



MIAMI DOLPHINS AT LOS ANGELES CHARGERS

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POSTGAME QUOTES

Chargers TE Antonio Gates (transcribed by the Los Angeles Chargers)

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 to 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."

