. Herbert's three touchdowns gave the fourth-year quarterback 100 passing touchdowns for his career, reaching the mark at 25 years, 198 days old and in career game No. 52, becoming the fourth-youngest and second-fastest player ever to reach 100 career passing scores. Herbert totaled his 11th career fourth-quarter comeback, the second-most by any QB in the NFL since he entered the league in 2020.

Defensively, the Bolts held Minnesota to four-of-14 (28.5 pct.) on third down, allowing zero third-down conversions in the first half. On the game's opening defensive possession, the Bolts defense got off the field after **S Alohi Gilman** stripped the ball, giving the Chargers offense possession at the 21-yard line. The defense totaled four sacks of QB Kirk Cousins, including takedowns from **OLB Joey Bosa**, **OLB Tuli Tuipulotu**, **DL Morgan Fox** and **DL Sebastian Joseph-Day**. Bosa now has a team-leading three sacks on the season. **LB Kenneth Murray Jr.** helped secured the victory for Los Angeles with a fourthquarter, fourth-down interception with 0:07 remaining in regulation.

#### **WR Keenan Allen, S Derwin James Jr.**, and **DL oh-Day** were the game captains for the Chargers. At the day Herbert became the first Charger and just the

#### r the Chargers. kickoff. seventh player in NFL history to record 40 completions, 400

Herbert's outing helped set the all-time NFL record for completions within the first four seasons of a career (1,406) and surpassed 15,000 career passing yards, becoming the secondfastest player to ever do so in league annals, reaching the mark in his 52nd career game.

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In the first half, Herbert set the franchise record for consecutive pass attempts without an interception. His 26 completions in the first half set a career-high in a single first half and were the most by any passer in the NFL this season through the early afternoon window of Week 3 games.

# COMPLETIONS, FIRST FOUR SEASONS, NFL HISTORY

| leam | Pidyer                      | completions   |
|------|-----------------------------|---|
| LAC  | <b>QB Justin Herbert</b>    | 1,406   |
| Mia. | QB Ryan Tannehill           | 1,392   |
| Oak. | QB Derek Carr               | 1,378   |
| Dal. | QB Dak Prescott             | 1,363   |
| Ind. | QB Peyton Manning           | 1,357   |
|      | LAC<br>Mia.<br>Oak.<br>Dal. | LACQB Justin HerbertMia.QB Ryan TannehillOak.QB Derek CarrDal.QB Dak Prescott |

# CONSECUTIVE PASS ATTEMPTS WITHOUT AN INTERCEPTION, CHARGERS HISTORY

| <u>Rank</u> | Quarterback           | Dates Consec. A              | <u>ttempts</u> |
|-------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| 1.          | <b>Justin Herbert</b> | Dec. 26, 2022-Present        | 213            |
| 2.          | Drew Brees            | Oct. 17, 2004-Dec. 5, 2004   | 194            |
| 3.          | Philip Rivers         | Nov. 27, 2011-Dec. 24, 2011  | 170            |
| 4.          | Dan Fouts             | Sept. 27, 1981-Oct. 25, 1981 | 168            |

The Chargers opened the scoring with a three-yard touchdown pass from Herbert to **TE Donald Parham Jr.**, the ninth time the pair has linked up in their careers. The duo completed another touchdown late in the first half on fourth-and-goal. It marks Parham's first career multi-touchdown game.

# **KEENAN RE-WRITES RECORD BOOKS**

**Keenan Allen** registered 215 receiving yards on 18 receptions (11.9 avg.), and threw for a touchdown, becoming the first player in league history to total at least 15 receptions, 200 receiving yards and one passing touchdown in a single game. He is the third player in NFL history to top 10 receptions and 100 receiving yards while also passing for a touchdown in the same game. The 49-yard touchdown pass to **WR Mike Williams** was the first passing score by a Chargers non-quarterback since Hall of Fame RB LaDainian Tomlinson in 2007.

#### PLAYERS WITH 10 RECEPTIONS, 100 RECEIVING YARDS AND A PASSING TOUCHDOWN, SINGLE GAME, NFL HISTORY

| Team | Game                   | Player          | Rec. | Yds | Pass TD |
|------|------------------------|-----------------|------|-----|---------|
| LAC  | Sept. 24, 2023 at Min. | WR Keenan Allen | 18   | 215 | 1       |
| Chi. | Dec. 2, 2018 at NYG    | RB Tarik Cohen  | 12   | 156 | 1       |
| S.F. | Dec. 24, 1995 at Atl.  | WR Jerry Rice   | 12   | 153 | 1       |

With his team-record 18 receptions on the day, Allen set the alltime NFL record for most games with 11-plus catches (14), 14plus catches (five) and 15-plus catches (three). He now is the only player in NFL history to register 10 or more games with 12plus receptions and 100-plus receiving yards.

Allen became the fourth player in league history to total 15 receptions and 150 receiving yards on two seperate occasions.

# MOST GAMES WITH 15-PLUS RECEPTIONS, NFL HISTORY

| <u>RK.</u> | Team/s                      | Player           | Games  |
|------------|-----------------------------|------------------|--------|
| 1.         | LAC                         | WR Keenan Allen  | 3      |
| 2.         | Dal./L.V.                   | TE Jason Witten  | 2      |
|            | Den./Mia./Chi./NYJ/NYG/Sea. | WR Brandon Marsh | nall 2 |
|            | S.D./Mia./N.E./Den./StL     | WR Wes Welker    | 2      |
|            | Pit./N.E./T.B.              | WR Antonio Brown | n 2    |

### MOST GAMES WITH 14-PLUS RECEPTIONS, NFL HISTORY

| Rank | Team/s         | Player           | Games |
|------|----------------|------------------|-------|
| 1.   | LAC            | WR Keenan Allen  | 5     |
| 2.   | Pit./N.E./T.B. | WR Antonio Brown | 4     |
| 3.   | Dal./L.V.      | TE Jason Witten  | 3     |

#### MOST GAMES WITH 11-PLUS RECEPTIONS, NFL HISTORY

| Rank | Team/s                  | Player              | Games |
|------|-------------------------|---------------------|-------|
| 1.   | LAC                     | WR Keenan Allen     | 14    |
| 2.   | 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    |

## ALLEN SETS MORE RECORDS

**Allen**'s performance helped the veteran passed Hall of Famer Lance Alworth to set the all-time Chargers record for receiving yards by a wide receiver. Allen now just trails TE Antonio Gates (11,841) for the most receiving yards in franchise history.

#### CAREER RECEIVING YARDS, WIDE RECEIVERS, CHARGERS HISTORY

| <u>Rank</u> | Seasons      | Player             | <b>Receiving Yards</b> |
|-------------|--------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| 1.          | 2013-Present | WR Keenan Allen    | 9,689                  |
| 2.          | 1962-70      | FL Lance Alworth*  | 9,584                  |
| 3.          | 1976-86      | WR Charlie Joiner* | 9,203                  |
| 4.          | 1966-76      | WR Gary Garrison   | 7,533                  |
| 5.          | 1981-87      | WR Wes Chandler    | 6,132                  |

Allen's 18 receptions broke his own record for the most receptions by any player in a single game in Chargers history.

#### **RECEPTIONS, SINGLE GAME, CHARGERS HISTORY**

| Rank | Player                  | Game                   | <b>Receptionss</b> |
|------|-------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| 1.   | WR Keenan Allen         | Sept. 24, 2023 at Min  | . 18               |
| 2.   | WR Keenan Allen         | Nov. 22, 2020 vs. NYJ  | 15                 |
|      | WR Keenan Allen         | Nov. 13, 2015 vs. Det. | 15                 |
|      | <b>RB</b> Austin Ekeler | Oct. 6, 2019 vs. Den.  | 15                 |
|      | TE Kellen Winslow       | Oct. 7, 1984 at G.B.   | 15                 |

### HERBERT FIRES IT ON FOURTH DOWN

**QB Justin Herbert** completed a one-yard touchdown on fourthand-goal to **TE Donald Parham Jr.**, in the second quarter. It marked his seventh career passing touchdown on fourth down, the third-most by any passer in the NFL in that span.

#### FOURTH DOWN PASSING TOUCHDOWNS, NFL, SINCE 2020

| Rank | Team/s    | Player                   | Passing Touchdowns |
|------|-----------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| 1.   | Buf.      | QB Josh Allen            | 8                  |
|      | Min.      | QB Kirk Cousins          | 8                  |
| 3.   | LAC       | <b>QB Justin Herbert</b> | 7                  |
| 4    | L.V./N.O. | QB Derek Carr            | 6                  |
|      | LAR/Det.  | QB Jared Goff            | 6                  |
|      | G.B./NYJ  | QB Aaron Rodger          | s 6                |
|      | -         | Four Other Players       | s 5                |

### HERBERT CONSISTENTLY COMPLETES

**Justin Herbert** has completed 20 or more passes in 30-straight games, tied for the second-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. Gan            | 1es |
|-----|-----------|-----------------------|------------------------------|-----|
| 1.  | N.O.      | Drew Brees            | Dec. 6, 2009-Oct. 6, 2013    | 57  |
| 2.  | LAC       | <b>Justin Herbert</b> | Nov. 7, 2021-Present         | 30  |
|     | N.O.      | Drew Brees            | Nov. 29, 2015-Nov. 5, 2017   | 30  |
| 4.  | LAC       | <b>Justin Herbert</b> | 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  |