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## WEEK 2 — PODIUM AVAILABILITY Monday, September 9, 2019 | Hoag Performance Center | Costa Mesa, Calif.

### LOS ANGELES CHARGERS HEAD COACH ANTHONY LYNN

#### **Opening statement:**

"I'll tell you, after watching the tape, we were fortunate. We overcame some things. They won the turnover battle, plus-two. Normally, when you lose that turnover battle your chances to win are very slim, but I thought the guys overcame that. They played hard and it took every man in that locker room to get it done yesterday. It was a hot game. I think conditioning played a factor on both sides of that ball, but I thought our guys showed enough will and enough toughness to win the game like they did. We have to improve in our run defense. I was unhappy with that 33 rushes for 203 yards. That's one area that we've gotten better over the last couple years, but we took a step back yesterday. We have some new guys in the lineup, so I know as those guys get more reps, especially game reps, that's going to improve, that's going to get a lot better. I have complete confidence in [Defensive Coordinator] Gus Bradley and the defensive staff in getting that done."

#### **On improving the run defense:**

"Some of it was execution. I think sometimes when you're not playing fast, playing a little timid, then you can get pushed around a lot easier."

#### **On the missed tackles:**

"You're going to see some of that early, I believe. When guys are playing in a real game, the speed is different than in a preseason game and practice. That doesn't concern me at all. Any time a team runs the football on you that many times for that many yards, it's a physical thing and that's what we have to get better at."

#### **On WR T.Y. Hilton's touchdown:**

"T.Y. is a heck of a football player. He's made a lot of people miss so it's things like that we'll be better at as time goes on."

#### **On LB Denzel Perryman:**

"Denzel has to get himself healthy. He was coming back from the ankle injury and before that it was the knee. So, as soon as Denzel's ready, you'll see him."

#### **On the offensive line:**

"You take away four or five plays and I thought the offensive line played outstanding especially with [T] Trent Scott filling in for [T] Russell Okung at the left tackle. [T] Sam Tevi had an outstanding game. [G/T Michael] Schofield [III] — [C Mike] Pouncey is the leader of that group — [G Dan] Feeney played outstanding. Overall, I was pleased with the offensive line."

#### **On T Trent Scott:**

"That says a lot about a man's character to overcome adversity and to fight back and finish the game the way he did. He played a physical football game yesterday."

#### **On G Forrest Lamp not playing many snaps:**

"It's just kind of the way the game was going but you will see Forrest playing. Yesterday, we had a package for him but he didn't get in as many series as we thought he might, but that could be different this week."

#### **On seeing other games and their outcomes:**

"Late last night I was watching ESPN and saw some scores. Some people scored a lot of points, I know that. I saw the Baltimore score. I thought the Cardinals game was exciting and saw some highlights from that, but I haven't watched any of those games so I can't comment on those. I just saw the scores like a spectator."



**On short-yardage situations:**

"It's something we've been emphasizing all camp and, yes, we tried to emphasize it in preseason games but yesterday we were 100 percent, two-for-two. Flipside of that, defensively, I want to improve a little bit there. [We gave up 100 percent of our third-and-ones yesterday]. That's something that both sides are going to try to improve. Just get better at it and be consistent at it."

**On FB Derek Watt on third-and-one:**

"It's not just Derek Watt. It's just a simple dive play, but I like what the offensive line did up front. I like the movement we had up front. When the offensive line can get a yard, the back can get a yard."

**On tendencies and tools in running plays like that with Watt:**

"Absolutely. We have more tools. When teams adjust that then there's other things that we can do."

**On using Watt in other offensive opportunities:**

"Derek has shown a lot of versatility. He can catch the ball, he can create matchups that way versus linebackers and we'll use him that way."

**On WR Mike Williams:**

"He's getting looked at today and hopefully it's not too serious. Mike's a heck of a football player. We're going to need him. Hopefully, he'll be back soon."

**On CB Michael Davis:**

"I know Michael Davis had the hamstring so he's going to miss a little bit of time."

**On potentially adding another cornerback due to injuries:**

"We're looking at that right now. Absolutely."

**On if S Nasir Adderley could play cornerback:**

"You know, he probably could in a pinch but we're just looking at all of our options right now."

**On what he learned about his team during Week 1:**

"This team is resilient. This team is tough. We had a lead, we gave it up, we came back and we won the game. The turnover ratio, we lost that. We made some mistakes and we overcame that. I think that says a lot. I'd rather be here today talking about corrections and things we could do better after a win than after a loss."

**On kicking depth:**

"No. I think with [P] Ty [Long], he's done this before, he's been the only kicker on a team for a couple of years, so he's used to this. I thought he did a heck of a job yesterday. That whole operation between him, [QB] Tyrod [Taylor] and the snapper [LS Cole Mazza] — three new guys — I thought the operation was outstanding."

**On the coaching of special teams:**

"[Special Teams Coordinator/Assistant Head Coach] George [Stewart] has contingency plans. All the coordinators, they have contingency plans. This guy goes down, this guy steps up and Tyrod [Taylor] has been getting those snaps over on the side, probably never thinking he's going to actually do it, and he had to go help us win a game with it. I think you can give [George Stewart] a lot of credit for that."

**On LB Drue Tranquill:**

"That's why he was up. It's so important that he was up because he's done an outstanding job on our special teams. [LB] Chris Peace did a nice job on our special teams as well."

**On players stepping up in the absence of others:**

"That's the mentality of this football team is the next man up. Whether guys are out for business reasons, injury or whatever, it's next man up. These guys they don't flinch."

**On K Michael Badgley:**

"He's getting better, but we'll see."

**On Badgley potentially playing in Week 2:**

"I think so, but we'll see."

