

DETROIT LIONS VS. SAN DIEGO CHARGERS
FORD FIELD
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2011; 4:05 P.M. ET

POST-GAME NOTES

WITH A WIN, THE LIONS ARE IN

- **The Lions earned an NFC Wild Card playoff berth today with a 38-10 win over the San Diego Chargers.** It is the first time the team has qualified for the playoffs since it earned a Wild Card spot in 1999.
- The team's record improves to 10-5, marking the most wins (10) by the club through 15 games since it had 11 through 15 games in 1991. The last time the Lions finished with 10 wins was 1995 when the team won its 10th game in the final week of the season.
- Detroit's record vs. the AFC West this year is 4-0. Since the NFL realigned into four divisions in each conference (2002) and played under the current scheduling rotation, this marks the first time the Lions swept a division (NFC North, NFC or AFC) during that span.
- Detroit has won 10 games this season for the eighth time since the franchise relocated to Detroit in 1934.

TEAM SCORING

- By scoring 38 points today in the Lions win, the team has now scored 433 points on the season. It is the second time in team history that Lions have scored over 400 points in a season. The 2011 team is 3 points shy of the all-time team record of 436 points scored in 1995.
- The Lions 38 points were tallied mostly by the team's 5 touchdowns it scored (3 passing, 1 rushing and 1 interception return). The team now has 52 total touchdowns this season which is a new team single-season record.
- RB Kevin Smith's 6-yard touchdown run which gave the Lions a 31-10 lead was the team's fourth touchdown of the game and the Lions 51st touchdown of the season. It set a new franchise record for total touchdowns of the season surpassing the previous record of 50 scored in 1995.
- With 38 points today, the team is now averaging 28.9 points per game. The team is slightly ahead of the all-time team record of 28.7 points per game registered in 1952 (344 in 12 games).
- In four games this year vs. AFC West opponents, the Lions outscored those four teams 159-50.

QB MATTHEW STAFFORD

- In the Lions playoff-clinching 38-10 win over San Diego, Stafford completed 29-of-36 passes (80.6 pct) for 373 yards and 3 touchdowns. He finished the game with a passer rating of 137.6, which is a career high.
- His 80.6 completion percentage set a new team single-game record for completion percentage by a passer with at least 25 attempts.
- Stafford's 137.6 rating is the highest by a Lions quarterback in a game by a quarterback who registered at least 35 pass attempts.
- With 373 yards, he garnered his eighth career 300-yard games, tying Scott Mitchell (8, 1994-98) for the team record for career 300-yard games. Of Stafford's 8 career 300-yard games, 7 have occurred in 2011.
- By throwing for 373 yards today, Stafford set a new team record for passing yards in a season. He now has 4,518 passing yards on the season, passing QB Scott Mitchell (4,338 in 1995) for the new record.
- He set the team record on the scoring drive that put the Lions up 17-0 when he completed a 3-yard pass to RB Kevin Smith.
- With 29 pass completions, Stafford now has 385 completions on the season, which is a new team single-season record. He set a new park by surpassing QB Jon Kitna's 372 completions in 2006.
- With 36 pass attempts, he also broke Kitna's team record (596 in 2006) for attempts in a season. Stafford now has 604 attempts and is the first quarterback in team history to attempt 600 passes in a season.
- With 3 touchdown passes today, Stafford has now thrown 3+ touchdowns in a game eight times. He now has the third-most 3+touchdown pass games in team history.
- Stafford's 3 touchdown passes today moves his season total to 36.

WR CALVIN JOHNSON

- WR **Calvin Johnson** finished the day with 4 catches for 102 yards and 1 touchdown. He started the game off on the first offensive play with a 46-yard reception.
- With 0:31 left in the second quarter, Johnson caught a 14-yard touchdown pass from Stafford to give the Lions a 24-0 lead heading into the half. Johnson's touchdown reception was his 15th of the season, which tied the team single-season record set previously by E Cloyce Box in 1952.
- He now is the fourth player in team history with 15 total touchdowns on the season—also accomplished by RB Barry Sanders (1990, 1991), Billy Sims (1980, 1981) and E Cloyce Box (1952).
- With 102 receiving yards, Johnson now has 1,437 on the season. He is the third player in team history to record 1,400 receiving yards. He joins WR Herman Moore (1,686 in 1995) and WR Brett Perriman (1,488 in 1995) as the only players in franchise history to reach this mark in a season.
- Johnson's 102-yard effort was his 20th career game with 100 receiving yards. He is the second player in team history to record 20 100-yards receiving games. Moore collected 35 games with 100 receiving yards from 1991-2001.

- Combined with last week's game (214 yards and 2 TDs), Johnson now has 316 receiving yards and caught 3 touchdowns over the past two games.
- Johnson now has 85 receptions this season, the seventh-most in team history for a single season.

TE BRANDON PETTIGREW

- A key factor in the Lions offense in their 38-10 win over San Diego was the performance of TE **Brandon Pettigrew** who had a team-high 9 receptions for 80 yards and 1 touchdown.
- With 9 receptions, Pettigrew established a new team single-season record with receptions by a tight end, now with 76. He broke the club record that he set last year when he caught 71 passes. He set the new record on his fifth reception of the game.
- Pettigrew is the only tight end in Lions history with 2 seasons registering 70+ receptions.
- He opened the game by giving the Lions a 7-0 lead with a 7-yard touchdown grab on the opening drive. Pettigrew set a new single-season career-high with 5 touchdown grabs this season.
- With 5 touchdown catches this season combined with TE Tony Scheffler's 5 touchdown receptions, Pettigrew and Scheffler are the second pair of Lions tight ends in team history to each register 5 touchdown catches each in a season. In 1976, Hall of Fame TE Charlie Sanders and TE David Hill each recorded 5 touchdown receptions that season.
- With 80 receiving yards, Pettigrew moved his season total of receiving yards to 661. He passed Hall of Fame TE Charlie Sanders (656, 1969) for the second-most receiving yards by Lions tight end in one season. Pettigrew has the club record with 722 receiving yards in 2010.

K JASON HANSON

- By connecting on a 50-yard field goal to give the Lions a 10-0 lead in the first quarter, Hanson became the first player in NFL history to make to 50 50-yard field goals. He holds the NFL's all-time record for career 50-yarders.
- Hanson has now made 5 50-yard field goals on the season for the second time in his career. Previously he made 8 in 2008.
- By adding the 50-yard field goal to his PAT on the opening offensive drive, Hanson reached 4 points in the game and moved his career tally to 2,005. He passed QB/K George Blanda (2,002) and K Matt Stover (2,004) to move into second place on the NFL's all-time scoring list.
- Hanson finished the game with 8 points (5 PATs, 1 FG) and now has 2,009 career points.
- When Hanson connected on his fourth PAT of the game to give the Lions a 31-10 lead, which was also his 49th PAT. He broke the club record for PATs in a season, surpassing his own team record of 48 set in 1995. With 5 total PATs in the game, Hanson now has 50 PATs this year and is the first player in team history to reach that mark in a season.
- With 8 points, Hanson now has 119 points on the season, the sixth most in Lions history.

LIONS RETURNS

- With the 4-yard interception return for a touchdown by DE Cliff Avril in the fourth quarter, he gave the Lions their 7th return touchdown (5 int, 2 fum) this season off fumble or interception returns. The 2011 Lions have now tied a franchise single-season record of return touchdowns via fumble or interception returns. The only time in team history the Lions have 7 return touchdowns by fumble or interception returns was 1937 (3 int, 4 fum).
- Avril now has 11 sacks, 1 fumble return TD and 1 interception return TD in a season. Since sacks became official in 1982, Avril is the first Lions player with 10+sacks, 1 fumble return TD and 1 interception return for TD in the same season.
- By registering 5 interception return touchdowns this season, the Lions now have the second-most in team history. The team record is 7 set in 1967.
- CB Chris Houston picked off his 5th pass of the season and returned it 43 yards. He now has 225 interception return yards this season, which is the fourth-most in team history. He surpassed 200 yards via interception returns for the 10th time in team history.
- As a team, the Lions have 428 return yards off interceptions. It is the eighth-highest in team history for a season and the most since the team recorded 445 in 1976.

LIONS FORD FIELD RECORD CROWDS

- Today's attendance for the Lions regular season home finale was 62,469.
- The overall attendance for Lions regular season games at Ford Field was 509,949, which is a new club record for home games at Ford Field (since 2002). The Lions surpassed 500,000 during the regular season at Ford Field for the first time since the stadium opened in 2002.

OFFENSIVE TEAM RECORDS

- With 440 total yards today, the Lions now have garnered 5,762 total yards on the season. Their tally this year is the fourth-highest single-season total in team history and the most since the team registered 5,798 in 1997.
- The Lions now have 4,312 net passing yards, which is the second time in team history the Lions have recorded 4,000 net passing yards as a team. This year's total is second only to 4,360 net passing yards collected in 1995.