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## MIAMI DOLPHINS AT LOS ANGELES CHARGERS STUBHUB CENTER Sep. 17, 2017 | 4:05 P.M.

### POSTGAME QUOTES

#### All Transcripts (transcribed by the Los Angeles Chargers)

##### **MIAMI DOLPHINS HEAD COACH ADAM GASE**

###### **On going for the field goal and K Cody Parkey:**

"I was trying to make sure they didn't make a big play there. The guys did a good job on a play that I didn't anticipate them playing. I wish I would've had a different call on but the guys did a good job of trying to get to work. We just didn't get as much as we wanted to."

###### **On QB Jay Cutler:**

"He was really good with the ball today. I thought he made good decisions. I was off calling plays. I wasn't as clean for him as I thought I would be. I think I slowed him up a little bit."

###### **On WR DeVante Parker:**

"He has a lot of faith in him, obviously. I think we were short on one and DeVante took it right off of the guy's head. We had a couple other plays that were right there that he had a chance to make. When we have something interesting brewing with that group, we have three guys that are different types of receivers and they all have some strengths and they are all different strengths. We just keep working through that to see what we can create out of that."

###### **On winning this season compared to last season:**

"We have a core group. The same guys we had last year and when it gets tight in the fourth quarter they just think they're going to win. They don't have any doubt and the energy on the sideline is awesome. You can feel it. Those guys believe good things will happen for us."

###### **On play calling against Chargers defense:**

"That first drive was what we were looking to do. After that we just kept stalling. I was like one call off I felt like. I was not giving us the right play at the right time. I was calling a couple bad plays on certain coverages or blitzes. There are a few things I have to get cleaned up on my end. I thought those guys did a pretty good job of executing. They were trying to do what we wanted them to do."

###### **On the reason for the absence of LB Lawrence Timmons:**

"That was a coach's decision. I'll be ready to talk about that tomorrow."

###### **On the performance of the offensive line and Ajayi:**

"Anytime you have Jay back there, if you can get the guys to cover up he's going to hit it hard enough to where if you graze him that's not going to bring him down. He runs hard. He gives everything he has on every play. He's been practicing like that through spring and training camp and it hasn't changed. We saw him today. We saw what happens when he gets just a little bit of a crease. We did a few things that we didn't really do last year and we did a good job. He executed the schemes well and used his ability to make more."





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##### **On Cutler making big plays:**

"For whatever reason he always seems to get one of these big guys and likes to throw it up. He made the right decisions at the right time. I felt like the one scramble he threw up and we ended up having a big play in the game. He made the right decisions there."

##### **On the helmet decal 'One Florida':**

"It was one thing brought up and I think all three teams were willing to do that. Just us being out here we're watching it on television. We are not there. [Dolphins DE Cameron] Cam [Wake] talked to the guys. He was back there and talked about some of the things that he saw and hearing some of the interviews that he saw around our area about the positive attitude that people in that area have. They're just happy to be safe and have their families with them and not so much worried about material things. I thought that was a great thing for him to talk about last night. There's more than just material type things. It's about your family, it's about us sticking together and trying to go out, play hard and win for each other and the South Florida fans."

##### **On pocket mobility:**

"I think we tried everything. We did a lot of things that we've been working on since the spring. It kind of fits us. I thought we did a really nice job on a couple of plays and the touchdown plays were thrown really good from the pocket. He [Cutler] has a good feeling. He can break away sometimes from poor looks. You call a play hoping for one thing and it doesn't look as good and then he creates something out of nothing."

##### **On the plan today:**

"We had a number of plans. We're trying to play guys to see what fits best and we're going to keep evaluating and just see what really works for us."

##### **On WR Jarvis Landry:**

"When we go in, we really try to divide it up a bit and really try to spread the ball out. We try to get all positions to the ball. As the game goes on they start playing different coverages. Today was one of those games where the ball kept finding him. He keeps running his routes hard and good things happen."

#### **MIAMI DOLPHINS RUNNING BACK JAY AJAYI**

##### **On what the win means to the team:**

"I think it's huge for us to come out here even through all the adversity that we had to go through the past couple of weeks and just put out a performance. At the end of the day, we were able to get the win. It shows how resilient our team is. We were able to fight through some mistakes early and still end up winning the game. With toughness, grit and just relying on each other, we were able to pull it out. That is what these couple of weeks have been about, relying on each other as a team together."

##### **On what this win means to the people in Florida:**





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"I think they are probably very happy about it, just to have something to look forward to for the season. For us to get the first win, even with all of the craziness that has happened with the schedule, to start off with the first win is always great."

**On the last field goal try:**

"I didn't look. I wasn't watching."

**On the toughest part of this week:**

"The toughest part is just our routine. Everything was just out of order. Everyone was coming from different places just to get to California. We all just ended up meeting up here and just tried to get our game plan and our practices in. It's a crazy schedule and we were still able to come out today and get the win. It's just a great feeling for all of us."

**On his improvement from last season:**

"Through this offseason and preseason I really pushed myself to be great and just work on my consistency to be that guy and increase my role on this team. I think that I was taking the right steps. The offensive line was doing a great job today being physical and I think that's what we needed today to be physical and keep us in the game. At the end of the game we were able to get just enough to be able to put us in good field goal range and [Dolphins K Cody] Parkey hit it. After that, it was good."

#### **MIAMI DOLPHINS DEFENSIVE END ANDRE BRANCH**

**On the team's performance:**

"I know it was very important for us to bounce back. We had an early bye-week, which is untraditional. At the same time, we knew we had to come in here and get a win. That's what we worked for and that's what we got."

**On the close margin of victory:**

"We have been here before. This is not our first time being down in the fourth. We are a team that is going to fight until the very end and it showed right there."

**On improving each week:**

"I have to watch the film. We have a lot of new pieces. At the end of the day, we always just want to get better each and every day. We need to watch the film and correct what we have to correct and just go from there."

**On winning the game:**

"Our offense put us in a position to win the game. [Dolphins K Cody] Parkey made an amazing field goal. It was up to us to stop them and we got it done."





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#### **MIAMI DOLPHINS QUARTERBACK JAY CUTLER**

##### **On the Dolphins' first win:**

"It was eventful. The first half we kind of sputtered around a bit, shot ourselves in the foot. We have to find ways to get those guys going a little bit early. We made enough plays to win. It is hard to win in this league, so we will take it any way we can get it."

##### **On RB Jay Ajayi:**

"I will tell you what: I think I have the best seat in the house. He is fun to watch. I mean breaking tackles and spinning. I think he has enough speed to get to the edge. He is a heck of a back and I am glad he is on our team."

##### **On WR Jarvis Landry and WR DeVante Parker:**

"I think Jarvis got a lot of balls in the first half. We wanted to mix it up and get some balls to other guys. We wanted to spread the field a little bit because we were working Jarvis there in the middle. DeVante, since I have been here, every time I throw it up, it's either a catch or a completion. That is what we like. [Dolphins WR] Kenny [Stills] made a big play. He got matched up with a linebacker, ran the ball well and it was a heck of a kick there at the end."

##### **On the offensive performance:**

"We just have to clean a few things up, but we are right there at the edge of blowing the doors off. We have a lot of talent. I think that is one of the things we have to work through is being able to distribute the ball to everybody and keep everyone happy. That is a good thing."

##### **On his performance:**

"I think I have done that a few times in the last month, or however long I spent. I am enjoying the fact that I am playing football. These guys, the locker room is contagious. It is a good group of guys. Young, enthusiastic, and they make me feel young. They are passionate and at the end of the game when the kick is missed, it is always fun to win the NFL, but this locker room is a little bit different. It is special."

##### **On the team's toughness:**

"There is definitely an edge to this team. It is a very young team. I mean we sprinkled in some veterans, but I mean it is a young team. You know even if we make mistakes or if something happens, this team does not get down. We bounce right back. They know that they are good football players. I think they lean on that. It is fun to play with these guys."

##### **On field vision:**

"I thought it was good. There was one down the red zone that I wish I had back. I moved left, moved to the right, but I thought I moved well and made some plays on the edge. We did good going into scramble mode. We did exactly what we wanted to do. We made some big plays and continued some drives, so it was good."

##### **On the touchdown to WR Kenny Stills:**





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"I was waiting for him. He was matched on a linebacker, so it was just a matter of time for him to use his speed and get across. The whole line just collapsed and there was an opening that came up. I just wanted to buy some time and give Kenny [Stills] a little bit more time to get across. It was a good play called by [Dolphins Head Coach] Adam [Gase] and we executed well."

#### **MIAMI DOLPHINS LINEBACKER MIKE HULL**

##### **On the team's performance:**

"It was good to get out here and get a win, especially in that fashion. For me, it's just trying to step in and do my job in a different situation, especially after the hurricane and everything that's going on."

##### **On the hurricane:**

"Week One bye-week. It was just crazy with the hurricane and being displaced in LA all week. We are not going to make an excuses. We are going to come out here and do our job and get it done every week."

##### **On the Los Angeles Chargers missing the field goal:**

"Pure joy and relief. It's been a long couple of weeks. It was great to get out here and get a win in the fashion that we did. It just goes to show that you can never be too sure about anything. You have to play until the last whistle."





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#### **MIAMI DOLPHINS SAFETY RESHAD JONES**

**On how he felt today:**

"I felt great. I feel even better now with the win. I feel good."

**On Chargers QB Philip Rivers passing against the defense:**

"I think he knew we had a strong front seven. He was just trying to get his ball out of his hands as quick as possible. We have to look at the film to see what we need to improve on. I think from the backhand standpoint we have to do a better job of getting our hands on the guys and not letting them get down the field."

**On the potential of getting sixteen wins:**

"It's a tough week to win and it's going to be like that every Sunday. I think the guys in the locker room know that. We just have to keep fighting. Like I said, it's going to be tough every Sunday. It's a tough week to win."

**On the team calling timeout at the end:**

"I got surprised a little bit. I got confused because I know they had one more timeout, so I was wondering where did the timeout come from."

**On what getting back to football means to South Florida:**

"I think it means a lot to all of the hurricane victims that were affected by the hurricane. I think it means a lot to the city of Miami for us to go out, show resilience and win this game."

#### **MIAMI DOLPHINS KICKER CODY PARKEY**

**On kick difficulty with wind:**

"The wind wasn't too bad. It's a smaller stadium and I think in the bigger stadiums it can sometimes swirl, so it wasn't too bad. There was a little wind, but it wasn't an issue. The weather in L.A. is pretty good, so I wasn't complaining at all."

**On making game winning kicks:**

"I've hit game winners, I've missed game winners, but I want to go ahead and say that [Chargers K Younghoe] Koo is a phenomenal kicker. He should just keep swinging. That's all he has to do is keep swinging, keep trotting along and his time will come, but it is definitely good to be on this side."

**On what this win means for the team:**

"It's huge. We're 1-0. That's what we talked about doing. We have 16 straight [games]. Hopefully we just keep it going. There's going to be some ups and downs, but we have to just keep riding the train and just keep going."





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#### **MIAMI DOLPHINS DEFENSIVE TACKLE NDAMUKONG SUH:**

##### **On the win:**

"We'll take the win. It's a terrible win, but we'll take it. We need to finish strong, especially on the defensive side of the ball. I think we gave them an opportunity with a minute and ten seconds left, so we need to do better at adjusting more quickly and understanding what they're trying to do against us."

##### **On limiting the Chargers' running game:**

"We definitely understand that from that perspective that a big part of their running game was the draw. They were successful on some opportunities there and then moved to the screening game a little bit, but they got their confidence up when they knew that they could get those shadow passes and run it down the field."

##### **On inability to stop Philip Rivers' pocket passes:**

"I wouldn't say it's frustrating. I think it's part of life. I've been in that situation in plenty of times, understanding what they want to do with their centers, back, and tight ends tripping us. I think they realize that we can be aggressive and cause havoc and I think they wanted to stop that. And obviously the quarterback did a great job of calling things and moving the ball around, as well as getting the ball out."

##### **On team's character:**

"Unfortunately, we've been through this before, so we know how to react to them, how to understand it, take it in stride, learn how to move past certain things even if it is right before the game, no matter where it may be. Kudos to our teammates being able to be strong and resilient and continue to be that way. Unfortunately, we didn't play the best game but came out with the win, so we could go home and figure things out and get ready for the next game."

##### **On how important it is to get a win and get off to a quick start:**

"It's always important to get off to quick start. No matter what we want to be successful and find a way to start fast."

#### **MIAMI DOLPHINS DEFENSIVE END CAMERON WAKE**

##### **On the devastation in South Florida:**

"It has definitely been a crazy past few days. I was speaking to the team about how every so often something happens that puts everything in perspective. You want to make sure your family, friends, and loved one are safe. For people in South Florida affected by Hurricane Irma, football takes a backseat for a while. We were scrambling there for a minute. For the most part, most of the guys got out and their families. Trying to do everything you can to get everything back to normal. I know that people back in South Florida are trying to do the same thing. We're trying to get back to the daily task and the normal routine. For us, football is a part of the normal routine and we would like to make winning a part of our routine. Today was a step in the right direction. Obviously, I hope





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everyone back home has the facility to watch the game and have just a moment of free time and pleasure to watch us bring the win back to South Florida.”

**On how to focus on the game:**

“The reality is, to be very blunt, nobody cares. I would assume that the Chargers didn’t care too much about what we had to deal with last week. They were prepared to beat us and they gave it their best shot. I am pretty sure that week 15 whoever we are playing does not care that we don’t have a bye-week and everybody else in the league does. They are not going to care. They are going to give us the best shot to beat us. We’re going to have to take our 30 seconds to cry and then shut up and man up. Do whatever you have to do your job. Your jobs don’t care, I don’t care, guys watching the game don’t care. The team trying to beat you does not care. The whining and the complaining ended a long time ago. No matter when no matter where, when the ball goes down, you have to play.”

**On the team’s toughness:**

“I think adversity shows character and here we are. The last few weeks we had a little adversity and opportunities that we could have thrown in the towel or cried about this. I don’t think that is the way we are built. It is another one of those things that in spite of we are still trying to find a way to win. Today was one of those situations. Who cares about what happened last week? Is your house damaged? I don’t know. Some guys haven’t been home in over a week and don’t know what is going on but they just have to go out there and play. That is what brings the guys together and all focus on the same task to get the win. It was a scratch and crawl type of game.”







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#### **LOS ANGELES CHARGERS HEAD COACH ANTHONY LYNN**

##### **Opening Statement:**

“Well, we’re sitting here (0-2). I feel like we should be (2-0). The hard work and commitment this team gives me every single week... The record doesn’t reflect that, but this team keeps putting themselves in these situations. I believe we will figure out how to win these close games.”

##### **On confidence of K Younghoe Koo:**

“He didn’t kick well today. He missed two field goals. Last week it wasn’t his issue. I thought he kicked fine last week even though he got a kick blocked, but he didn’t kick well today so we’ll see. We’ll see how he responds.”

##### **On possibly looking for a new kicker:**

“Well, we’re always looking to improve in that area. Always.”

##### **On concern of blocked kicks the past two weeks:**

“Well, in the first two weeks you can say that. We had a blocked kick and a blocked punt today. It’s not good enough. It’s not acceptable. That type of stuff has to be cleaned up.”

##### **On the running game:**

“What I saw early was I saw [Dolphins DT Ndamukong] Suh dominating up front and I got away from that. I think at the end of the day, they averaged five or six yards a carry. I look for run efficiency. If we’re running it efficiently, I’ll run it again. They were giving us the pass and I thought our receivers and field did a good job on moving the ball down the field and running whenever we could.”

##### **On the defense:**

“They played a little bit of bend but don’t break. I think they only gave up one touchdown on a long drive, but other than that they played hard. Obviously not good enough, but they played hard.”

##### **On TE Antonio Gates breaking the all-time record for receiving touchdowns by a tight end:**

“I think he’s one of the best of all time. I think he proved that over his career. He came into the league as an undrafted free agent and has accomplished the things that he’s accomplished. To me, he’s a first-ballot Hall of Famer. I think he is the best. I was happy for him today, but I wish we could have done it on a win.”

##### **On type of guy Gates is:**

“He’s a leader. He doesn’t talk a lot, but he leads by example. He leads one-on-one. I see the effect that he has on guys in that locker room.”

##### **On not huddling during the second half:**

“Well, I feel like we needed to change the tempo. I’ve done it before against that team. I played in that division for a long time. That’s a good way to get those guys tired to slow down the pass rush.”





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**On getting the most out of offensive possessions:**

"We'll take a look at the tape. We'll figure that out. We have enough weapons to get the ball in to the end zone."

**On the team's execution:**

"We'll take a look at the tape. We'll decide that after I grade the tape."

**On TE Hunter Henry not getting any targets in Week One:**

"He was fine. Hunter is a team guy. He's not a selfish player. If he doesn't get a target and we win he could care less. I think we have to target him. I think he's one of the better tight ends in the game. We had some targets for him last week, but it didn't workout. This week it did."

#### LOS ANGELES CHARGERS DEFENSIVE END JOEY BOSA

**On his performance:**

"It gets kind of frustrating when guys are just getting rid of the ball and you're beating tackles and there's nothing to show for it. You just have to keep coming."

**On how this loss will affect next week:**

"This loss is now. It's over now. It's out of my head now. I'm focused on next week now and I think everyone else here is too. Sulk tonight, but get over it. We have to get back to work."

**On tonight's offense and defense:**

"We have to get the ball in the hands of the guys who can make plays. I mean 23 [Dolphins RB Jay Ajayi] and 14 [Dolphins WR Jarvis Landry]. When they got the ball they can make things happen. They just turn into playmakers. I think, as a defense, we held them to a lot of field goals and I thought we did a good job, but we obviously need finish."

**On déjà vu on tonight's outcome:**

"I mean the last two weeks kind of seem hard to believe after last year. I didn't think it would be happening like this still. It's not like it's happening for no reason. There are reasons why it's happening and we have to fix them."

**On what he saw from QB Jay Cutler:**

"Not enough of him so that's good for him."





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##### **LOS ANGELES CHARGERS TIGHT END ANTONIO GATES**

###### **On breaking the all-time record for receiving touchdowns by a tight end:**

"It's finally come to an end. Six weeks hearing about when I'm going to break the record. Still being able to give our team a chance to win, it was a bittersweet moment. Obviously, we scored and we were able to move forward in the game, but you still want a get a win the whole accomplishment. At the end of the day, my teammates embraced me. I just haven't quite wrapped my head around it all, it happened so fast. I'm sure I'll enjoy it and move forward."

###### **On being congratulated by Hall of Fame TE Tony Gonzalez**

"Well, some very generous words from a guy I obviously competed against. It's like steel sharpening steel. He's always brought the best out in me and I've always tried to do the same. He's a guy who set the standard, a guy who put in place certain things at the tight end position. Fortunately, I was able to surpass that today."

###### **On what he plans to do with ball:**

"I'm to going to keep it, that's for sure. I'm going to put it in the collection I have. Fortunately, when my kids get older, they can be able to say, this was their dad and what he was able to accomplish in the game of football."

###### **On how he got open for the touchdown:**

"I think Philip had his mind made up. He was coming to me on that play. We've worked on it day in and day out. It shows you practice makes perfect. Allen was wide open and put one in there. Fortunately I was able to make the catch."

###### **On how to keep some of the younger players motivated:**

"You hear me say the words sacrifice and commitment. When you're dealing with guys that are younger, you tend to try to keep them focused. [Chargers Head] Coach [Anthony] Lynn does a wonderful job of implementing it. Unfortunately, we weren't able to execute enough to win the game."





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##### **LOS ANGELES CHARGERS RUNNING BACK MELVIN GORDON**

###### **On the tough loss:**

“Yeah, it definitely was another tough one. We just have to get over it and move on.”

###### **On finishing a close game:**

“We just have to find a way to make it happen. We just have to make more plays. It shouldn’t come down to this. It shouldn’t come to a situation where we are saying, ‘we should be up.’ We had some possessions where we got down there and we should have scored on offense. That would have put us in a better situation. Everyone has to be accountable and get [to] attacking. That’s just what we have to do.”

###### **On the team’s confidence:**

“Everyone is up for the challenge, everyone is trying to win the game. I think we put ourselves in a great situation to win the game. It’s not like we’re shooting ourselves in the foot, dropping passes, not converting. We do what we need to do, but like I said, it’s early in the game where we need to make conversions in the end zone.”

###### **On the fan environment:**

“It was crazy, there were a lot of Charger fans and there were also a lot of Miami fans. I think it was around 50-50, but it was nice to see a full house [this afternoon].”

###### **On running against Miami:**

“They just had a solid front. Their defense line gave us a great challenge.”

###### **On TE Antonio Gates breaking the all-time record for receiving touchdowns by a tight end:**

“It was amazing. It’s phenomenal that I got to be a part of it. I’m happy for him. I know it’s bettersweet right now for him, but it is still a great accomplishment and he should definitely go home and be happy about it at the end of the day. He’s been doing this for a while so hats off to him and I’m just really happy for him.”

##### **LOS ANGELES CHARGERS TIGHT END HUNTER HENRY**

###### **On losing the game:**

“We have to get back to the drawing board and continue to work. We have to learn to finish at the end.”

###### **On TE Antonio Gate’s touchdown:**

“He’s the greatest of all time, he just broke a record that not many could break. It’s unbelievable to be around a guy like that, it kind of got lost in the mix, but he just got his 112th touchdown. It’s a cool record and it’s cool to be on the field and be able to witness that.”

###### **On their improvements for week three:**





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"We need to score; we just have to put the ball in the end zone. We have to continue to work, continue to finish every single day. That's the main thing, being able to make those plays before the end of the game and give ourselves the chance."

**On losing the first two games of the season:**

"It sucks, we just have to keep going and keep pushing. We have to come in here every single day and work. We have 14 more games, so we have to continue to come out and play like we do and finish."

#### **LOS ANGELES CHARGERS DEFENSIVE END MELVIN INGRAM**

**On how the team can improve:**

"We have to come out here and finish. That's all we have to do as a team, commit to finishing."

**On how the defense played:**

"We did a good job but it wasn't good enough. When they got two more points than us at the end of the game, we didn't play good enough. We have a lot of things we have to clean up."

**On his expectations for week three:**

"We have to take our losses with a grain of salt and we have to learn from them. No matter how you see it we have to learn from them, it doesn't matter if the Chiefs are coming. We can't worry about any of that. We have to get in the classroom, see what our mistakes were, correct them and get ready."

**On Dolphins QB Jay Cutler and the Dolphins:**

"I feel like he did good, he's the quarterback and he came out and won. He came out and did his job. They came out and tried to win the game, that's what any team would do. They won and that's all that matters."

**On playing in StubHub Center:**

"It was a good experience. We had a warm atmosphere, it was great and I definitely loved it but we have to get a win for StubHub."

#### **LOS ANGELES CHARGERS KICKER YOUNGHOE KOO**

**On the missed field goal:**

"I just pushed it right. It was a great snap, great hold by [Chargers LS] Mike [Windt] and [Chargers P] Drew [Kaser] and I just pushed it right."

**On his frustration after last week's missed field goal:**





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"It's definitely frustrating. I can't say it's not, but I just have to move on to the next one and make the next opportunity count."

**On his mindset and confidence level going forward:**

"Do I wish I made the two field goals today? Yeah, sure. Definitely, but I can't do anything about now. I have to move on to next week."

**On his mindset going into the field goal:**

"It's just another field goal. First quarter, fourth quarter, game-winning field goal—every kick is a game-winner."

#### LOS ANGELES CHARGERS QUARTERBACK PHILIP RIVERS

**On the message to the team after today's loss:**

"Well, it's really simple. It's just that nobody is going to feel sorry for us. You find out about our group, what we always talk about, the tightness, the toughness, the character of our group. It's times like these that it gets tested. We've got a division opponent coming here next week that is not going to have any sympathy for us for losing two tough ones down at the buzzer. We can be sick about it for a little while, but we'd better get ready to go."

**On watching TE Antonio Gates break the all-time touchdown record:**

"It was awesome. Too bad it didn't happen in a win, but it was awesome. It's a lot of touchdowns, a lot of years, a lot of tight ends that have played in this league. Certainly a special accomplishment for him. I'm just thankful that I could be a part of a lot of them—not all of them, but a lot of them. He's been awesome, awesome for so long."

**On if it hurts any more to lose the first home game rather than an away game:**

"No, I don't think so. It hurts. It hurts when you lose like this, whatever number it is."

**On his thoughts of the crowd and overall game environment:**

"I felt like it was an 'into-it' crowd. The environment was exciting. There certainly were a lot of Dolphins fans. I think we're fairly used to that. We're fairly used to the opposing team traveling well, but I thought the energy in the stadium was good. Definitely a little easier environment than what it was last week in Denver."

**On if he thinks the number of Chargers fans in attendance versus opposing team fans will change over time:**

"I hope so. I think it's always been a little bit of something you battle. We battled down in San Diego—I think just obviously the weather, the climate lends to that. If I was somewhere else, and was a fan picking a road game to go to, this would be a destination. We've always had to battle that a little bit. When we haven't won as many games, we've had to battle a little more. I think that's something [where] if we get going and put some wins together—we've got to get one first—then we'll see more and more of our fans."





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## MIAMI DOLPHINS AT LOS ANGELES CHARGERS

### STUBHUB CENTER

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#### POSTGAME QUOTES

**On the efficiency of the offense today:**

"I thought it was pretty good. We moved the ball well. The name of the game was scoring, and we didn't score enough points. We talk about it all the time and it sounds silly, but yeah, score more points than the other team and we haven't done that. We moved the ball well, we didn't turn it over. We've just got to finish some of those drives with touchdowns. We had a chance there—I'm not sure with exactly how much time left—but we converted the third down, they called a holding right there, we hit [WR] Tyrell [Williams], and we were going to be down there at about the 30, up four still at that point with a chance to really make it a two-score game, and then we got really backed up and didn't get the third down conversion. That was a big drive. Then obviously, shoot, we had two chances at the end. One to sustain drive and end it, and the other one to win it in two-minute [drill], and we just didn't finish it all the way."

**On if he had any conversations with Gates over the summer regarding the touchdown record:**

"No, it's kind of one of those things where you can't talk about it. What do you say, what are you going to do, what happens, what's it going to be like—it's one of those things that just kind of happens in the moment. I'm glad it was sooner than later. I didn't want the season to keep going, and him to keep getting asked. Hopefully we can add to it now because he's always been a big part of the red zone stuff and he will continue to be."

**On the crowd's energy and volume at the stadium:**

"I thought there was great energy in the stadium. Obviously the loudest roar came at the end after the missed field goal, to where you really got to see how many Dolphins fans there were. I heard the roar before I saw the official's signal. I wasn't sure which roar it was. I thought the energy was good in the stadium and I thought our fans were good. They were loud on third down. Like you said, they cheered at all the right times. The Dolphins fans weren't loud to where in third downs, we had a hard time operating or anything like that. It was unique, but it wasn't by any means a disappointment as a player coming out there. We've got to find a way to win the game. That's what we're most concerned about."

#### LOS ANGELES CHARGERS CENTER MATT SLAUSON

**On TE Antonio Gates breaking the all-time record for receiving touchdowns by a tight end:**

"That was huge, that's a moment of history football history. To get to be on the field with him, blocking for that, it means a lot."

**On how to approach two straight games ending in a missed field goal:**

"Oh, it can be fixed, for sure it can be fixed. That's on us as players, and we have to bounce back starting tomorrow. We'll look at this tape and learn, and find whatever way to get it done."

**On the "effects of a series of close losses" on a team mentally:**

"I mean if you let it, sure, but as players it's our job to not let it phase us like that. To not let it weigh on us emotionally. Like I said, we have to be pros and get in there tomorrow and learn from our mistakes and move on."





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**On how to finish games strong:**

"It's a lot of things. Execution, we have to have perfect execution at the end of a game. We talk about being disciplined, being your best when your best is needed. At the end of the game, that's crunch time. You have to be at your best and that comes from in your heart".

**On the crowd at today's game:**

"It was good. You know the Dolphins traveled well today, we didn't have to use our silent count so that was nice. I think it was a good crowd, a lot of energy there."

**On the Miami defensive line:**

"They are a talented front seven. It was pretty obvious that their main goal was to force us to stop our ground game and force us to throw it. We were just taking what they were giving us."

