



POSTGAME NOTES

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Houston Texans (7-7) at Indianapolis Colts (6-8)
Sunday, Dec. 20, 2015 • Noon CT • Lucas Oil Stadium (63,000) • Indianapolis, Ind.



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Houston Texans	0	3	3	10	16	66,083
Indianapolis Colts	0	10	0	0	10	

TEXANS TEAM NOTES

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

- The following players were inactive for the game: G **Oday Aboushi**, NT **Christian Covington**, TE **Garrett Graham**, QB **Brian Hoyer**, S **Rahim Moore**, CB **Darryl Morris** and ILB **Justin Tuggle**
- The following player was active but did not play in the game: DE **Jeffrey Pagan**
- The following players were captains for the game: T **Duane Brown**, ILB **Brian Cushing**, P **Shane Lechler** and DE **J.J. Watt**
- Indianapolis won the toss and deferred. Houston elected to receive to start the game

THE TEXANS...

- Improved to 7-7 overall and 3-4 on the road in 2015
- Won their first road game against the Colts, breaking a 13-game road losing streak in Indianapolis
- Defeated the Colts for the first time in the series since Dec. 16, 2012, breaking a five-game losing streak
- Improved to 3-1 against the AFC South in 2015 and 33-49 all-time
- Scored their lone touchdown of the day and took a 13-10 lead in the fourth quarter on a 10-play, 90-yard drive lasting 4:58 time of possession. QB **Brandon Weeden** connected with WR **Jaelen Strong** on an 8-yard touchdown pass
- Recorded 305 total net yards of offense (155 rushing, 150 passing), 20 first downs and 33:56 time of possession
- Posted over 100 rushing yards in a first half for the first time since Nov. 16, 2014 at Cleveland (109)
- Held the Colts to 190 total net yards of offense (140 passing, 50 rushing), 14 first downs and 26:04 time of possession
- Held the Colts to no points, 72 total net yards (56 passing, 16 rushing) and five first downs in the second half

TEXANS INDIVIDUAL PLAYER NOTES

RB ALFRED BLUE

- Led the team with 107 rushing yards on 20 carries (5.4 avg.), marking his second 100-yard rushing game of the season
- With his third career 100-yard rushing game, passed Ron Dayne (two) for sole possession of the fifth-most career 100-yard rushing games in team history
- Recorded a season-long 41-yard run in the second quarter

CB A.J. BOUYE

- Intercepted Colts QB Matt Hasselbeck in the fourth quarter to seal the win for the Texans
- The interception was his second of the year and fifth of his career

OLB JADEVEON CLOWNEY

- Notched four tackles (one solo), one quarterback hit and one pass defended

ILB BRIAN CUSHING

- Tied for the team lead with seven tackles
- Increased his tackle total on the year to 103, as he posted his third 100-tackle season of his career and first since 2011

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S QUINTIN DEMPS

- Recorded five tackles (two solo) and topped 200 total tackles for his career

S ANDRE HAL

- Recorded his first career tackle for loss in the fourth quarter when he brought down Colts RB Frank Gore for a loss of three yards
- Also added one pass defended in the game

WR DeANDRE HOPKINS

- Led the team with eight receptions for 94 yards
- Increased his season totals to 97 receptions for 1,315 yards and 10 touchdowns
- Extended his streak of consecutive regular season games started to 46, which ranks second among all active NFL wide receivers
- Caught a pass in his 46th straight career game

RB AKEEM HUNT

- Registered a career-long 21-yard run in the first quarter
- Finished the day with 26 rushing yards

CB KAREEM JACKSON

- Recovered a fumble forced by CB **Johnathan Joseph** on Colts WR Griff Whalen in the fourth quarter, which led to a field goal and increased Houston's lead to 16-10
- It marked his first fumble recovery of the season and second of his career
- Also added four solo tackles in the game

C BEN JONES

- Extended his streak of consecutive games played to 62, which is the second-longest active streak among NFL centers

CB JOHNATHAN JOSEPH

- Forced a fumble on Colts WR Griff Whalen in the fourth quarter, which was recovered by CB **Kareem Jackson**. The Texans scored a field goal on the next drive and increased their lead to 16-10
- It marked his first forced fumble of the season and sixth of his career
- Also added two solo tackles in the game

P SHANE LECHLER

- Punted four times for 201 yards (50.3 avg., 33.5 net), including a long of 59 yards, and pinned one inside the 20-yard line
- Passed Mike Kenn (251) for the 36th-most career games played in NFL history
- Extended his streak of consecutive games played to 220, which leads all active NFL players

ILB BENARDRICK McKINNEY

- Tied for the team lead with seven tackles (three solo), including two for loss and 1.0 sack
- Picked up his first career sack when he brought down Hasselbeck for an 11-yard loss in the third quarter. The sack pinned the Colts at their own 1-yard line and forced a punt

OLB WHITNEY MERCILUS

- Sacked Colts QB Charlie Whitehurst in the fourth quarter, giving him 8.5 for the season and 26.5 for his career

K NICK NOVAK

- Made three field goals and one PAT for a season-high 10 points, as he topped 600 career points
- Kicked a 22-yard field goal in the second quarter for the team's first points of the day
- Made a 46-yard field goal in the third quarter, cutting the Colts' lead to 10-6
- Made a 32-yard field goal in the fourth quarter, increasing the Texans' lead to 16-10

OLB JOHN SIMON

- Sacked Colts QB Matt Hasselbeck for a 9-yard loss in the second quarter, giving him 4.5 on the season and 6.0 for his career

WR JAELEN STRONG

- Totaled two receptions for 23 yards and a touchdown
- Caught an 8-yard touchdown pass from QB **Brandon Weeden** in the fourth quarter, his third receiving touchdown of the season, all coming against the Colts

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- Passed WR **DeAndre Hopkins** (two in 2013) for the third-most receiving touchdowns by a rookie in team history

DE J.J. WATT

- Registered four tackles (two solo) and one quarterback hit
- Extended his streak of consecutive games started to 78, which ranks third among active NFL defensive ends

QB BRANDON WEEDEN

- Completed 11-of-18 passes for 105 yards, one touchdown and a 95.8 passer rating
- Entered the game after QB **T.J. Yates** exited due to injury in the second quarter and completed 4-of-5 passes for 36 yards on the ensuing drive, which led to a field goal at the end of the first half
- Threw an 8-yard touchdown pass to WR **Jaelen Strong** in the fourth quarter, his first with the Texans, third of the season and 29th of his career. On the 10-play, 90-yard drive, went 4-of-6 for 54 yards and the score

QB T.J. YATES

- Completed 6-of-10 passes for 68 yards and an interception before exiting the game due to injury in the second quarter
- Registered a season-long 7-yard run in the first quarter