



## POSTGAME NOTES

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**Houston Texans (2-1) vs. New Orleans Saints (0-3)**  
Sunday, Aug. 30, 2015 • 3:00 p.m. CT • Mercedes-Benz Superdome (73,000) • New Orleans, La.



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Houston Texans	10	3	7	7	27	72,998
New Orleans Saints	3	3	7	0	13	

### TEXANS TEAM NOTES

- The following players were captains for today's game: G **Brandon Brooks**, P **Shane Lechler**, T **Derek Newton**, S **Eddie Pleasant**
- The following players did not play in the game: RB **Arian Foster**, CB **Johnathan Joseph**, S **Terrance Parks**, LB **Jeff Tarpinian**, LB **Benardrick McKinney**, LB **Reshard Cliett**, DE **Brandon Deaderick**, NT **Chris Neild**, G **Xavier Su'a-Filo**, NT **Vince Wilfork**, T **Duane Brown**, LB **Jadeveon Clowney** and DE **J.J. Watt**
- New Orleans won the toss and elected to receive to start the game
- Houston held New Orleans to 3-of-11 (27%) on third down and 1-of-4 (25%) on fourth down
- The Texans did not allow a touchdown on three Saints trips inside the red zone. On offense, the Texans scored on 3-of-4 red zone possessions
- Houston recorded a 16-play drive in the third quarter, its longest drive of the 2015 preseason
- The Texans posted two 10-plus-play scoring drives in the second half (16 and 12 plays)
- All three of Houston's quarterbacks (**Brian Hoyer**, **Ryan Mallett** and **Tom Savage**) led scoring drives in the game
- The Texans did not commit a single turnover for the third straight game. The quarterbacks have attempted 106 consecutive passes without throwing an interception in the preseason
- Houston posted a plus-two turnover margin after recording an interception and fumble recovery
- The Texans forced the Saints to punt three times and turn the ball over on downs three times
- The Texans held the Saints to a field goal on their opening possession of the game after New Orleans totaled 75 net yards on 12 plays
- Houston scored a touchdown on its opening drive of the game, going 80 yards on seven plays. The team has scored on the opening possession of a game in two out of three games this preseason
- The Texans' first drive of the second half resulted in a touchdown for the second time this preseason. The team has scored points (2 TDs, 1 FG) on the opening drive of the second half in every preseason game this year

### TEXANS INDIVIDUAL PLAYER NOTES

#### RB ALFRED BLUE

- Scored his first touchdown of the preseason on a 1-yard dive into the end zone on the Texans' opening possession of the game. Totaled 12 yards on four carries on the drive

#### LB KOURTNEI BROWN

- Recovered a fumble in the second quarter after LB **Tony Washington** stripped the ball from Saints QB **Luke McCown**. Marked the second straight preseason game in which Brown has registered a takeaway

#### K RANDY BULLOCK

- Made two field goals (49 and 29 yards) and scored nine total points (two FGs, three PATs)

#### DT CHRISTIAN COVINGTON

- Contributed with a preseason single-game-high four tackles (three solo)

#### LB AKEEM DENT

- Posted three solo tackles and the team's first sack in the first half when he brought down Saints QB **Luke McCown** for a 10-yard loss

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## TEXANS INDIVIDUAL PLAYER NOTES

### S ANDRE HAL

- Tied for the team lead with six tackles (two solo)

### RB KENNY HILLIARD

- Led the team with 25 rushing yards on 10 carries

### QB BRIAN HOYER

- Completed all three of his passes for 45 yards and a 118.8 passer rating on the Texans' opening offensive possession of the game, which resulted in a rushing touchdown by RB **Alfred Blue**
- Finished the first quarter completing 6-of-8 passes for 72 yards and a 102.1 passer rating
- On three total drives, completed 7-of-11 passes for 82 yards, including a long of 29 yards, and an 86.2 passer rating. Led the team on two scoring drives (one touchdown, one field goal) for 10 total points

### CB CHARLES JAMES

- Notched five tackles on defense. Added three carries as a running back on offense as well

### CB KEVIN JOHNSON

- Downed a punt from P **Shane Lechler** on the Saints' 2-yard line in the second quarter
- Recorded two passes defensed in the first half, including one on a fourth down attempt by the Saints at the Texans' 2-yard line

### P WILL JOHNSON

- Tallied a 55-yard punt in the third quarter
- Finished the day with two punts for 85 yards (42.5 avg., 32.5 net) and pinned one inside the 20-yard line

### P SHANE LECHLER

- Notched a 50-yard punt in the second quarter that was downed at the Saints' 2-yard line by CB **Kevin Johnson**
- Punted three times for 136 yards (45.3 avg., 41.7 net) in the first half

### QB RYAN MALLET

- Completed 9-of-17 passes for 77 yards, one touchdown and an 84.7 passer rating on four total drives
- Led the team on a 6-play, 35-yard drive in the second quarter, which resulted in a field goal
- Led the team on a 16-play, 80-yard drive on the opening possession of the second half, capped by a 6-yard touchdown pass to WR **Jaelen Strong**

### WR KESHAWN MARTIN

- Finished second on the team with three receptions for 26 yards

### CB DARRYL MORRIS

- Tied for the team lead with six tackles (five solo), while also adding a tackle for loss and a fumble recovery

### QB TOM SAVAGE

- Completed 5-of-7 passes for 58 yards, one touchdown and a 135.7 passer rating
- Led a 12-play, 80-yard scoring drive in the fourth quarter that lasted 7:04. Hit WR **Chandler Worthy** for a 6-yard touchdown pass to end the drive

### LB JOHN SIMON

- Led the team with three solo tackles in the first quarter

### WR JAELEN STRONG

- Caught a 6-yard touchdown pass from QB **Ryan Mallett** in the third quarter to extend Houston's lead to 20-6
- Led the team with five receptions for 40 yards and a touchdown. The touchdown reception was his second of the preseason, a team-high

### LB TONY WASHINGTON

- Recorded a sack-forced fumble on Saints QB **Luke McCown** in the second quarter

### WR CHANDLER WORTHY

- Caught a 6-yard touchdown pass from QB **Tom Savage** in the fourth quarter, his first of the preseason