

GAME SUMMARIES

WEEK 1 • HOUSTON TEXANS vs. KANSAS CITY CHIEFS



PRESEASON GAME 1: Houston 23 vs. San Francisco 10

71,403 • NRG Stadium • Houston, TX. • Aug. 15, 2015



GAME SUMMARY

The Texans opened 2015 preseason with a 23-10 victory over the San Francisco 49ers Saturday night at NRG Stadium. Houston controlled time of possession and held the ball for 40:06, compared to 19:54 for the 49ers. The Texans had over 400 yards of total offense.

Brian Hoyer, who started at quarterback in his first game as a Texan, played just one series that resulted in a touchdown. Hoyer was 2-of-4 for 67 yards with one touchdown, and a 135.4 passer rating. He exited the game after the ensuing two-point play.

Ryan Mallett finished the rest of the first half, completing 10-of-11 passes for 90 yards on four drives. **Tom Savage**, under center for entire second half, completed 8-of-14 for 97 yards and one touchdown.

J.J. Watt, **Vince Wilfork**, and **Johnathan Joseph** dressed for the game but did not see action.

The rest of the defensive starters played just series before exiting the game.

Colin Kaepernick played just one series for San Francisco, completing 1-of-3 passes for 14 yards. Blaine Gabbert, who took over until early in the third quarter, was 8-of-11 and threw for 86 yards with the 49ers lone touchdown of the day.

Three first-year players had sacks: defensive end **Tevita Finau**, and outside linebackers **Kortnei Brown** and **Jason Ankrah**. Brown added two sacks in the third quarter while Ankrah's resulted in a safety.

The Texans running backs were led by **Alfred Blue** who rushed for 59 yards on 9 attempts in the first half. Rookie **Kenny Hilliard** had 13 carries for 39 yards. **Chris Polk** added 29 yards rushing and led the Texans receivers with three catches for 39 yards.

On the opening drive, Hoyer led the Texans offense to an early 8-0 lead. **Cecil Shorts III** caught a 58-yard touchdown pass following an eight-play, 87-yard drive. Houston went for two points and succeeded with Hoyer completing a pass to **DeAndre Hopkins**.

Ryan Mallett was under center for the Texans second offensive series. Mallett led the offense 74 yards to the one-yard line but was unable to score after four consecutive running plays.

Tom Savage entered the game in the second half. The second-year quarterback scored on a 10-yard touchdown pass to rookie **Jaalen Strong**. Running back **Chris Polk** added a 25-yard gain on the seven-play, 58-yard drive. The Texans regained the lead, 15-10.

Savage orchestrated two long fourth-quarter scoring drives that both resulted in 41-yard field goals by **Randy Bullock**, to give Houston a 23-10 lead. San Francisco had just two offensive series in the final quarter, the second of which ended with an interception caught by rookie safety **Kurtis Drummond**.

SCORING

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	Total
San Francisco 49ers	0	10	0	0	-	10
Houston Texans	8	0	9	6	-	23

SCORING DRIVES

Team	Qtr	Time	Play Description (Extra Point) (Drive info)	SF	HOU
Texans	1	11:12	C.Shorts 58 yd. pass from B.Hoyer (B.Hoyer-D.Hopkins pass) (8-87, 3:48)	0	8
49ers	2	12:46	G.Celek 10 yd. pass from B.Gabbert (P.Dawson kick) (7-99, 3:15)	7	8
49ers	2	3:54	P.Dawson 37 yd. Field Goal (9-54, 3:47)	10	8
Texans	3	9:47	J.Strong 10 yd. pass from T.Savage (R.Bullock kick) (7-58, 3:06)	10	15
Texans	3	8:29	D.Thompson sacked in end zone by J.Ankrah for a Safety	10	17
Texans	4	8:51	R.Bullock 41 yd. Field Goal (12-51, 6:47)	10	20
Texans	4	0:58	R.Bullock 41 yd. Field Goal (10-42, 5:08)	10	23

TEAM STATISTICS

	TEXANS	49ERS
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	22	8
THIRD DOWN EFFICIENCY	9-17-53%	1-9-11%
FOURTH DOWN EFFICIENCY	1-3-33%	0-0-0%
TOTAL NET YARDS	400	199
NET YARDS RUSHING	146	102
NET YARDS PASSING	254	97
PASS ATTEMPTS-COMPLETIONS-HAD INTERCEPTED	29-20-0	20-13-1
KICKOFFS Number-In End Zone-Touchbacks	5-5-1	4-3-0
PUNTS Number and Average	3-42.3	6-48.8
Net Punting Average	34.3	38.2
FGs - PATs Had Blocked	0-0	0-0
TOTAL RETURN YARDAGE (Not Including Kickoffs)	64	24
PENALTIES Number and Yards	6-37	8-65
FUMBLES Number and Lost	2-0	0-0
TOUCHDOWNS	2	1
EXTRA POINTS Made-Attempt	2-2	1-1
FIELD GOALS Made-Attempts	2-2	1-1
RED ZONE EFFICIENCY	1-3-33%	1-2-50%
GOAL TO GO EFFICIENCY	0-1-0%	0-0-0%
SAFETIES	1	0
TIME OF POSSESSION	40:06	19:54

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING (Att-Yds): Houston, A. Blue 9-59, K. Hilliard 13-39, C. Polk 10-29, T. Savage 4-7, J. Prosch 3-5, J. Grimes 5-4, R. Mallett 1-3. San Francisco, J. Hayne 5-63, M. Davis 3-18, K. Gaskins 5-12, C. Hyde 2-6, B. Gabbert 1-3.

PASSING (C-A-Y-I): Houston, T. Savage 8-14-97-0, R. Mallett 10-11-90-0, B. Hoyer 2-4-67-0. San Francisco, B. Gabbert 8-11-86-0, D. Thompson 4-6-15-1, C. Kaepernick 1-3-14-0.

RECEIVING (Rec-Yds): Houston, C. Polk 3-36, K. Lee 2-27, T. Labhart 2-24, D. Johnson 2-23, K. Martin 2-18, A. Bonner 2-7, C. Shorts 1-58, K. Mumphery 1-17, J. Grimes 1-10, J. Strong 1-10, G. Graham 1-9, M. McFarland 1-9, C. Fiedorowicz 1-6. San Francisco, A. Cleveland 3-10, J. Simpson 2-31, B. Celek 2-29, B. Bell 2-15, A. Boldin 1-14, V. McDonald 1-8, D. Carrier 1-5, D. White 1-3.

SACKS (Sk-Yds): Houston, K. Brown 2-10, T. Finau 1-0, J. Ankrah 1-8. San Francisco, none.

INTERCEPTIONS (Int-Yds): Houston, K. Drummond 1-0. San Francisco, none.

TACKLES (S-A-T): Houston, M. Mohamed 3-1-4, B. McKinney 3-1-4, K. Brown 3-0-3, M. Bullough 1-2-3, K. Drummond 2-0-2, E. Pleasant 2-0-2, K. Johnson 2-0-2, D. Morris 2-0-2, C. Moore 2-0-2, L. Trail 1-1-2, J. Tuggle 0-2-2. San Francisco, N. Moody 4-5-9, S. Skov 5-3-8, M. Purcell 4-2-6, A. Bethea 2-4-6, L. McCray 5-0-5, J. Tartt 4-1-5, E. Harold 3-1-4, K. Reaser 2-2-4, D. Bishop 1-3-4, E. Reid 3-0-3, Q. Dial 3-0-3, M. Rush 3-0-3.

MISSED FIELD GOAL: Houston, none. San Francisco, none.

GAME SUMMARIES

WEEK 1 • HOUSTON TEXANS vs. KANSAS CITY CHIEFS



PRESEASON GAME 2: Houston 10 vs. Denver 14

71,533 • NRG Stadium • Houston, TX. • Aug. 22, 2015



GAME SUMMARY

The Texans fell to the Broncos 14-10 in their Week 2 preseason match-up against Denver.

Neither **Ryan Mallett** nor **Brian Hoyer** were able to get the Texans on the scoreboard in the first half, as the Texans quarterback battle continued. Mallett, who started the game, completed 5-of-7 passes for 23 yards on his two offensive series.

Brian Hoyer was 7-of-11 for 52 yards on his four drives to finish out the first half. **Tom Savage** entered the game in the second half as the Texans scored all 10 points in the third quarter. The second-year quarterback finished 15-of-24 for 168 yards and an 83.3 passer rating.

Young players fighting to make the 53-man roster made big plays for Houston. Outside linebacker **Kourtnei Brown** had a game-changing interception that he returned 69 yards for the Texans lone touchdown of the night. Brown, a first-year player out of Clemson, was signed to the practice squad last December.

Second-year cornerback **Charles James II** put himself on film after making some big plays on special teams. In the first quarter, James's tackle on a Texans punt produced a six-yard loss. He then downed a punt at the Broncos two-yard line at the start of the second quarter.

Peyton Manning was kept scoreless by the Texans defense which was without starters **J.J. Watt**, **Vince Wilfork**, **Jadeveon Clowney** and **Johnathan Joseph**. Each of his four drives resulted in a punt as he finished 8-for-14 and 52 yards.

In the second quarter, the Broncos took a 7-0 lead when Brock Osweiler threw a 57-yard touchdown to Andre Caldwell.

The Texans scored in their opening drive of the second half. Savage marched the Texans offense down the field to get into field goal range on his first drive. After a 12-play, 72-yard drive, **Randy Bullock** added a 32-yard field goal.

Brown picked off Osweiler and returned it 69 yards for a touchdown two drives later. The Texans took a 10-7 lead late in the third quarter.

After a pass interference call on third down, the Broncos moved deep into Texans territory just before the two-minute warning. Trevor Siemian, in at quarterback for Denver, connected with wide receiver Corbin Louks to regain the Broncos lead after a 7-play, 92-yard drive. Denver led 14-10 with 1:44 left in the game.

Houston had one final drive. Savage converted three first downs, but the second year quarterback came up short after being sacked and ultimately running out of time.

SCORING

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	Total
Denver Broncos	0	7	0	7	-	14
Houston Texans	0	0	10	0	-	10

SCORING DRIVES

Team	Qtr	Time	Play Description (Extra Point) (Drive info)	DEN	HOU
Broncos	2	7:21	A.Caldwell 57 yd. pass from B.Osweiler (B.McManus kick) (8-80, 3:43)	7	0
Texans	3	8:37	R.Bullock 32 yd. Field Goal (12-72, 6:23)	7	3
Texans	3	3:15	K.Brown 69 yd. interception return (R.Bullock kick)	7	10
Broncos	4	1:44	C.Louks 26 yd. pass from T.Siemian (C.Barth kick) (7-92, 2:00)	14	10

TEAM STATISTICS

	BRONCOS	TEXANS
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	19	18
THIRD DOWN EFFICIENCY	6-14-43%	7-18-39%
FOURTH DOWN EFFICIENCY	0-1-0%	0-1-0%
TOTAL NET YARDS	383	282
NET YARDS RUSHING	121	71
NET YARDS PASSING	262	211
PASS ATTEMPTS-COMPLETIONS-HAD INTERCEPTED	40-22-1	42-27-0
KICKOFFS Number-In End Zone-Touchbacks	3-3-2	3-3-0
PUNTS Number and Average	7-45.6	8-47.6
Net Punting Average	41.0	41.6
FGs - PATs Had Blocked	0-0	0-0
TOTAL RETURN YARDAGE (Not Including Kickoffs)	8	101
PENALTIES Number and Yards	8-74	4-50
FUMBLES Number and Lost	0-0	0-0
TOUCHDOWNS	2	1
EXTRA POINTS Made-Attempt	2-2	1-1
FIELD GOALS Made-Attempts	0-0	1-1
RED ZONE EFFICIENCY	0-0-0%	0-2-0%
GOAL TO GO EFFICIENCY	0-0-0%	0-1-0%
SAFETIES	0	0
TIME OF POSSESSION	26:35	33:25

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING (Att-Yds): Houston, C. Polk 7-36, J. Grimes 5-23, A. Blue 4-10, K. Hilliard 7-3, D. Johnson 1-1. Denver, R. Hillman 8-54, J. Thompson 5-32, C. Anderson 4-24, B. Osweiler 2-7, M. Ball 4-4.

PASSING (C-A-Y-I): Houston, T. Savage 15-24-168-0, B. Hoyer 7-11-52-0, R. Mallett 5-7-23-0. Denver, B. Osweiler 7-16-121-1, P. Manning 8-14-52-0, T. Siemian 7-10-89-0.

RECEIVING (Rec-Yds): Houston, C. Polk 5-34, K. Martin 2-33, K. Lee 2-27, C. Worthy 2-20, G. Graham 2-16, N. Washington 2-15, D. Johnson 2-15, K. Mumphery 2-12, J. Grimes 2-12, U. Nwachukwu 1-31, T. Labhart 1-10, C. Fiedorowicz 1-6, R. Griffin 1-5, J. Strong 1-5, J. Prosch 1-2. Denver, O. Daniels 4-25, D. Thomas 3-24, I. Burse 3-18, A. Caldwell 2-61, M. Jensen 2-42, B. Fowler 2-32, D. Jones 2-9, C. Louks 1-26, V. Green 1-14, C. Latimer 1-8, C. Anderson 1-3.

SACKS (\$k-Yds): Houston, none. Denver, K. Webster 1-4, S. Barrett 1-5, D. Kilgo 1-8, S. Williams 1-9, S. Ray 0.5-3, C. Ndulue 0.5-3.

INTERCEPTIONS (Int-Yds): Houston, K. Brown 1-69. Denver, none

TACKLES (S-A-T): Houston, E. Pleasant 2-3-5, W. Mercilus 0-4-4, C. Thompson, 3-0-3, R. Moore 3-0-3, A. Bouye 3-0-3, L. Trail 3-0-3, Q. Demps 2-1-3, B. McKinney 1-2-3, J. Simon 2-0-2, J. Rolle 2-0-2, K. Jackson 2-0-2, D. Morris 2-0-2, C. Moore 2-0-2, K. Drummond 2-0-2, A. Hal 1-1-2, A. Dent 1-1-2, K. Johnson 0-2-2, J. Crick 0-2-2, L. Nix 0-2-2. Denver, T. Davis 5-0-5, D. Bruton 3-1-4, S. Ray 2-2-4, C. Nelson 2-2-4, T. Nixon 1-3-4, K. Webster 3-0-3, B. Marshall 3-0-3, B. Roby 3-0-3, Z. Anderson 2-1-3, V. Walker 2-1-3, C. Ndulue 1-2-3, T. Ward 1-2-3.

MISSED FIELD GOAL: Houston, none. Denver, none.

GAME SUMMARIES

WEEK 1 • HOUSTON TEXANS vs. KANSAS CITY CHIEFS



PRESEASON GAME 3: Houston 27 @ New Orleans 13

72,998 • Mercedes-Benz Superdome • New Orleans, LA • Aug. 30, 2015



GAME SUMMARY

The Texans dominated in their first road appearance of the 2015 pre-season to defeat the New Orleans Saints 27-13, even with a majority of starters on the sideline watching.

The defense, without **J.J. Watt**, **Vince Wilfork** and **Johnathan Joseph**, held the Saints to just two field goals in the first half.

The trio of Texans quarterbacks led the offense on scoring drives. Alfred Blue rushed for the Texans' first touchdown of the day, while rookies **Jaelen Strong** and **Chandler Worthy** were on the receiving end of the other two. Strong led the receivers with five catches for 40 yards and the touchdown.

Houston improved its red zone scoring, finishing 3-of-4 in red zone efficiency and a perfect 2-of-2 in goal line situations.

Brian Hoyer got his second start in the preseason, orchestrating scoring drives on two of his three series in the game. Hoyer was 7-of-11 for 82 yards and an 86.2 passer rating.

Ryan Mallett took over in the second quarter and played one series in the third quarter. He threw a touchdown pass to Strong and led another drive that resulted in a field goal. Mallett completed 9-of-17 for 77 yards and one touchdown.

Tom Savage played for most of the second half and also added a touchdown pass to Worthy in the fourth quarter. Savage completed 5-of-7 passes for 58 yards and the score.

Drew Brees played just one series, which resulted in a 28-yard field goal for the Saints. Brees completed 4-of-6 for 40 yards. Luke McCown took over and was 8-for-17 for 117 yards.

The Texans defense had two sacks on the day, with **Akeem Dent** and rookie outside linebacker **Tony Washington** both getting to Saints quarterbacks.

On the opening drive, Hoyer threw a 29-yard pass to **DeAndre Hopkins**. He would try to find Hopkins in the end zone several plays later. Hopkins came down with a 19-yard catch in between defenders, that was ruled incomplete. A defensive pass interference call placed the ball at the Saints one-yard line. Blue dove into the end zone to score on the one-yard touchdown run to cap off a seven-play, 80-yard drive.

Hoyer's second drive ended in a 49-yard field goal by **Randy Bullock**. The Texans took a 10-3 lead in the first quarter.

With 7:51 remaining in the second quarter, Mallett entered the game. He was held to three-and-out on his first two drives but led a scoring drive on the Texans' final possession of the first half. After the ruling on a 15-yard touchdown pass to **Ryan Griffin** was reversed, the Texans settled for a field goal. Bullock added his second of the day, a 29-yarder.

Mallett returned to start the second half for his final series of the game. After leading the offense down to the Saints 6-yard line, Mallett threw a touchdown pass to Strong on fourth down. The Texans extended their lead 20-6.

New Orleans scored its lone touchdown of the day in the third quarter on a 45-yard run by Edwin Baker, closing the Texans lead to within one score.

Savage added the Texans' third and final touchdown of the day. After a defensive pass interference call on the Saints moved the ball 29 yards, Savage connected with Worthy on a six-yard touchdown pass. It capped off a 12-play, 80-yard drive that lasted 7:04.

Jumal Rolle intercepted a pass from Saints quarterback Ryan Griffin with 0:18 remaining in the game as the Texans finished their third pre-season game with a 27-13 win.

SCORING

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	Total
Houston Texans	10	3	7	7	-	27
New Orleans Saints	3	3	7	0	-	13

SCORING DRIVES

Team	Qtr	Time	Play Description (Extra Point) (Drive info)	HOU	NO
Saints	1	10:16	Z.Hocker 28 yd. Field Goal (12-75, 4:44)	0	3
Texans	1	6:36	A.Blue 1 yd. run (R.Bullock kick) (7-80, 3:40)	7	3
Texans	1	1:34	R.Bullock 49 yd. Field Goal (8-39, 3:33)	10	3
Texans	2	0:42	R.Bullock 29 yd. Field Goal (7-35, 1:18)	13	3
Saints	2	0:00	Z.Hocker 53 yd. Field Goal (5-49, 0:42)	13	6
Texans	3	7:33	J.Strong 6 yd. pass from R.Mallett (R.Bullock kick) (16-80, 7:27)	20	6
Saints	3	2:22	E.Baker 45 yd. run (D.Hopkins kick) (5-80, 2:05)	20	13
Texans	4	10:18	C.Worthy 6 yd. pass from T.Savage (R.Bullock kick) (12-80, 7:04)	27	13

TEAM STATISTICS

	TEXANS	SAINTS
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	25	23
THIRD DOWN EFFICIENCY	8-16-50%	3-11-27%
FOURTH DOWN EFFICIENCY	1-1-100%	1-4-25%
TOTAL NET YARDS	297	392
NET YARDS RUSHING	82	140
NET YARDS PASSING	215	252
PASS ATTEMPTS-COMPLETIONS-HAD INTERCEPTED	35-21-0	39-20-1
KICKOFFS Number-In End Zone-Touchbacks	6-6-0	3-3-3
PUNTS Number and Average	5-44.0	3-37.3
Net Punting Average	37.8	34.7
FGs - PATs Had Blocked	0-0	0-0
TOTAL RETURN YARDAGE (Not Including Kickoffs)	8	11
PENALTIES Number and Yards	9-94	11-148
FUMBLES Number and Lost	1-0	1-1
TOUCHDOWNS	3	1
EXTRA POINTS Made-Attempt	3-3	1-1
FIELD GOALS Made-Attempts	2-2	2-2
RED ZONE EFFICIENCY	3-4-75%	0-3-0%
GOAL TO GO EFFICIENCY	2-2-100%	0-1-0%
SAFETIES	0	0
TIME OF POSSESSION	34:11	25:49

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING (Att-Yds): Houston, K. Hilliard 10-25, C. Polk 11-22, J. Grimes 3-14, A. Blue 4-12, J. Prosch 2-5, R. Mallett 1-4, C. James 3-0, T. Savage 2-0. New Orleans, E. Baker 2-49, M. Murphy 8-43, T. Hightower 6-24, M. Ingram 4-13, L. McCown 2-11.

PASSING (C-A-Y-I): Houston, R. Mallett 9-17-77-0, B. Hoyer 7-11-82-0, T. Savage 5-7-58-0. New Orleans, G. Grayson 7-16-96-0, L. McCown 8-14-117-0, D. Brees 4-6-40-0, R. Griffin 1-3-11-1.

RECEIVING (Rec-Yds): Houston, J. Strong 5-40, K. Martin 3-26, K. Hilliard 2-28, K. Mumphery 2-24, D. Hopkins 1-29, A. Denham 1-17, K. Lee 1-17, C. Shorts 1-12, D. Johnson 1-7, R. Griffin 1-6, C. Worthy 1-6, N. Washington 1-4, A. Blue 1-1. New Orleans, W. Snead 4-56, M. Murphy 3-67, J. Morgan 3-17, B. Cooks 2-19, B. Coleman 1-27, J. Morgan 1-26, M. Ingram 1-12, J. Saunders 1-11, S. Jones 1-10, B. Watson 1-9, J. Hill 1-5, O. Charles 1-5.

SACKS (Sk-Yds): Houston, A. Dent 1-10, T. Washington 1-2. New Orleans, T. Davison 0.5-1, T. Barnes 0.5-1.

INTERCEPTIONS (Int-Yds): Houston, J. Rolle 1-0. New Orleans, none

TACKLES (S-A-T): Houston, D. Morris 5-1-6, A. Hal 2-4-6, C. James 2-3-5, C. Covington 3-1-4, A. Dent 3-0-3, J. Simon 3-0-3, J. Pagan 2-1-3, J. Tuggle 0-3-3, K. Johnson 2-0-2, E. Pleasant 2-0-2, A. Bouye 1-1-2, M. Mohamed 1-1-2, L. Nix, 1-1-2, B. Cushing 0-2-2. New Orleans, K. Phillips 6-2-8, K. Edeballi 3-3-6, A. Mabry 4-1-5, K. Wilson 4-1-5, H. Coley 3-2-5, J. Franklin 2-2-4, T. Davison 2-1-3, T. Barnes 1-2-3, H. Kikaha 2-0-2, D. Hawthorne 2-0-2, B. Richardson 2-0-2, K. Lewis 2-0-2.

MISSED FIELD GOAL: Houston, none. New Orleans, none.

GAME SUMMARIES

WEEK 1 • HOUSTON TEXANS vs. KANSAS CITY CHIEFS



PRESEASON GAME 4: Houston 14 @ Dallas 21

85,067 • AT&T Stadium • Arlington, TX • Sept. 3, 2015



GAME SUMMARY

Despite a strong defensive effort, the Texans dropped their final game of the preseason, falling to in-state rival Dallas 21-14 on Thursday night at AT&T Stadium. With the defeat, the Texans fall to 2-2 on the preseason. The Cowboys picked up their first win of the preseason, ending the slate with a 1-3 mark.

The Texans open the 2015 regular season on September 13, as they will host the Kansas City Chiefs at NRG Stadium.

Tom Savage started at quarterback for Houston, finishing the night 18-of-29 for 135 yards. He left midway through the fourth quarter due to an undisclosed injury. The second-year signal caller threw for two touchdowns, a preseason single-game career high. **Ryan Mallett** came in for the team's final offensive series.

The Texans running game failed to find traction, with the team's backs combining for 75 yards on 30 carries. **Keshawn Martin** was the team's leading receiver, hauling in five passes for 31 yards, including a touchdown.

Offense was hard to come by for both teams in the early going, as the two squads combined for only 97 yards in the opening quarter.

The Texans finally got on the board at end of the first half, executing a nine-play drive that covered 54 yards for the score. Savage completed six passes in a row, including a key 18-yard throw to rookie **Jaalen Strong**. **Chris Polk** capped it off, giving the Texans a 7-0 lead.

The Cowboys would respond, scoring 14 unanswered points, including a 'pick six' interception off a Savage pass at the 11:39 mark of the third quarter. Dallas held a 14-7 advantage heading into the fourth.

A special team turnover would get the Texans back in it, as **Kenny Hilliard** recovered a Cowboys muffed punt in the Dallas red zone. Savage and company would quickly capitalize, going 20 yards in three plays to tie the game. Savage found Martin to tie it up at 14.

Dallas would once again respond, marching down the field in eight plays to recapture the lead at 21-14. A last ditch effort on the Texans final drive fell short, as they failed to convert a 4th-and-5, turning the ball over to the Cowboys.

SCORING

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	Total
Houston Texans	0	7	0	7	-	14
Dallas Cowboys	0	0	14	7	-	21

SCORING DRIVES

Team	Qtr	Time	Play Description (Extra Point) (Drive info)	HOU	DAL
Texans	2	0:16	C.Polk 16 yd. pass from T.Savage (R.Bullock kick) (9-54, 2:38)	7	0
Cowboys	3	11:35	C.White 3 yd. interception return (D.Bailey kick)	7	7
Cowboys	3	10:45	G.Johnson 21 yd. run (D.Bailey kick) (1-21, 0:08)	7	14
Texans	4	11:42	K.Martin 16 yd. pass from T.Savage (R.Bullock kick) (3-21, 1:26)	14	14
Cowboys	4	3:14	B.Malena 5 yd. run (D.Bailey kick) (8-48, 3:38)	14	21

TEAM STATISTICS

	TEXANS	COWBOYS
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	14	15
THIRD DOWN EFFICIENCY	7-16-44%	4-12-33%
FOURTH DOWN EFFICIENCY	1-3-33%	0-2-0%
TOTAL NET YARDS	204	248
NET YARDS RUSHING	75	154
NET YARDS PASSING	129	94
PASS ATTEMPTS-COMPLETIONS-HAD INTERCEPTED	31-18-1	20-11-0
KICKOFFS Number-In End Zone-Touchbacks	3-3-0	4-4-3
PUNTS Number and Average	6-49.2	5-46.6
Net Punting Average	37.7	42.6
FGs - PATs Had Blocked	0-0	0-0
TOTAL RETURN YARDAGE (Not Including Kickoffs)	20	72
PENALTIES Number and Yards	7-46	11-82
FUMBLES Number and Lost	2-1	1-1
TOUCHDOWNS	2	3
EXTRA POINTS Made-Attempt	2-2	3-3
FIELD GOALS Made-Attempts	0-0	0-0
RED ZONE EFFICIENCY	2-3-67%	1-2-50%
GOAL TO GO EFFICIENCY	0-1-0%	1-1-100%
SAFETIES	0	0
TIME OF POSSESSION	28:33	31:27

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING (Att-Yds): Houston, K. Hilliard 18-42, C. Polk 10-24, T. Savage 2-9. Dallas, B. Malena 15-88, G. Johnson 16-68, L. Whitehead 1-0, D. Vaughan 2--2.

PASSING (C-A-Y-I): Houston, T. Savage 18-29-135-1, R. Mallett 0-2-0-0. Dallas, D. Vaughan 11-20-115-0.

RECEIVING (Rec-Yds): Houston, K. Martin 5-31, C. Polk 4-37, K. Hilliard 4-16, J. Strong 1-18, U. Nwachukwu 1-16, K. Mumphery 1-8, D. Johnson 1-5, C. Worthy 1-4. Dallas, L. Whitehead 4-40, G. Escobar 2-33, E. Gates 2-21, A. Jenkins 2-13, N. Harwell 1-8.

SACKS (Sk-Yds): Houston, K. Brown 1-8, J. Tuggle 0.5-2.5, F. Moala 0.5-2.5, M. Bullough 0.5-4, L. Ballentine 0.5-4. Dallas, L. Edwards 1-5, T. McClain 1-1, R. Russell 1-0.

INTERCEPTIONS (Int-Yds): Houston, none. Dallas, C. White 1-3.

TACKLES (S-A-T): Houston, J. Tuggle 6-2-8, M. Bullough 4-2-6, L. Ballentine 3-3-6, C. Covington 4-1-5, C. James 4-1-5, F. Moala 2-2-4, C. Moore 2-2-4, D. Morris 3-0-3, K. Brown 1-2-3, J. Rolle 2-0-2, A. Hal 2-0-2, K. Drummond 0-2-2, J. Pagan 0-2-2, T. Finau 0-2-2. Dallas, K. Smith 4-2-6, T. Scott 4-2-6, J. Brinkley 4-1-5, K. Bishop 3-2-5, C. White 2-3-5, L. Edwards 3-1-4, B. Gardner 3-1-4, T. McClain 2-2-4, R. Russell 3-0-3, D. Coleman 3-0-3, D. Johnson 2-1-3.

MISSED FIELD GOAL: Houston, none. Dallas, none.