



## POSTGAME NOTES

#HOUvsBUF



**Houston Texans (6-6) at Buffalo Bills (6-6)**  
Sunday, Dec. 6, 2015 • Noon CT • Ralph Wilson Stadium (71,870) • Orchard Park, N.Y.



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Houston Texans	6	7	0	8	21	68,544
Buffalo Bills	7	14	0	9	30	

### TEXANS TEAM NOTES

#### MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

- The following players were inactive for the game: G **Brandon Brooks**, TE **Garrett Graham**, S **Rahim Moore**, CB **Darryl Morris**, DE **Jeffrey Pagan**, ILB **Justin Tuggle** and QB **Brandon Weeden**
- The following player was active but did not play in the game: QB **T.J. Yates**
- The following players were captains for the game: ILB **Brian Cushing**, P **Shane Lechler** and WR **Nate Washington**
- Buffalo won the toss and deferred. Houston elected to receive to start the game

#### THE TEXANS...

- Fell to 6-6 on the season and 15-13 under Head Coach **Bill O'Brien**, snapping a four-game winning streak from Weeks 8-12
- Dropped to 4-4 overall and 2-2 on the road in the all-time series with the Bills
- Recorded 401 total net yards (275 passing, 126 rushing), 21 first downs and 31:53 time of possession, while converting 7-of-15 (47%) third downs
- Posted over 400 total net yards of offense for the fourth time this season and first since Week 5 against Indianapolis (10/8)
- Scored a touchdown on 3-of-3 red zone opportunities
- After allowing 21 first-half points, held the Bills to only nine points in the second half
- Scored on an 8-yard pass from QB **Brian Hoyer** to TE **Ryan Griffin** in the first quarter, capping an 11-play, 80-yard drive lasting 5:39 time of possession
- Recorded their second scoring drive of 10-or-more plays on a 10-play, 60-yard drive lasting 5:08. Hoyer threw an 11-yard touchdown pass to RB **Chris Polk**
- Scored their third touchdown of the day on a 19-yard pass from Hoyer to WR **DeAndre Hopkins**. RB **Jonathan Grimes** ran for the 2-point conversion to tie the game at 21

### TEXANS INDIVIDUAL PLAYER NOTES

#### OLD JADEVEON CLOWNEY

- Brought down Bills QB Tyrod Taylor for a sack in the fourth quarter, bringing his total to 2.5 for the season
- Finished with three solo tackles, including two for loss and 1.0 sack
- His two tackles for loss tied a single-game career-high

#### TE RYAN GRIFFIN

- Finished with three catches for 29 yards and a touchdown
- Caught an 8-yard touchdown pass in the first quarter, his second of the season, a single-season career-high, and fourth of his career
- The score marked his second straight game with a touchdown

#### RB JONATHAN GRIMES

- Rushed for 28 yards on five carries (5.6 avg.) and caught two passes for 15 yards
- Rushed for a two-point conversion in the fourth quarter, tying the game at 21

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#### S ANDRE HAL

- Finished third on the team with a single-game career-high five tackles and contributed with one pass defended

#### WR DeANDRE HOPKINS

- Caught five passes for 88 yards and a touchdown
- With his 10th receiving touchdown of the year, set a franchise record for the most receiving touchdowns in a single season
- Passed Andre Johnson (85 in 2014) for the seventh-most receptions in a single season in team history
- Passed Andre Johnson (1,147 in 2006) for the seventh-most receiving yards in a single season in team history
- Scored on a 29-yard pass from QB **Brian Hoyer** in the fourth quarter to tie the game at 21
- Extended his streak of consecutive regular season games started to 44, which ranks second among all active NFL wide receivers
- Caught a pass in his 44th straight career game

#### QB BRIAN HOYER

- Completed 26-of-43 passes for 293 yards, three touchdowns, one interception and a 94.4 passer rating. On three rushing attempts, ran for 15 yards and two first downs
- With his 18th touchdown of the season, passed Ryan Fitzpatrick (17) for the fourth-most career passing touchdowns in franchise history. Also passed Fitzpatrick (17) for the fourth-most passing touchdowns in a single season in team history
- Notched his third 3-touchdown game of the year, which is tied for the most such games in a season in franchise history (Matt Schaub, three in 2009)
- Threw multiple touchdowns in a game for the seventh time in nine games played this season
- Threw an 8-yard touchdown pass to TE **Ryan Griffin** in the first quarter
- Connected with RB **Chris Polk** on an 11-yard touchdown pass in the second quarter
- Threw a 19-yard touchdown pass to WR **DeAndre Hopkins** in the fourth quarter to tie the game at 21

#### CB KAREEM JACKSON

- Tied for the team lead with six tackles, including five solo stops

#### CB CHARLES JAMES

- Downed two punts inside the 10-yard line, including one at the 9-yard line and one at the 5-yard line

#### C BEN JONES

- Extended his streak of consecutive games played to 60, which is the second-longest active streak among NFL centers

#### T KENDALL LAMM

- Recorded his first career reception for a gain of seven yards in the first quarter

#### P SHANE LECHLER

- Punted seven times for 285 yards (40.7 avg., 38.4 net), including a long of 57 yards, and pinned four inside the 20-yard line
- Played in his 250th career game and tied Pat Leahy, Eddie Murray and Eugene Robinson for the 37th-most career games played in NFL history
- Extended his streak of consecutive games played to 218, which leads all active NFL players

#### OLB WHITNEY MERCILUS

- Registered four tackles (three solo) and one pass defended, his second of the year and first since Week 1 against Kansas City (9/13)

#### RB CHRIS POLK

- Led the team with a single-game career-high 61 rushing yards on 12 carries (5.1 avg.)
- Scored his first career receiving touchdown on an 11-yard pass from Hoyer in the second quarter
- Recorded a season-long 20-yard run in the first quarter

#### WR CECIL SHORTS III

- Led the team with six receptions for 91 yards, including a long of 23 yards
- His reception total tied a single-game season-high, while his yardage total was a personal-best for 2015

#### OLB JOHN SIMON

- Tied for the team lead with six tackles (five solo) and added a quarterback hit

#### WR NATE WASHINGTON

- Tied for the team lead with six receptions for 44 yards

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### DE J.J. WATT

- Totaled four tackles (two solo), including one for loss
- Extended his streak of consecutive regular season games started to 76, which ranks third among active NFL defensive ends

### NT VINCE WILFORK

- Notched a single-game season-high four solo tackles