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### LOS ANGELES CHARGERS HEAD COACH ANTHONY LYNN

#### **On T Russell Okung:**

"[I don't have an update] yet. I know he's seeing the doctors this morning, but not yet.

"I am hopeful. He's our best option at left tackle, but if not, we're fortunate that [T] Trey [Pipkins III] — he's gotten some reps there. He has started a couple of games. [T] Trent [Scott] has played there. We have other options if he's not [available]."

#### **On if Okung doesn't play:**

"It could be Trent [Scott] or Trey [Pipkins]. He's in the mix as well."

#### **On DB Desmond King II:**

"We're good. Desmond, he's at work today. Everything is good."

#### **On Okung:**

"I know it was his other leg. No, it's not the same leg."

#### **On the first interception in Sunday's game:**

"It wasn't a good one. It was not a good throw.

"He never saw the safety in the middle of the field. It happens sometimes, but he would love to have that throw back, I'm sure."

#### **On the second interception:**

"It was a situation where we were trying to push the ball down the field. We probably forced it a little bit there."

#### **On conversations with QB Philip Rivers:**

"Well, it's really obvious — you don't want the turnover. You try to ask, 'What did you see?' You want to know how you can help a player. That feedback determines maybe the plays that you call for the rest of the game. That's all you can do at that time, just, 'Tell me what you saw.'"

#### **On evaluating turnovers:**

"We make those corrections, we do at the end of the season, but we try to do that during the season because we don't want the same thing week-to-week. This year has been worse than other years, I can tell you that. There's a lot of different reasons — sometimes a receiver may have fallen down, sometimes it's the pressure on the quarterback. He knows that he can't turn the ball over. That was just a bad throw, the first one. The one at the end of the game, we put him in some situations to try to push the ball down the field into some tight coverages that we never would have done in different circumstances. That first one, he would like to have that one back."



**On turnovers:**

"I don't de-value any turnover, to be honest with you, but I understand what he's saying. At the end of the game when you're trying to push the ball down the field, the checkdowns just won't cut it anymore, it will put you in some situations where you may throw an interception or two. That happens. It happens with every team."

"I believe he was fourth in turnovers my first year. Last year, he was like 10th. He has been pretty good in that area. This year, it's just not as good."

**On increased turnovers:**

"I think some of it may have been not having his tackles — his right and left tackle at different times. That can help speed the game up on a quarterback, any quarterback. Some of it, you just have to be careful with the football, period. I'm not trying to make any excuses for him, and he wouldn't want me to make any excuses for him. We just have to do a better job of taking care of the football."

**On 'never having seen that team' that played yesterday:**

"Seven turnovers. I've never had seven turnovers in my life. The guys are buying in and the guys are playing their tails off. The defense started at the plus-40 five times — three times inside the 30 in sudden-change and two times inside the 15, we held them to field goals. Those guys, they never stopped fighting, but the seven turnovers will kill you."

**On players being downgraded to out early:**

"You can speculate all you want on what it is, but those are my decisions."

**On Rivers' future:**

"My future is right now and this Sunday. I don't really have time to think about the future. I hope his concentration and focus right now is on the present, as well."

"As of right now, he is our starting quarterback."

**On what he wants to see the final two games of the season:**

"Just leadership and production. We need [Rivers] to play well. Not just him, but everybody around him. I expect to see that from all of these guys."

**On potential Pro Bowl players:**

"Well, when you win a lot of games, it seems like your whole team goes. When you don't win games — we'll see. I have no idea who should be in the Pro Bowl. I just know last year, we had seven guys, I think. This year, we'll see."

**On the fumbles:**

"Minnesota did a better job of getting to their technique before we got to our technique. It's that simple."

**On if RB Justin Jackson could see increased time:**

"Absolutely. [Running Backs Coach] Alfredo [Roberts] does a good job of rotating those guys anyway. [RB] Austin [Ekeler] put it on the ground twice yesterday. [RB] Melvin [Gordon III] put it on the ground twice. Yeah, you could see Justin more if that continues, but I don't expect that to continue."

**On if RB Troymaine Pope could see time on offense:**

"No, there's not that many footballs [to go around]."

**On DT Jerry Tillery:**

"He came through. He was okay. He did his job."

