# BOLT QUARTERLY

### 1ST QTR EDITION



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#### GM'S CORNER

The season half over, as of this newsletter and we have doubled our win total from last season with eight more games to go. Our team's competitiveness remains high and a source of optimism for me and, I hope< you the fans. Our guys are gelling more and more and we're growing into a true team. The tough times have not left us however we are getting stronger as we face those hurdles.

Our special teams have improved this quarter, as I've found that Graham Gano can fill in capably for Scobee when called upon, which is good to know.

Mark Sanchez has gotten better in practice and it is showing on the field. He has earned game balls on a couple of occasions and is becoming a true leader.

Defensively we're continuing to play hard. Our d-line has been dominant at times but the recent loss of Antwan Odom hurts. We're playing a bit more 3-4 due to that. Also, our secondary is continuing to struggle but I am seeing glimpses of hope out of our corners. Cason is showing me something and I think Vontae Davis will be earning his first INT very soon. Pollard remains the catalyst and is certainly a role model.

I'm already thinking about the draft, which should be fun, however I have to admit I like who's on our team now. They're getting it and getting closer each game.



William Blandford General Manager

### CHARGERS WIN SECOND GAME

The Chargers went into Gillette Stadium and left winners of their second game of the season.

The Chargers defense shut down the Pats while San Diego's offense made the plays they needed, defeating the Patriots 31-19. In both San Diego wins, the Chargers have scored 31 points. "Our first road win ... awesome.



Patriot defense knock a pass down, but the Chargers won

Hope this is a start to many more," shared Chargers receiver Miles Austin.

The offense is getting stronger and better and if this continues, the Chargers could rattle off a couple more wins.

The light at the end of the tunnel is almost noticeable. At least that is this reporter's opinion.



Brian Westbrook Breaking Free



WHO Do We Play For? Our Pride and Our Fans!!!





Quarterback Mark Sanchez

#### OFFENSE-GETTING THERE

The offense has taken its fair share of lumps this season, as turnovers and penalties plague the team at times. However anyone who saw this team last year and this year has to say that this offense is stronger, faster and better than its predecessor.

"We got slammed last season and we still get hammered on occasion by the press," shared Brian Westbrook. "The difference between last year and this year is we're getting more props this year and ripped less than last year. That's a good thing."

Players like Miles Austin, Sidney Rice and Dave Thomas have really elevated their game. Rookies like Sanchez, Well and Britt have only made the skill positions better. A young quarterback in Sanchez will take time to mature but what is on the field now is worlds better than last season.

"What impresses me is we're a younger team than two years ago but we're more focused. What we have here now wants to play as a team; we pick each other up when we fall and high-five like mad when we shine." Those words came from veteran G Todd Herremans.

"I like the guys on offense. Our line works well together and I've enjoyed seeing how well they've gelled when I got hurt. Now, I think we're a better line when I'm playing but the line has been pretty good without me." Herremans guipped later.

Joking aside, the team is certainly more balanced and all that's needed is a little more punch in the running game at times and fewer penalties (the one knock on the O-line) against the offense.

"Some games, I almost get sick seeing all the false starts and offsides but when you overhaul a roster, what do you expect?" GM Will Blandford shared. "At the same time, these guys are tough on themselves and they're working hard to improve I hope to see that continue."

One thing outsiders are seeing, a world of potential. As Sanchez gets better running the offense, if the skill players continue to play at their peak and the line cuts down on penalties, there are a couple of words that some use to describe the Chargers now that haven't been used in a couple years: Dangerous and Scary!

If that's not a sign of improvement, I want to know what is?

### SPOTLIGHT: MARK SANCHEZ

The Chargers needed a quarterback; that was the consensus league-wide. Dan Orlovsky is a solid player and good teammate however more was needed from a starting quarterback.

Via the draft, enter Mark Sanchez, about as much of an enigma as anyone could draft with the top overall pick. On paper and in person he strikes you as a leader of men and a guy with loads of potential. Countering that, however, was the fact he only started one year at USC before entering the draft as a junior.

"When I say we had a difficult time choosing between Sanchez and Stafford, that's a subtle way of putting it. We debated off and on until we picked." remarked an openly honest Chargers GM. "From where I sit, we picked the right man for this team ... nothing against Stafford; he's going to be good too but Mark is the better fit." Sanchez was thrilled to come to Southern

California and play in front of his family and friends.

"This has been tough and will continue to be a challenge as we rebuild not only our roster but our recent reputation. I think we're on track and getting better. Hey, we nearly beat the Seahawks ... that's a testament to our team ." Sanchez relayed.

One can only hope this is a sign of good times ahead for the Charger faithful.

### DEFENSE, DEFENSE

Despite what the standings have shown, the Chargers defense continues to do quite well.

"We continue to make some mistakes, especially in the secondary but they're becoming less and less. With a more consistent pass rush, I think we'll be more solid and that will help our corners. I think the fact our offense is playing better has benefitted us, as the guys are getting more rest. That is huge for us and gives us more time on the sidelines

to tech between drives."

Those words came from defensive coordinator Ron Rivera. He continued, "We definitely have to improve our consistency, especially in the secondary but we have talent on this defense."

Any defense that showcases players like Dockett, Odom, Kiwanuka, Tulloch, Williams, Pool and Pollard is a good defense. Factor in young talent like Cason, Vontae Davis, Knighton and Wheeler and the San Diego fans have a defense they

can look forward to watching.

"We have to hold the line and help our offense get chances, which means more turnovers. That is one of my top roles on this defense ... to get the ball back", Vontae Davis shared with conviction.

"Guys like me have to do our part and lead by example. I definitely need to improve my play," shared an honest Brandon Chillar.



Chargers Defenders Getting Fired Up

## SPECIAL TEAMS IN FLUX

Kicking has continued to plague the Charger however it is improving. Kern has been the exception on the kicking front; his punts have been quite a plus to this team. He has one of the strongest legs and is alright.

at directional punting, though he needs to work harder on that. He will tell you that himself.

Graham Gano has been perfect thus far when given the chance to kick FGs for the Chargers giving San

Diego some better consistency. The team know Scobee can be a solid; he just hasn't shown it this year. Next season I suspect there will be a true competition for the K job.



Punter Brett Kern

#### CHARGERS' 2010 DRAFT CLASS-REPORT

1ST (#1): QB Mark Sanchez

1ST (#11): RB Beanie Wells

1ST (#28): WR Kenny Britt

2ND (#30): CB Vontae Davis

2ND (#36): DT Terrance Knighton

3RD (#57): G Louis Vasquez

4TH (#86): DB Sherrod Martin

5TH (#135): LB Gerald McRath

7TH (#142): WR/RET Darius Reynaud

7TH (#157): RB Khalil Bell

8TH (#198): P Ben Graham—traded

8TH (#210): RB Quinn Johnson 8TH(#214): DE Laurence Sidbury 8TH (#218): PK Graham Gano

Sanchez continues to be the starting QB job and has shown steady improvement overall, especially as a leader. Wells remains the workhorse back, while he continues to learn from Brian Westbrook. WR Kenny Britt continues to improve and is becoming a favorite target of Sanchez's, especially on third down. G Louis Vasquez has remained a starter the last four games, doing quite well, while Davis and Knighton are doing quite well as starters on defense. Martin and McRath are rotating frequently and playing well on special teams. Reyanud has begun returning punts and is doing a solid job while Gano is getting opportunities as the kicker. Johnson and Sidbury are playing sparingly though Johnson was playing more when Bo Scaife was out.

Khalil Bell, was continuing to play well until he sustained a knee injury, so his grade is technically INC.

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