



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

- **Philip Rivers** threw three touchdown passes against Miami to raise his career total to 301 and pass **John Elway** (300) for eighth on the NFL's all-time list.
- **Rivers** passed for 326 yards in the game, marking his 50<sup>th</sup>-career 300-yard game.
- **Rivers** also threw four interceptions against the Dolphins, tying his high for a game (Oct. 15, 2012 vs. Denver)
- **Rivers'** longest pass of the day was a 51-yarder to Tyrell Williams. Rivers has now completed 11 passes this season of 40 yards or longer. He needs just four more to set a new career high. In 2010, he led the NFL with 14.
- **Antonio Gates** caught his 109th career touchdown pass in the Dolphins game. Gates ranks second all-time among tight ends. He needs two more to tie **Tony Gonzalez** (111) for most all-time at the position.
- **Melvin Gordon** had 132 yards of total offense against the Dolphins to raise his season yards from scrimmage total to 1,184 yards. He became the 53rd player in franchise history to surpass 1,100 total yards from scrimmage in a season.
- **Tyrell Williams** led the Chargers with 125 yards receiving. It's his third-career 100-yard game. All three have occurred in the Chargers' last six games.
- Nine of the Chargers' 10 games this season have been decided by eight points or less, tied with Detroit for most in the NFL.
- **The Chargers** have at least one takeaway in every game this season, including today against Miami. The Chargers and Philadelphia Eagles are the only teams in the NFL with at least one takeaway in every game this season.

## **CHARGERS HEAD COACH MIKE MCCOY**

### **Opening statement:**

"I think overall, looking at the game, too many missed opportunities throughout the entire game in all three phases and turning the football over and giving a good team too many opportunities to capitalize off of. There's a lot of ball left. We've got to look at every detail of what we're doing and move on from this tough loss."

### **On the wide receiver corps:**

"We'll evaluate the film tomorrow and look at every little thing and just got to see what happened in certain situations and why we missed some things."

### **On the emphasis on getting to 5-5 heading into the bye and now the frustration of this loss:**

"Well, all losses are tough. We had an opportunity to get there. Getting to 5-5 was important for all of us going into the game, and like I mentioned earlier in my opening statement, too many missed opportunities and mistakes to get there."

### **On what led to the turnovers today:**

"Each one is different. There's a different reason for each play. It's tough. You can't turn the football over."

### **On potential miscommunication between Philip Rivers and Tyrell Williams:**

"There's some things when you're going to try to back shoulder a player, you know, when you're running vertically down the field on a go route and there's times where we are going to throw it on the back shoulder and times when you're going to go full to the top, so we missed a couple opportunities today."

### **On if today's play by wide receiver had anything to do with bringing in new players:**

"Tyrell (Williams) has been playing the whole entire year. Are you talking about the back shoulder throws or which throw are you talking about?"

### **On other receivers, particularly Isaiah Burse flattening out a route:**

"Yeah, those are certain things that come up. Any time there's an opportunity where you might miss something in a game and you want to talk about it, that's every game regardless of who is playing. We're not going to make any excuses. We've got to learn from it. There's going to be some times where you're going to miss some things, and we've got to communicate and that's what we do in between every series, really, but we're not going to make any excuses."

### **On hoping to go into the bye at .500 and now where this loss leaves the team:**

"4-6. We fell short. We didn't get to it. Like I mentioned in my opening statement, too many mistakes and missed opportunities against a good team."

## **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."

**CHARGERS RUNNING BACK MELVIN GORDON****On Philip Rivers' interceptions:**

"It was a mistake. You can't fault Philip (Rivers). We had more than numerous opportunities to get the ball in; I could have made bigger runs. It's not the time to point fingers at Philip (Rivers). He made a couple mistakes but he's human, he's our leader. We're going to regroup and see what we can do moving on."

**On the struggles near the goal line:**

"It's tough. We have to find a way. Me, as a running back, and us a line, as a group, we have to find a way to punch that ball in. It is a mistake. That's one we wish we could get back but we can't, so, it is what it is."

**On where you go from here [4-6 going into a bye week]:**

"All we can do is rest up, get guys healthy. We're missing some players; we get Jahleel (Addae) back, we might get Denzel (Perryman) back, we get a few guys back. So, Travis (Benjamin), we might be able to get him back. It gives us a chance for guys to get healthy and get back together and come out here and make some plays."

**On how important this game was:**

"It was important. All of our games are important from here on out that's why this one stings. We were just trying to win out and that was the goal. That was the goal we had set for ourselves but we fell short and we just have to win out from here on out, that's the new goal."

**On Coach McCoy's post-game message to the team:**

"We still have some games left. Don't put your head down. We still have ball games left to come out here and win."

**On how good the Dolphins were:**

"They were pretty good. There's no if, and, buts about it. They were tough. They were tough, they were good but we got some explosive run plays. It's on me, as well, to make those plays bigger to set us up for better field position. We had our plays against them. I think our line held their own. I think I went for like 70 [yards] or something like that so that's a decent run game, nothing to complain about. We just have to, when we get on the goal line we have to make it happen."

**On the effect games like this have on the team:**

"It's tough. But one thing I know about us is we're not quitters. We're mentally tough, tougher than a lot of people. A lot of people would probably just call it in and be like 'well our season is done' but that's not us, that's not the San Diego Chargers. We're going to fight to the end."

**On what the Dolphins did well today:**

"They stopped us when we needed the big plays. When we got in the red zone they stopped us, at the goal line and they just made more plays than we did at the end of the day."

**CHARGERS TIGHT END ANTONIO GATES****On all the injuries:**

"Guys being down is the nature of this league. Guys have to step up and try and help us win football games. I was put in a position to help as much as I could. Fortunately, we were able to get the win."

**On the rest of the season:**

"One thing about this league is that you have to play 16 games. You see teams that start 1-5 and make the playoffs. That is something we talk about in the locker room. We implement into the young players that we have 16 weeks and you never know how this thing will unfold. We are one step closer to being 5-5 at the break."

**On additional duties on offense**

"It was different. I know it sounds cliché but the next man up is what I have to do because of all the injuries. I can't say enough about the confidence they have in me to do it. I was able to get it down and do as much as I could to help us establish the run game."

**Comments on age and experience:**

"I am a little bit more sore then I used to be back in the day. When you get older, you get smarter. I think that is the nature of experience. You kind of have to pick and choose your spots and that is what I was able to do today."

**CHARGERS WIDE RECEIVER DONTRELLE INMAN****Was the offense out of sync this game?**

"No. They did a good job with their scheme versus our scheme. The longer you go in this league, everyone knows what you do. You have to find a way each week (to win)."

**On the fight from the Chargers:**

"It just shows who we are and our character. The way we approach everything...we are going to fight no matter what it is...down to the last second."

**CHARGERS WIDE RECEIVER TYRELL WILLIAMS****You made some big plays, but were there any problems with communication on some plays?**

"A little bit. It happens every game. There's always going to be some type of miscommunication. But I expect to make a play if the ball comes my way. I feel like I can make a play no matter what."

**How tough was today's lost considering how tight the AFC race is?**

"Any loss is tough especially one like today. I think we will still come back after the BYE week and make some things happen."

**Where does today's lost leave the Chargers?**

"We still have confidence. We feel like we can come in after the BYE week and make a push for the playoffs. We still have six games left so anything can happen. We are going to keep going. We will be fine."

**CHARGERS SAFETY DWIGHT LOWERY****On scoring a touchdown:**

"It felt good. Anytime you score on defense it changes the momentum of the game. We did things defensively that didn't really put our team in a good position, but we were able to capitalize on that play and others."

**On the defensive play today:**

"Our offensive can score with anybody. Anytime we can get the ball and score as well, it's going to put more pressure on the opposing team. Huge play for our team and a huge play for the defense. We needed all those points because it came down to the very end. We made some big plays, but we also gave away some big plays as well. Credit to them. I think [Marcus] Mariota is a great quarterback. I think that he does very well with their system. They do a lot of things that puts the defensive in a position to communicate a lot. If you don't communicate then that is when things tend to breakdown. When they went to the hurry up, that gave us a lot of problems."

**CHARGERS OUTSIDE LINEBACKER MELVIN INGRAM****On loss being a tough pill to swallow?**

"It's always a tough pill to swallow when you lose. You put so much work in during the week and when you don't come out with a victory on a close one like this it's hard. You can always learn from loses like this."

**The Dolphins scored two quick touchdowns after halftime. What was the difference?**

"They made plays in the run game; that's what hurt us. They made two big run plays that got them in scoring range and they finished it off. We didn't make enough plays to stop the run."

**On offense failing to set up the game-winning field goal?**

"I have no doubts in my mind that they can go out and do that. I feel like we have one of best offenses and quarterbacks. We would love for them have the ball in their hands every time."

## **CHARGERS DEFENSIVE TACKLE COREY LIUGET**

**How would you describe the feeling of having this game unravel?**

“Heartbreak. It sucks. Move on to the next one.”

**How important was it to win a game like this going into the BYE week?**

“Very crucial. Defensively we didn’t make enough plays to get the ball to the offense so they can get in the endzone the way that they do. This one hurt and it sucks. We still have six games left so I am looking forward to those.”

**Describe the play on the field today:**

“It was a back and forth battle. It felt like Tennessee last week. We score and they would score. We made a stop and they would make a stop. It was back and forth. Defensively they came up with one more play than we did.”

# MIAMI DOLPHINS



- With today's win, the Dolphins have now won four games in a row, their longest win streak since 2008 when they won the final five games of the regular season en route to winning the AFC East title.
- **Adam Gase** is now the fourth head coach in Dolphins history to have a four-game winning streak in his first year as head coach. He joins Don Shula (1970), Dave Wannstedt (2000) and Tony Sparano (2008).
- This is Miami's first road victory since a 20-19 win at Philadelphia on Nov. 15, 2015.
- Today's win is the Dolphins' first victory on the West Coast since they posted a 33-17 win at Oakland on Nov. 28, 2010.
- The game was won on **LB Kiko Alonso's** 60-yard interception return for a touchdown with 1:01 remaining to give the Dolphins a 31-24 victory. It was the first touchdown of Alonso's career and Miami's first defensive touchdown since **DE Derrick Shelby** had a 22-yard interception return for a touchdown vs. Baltimore on Dec. 6, 2015.
- The Dolphins had four interceptions in the fourth quarter of today's win. It tied the franchise record\* for most turnovers forced in a quarter. The Dolphins also forced four turnovers in the second quarter vs. Seattle on Sept. 3, 2000 and in the fourth quarter vs. Buffalo on Oct. 26, 2008. It also set the team record\* for most interceptions in a quarter and is just the 11th time in the NFL (since 1991) that a team has recorded four-or-more interceptions in a quarter.  
*\* numbers only available from 1971 to present*
- **QB Ryan Tannehill** had one of the finest games of his career today. He completed 17-of-24 passes for 240 yards and two touchdowns, posting a 130.6 quarterback rating. It was the second-highest quarterback rating of Tannehill's career behind only his perfect rating of 158.3 vs. Houston on Oct. 25, 2015.
- **QB Ryan Tannehill** was 11-of-13 for 124 yards and one touchdown in the first half, compiling a 132.1 quarterback rating, his highest in a first half this season. It's his second consecutive game with a 100-plus quarterback rating in the first half after he posted a 123.7 rating last week vs. the N.Y. Jets.
- The Dolphins offense has now gone four straight games without turning the ball over. It ties the longest turnover-less streak of **QB Ryan Tannehill's** career (he went four straight games with no turnovers from Oct. 7, 2012 to Nov. 4, 2012). Tannehill has currently gone 109 consecutive pass attempts without an interception.
- The Dolphins' come-from-behind victory was the 12th fourth-quarter comeback in **QB Ryan Tannehill's** career and his third this season. He also had a fourth-quarter comeback last week vs. the N.Y. Jets.
- **QB Ryan Tannehill** hit **WR Kenny Stills** for a 39-yard touchdown in the second quarter for Miami's first score of the game. The receiving touchdown was Stills' fourth of the season, which leads the team. Four of Stills' 19 receptions (21.1 pct.) this season have been touchdowns.
- With **QB Ryan Tannehill's** 56-yard pass to **WR DeVante Parker** in the fourth quarter, it marks a career-high sixth game this season that Tannehill has completed a pass of at least 50 yards. He leads the league in games with a 50-yard completion and it tops his previous career high of three contests set in 2013.
- **WR DeVante Parker** totaled five receptions for 103 yards (20.6), his second 100-yard performance of the season and third of his career. He also 100-plus yards at New England on Sept. 18, 2016, when he caught eight passes for 108 yards (13.3 avg.).

- **DE Cameron Wake** posted two sacks today, his second consecutive game with two-or-more sacks. He now has 16 games with two-or-more sacks in his career, the second-most in team history. He has 77.0 career sacks, second-most in Dolphins annals and the third-most in the NFL since he entered the league in 2009.
- The Dolphins held San Diego scoreless during the first quarter. It was just the third scoreless first quarter for the Chargers this season in the 10 games they have played. It was Miami's second scoreless first quarter this season (Cleveland, Sept. 25).
- **RB Damien Williams** took a 2-yard plunge into the end zone to give Miami a 14-10 lead in the third quarter. It was Williams' third rushing score of the season and capped off a five-play, 75-yard drive to open the second half. The key play on the drive was a 40-yard rush by **RB Jay Ajayi** that moved the ball into Chargers territory.
- **RB Damien Williams** added his second touchdown late in the third quarter when he caught an 18-yard pass from **QB Ryan Tannehill** to give Miami a 21-17 lead. It was the fourth touchdown reception of Williams' career and his second this season.
- **CB Tony Lippett** intercepted two passes in the fourth quarter, the first two interceptions of his career. The last time a Dolphins player had two interceptions in a game was **CB Brent Grimes**, who had two interceptions vs. San Diego on Nov. 2, 2014. He picked off Chargers QB Philip Rivers in the end zone with 12:38 remaining in the game, preserving a 21-17 Dolphins lead. His second interception was even more important, as he picked off Rivers again with less than a minute remaining, sealing the game for the Dolphins.
- **CB Byron Maxwell** recorded his first interception as a member of the Dolphins when he picked off Chargers QB Philip Rivers with 6:59 left in the fourth quarter to thwart a Chargers drive. It was Maxwell's ninth interception in his past four seasons (Seattle, 2013-14; Philadelphia 2015; Miami 2016).
- **LS John Denney** extended his consecutive games played streak to 185, the longest in franchise history.
- **LB Donald Butler, LS John Denney, C Mike Pouncey, QB Ryan Tannehill, S Michael Thomas** and **DE Cameron Wake** served as today's game captains.
- The following players were inactive today: **CB Chris Culliver, TE Thomas Duarte, DE Terrence Fede, CB Xavien Howard, CB Jordan Lucas, DE Nick Williams** and **T Sam Young**.

## **DOLPHINS HEAD COACH ADAM GASE**

### **On Ryan Tannehill:**

“It’s been a tough week, when two of your guys aren’t 100 percent a couple days of practice. We didn’t get to go through a lot of new things that we wanted to put in. We kind of had to bag a lot of new things before the game. [We] made a couple of things up on the fly and guys did a good job at executing. He did a good job. He hung in there. He took a couple of shots today, but he stood in there and made the throws he needed to make.”

### **On the team coming back:**

“Yeah, I don’t think this group is really worried about what the score is [or] what part of the game it is. They’re putting their head down, their just playing, and we talk about it all of the time as far as we play until they tell us to stop playing. So our guys aren’t worried about what the score is. They’re in the moment, they’re in their process and our job is to try to get the lead by the time the clock hits zero.”

### **On the interception by Kiko Alonso:**

“Yeah, I’m not sure exactly what the concept was. I was kind of going through some timeout scenarios and things like that and looked up and just saw him get his hands on the ball. He’s a very instinctive player. I know there have been a couple of times [when] he gambles and he loses, but there have been a lot of times [when] he gambles and he’s right, and that was a situation where he was right.”

### **On Ryan Tannehill’s performance and deliverance:**

“Yeah, it was good. We had a good week at practice with DeVante (Parker) and we kind of came in this game and thought that he could probably be a big impact for us. And those three guys together, we’ve been talking about it since the beginning. ‘When you three are 100 percent, when you three are healthy, we’re going to be a tough group to stop,’ and today was a good first step for us.”

### **On being 5-4 this season:**

“We will be 0-0 on Wednesday, so we’ll worry about winning one more game.”

### **On his first road victory of the year:**

“I think it’s a different part of the season for us. We’re better as a group. We’re used to how we do our operation. I think coming out here Thursday really helped us and we did it in Seattle. We felt like we played fairly well, we were energetic, we felt fresh on Sunday and once again we felt the same way. It was a great energy level on the sidelines, guys were fired up. This game could’ve gone either way. When you’re playing a quarterback who has been one of the better quarterbacks in the league for a long time, and he’s got the ball in a tight ball game, that can go either way, and our guys made one more play than they did.”

### **On the secondary being flagged multiple times but responding with turnovers and what that says about them:**

“That we’re just moving on to the next play. You have to have a short memory as a defensive back. It’s like playing quarterback. If you worry about what happened the play before, you’re going to be in trouble. So, those guys did a good job. I know Bobby (McCain) was mad in the red zone that he got called for a flag, but we kept talking about, ‘we have to move on to the next play. We have to make sure that when you’re number is called here and they go to third down, we stop them, and you’re going to be an important piece to that.’ So, he had to regroup and he did quickly, and the guys did a good job. If something bad happened they just moved on to the next play.”

### **On if the Dolphin’s are 0-0 tomorrow, does he not believe in momentum:**

“We’re going to worry about winning the next one when Wednesday comes.”

### **On taking more shots downfield:**

“When we do certain things with certain guys, as far as their skill sets, some things are set up different than others. I think any time you get 11 (DeVante Parker) out there, it makes a difference. It starts opening some things up for the other two guys and Kenny (Stills) does a lot of things for us down the field, catching another big one for us. It’s just a different style between him and DeVante, so sometimes when DeVante goes down the field the ball comes up a little quicker. It doesn’t have to be a perfect throw. Kenny a lot of times, he’s going to run by guys and you have to get it out in front. You don’t want it to be short. You want to let him catch it and run it. Our guys have different skills sets and today having 11 basically look like he was healthy to me, and he had a great week in practice, so we felt good about it.”

### **On the touchdown to Damien Williams:**

“Yeah, it was just something that when they played that particular defense we felt like we could get a matchup like that. We’re going to call it to win it. We’re not going to call to just get the first down sometimes. Sometimes we’re going to go for the touchdown.”

### **On Branden Albert’s injury:**

“He came back in [and] he played. I’m sure with what we know right now, it wasn’t easy for him, but he battled through and I’ll know more here in the next 15 minutes. I didn’t go through that whole injury deal. I just know that he wasn’t 100 percent by any means.”



**On Jakeem Grant having a tough game and how he assesses where he stands on the team:**

“Go back to work Wednesday. I’m sure everybody likes it when he runs them back, so that’s why he had a couple of mishandles. He’ll be back there. When we put the lineup next Sunday, he’ll be back there.”

**On how he feels about his defense:**

“I think it starts with Vance. He has really been making a big emphasis as far as straining every play [and] selling out every play. We’ve been talking about that in all three phases as far as it might be on the one yard line, what are we going to do to keep them out? There is no give up play. And I think our guys are really trying to do that and we had a couple of situations to where we’re on the one and all of a sudden they’re back on the six, and the same thing on the other end. We turn it over. We’re not going to hang our heads. We have to go back out there, we have to hold them to a field goal and end up getting a turn over. You never know what’s going to happen. You have to play every down.”

**On how Ryan Tannehill gets drilled and stays in the game:**

“You’ll have to ask him. The guy is a beast. He just stands back there. There was one of them he threw, I thought he was pressured a little bit, and he got rid of the ball and he comes in and he says, ‘I have to stay in there’. He just has some kind of toughness where he just is going to stand in there. He takes a shot. He takes care of his body and he’s able to bounce back up.”

**DOLPHINS QUARTERBACK RYAN TANNEHILL****What is different about this team in terms of fourth quarter play?**

“I think it’s just a belief in each other. Our energy, the way we prepare, the belief that we have in each other. There’s no panic if things don’t go well. Especially in the last month. We’ve seen guys face adversity, we just keep fighting. That belief is there. There’s been a few games where we’ve been down ten plus points, but on the sideline you can’t tell that we’re down. There’s a sense of urgency but there’s no panic, there’s no stress there’s just hey, we have to go play. This team finds a way to win. That’s what you want is a team that finds a way to win whatever it takes and that’s what we have right now.”

**Where does it come from?**

“It’s to a man. It starts with leadership, starts with the head coach, to the leaders on the team, and from there it’s to a man. You build the energy, you build the mindset, you build a culture. That’s where we’re at right now. We have the culture in a good spot and we’re heading in the right direction.”

**Did you see that last Kiko Alonso return?**

“I saw him buzz out on that last snap and as soon as Philip (Rivers) started looking that way, I was hoping he didn’t see him. Kiko got a good read on the play. He saw the receiver coming in, made a great catch, fully extended and ran it for the touchdown. They made some big plays today, not just him, but the defense as a whole. The really sealed the game for us.”

**Where was your head when that play happened?**

“We were getting ready to go. I was talking to the guys on the sideline saying you getting ready to go? Don’t know how much time we’re going to have left, but expect to get the ball back and have a chance to go back in and win the game. Two weeks in a row to have a defensive and a special teams touchdown to take the lead is huge.”

**Walk us through the touchdown pass to Kenny Stills:**

“We ran a naked fake, came around the edge, Kenyan (Drake) ran a little double move and the safety turned to run with him. I saw Kenny getting some speed on him and I put my foot in the ground, let it go and trusted that he was going to run into it.”

**Walk us through the deep pass to DeVante Parker:**

“Again, another double move. I didn’t really get to see much of the route. I got the ball out pretty quick and got hit right as I let go. I just trusted him, trusted that he was going to win. We liked the match-up out there on the safety and just let it go and let DeVante go get it.”

**What goes through your mind when you know you’re going to get hit?**

“You don’t really think about it until the ball leaves your hand then you just try to prepare to take it. You try to find the best way to move if you can. If you can’t get out of the way you pick your feet up so you’re not getting a knee or an ankle. Hope the guy catches this and then get up and have some energy to go down the field.”

**How it feel going into that locker room being 5-4?**

“It’s huge. I think the way we played as a team in the second half, we kept battling, kept fighting, got ourselves back in the game and then the defense came up huge right there at the end. A lot of fun, a lot of belief. We’re heading in the right direction so we just have to keep riding the wave.”

**Did you know going into this game that you were going to have to throw the ball as much as you did?**

“Yeah, we knew they had a tough run defense coming in. Coming in we compared them to the Bills and the Jets up front. They’re physical up front, they do a good job shedding blocks and just making it tough in the run game. We knew we were going to try to establish the run and try to stick with it like the past two games. There were times where we were trying to get it going and eventually we hit a big one right there in the second half with Jay (Ajayi) with that huge 50 or 60, I don’t know how many yards he had. We just kind of stuck with it. I think that opened up some things in the pass game for us and we were able to execute them.”

**On 19-yard run:**

"It was a fun play. I think they did a good job covering down field. We didn't really have a play for that defense that they called. I got some good protection up front. They had a three man rush, so I knew I was going to have some time to try to move around and find a guy down field on the scramble. I saw Jarvis (Landry) take two guys and I knew I had some space there so I just tried to get free and get the first down."

**It's been such a struggle for DeVante Parker was there something different you saw in him this week?**

"Yeah, by far this was his best week of practice. He's been struggling with his hamstring for a while now. I think he's starting to feel a little better. He had a great week of practice. He ran hard in practice, he got open in practice. That built my confidence in him. I think it built a confidence among the coaching staff in him that he's ready to go. He has the talent. We've seen him flash it at times. He's just scratching the surface still. Being injured and being banged up, I think he's been held back by that. I think today, really this whole week, he's had a mindset that I'm going to go play and show them what I can do. He made a huge play, it got called back because of holding but that's the type that you can see him making. He has all the tools that you want and the ability to go get those 50/50 balls. It's what you want in a big time receiver."

**You've won four in a row, do you feel a sense of momentum?**

"Yeah, we're on a good path right now. I think as a team, we just have to keep that hunger, keep that drive to just keeping pushing ourselves to get better in practice every day. That's what we've done up to this point. When things weren't going well early in the season, there was no panic in the building. We weren't down around the building. We stuck to the path. We kept pushing ourselves in practice to get better. Throughout the past four games and weeks of practice, we've been doing that. We just have to continue that."

**Is there a feeling inside that locker room that you guys will fight back?**

"Yeah, there's a belief that we're going to find a way to win. Whether it's offense going down on a two minute drive, defense like we had today, we also had a special teams play so as a team, that mindset that we have is until that clock hits 0:00, we're going to keep fighting and find a way to win."

**DOLPHINS CORNERBACK TONY LIPPETT****On the interception in the end zone:**

"We were just trying to finish the game. I was just trying to make plays on the ball and just be there for my teammates like they've been there for everybody on the whole team for the whole game. We just try to do our best to finish the game and happily we won."

**On what he saw on the interception in the end zone:**

"My receiver just stopped on the line and I just looked at Philip (Rivers) and I saw his arm go back like he was going to throw the fade so I just jumped and tried to make a play on the ball. I was able to make that play. I was just trying to be there for my teammates."

**On what four interceptions in one quarter off of a future Hall of Fame quarterback does for team confidence:**

"We're just trying to strive for excellence. You can't reach excellence, but you can definitely continue to pursue it and that's what we are trying to do. Work out the little kinks and everything about our defense and just be there for each other on every play."

**On winning four in a row, but this being the first of those on the road and what that does for team confidence:**

"It does a lot for us. We are trying to continue what we are doing now, continue to prepare right, and continue to get our bodies right for every game. We just take it one week at a time and just try to come out victorious in the end and that's all we are trying to do."

**DOLPHINS LINEBACKER KIKO ALONSO****On what today's win says about the team's defense:**

"We just kept at it man. We had some bad situations but we came out of them,"

**On if his pick-six was the best play of his career:**

"Yeah. That is was my first touchdown on defense ever. I felt good."

**On what the conversation was in the huddle when the Chargers had the ball and the opportunity to win the game:**

"We had to make a play. We have been in that situation and you just have to make a play."

**On what this win says about the team:**

"We just have to keep it rolling, keep going, keep battling."

## **DOLPHINS CORNERBACK BYRON MAXWELL**

### **On what he thought about the secondary's day overall:**

"We battled. That is the key word. We battled and we never gave up. We fought to the end so I am proud of my guys, proud of the defense, proud of this team and how we played today. Not everything went right but we kept our head down and kept pushing through."

### **On the penalties that were called during today's game:**

"Yeah. You had to go back and look at it, I can't judge and say it was a bad call or anything. I don't know for sure yet now though."

### **On the pressure that their defense put on Philip Rivers:**

"That is what we do, we put pressure on the quarterback. Our defensive line is if not the best in the league, one of the best in the league. We have a lot of guys up there that are proven in this league and they bring it. I enjoy playing behind them."

### **On if he had to characterize the secondary's day, how he would characterize it:**

"We made plays. We made plays when it counted. That is all that matters in this league, and we got the W."

## **DOLPHINS DEFENSIVE TACKLE NDAMUKONG SUH**

### **On Kiko Alonso's interception:**

"I honestly don't remember. I just came back in turned around and [Alonso] got the pick. [I was thinking] just go find a block."

### **On penalties in tonight's game:**

"Yeah, very unfortunate but that's part of the game. Seems like we were getting quite a bit of [penalties]. Like I said its part of the game. Just got to push through it no matter what the situation is whether it was our fault or not. We got to line up and get ready for the next play."

### **On what the defense is becoming:**

"At the end of the day it's an ultimate team game. So were going to have some games where we perform on both sides of the ball and special teams. We're a complete unit all together. If one of your brothers happens to make a mistake, the rest of us are there to pick them up. Being put in touch situations, it is what it is. We're going to go out there and make the most of it. If were backed up we got to make sure we hold them to a field goal or get a turnover."

### **On whether the team is getting better and better:**

"I think if you watch the first eight games of the season, it's really been big plays that hurt us. When we don't play assignment-sound football that's when we struggle. We're starting to eliminate those things and eliminate the big plays. Obviously if we could play consistent football and improve stopping people in the run game and making them one dimensional. We've got an amazing group up front I think we're gelling, getting more comfortable with each other, we know how to rush and last couple games we've been able to get the quarterback down there."

### **On the momentum of the team:**

"Yeah obviously today we can look back in the mirror and see a four-game winning streak but like [Coach Gase] said on Wednesday we're 0-0. We've got zero wins against the team we're going against, obviously we got to go up to [Los Angeles], take care of business, and hopefully get on the plane and look back and be 5-and -0."

## **DOLPHINS TIGHT END DOMINIQUE JONES**

### **On winning four in a row:**

"Defense came through in the end for us. We struggled a little bit all day on offense, but DaVante (Parker) made a couple big plays down the stretch, Kiko (Alonso) got a pick and Lip (Tony Lippett) got a couple picks and sealed the victory."

### **On what it feels like to be back in San Diego:**

"It's great. It's always good to come back home. Good to come back home and play in front of my hometown friends."

### **On if he still has the shoes he wore for the game:**

"I do; a little Tony Gwynn tribute, 619 IPA Tony Gwynn. I just felt like coming back home, it was good to honor him. I know he just passed when I wasn't home so I felt coming back home, it was a good time to honor him and being able come home and do that."

## **DOLPHINS WIDE RECEIVER KENNY STILLS**

### **On what he said to Tannehill after his touchdown:**

"I went over to him and just told him thank you for trusting me."

**On what he saw on the play:**

“It’s something that we practice all the time. Like I said, Ryan (Tannehill) just put a lot of trust and faith in me and threw that ball up there.”

**DOLPHINS TACKLE BRANDEN ALBERT****On what happened to him during the game:**

“Fifty-four got me pretty good today. He got me on the bull rush and I caught myself and when I looked at my wrist, I knew something wasn’t right. I went to the sideline and cut my tape off and it was out of place. They were messing with it and trying to pop it back into place. I got some x-rays and it was back in place. I had to go back out there.”

**On how important it was for him to finish the game:**

“I had to. It was early in the game so I had to finish the game.”

**On how tough it was to play through the pain from his wrist:**

“It was pretty tough but like I said, I had to help my team and pride wouldn’t let me go out like that.”

**On what winning four in a row says about the team:**

“I think we are starting to show success in all three phases of the game. Everyone is feeding off of each other. The defense really stepped up today and we got the win.”