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Justin Herbert

Visitors Postgame Press Conference

Chargers 20, Colts 3

Q. How does it feel to be in the playoffs?

JUSTIN HERBERT: I think it's a great sign for all the hard work that we've put in this year and we've definitely dealt with our adversity our fair share. The story of the day was the defense stepping up big-time and getting those stops.

There's plenty of room for improvement for our offense, but, you know, it's a good sign for us of things to come.

Q. Head Coach Staley said that this season has been about toughness, and that's why this team is here. Do you agree with that?

JUSTIN HERBERT: Yeah, you know, I think we've lost plenty of guys to injuries and things like that, and they battled back, and they're doing everything they can to be out on the field.

You know, whenever you lose a guy like Joey Bosa or Rayshawn, Wyatt, Keenan, it's tough to replace those guys, but the guys that stepped up, we found out a lot about those guys. Josh Palmer and DeAndre Carter, you know, they've done an incredible job all year.

To have everyone back and being able to perform like that, you know, there's still plenty of room for improvement, but we will get on that.

Q. What do you think you guys are playing the best football you could?

JUSTIN HERBERT: I don't think we played our best football yet. You know, I think the defense has done an incredible job these past couple of weeks. I think offensively we can do better.

We can limit turnovers and that starts with me. We can limit penalties. Just being able to convert on third down and things like that, but we're definitely going to be



watching film after it one and learn from it.

Q. What do you think you need to clean up?

JUSTIN HERBERT: There's a lot that goes into it. I think it's penalties, turnovers, being able to convert on third down. When you are able to do all of that, you are able to move the ball.

At times we've been able to show that, but, you know, we need to be more consistent, and it starts with our offense. It's a great opportunity for us to get better.

Q. Is this moment sweeter for you considering what you've been through in your career?

JUSTIN HERBERT: It for sure does. It's such a tough way to lose last year to the Raiders there at the end. You know, we had some games that went not our way last year. We were able to fix that this year and learn from that.

You know, I think those guys in that locker room, they deserve that. They worked so hard this year, and they've earned it.

Just to be a part of it, I think the Chargers organization has done such a great job these past couple of years. It didn't go our way the past two years, but they stuck with it, and they're doing everything they can, so it's an honor to be a part of it.

Q. How excited are you to play in the playoffs?

JUSTIN HERBERT: It will be a lot of fun. Just excited to be in that atmosphere and to have that opportunity to keep playing football.

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