



POSTGAME NOTES

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Houston Texans (0-1) vs. Kansas City Chiefs (1-0)

Sunday, Sept. 13, 2015 • Noon CT • NRG Stadium (71,795) • Houston, Texas



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Kansas City Chiefs	14	13	0	0	27	71,776
Houston Texans	6	3	0	11	20	

TEXANS TEAM NOTES

- The following players were captains for today's game: T **Duane Brown**, P **Shane Lechler** and DE **J.J. Watt**
- The following players were inactive for today's game: S **Lonnie Ballentine**, RB **Arian Foster**, T **Kendall Lamm**, ILB **Mike Mohamed**, CB **Jumal Rolle**, G **Xavier Su'a-Filo** and OLB **Carlos Thompson**
- The following players were active but did not play in today's game: WR **Keshawn Martin** and WR **Jaelen Strong**
- Houston won the toss and deferred. Kansas City elected to receive to start the game

THE TEXANS...

- Snapped their streak of five consecutive season-opening games won, which was the longest active streak in the NFL
- Are now 8-6 all-time in season openers, 3-4 against Kansas City and 12-14 against the AFC West
- Recorded 396 net yards of offense, their second-highest total in a season opener in team history
- Posted 24 first downs, their third-highest total in a season opener in team history
- Scored 20-or-more points in their eighth season opener in team history
- Converted 2-of-4 red zone opportunities and 2-of-2 goal-to-go chances
- Forced the Chiefs to punt on their opening drive of the game, as DE **Jared Crick** and OLB **Whitney Mercilus** each deflected passes
- Posted a scoring drive of eight plays and 80 yards in the first quarter, resulting in a 4-yard pass from QB **Brian Hoyer** to WR **DeAndre Hopkins**
- Drove 64 yards on 11 plays at the end of the first half, which resulted in a 34-yard field goal by K **Randy Bullock**
- Recorded 168 yards of total offense (118 passing, 50 rushing), 11 first downs and 11:41 time of possession in the first half
- Outscored the Chiefs, 11-0, in the second half. Also outgained Kansas City, 228-109, in total net yards (180-49 passing)
- Registered 111 net yards (91 passing, 20 rushing) and eight first downs on four total drives in the fourth quarter
- The Texans successfully challenged the ruling of a catch by the Chiefs in the third quarter and the call was overturned
- Houston successfully challenged the ruling of an incomplete pass from **Hoyer** to **Hopkins** in the third quarter, marking the first time since Sept. 15, 2013 (vs. Tennessee) that the team has successfully challenged two plays in one game
- Had a six-play, 44-yard scoring drive in the fourth quarter, capped by an 8-yard pass from QB **Ryan Mallett** to **Hopkins**

TEXANS INDIVIDUAL PLAYER NOTES

RB ALFRED BLUE

- Led the team with 42 rushing yards and passed Ahman Green (554) for the eighth-most career rushing yards in team history

K RANDY BULLOCK

- Scored six points on two made field goals from 34 and 47 yards out

DE JARED CRICK

- Made three solo tackles and deflected a pass in the game

ILB BRIAN CUSHING

- Led the team with 10 tackles (six solo), which marked his 16th career double-digit tackle game and his highest single-game total since Sept. 21, 2014 at the New York Giants

TEXANS-CHIEFS POSTGAME NOTES

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TEXANS INDIVIDUAL PLAYER NOTES

RB JONATHAN GRIMES

- Logged a 21-yard rush, the longest for either team in the game
- Finished the game with 28 yards on six carries (4.7 avg.)

WR DeANDRE HOPKINS

- Scored 14 total points (two receiving touchdowns, one two-point conversion), which is the second-highest single-game total by a wide receiver in team history
- Led both teams with nine receptions for 98 yards (10.9 avg.) and two touchdowns
- Caught a 4-yard touchdown pass from QB **Brian Hoyer**, his first of the season and ninth of his career
- Caught a touchdown pass in his third consecutive home opener (2013-15)
- Recorded a touchdown reception in his eighth career game
- Passed Arian Foster (2,041) for the fourth-most career receiving yards in team history
- Extended his streak of consecutive regular season games started to 33, which ranks tied for fifth among all NFL wide receivers

QB BRIAN HOYER

- Completed 18-of-34 passes (52.9%) for 236 yards, one touchdown, one interception and a 72.7 passer rating
- Threw a 4-yard touchdown pass to WR **DeAndre Hopkins** in the first quarter, his first of the season and 20th of his career

P SHANE LECHLER

- Punted seven times for 329 yards (47.0 avg., 32.6 net) and pinned one inside the 20-yard line
- Extended his streak of consecutive regular season games played to 206, which leads all active NFL players

QB RYAN MALLET

- Entered the game in the fourth quarter and completed 4-of-6 passes for 42 yards, one touchdown and a 126.4 passer rating on his first drive
- Finished the game 8-of-13 for 98 yards, one touchdown and a 110.4 passer rating

OLB WHITNEY MERCILUS

- Posted two tackles and one pass defended in the game

WR KEITH MUMPHERY

- Recorded his first career reception for six yards in the first quarter
- Returned four punts for 14 yards

WR CECIL SHORTS III

- In his debut with the Texans, caught four passes for 57 yards (14.3 avg.)

WR NATE WASHINGTON

- Caught six passes for a team-high 105 yards, marking the 10th 100-yard receiving game of his career
- Extended his streak of consecutive games played to 145, which leads all active NFL wide receivers

DE J.J. WATT

- Finished with nine tackles (all solo), including six for a loss and 2.0 sacks
- His six tackles for loss tied a single-game career-high (vs. Indianapolis, 12/16/12)
- His 2.0 sacks tied for the most in a season opener in franchise history (Mario Williams, three times, last vs. Indianapolis, 9/11/11)
- Tallied the 18th multiple-sack game of his career, which is the most in the NFL since 2011
- Registered his 58th career sack in the second quarter when he brought down Chiefs QB Alex Smith for a 9-yard loss
- Made his 59th career sack in the third quarter, bringing down Smith for a 1-yard loss
- Became the eighth player in team history to record 300 career tackles (304)
- Extended his streak of consecutive regular season games started to 65, which ranks second among all active NFL defensive ends
- Posted a sack in the fourth straight home opener (2012-15) of his career
- Recorded a sack in his sixth straight game dating back to 2014, which surpasses his previous career-long of five games (Weeks 6-11, 2014) and is the second-longest active streak in the NFL (Chiefs OLB Justin Houston, seven games)
- Notched his second straight multiple-sack game dating back to 2014, which is the second-longest streak of his career (three games, Weeks 13-15, 2014) and currently the longest active streak in the NFL
- Now has 59.0 sacks and 161 quarterback hits for his career, which is the most of any player since 2011