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

### POSTGAME QUOTES

#### Chargers QB Philip Rivers (transcribed by the Los Angeles Chargers)

**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."

**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:**





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“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.”

