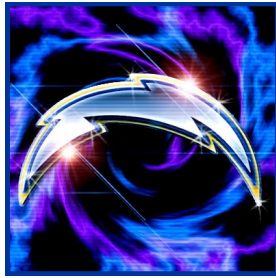


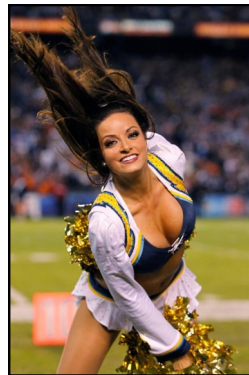
# BOLT QUARTERLY

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## ANOTHER SEASON IN THE BOOKS

The season is over and we're now gearing up for the offseason. Naturally having a losing season is nothing to be happy with, however the fact we won two more games this year than last season and I think we have given our fans a reason to be excited. Sincerely, I'd like to think we'll be more competitive next season and win a few more games.

Sanchez, to me, has shown why he was worth taking with the first overall pick. Though Freeman and Stafford would have been a nice additions as well, Mark has been great for our team and seems like a great fit here. His teammates seem to respect him and he is learning more and more

every week.

Our rookies as a whole really contributed a lot this season, though I'm not typically high on giving rookies major playing time. We had no choice this season and several had to step up and play.

What pleased me most was our average point differential was just over ten points a game, which means we were a player in more games than not. We nearly won two more games but our lack of experience, and a couple of decisions I made cost us those games. Still, three wins is an improvement so we're on the right path.

To be holiday-esque, 'tis the season we begin our offseason and put ourselves

under the microscope to determine how we get stronger.

With a number of draft picks (including three 2nd rounders) we should move closer our goal: becoming a competitive, winning franchise which will ideally lead us into the playoffs.



**Will Blandford**  
General Manager

## CHARGERS FINAL WIN TOTAL: 3

The dust has settled and we finished 3-13 in year two of my run as general manager and head coach. We do have a ways to go but we won more than last year, so that's good.

The fact we nearly beat a couple of strong teams, notably Seattle, shows me we have a good thing going however we're certainly still "under construction".

Our two drafts have added talent and thanks to their play and our team gelling, we're evolving more and more into a true team. I see that trend continuing. It was great to notch wins against New England, Denver and Minnesota.

The fact we were slammed by the Cowboys, Steelers and - divisional rival - Titans shows me we have

A ways to go in to call ourselves a competitive team and one our fans can be proud to call their team.

We're better but we need to become stronger, quicker and tougher and we will. Rebuilding the right way takes time, and I want to do this the right way.



**Charger Offensive Line  
Their best group?**



**Who Do We Play For?  
Our Pride and Our Fans!!!**



**Receiver  
Kenny Britt**

## OFFENSE—GETTING THERE

Our offense has the look of one with potential. Mark Sanchez may not win it, but he should be highly considered for rookie of the year honors. He started all 16 games and threw for 3400 yards, with 19 touchdown passes. Yes, he threw more INTs than touchdowns but what rookie doesn't throw a lot of picks?

Beanie Wells was the workhorse back and piled up 788 yards on the ground. Strangely enough he was not able to break into the endzone much (one TD total, rushing or receiving). Personally I think he got hosed on a couple of goalline opportunities.

Kenny Britt was huge for us, catching 45 passes for over 600 yards and four scores, which tied him for second on the team.

G Louis Vasquez has shown to be a quick study and a tough blocker,

though he does need to work more on the mental aspects of the game.

Another bright spot was the breakthrough seasons of not only Britt but young receivers Sidney Rice and Miles Austin. The now dynamic duo combined for over 2000 yards receiving and 12 touchdowns. Rice finished as the team's leading receiver (1220 yds) and Austin led the team in touchdown catches (8) while adding another 900-plus yards receiving. However, the great performances came at a cost as Rice injured his hip late in the season. He'll begin the season on IR after undergoing surgery next month.

The key to any successful offense is a stable and strong offensive line.

Adding Vasquez has helped and I feel we are close to having met that necessary goal. Many teams would like to have a line like ours.

With young talents like Duane Brown, John Sullivan and Vasquez along with vets like Todd Herremans, Charlie Johnson and Jacob Bell as catalysts, we have a strong group in the trenches.

What's needed now is more depth at the skill positions. Hopefully, Harry Douglas can return to our receiving corps and bolster us while Rice is out. Even if Douglas returns, we need more at both running back, receiver, to include tight end, to make us complete.

- OC Jim Zorn

## INSIDE THE ISFL: TEAM ANALYSIS

Offensively the Chargers are more complete, however what most impressed me was their play defensively. I only say that for one reason; they were on the field a lot more than the offense and played very well given the circumstances.

That's not to say I think they're set defensively but I like what I saw. I did an assessment and spoke with many inside sources to see where the team is set and where they need to improve.

Where I see San Diego most competent is on special teams. They do need a better return game but I think with Kern at punter and Scobee and Gano at kicker, the Chargers are solid. Kern was particularly

impressive.

Offensively, their line is good. More depth and competition at OT is needed. Depth at center wouldn't hurt either.

Sanchez is solid but it appears the Chargers will need to add another QB as Pat White is leaving to pursue baseball. This is because he felt he wasn't used properly and enough by the Chargers.

Another running back and tight end are needed. They're set at receiver so long as Rice returns. Without him, another weapon is crucial.

Defensively, they have two studs at ILB in Williams and Tulloch however playmakers at OLB are

critical; McRath is someone to keep an eye on. Dockett and Knighton are great at DT but San Diego may have trouble at end, as Odom is facing a serious suspension and could be cut. Kiwanuka complained of headaches this season so that's a concern too.

In the secondary the Chargers may be fine if the young corners improve, notably Cason and Davis. Pollard, Pool and Martin are solid at safety.

In short, they have some definite pieces but the puzzle that is a winning Chargers team is a ways from being complete.

- Inside The ISFL Analyst

### WHAT'S MISSING

The Chargers are making strides and showing signs of turning the corner. Still they need work, which begs the question: what's missing?

San Diego has holes and the offseason programs and OTAs will show them a lot. GM Will Blandford is making more offseason activities mandatory but has given the players incentives to attend happily. "The power of bonuses," he quipped.

So what's missing? I went right to the man himself and asked Mr. Blandford. The following is paraphrased with particular quotes

added.

*We need a stronger pass rush and that will help our secondary. But our young corners must step up ; they have to show me they're ready. "I have invested a lot of high picks at corner and expect results". Offensively, I think Wells could be our workhorse but I believe in depth and we "need another versatile back". I hate losing (Pat) White but we must move on so a QB is needed. "We will add someone". Our receivers truly impressed me but another TE to groom*

*is on my list. I like (Dave) Thomas's versatility and want him as my wildcard. Scaife is solid at TE but we need weapons for Sanchez, plain and simple."*

Most of all, management feels this team needs more "heart" and continued "unselfishness". Blandford shared he would continue to bring in the best available talent, regardless of what position they play.

- Inside The ISFL Analyst



**What Do We Need To Compete?**

### COACHING STAFF WILL REMAIN INTACT

Though a 3-13 season is nothing to rave about, I believe that a consistent coaching staff (unless there is a major philosophical difference) is vital. That being said, our coaching staff will remain intact. We have added a new- a name

will remember - secondary coach as Clancy Pendergast decided to move on elsewhere. As many have inquired, here is the Chargers' coaching staff moving forward:

Offensive Coordinator: Jim Zorn  
 Defensive Coordinator: Ron Rivera (ass't head coach)  
 Special Teams: Jerry Rosburg  
 Offensive Line: Andy Heck  
 Quarterbacks: Chris Miller  
 Running Backs: Ollie Wilson  
 Receivers: Henry Ellard  
 Defensive Line: Ray Hamilton  
 Linebackers: John Pagano  
 Defensive Backs: John Lynch  
 Strength & Conditioning: Garrett Giemont

### CHARGERS' 2010 DRAFT CLASS—FINAL 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

Overall, our rookies did a fine job filling in though naturally I'd have preferred breaking them in a little more slowly. Honestly, every draft pick contributed and did well considering. Some were particularly helpful, such as the aforementioned Sanchez (see article on page 2).

The most pleasant surprises were McRath and Gano. Gano was perfect on all 13 of his FG attempts and will give Scobee some competition next training camp. McRath filled in a lot and was a demon on special teams. Vasquez looks to be a fixture on the O-line for years to come.

Bell could have been a major contributor but injuries really affected his playing time.

This current group will definitely help improve the foundation of our team. However more players are needed; that's why we have an annual draft after all.

**INTRODUCING THE 2010/2011 CHARGER GIRLS**

