



## POSTGAME NOTES

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### Houston Texans (6-7) vs. New England Patriots (11-2)

Sunday, Dec. 13, 2015 • 7:30 p.m. CT • NRG Stadium (71,795) • Houston, Texas



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New England Patriots	7	10	3	7	27	71,908
Houston Texans	3	3	0	0	6	

### TEXANS TEAM NOTES

#### MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

- The following players were inactive for the game: G **Oday Aboushi**, TE **Garrett Graham**, S **Rahim Moore**, CB **Darryl Morris**, DE **Jeffrey Pagan**, ILB **Justin Tuggle** and QB **Brandon Weeden**
- The following players were captains for the game: T **Duane Brown**, P **Shane Lechler**, DE **J.J. Watt** and NT **Vince Wilfork**
- New England won the toss and deferred. Houston elected to receive to start the game
- Tonight's attendance of 71,908 is the largest home attendance in team history

#### THE TEXANS...

- Fell to 6-7 on the season and 15-14 under Head Coach **Bill O'Brien** (2014-15)
- Recorded 189 total net yards of offense (102 passing, 87 rushing), seven first downs and 24:46 time of possession
- Did not throw an interception in a game for the fourth time this season
- Averaged 4.0 rushing yards per carry as a team
- Were held to their lowest point total since scoring three points on Dec. 15, 2013 at Indianapolis
- Challenged two separate rulings of a completed catch by the Patriots in the third quarter and were successful on both. Houston has won 5-of-7 challenges this season

### TEXANS INDIVIDUAL PLAYER NOTES

#### OLB JADEVEON CLOWNEY

- Totaled a single-game career-high 2.0 sacks to go along with seven tackles (four solo)
- Recorded a sack in his second straight game when he brought down Patriots QB Tom Brady for a 10-yard loss in the third quarter
- Sacked Brady for another 10-yard loss in the fourth quarter, increasing his sack total on the year to 4.5
- His tackle total was the second-highest single-game total of his career

#### ILB BRIAN CUSHING

- Tied for the team lead with nine tackles (six solo), including two tackles for loss
- His tackles for loss total marked a single-game season-high

#### S QUINTIN DEMPS

- Tied for third on the team with eight tackles (four solo), which tied a single-game season-high

#### RB JONATHAN GRIMES

- Led the team with 53 rushing yards on seven carries (7.6 avg.)
- Posted a career-long 37-yard rush in the second quarter, which is also the longest run of the season for the Texans

# TEXANS-PATRIOTS POSTGAME NOTES

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### TEXANS INDIVIDUAL PLAYER NOTES

#### WR DeANDRE HOPKINS

- Caught three passes for 52 yards (17.3 avg.), including a long of 40 yards
- Set a single-season career-high in receiving yards, surpassing his previous high of 1,210 receiving yards in 2014
- Passed Andre Johnson (86 in 2010) for the sixth-most receptions in a single season in Texans history
- Passed Andre Johnson (1,216 in 2010) for the fifth-most receiving yards in a single season in Texans history
- Extended his streak of consecutive regular season games started to 45, which ranks second among all active NFL wide receivers
- Caught a pass in his 45th straight career game

#### QB BRIAN HOYER

- Completed 11-of-22 passes for 155 yards, no touchdowns, no interceptions and a 73.1 passer rating
- Threw a 49-yard pass to WR **Nate Washington** in the first quarter, a season-long for Hoyer and Washington
- Was held without a passing touchdown for only the second time this season

#### RB AKEEM HUNT

- Returned his first career kickoff for a gain of 19 yards in the fourth quarter

#### CB KAREEM JACKSON

- Led the team with nine solo tackles to go along with one pass defended
- His tackle total tied a single-game career-high, having last accomplished the feat on Oct. 5, 2014 at Dallas

#### C BEN JONES

- Extended his streak of consecutive games played to 61, which is the second-longest active streak among NFL centers

#### P SHANE LECHLER

- Punted seven times for 317 yards (45.3 avg., 38.7 net), including a long of 58 yards, and pinned one inside the 20-yard line
- Became the third player in NFL history to reach 60,000 career punting yards
- Tied Mike Kenn (251) for the 36th-most career games played in NFL history
- Extended his streak of consecutive games played to 219, which leads all active NFL players

#### ILB BENARDRICK McKINNEY

- Tied for third on the team with eight tackles, including four solo stops
- His tackle total was his second-highest single-game output of the season

#### OLB WHITNEY MERCILUS

- Set a single-season career-high in sacks (7.5) after he brought down Patriots QB Tom Brady for a 9-yard loss in the fourth quarter
- Finished the game with five tackles (three solo) and 1.0 sack

#### K NICK NOVAK

- Scored six points on two made field goals
- Increased his streak of consecutive field goals made to 10, dating back to Week 5 against Indianapolis (10/8)
- Made a 37-yard field goal in the first quarter, cutting the Patriots lead to 7-3
- Made a 45-yard field goal in the second quarter, cutting the Patriots lead to 10-6

#### RB CHRIS POLK

- Made his first career start, tallying 34 rushing yards and 14 receiving yards

#### WR CECIL SHORTS III

- Returned three punts for 22 yards, averaging 7.3 yards per return

#### WR NATE WASHINGTON

- Caught a season-long 49-yard pass from QB **Brian Hoyer** in the first quarter

#### DE J.J. WATT

- Extended his streak of consecutive regular season games started to 77, which ranks third among active NFL defensive ends
- Registered three tackles (two solo), including one for loss
- Recorded a tackle for loss in the third quarter, his 25th of the season and 128th of his career