

POSTGAME NOTES

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LOS ANGELES CHARGERS vs. NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS



Sunday, Oct. 31, 2021 | 1:05 p.m. PT | Inglewood, Calif.

CHARGERS FALL TO PATRIOTS

The Los Angeles Chargers fell in Sunday's matchup with the New England Patriots, 27-24. The rushing offense posted 163 yards, the second-highest output of the season. Rookie **WR Joshua Palmer** caught a 24-yard score in the fourth quarter for his first career NFL touchdown catch.

On the opening drive of the game, the Chargers went 75 yards in eight plays, capping off the possession with a five-yard touchdown run by **RB Austin Ekeler**. It was the team's third opening-drive touchdown of the season.

TEAM	1	2	3	4	OT	F
New England	7	6	3	11	—	27
L.A. Chargers	7	7	3	7	—	24

CHARGERS REGULAR-SEASON RECORD WHEN ...

	2021 Season		Since 2000	
	Home	Overall	Home	Overall
Overall	2-2	4-3	97-75	173-170
On Artificial Surfaces	2-2	2-2	6-6	27-34
In Open-Air Stadiums	2-2	4-3	97-75	165-159
When Losing the Coin Toss	2-1	4-2	42-42	80-93
When Receiving the Opening Kick	2-1	4-2	51-39	86-89
vs. AFC	2-1	3-2	72-57	130-127
In October	2-1	2-2	25-15	41-45
During Day Games	1-2	3-3	80-60	143-142
On Sunday/Late Afternoon	1-2	1-2	79-59	104-92

CHARGERS RECORD BY UNIFORM, PANTS AND COMBINATION

	2021 Season		Since 1970	
	Home	Overall	Home	Overall
Navy Uniform	0-1	0-1	103-89	119-107
Navy Pants	0-1	0-1	22-18	95-116
Navy/Navy Combo	0-1	0-1	5-5	6-6

JAMES FORCES THE ISSUE

S Derwin James Jr., forced his third fumble of the season in the third quarter. He became the first Chargers defender to force three fumbles in the team's first seven games of a season since **DE Marcellus Wiley** in 2001.

JACKSON BREAKS OFF A LONG RUN

In the second quarter, **RB Justin Jackson** broke free a 75-yard run to set up the team's second touchdown of the day. It was the second-longest run by a Charger in the last decade (Melvin Gordon, 87-yard touchdown at New England in 2017). The play was also the second-longest non-scoring run in franchise history.

LONGEST NON-SCORING RUNS, CHARGERS HISTORY

Date	Opp.	Player	Play Length
Dec. 1, 2002	vs. Den.	RB LaDainian Tomlinson	76
Oct. 31, 2021	vs. N.E.	RB Justin Jackson	75
Sept. 17, 2006	vs. Ten.	RB Michael Turner	73

GROUND-AND-POUND

The Los Angeles rushing attack finished the day with 163 rushing yards, the team's second-best output of the season.

In the first half, the Bolts posted 122 rushing yards, good for the fourth-most by a Chargers offense in the first half in the last decade. It's also the most in the first half of a home game over that same span.

EKELER SHOWS HIS VERSATILITY

For the fifth time this season, **RB Austin Ekeler** topped 100 yards from scrimmage, finishing the day with 124 (64 rushing, 60 receiving). His five performances of 100-plus scrimmage yards trail only Tennessee's Derrick Henry and Indianapolis' Jonathan Taylor this season (each with six).

Ekeler punched in a five-yard rushing score to cap off the game's opening drive, his career-best fifth touchdown run of the season.