



POSTGAME QUOTES

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS vs. MIAMI DOLPHINS
Qualcomm Stadium (70,000) – San Diego, California
Sunday, Nov. 13, 2016 – 1:05 p.m. PT

CHARGERS QUARTERBACK PHILIP RIVERS

On the interceptions he threw today:

“Obviously it can’t happen down in there. There were two of them right there fixing the score, and then obviously the last one there with a chance to win the game with a field goal. The guy made a great play. The one in the end zone to Tyrell (Williams) who had a good play, fell off his man and made the play on the fade in the end zone. Then I just missed (Antonio) Gates. I just missed the throw on that one to Gates on the corner route. There were obviously too many missed opportunities in the game. We scored late and then took the lead a few times, but we just didn’t get it done.”

On missed plays with newer players:

“A couple of those were incompletions and that’s part of it. Tyrell (Williams) is doing a great job and with those, we’re just growing together. I told him coming off the field that he’s not wrong. I’m certainly not right on a few of those. And I’m not just talking about the interceptions. It just takes playing together more. But those plays didn’t cost us. It’s the obvious ones – the turnovers – that cost us.”

On how he wasn’t in sync with his receivers:

“We didn’t get off to as fast of a start as we wanted to. Ball tipped here, ball thrown away. It obviously wasn’t a great start for us but we were up 10-0 at one point. Then we got going pretty good and then took the lead late and Miami answered. Our defense bowed up there after the big play and held them to a field goal. Then we went bam, bam, bam and we were right there at the 40 yard line-ish. We get ten more yards and we’ll have Lambo kick it and win it. Then obviously there was a turnover for a touchdown next play.”

On how he feels as 4-6 going into the bye week with six games left:

“We’ll play them all. We’re going to play all six of them and see what happens. Obviously there’s still a lot of football left. This one was big as we all said so it certainly doesn’t make anything any easier. It’s already going to be a tough road and this makes it even tougher. But we’ll heal up a bit, get a few guys back, and fight like crazy down the stretch.”

On how Miami was able to stop the run:

“They were playing it well. That’s just not a question I can tell you exactly what they were doing. We did some things in the run game that were not as good as we would have liked and we did some things in the pass game that weren’t as good as we had liked, obviously. Hadn’t had a game like this that I can remember. With those two critical turnovers. I’m not the first quarterback to have some and I won’t be the last to have some crucial ones. I can’t remember one quite like this. I hate it for the guys in there. There were plenty of opportunities and I know they count on me to make those, and I do as well. I just didn’t get it done today.”