



POSTGAME NOTES

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Houston Texans (6-5) vs. New Orleans Saints (4-7)

Sunday, Nov. 29, 2015 • Noon CT • NRG Stadium (71,795) • Houston, Texas



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New Orleans Saints	0	6	0	0	6	71,778
Houston Texans	14	0	10	0	24	

TEXANS TEAM NOTES

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

- The following players were inactive for the game: G **Oday Aboushi**, CB **A.J. Bouye**, TE **Garrett Graham**, S **Rahim Moore**, DE **Jeffrey Pagan**, WR **Jaelen Strong**, QB **Brandon Weeden**
- The following players were active but did not play in the game: T **Chris Clark** and QB **T.J. Yates**
- The following players were captains for the game: T **Duane Brown**, P **Shane Lechler**, NT **Vince Wilfork** and DE **J.J. Watt**
- New Orleans won the toss and elected to receive to start the game
- The attendance (71,778) was the most in a Texans home game this season and tied for the third-most in franchise history

THE TEXANS...

- Won their fourth consecutive game, which is the team's longest winning streak since 2012
- Improved to 2-2 overall and 2-0 at home against the Saints
- Improved to 2-2 against NFC South opponents this season and 9-7 all-time
- Improved to 94-125 all-time in the regular season and 55-55 at home
- Improved to 15-12 overall and 9-5 at home under Head Coach **Bill O'Brien**
- Rushed for over 100 yards for the second straight game and third time overall this season
- Notched a season-high 36:23 time of possession
- Recorded over 100 net rushing yards for the second straight game and third time overall this season, as they posted their second-highest rushing total in a game in 2015 (167)
- Limited the Saints to 268 net yards (218 passing, 50 rushing), 14 first downs, 3-of-12 (25%) on third down, 0-of-3 in the red zone and 23:37 time of possession
- Allowed a season-low 50 rushing yards
- Scored a touchdown on the opening drive of the game for the first time this season when QB **Brian Hoyer** connected with TE **Ryan Griffin** on a 10-yard score. The drive lasted 11 plays, 75 yards and 6:06 time of possession
- Took a 14-0 lead after a 3-yard touchdown pass from Hoyer to WR **Cecil Shorts III**
- The 14 points mark the most points scored in the first quarter for the Texans this season
- Scored on an 8-yard run by RB **Alfred Blue** to open the second half, capping a 6-play, 80-yard drive that used 3:32 time of possession
- Broke a 155-game streak in which the Saints had scored a touchdown, which was the second-longest streak in NFL history
- Snapped a 45-game streak in which Saints QB Drew Brees had thrown for at least one touchdown, which was the longest active streak in the NFL
- Allowed only two touchdowns in the month of November, which is tied for the fourth-lowest NFL total in the month since 1970
- Have allowed only two touchdowns in the past 18 quarters of play, dating back to Week 7 at Miami (10/25)
- Held their opponent to six points for the third time in the past four games
- Had three cornerbacks (**Johnathan Joseph**, **Kevin Johnson** and **Kareem Jackson**) notch a tackle for loss in the game

TEXANS-SAINTS POSTGAME NOTES

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TEXANS INDIVIDUAL PLAYER NOTES

RB ALFRED BLUE

- Rushed 16 times for 77 yards (4.8 avg.) and a touchdown
- Scored on an 8-yard run to open the second half, marking his second rushing touchdown of the season and fourth of his career
- Scored a touchdown in his second consecutive game after posting a receiving touchdown in Week 11 against the New York Jets (11/22)

T DUANE BROWN

- Passed Chester Pitts (114) for the second-most career games started in team history
- Passed Chester Pitts (114) for the third-most career games played in team history

S QUINTIN DEMPS

- Tied for second on the team with five tackles (three solo) and one pass defended
- Notched his second straight game with at least one pass defended

TE RYAN GRIFFIN

- Reeled in four catches for a career-high 72 yards and a touchdown
- Caught his first touchdown of the season and third of his career on a 10-yard pass from QB **Brian Hoyer** on the opening possession of the game
- Posted a season-long 36-yard reception in the third quarter

WR DeANDRE HOPKINS

- Caught five passes for 36 yards in the game
- Passed Andre Johnson (208) for the most receptions in a player's first three seasons in team history
- His 81 receptions this season are the most by any player 23-or-younger through 11 team games in NFL history, according to Elias
- Set a single-season career-high in receptions, surpassing his previous best of 76 in 2014
- Passed Andre Johnson (79 in 2004) for the eighth-most receptions in a single season in team history
- Extended his streak of consecutive regular season games started to 43, which ranks second among all active NFL wide receivers
- Caught a pass in his 43rd straight career game

QB BRIAN HOYER

- Completed 21-of-27 passes for 205 yards, two touchdowns, one interception and a 107.6 passer rating
- Notched his fifth game of the season with over a 100.0 passer rating, which ties Matt Schaub (5 in 2008, '10 and '11) for the third-most such games in a season in Texans history
- Notched his sixth multiple-touchdown game of the season and 10th of his career
- With his third completion of the day, reached 500 for his career
- Opened the game with 11 straight completions before throwing an interception in the second quarter
- Threw a 10-yard touchdown pass to TE **Ryan Griffin** on the opening drive of the game. Completed 7-of-7 passes for 55 yards and a 139.0 passer rating on the drive
- Connected with WR **Cecil Shorts III** on a 3-yard touchdown pass on Houston's second drive of the game, giving him his second touchdown of the game, 15th of the season and 34th of his career

RB AKEEM HUNT

- Finished with three carries for 27 yards (9.0 avg.) in the game
- Notched a career-long 12-yard rush in the first quarter

CB KAREEM JACKSON

- Intercepted Saints QB Drew Brees in the fourth quarter and returned it 50 yards
- The interception marked his first of the season and 11th of his career, tying Marcus Coleman and Aaron Glenn for the third-most career picks in franchise history
- Finished the game with four tackles (two solo), one interception and one tackle for loss

C BEN JONES

- Extended his streak of consecutive games played to 59, which is the second-longest active streak among NFL centers

CB JOHNATHAN JOSEPH

- Led the team with seven tackles (five solo), including one for loss, and one pass defended
- It marked the first time this season that Joseph led the team in tackles
- Recorded his fourth straight game with at least one pass defended

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P SHANE LECHLER

- Punted four times for 189 yards (47.3 avg., 29.3 net), including a long of 51 yards
- Passed Al Del Greco (248) for the 40th-most career games played in NFL history
- Extended his streak of consecutive games played to 217, which leads all active NFL players

WR KEITH MUMPHERY

- Tallied 83 combined return yards (52 kickoff, 31 punt) and surpassed 500 for the season

K NICK NOVAK

- Made a 34-yard field goal in the third quarter to give the Texans a 24-6 lead
- Totaled six points on one made field goal and three extra points

S EDDIE PLEASANT

- Tied for second on the team with five tackles (two solo) and added one pass defended
- Now has four passes defended on the season and at least one in each of the last three games

WR CECIL SHORTS III

- Caught three passes for 18 yards and a touchdown. Also rushed three times for 20 yards (6.7 avg.)
- Scored on a 3-yard pass from Hoyer in the first quarter, giving him his second touchdown of the season and 14th of his career

DE J.J. WATT

- Finished the game with five tackles (three solo), 2.0 sacks and seven quarterback hits
- In his 75th career game, became the second-fastest player in NFL history to reach 70.0 sacks (Reggie White, 57 games)
- Posted his fourth straight season with 40-or-more quarterback hits and reached 200 career quarterback hits
- Notched his fifth game of the season and 20th of his career with 2.0-or-more sacks
- In the last five games, has recorded 27 tackles, 9.5 sacks, 29 quarterback hits and 12 tackles for loss
- Recorded his fifth straight game with a sack, tied for the third-longest streak in Texans history. It also marked Watt's fifth career five-or-more-game sack streak
- Extended his streak of consecutive regular season games started to 75, which ranks third among active NFL defensive ends