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LOS ANGELES CHARGERS VS. DENVER BRONCOS

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CHARGERS FALL TO BRONCOS

The Los Angeles Chargers lost to the Denver Broncos, 23-17, at SoFi Stadium on Sunday.

TEAM	1	2	3	4	OT	F
Denver Broncos	7	3	0	13	–	23
L.A. Chargers	0	3	14	0	–	17

The Chargers allowed 1.8 yards per carry in the first quarter, marking the second time they have allowed 2.0 or fewer yards per carry in the opening quarter of a game (Week 2 LV). Los Angeles is tied for the NFL lead with two of such games with Jacksonville at the conclusion of the 1 pm games.

Rookie **OLB Akheem Mesidor** led the Bolts defensively with eight tackles (five solo), a strip-sack, a tackle for loss, and a QB hit. The first-round pick has 2.5 sacks on the season and ranks second in the NFL among rookies in the category.

DB Elijah Molden turned in seven tackles (four solo) while **LB Daiyan Henley** posted six tackles (two solo) and a pass defensed. **OLB Tuli Tuipulotu** recorded four tackles (one solo), a pass defensed, a forced fumble and a recovery.

QB Justin Herbert was 14-of-24 passing for 121 yards and a touchdown with an interception. He added 54 yards on six carries (9.0 avg.).

RB Kimani Vidal turned in 57 yards on eight carries (7.1 avg.) including a 42-yard touchdown run in the third quarter. Vidal added a pair of tackles on special teams. In the last decade, he is the eighth player to record a rushing touchdown and multiple special teams tackles in a single game — with his 42-yard touchdown being the longest among group. **RB Keaton Mitchell** posted 11 yards on six carries (1.8 avg.) while adding 18 yards on three receptions (6.0 avg.).

TE Charlie Kolar caught three passes for 37 yards (12.3 avg.). **TE Hayden Rucci** recorded his first career touch — a seven-yard touchdown reception in the third quarter.

K Cameron Dicker made a 42-yard field foal and both of his extra point attempts for five points on the day.

MESIDOR MAKES HIS MARK

OLB Akheem Mesidor led the Chargers with eight tackles (five solo), a strip sack, a QB hit, a tackle for loss and a recovery. On the season, he has turned in 2.5 sacks, ranking second among rookies in the NFL through five weeks of the season.

The Miami product is one of three rookies in the NFL to record a strip-sack, joining Buffalo's TJ Parker and Dallas' Caleb Downs through the afternoon slate of games.

SACKS, ROOKIES, NFL, 2026

Rank	Team	Player	Sacks
1.	NYJ	EDGE David Bailey	5.0
2.	**LAC**	**OLB Akheem Mesidor**	**2.5**
3.	G.B.	EDGE Dani Dennis-Sutton	1.5
	G.B.	CB Brandon Cisse	1.5
	N.E.	LB Gabe Jacas	1.5

BOLTS STRONG ON THIRD DOWN

The Los Angeles defense continued to be stingy on third down, holding Denver to just a 8.3 percent conversion rate (one-of-12), tied for the fifth lowest opponent third down percentage in a single game by the Bolts since the turn of the century. .

Through the first five weeks of the season, the Bolts are one of six AFC teams to hold their opponent to a 30.0 third-down conversion rate or better in multiple games and are tied for the conference lead with Baltimore with three of such games this season. The contest marked the Los Angeles' league-high 19th such contest since the start of the 2024 season.

MOST GAMES WITH 30.0 DEFENSIVE THIRD DOWN PERCENTAGE OR BETTER, AFC, SINCE 2024

Rank	Team	Games
1.	**Los Angeles Chargers**	**18**
2.	Cleveland Browns	13
3.	Denver Broncos	12
	Pittsburgh Steelers	12
4.	Two other teams	11