



POSTGAME NOTES

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Houston Texans (1-2) vs. Tampa Bay Buccaneers (1-2)

Sunday, Sept. 27, 2015 • Noon CT • NRG Stadium (71,795) • Houston, Texas



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Tampa Bay Buccaneers	0	9	0	0	9	71,718
Houston Texans	7	0	3	9	19	

TEXANS TEAM NOTES

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

- The following players were inactive for today's game: S **Lonnie Ballentine**, T **Duane Brown**, RB **Arian Foster**, ILB **Mike Mohamed**, G **Xavier Su'a-Filo** and WR **Jaelen Strong**
- The following player was active but did not play in the game: QB **Brian Hoyer**
- The following players were captains for today's game: ILB **Brian Cushing**, WR **DeAndre Hopkins**, CB **Kareem Jackson** and P **Shane Lechler**
- Tampa Bay won the toss and deferred. Houston elected to receive to start the game

THE TEXANS...

- Improved their record to 1-2 on the season and 10-9 under Head Coach **Bill O'Brien** (2014-15). O'Brien became the fastest head coach in Texans history to reach 10 victories with the team, doing it in his 19th game
- Improved to 89-122 all-time in the regular season, 52-54 at home, 22-32 against NFC opponents and 8-6 against the NFC South division
- Won their third consecutive game against the Buccaneers, improving their record in the all-time series to 3-1 overall and 2-0 at home
- Registered 413 net yards of offense, their highest total since Nov. 30, 2014 against Tennessee (457 net yards)
- Rushed for 186 net yards, the team's highest total since Nov. 16, 2014 at Cleveland (213 rushing yards)
- Had a 100-yard rusher and receiver for the first time since Oct. 20, 2014 at Pittsburgh (RB **Arian Foster** 102 rushing, WR **DeAndre Hopkins** 108 receiving)
- Held the Buccaneers to a season-low 1-of-12 (8%) on third down, marking their eighth consecutive game in which opponents have converted one-third or less of their third down conversions. Houston's opponents have now only converted 8-of-38 third down opportunities (21.1%) on the year
- Controlled the ball for 36:16 time of possession, a season-high
- Have now totaled 144 passing attempts this year, the most for the team through the first three games of a season
- Posted their second straight game with an interception after S **Quintin Demps** picked off QB **Jameis Winston** in the third quarter
- Were successful on their third consecutive challenge of the year after challenging the ruling of a completed catch in the third quarter
- Lost their first challenge of the year after challenging the ruling of a completed catch in the fourth quarter
- Limited the Buccaneers to 148 net yards, six first downs, 1-of-6 (17%) on third down and 11:10 time of possession in the first half
- Did not allow any points in the first quarter for the second consecutive game
- Held the Buccaneers to 53 net yards, two first downs, no points, no third down conversions and 5:32 time of possession in the first quarter
- Took a 7-0 lead in the first quarter after QB **Ryan Mallett** found WR **DeAndre Hopkins** in the end zone for a 5-yard touchdown. The scoring drive lasted 10 plays, 64 yards and 3:55 time of possession
- Scored their second touchdown of the day and took a 16-9 lead in the fourth quarter on a five-play, 77-yard scoring drive that lasted 1:42
- Racked up a total of 106 net yards, nine first downs and 9:27 time of possession, while converting 3-of-4 (75%) third downs in the first quarter

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TEXANS INDIVIDUAL PLAYER NOTES

G/T ODAY ABOUSHI

- Made his first start for the Texans at left guard

RB ALFRED BLUE

- Recorded the second-most rushing attempts (31) and rushing yards (139) in a single game of his career
- Posted the second 100-yard rushing game of his career and first since Nov. 16, 2014 at Cleveland
- Scored his first rushing touchdown of the season and third of his career on a 20-yard run in the fourth quarter. It marked the longest rushing touchdown of his career

K RANDY BULLOCK

- Scored seven points on two made field goals and one made PAT
- Passed Neil Rackers (59) for the second-most career field goals made in team history
- Made a 39-yard field goal in the third quarter to give the Texans a 10-9 lead
- Kicked a 19-yard field goal through the uprights in the fourth quarter to give the Texans a 19-9 lead and make it a two-possession game

DE JARED CRICK

- Tied a single-game career-high with two quarterback hits

S QUINTIN DEMPS

- Picked off QB **Jameis Winston** in the third quarter, his first interception of the year and 12th of his career
- He now has nine interceptions since 2013, which is tied for the third-most in the NFL by a safety during that span
- Returned two kickoffs for 46 yards (23.0 avg.)

WR DeANDRE HOPKINS

- Caught his third touchdown of the season and 11th of his career on a 5-yard pass from QB **Ryan Mallett** in the first quarter
- Led the team with eight receptions for 101 yards (12.6 avg.) and a touchdown
- Notched his first 100-yard receiving game of the season and sixth of his career
- Now has three receiving touchdowns this season, which is tied for the most by a Texans player through the first three games of a season
- Tied Jacoby Jones (11) for the seventh-most career touchdown receptions in team history
- Started and recorded a reception in the 35th consecutive game of his career

CB KAREEM JACKSON

- Posted a team-high six solo tackles, which ties his season-high of six in Week 1 against Kansas City (9/13)

CB JOHNATHAN JOSEPH

- Tied a single-game career-high with five passes defensed. It matches his highest total since Nov. 8, 2009 against Baltimore
- Also had three tackles, including two solo stops

P SHANE LECHLER

- Punted six times for 266 yards (44.3 avg., 33.0 net), including a long of 54 yards, and pinned three inside the 20-yard line
- Pinned three punts inside the 20-yard line for the second straight game

QB RYAN MALLETT

- Completed 24-of-39 passes for 228 yards, one touchdown, one interception and a 75.6 passer rating
- His 61.5 completion percentage tied a single-game season-high, as he also had the same mark in Week 1 against Kansas City (9/13)
- Threw a touchdown pass in his third consecutive game when he found WR **DeAndre Hopkins** for a 5-yard score in the first quarter. The touchdown was his third of the season, a single-season career-high, and the fifth of his career. Completed 5-of-6 passes for 47 yards on the drive

FB JAY PROSCH

- Totaled 24 yards on three carries (8.0 avg.)
- Registered a 16-yard rush in the fourth quarter, a career-long

WR CECIL SHORTS III

- Caught six passes for 58 yards
- His reception total tied a single-game season-high, while his 58 yards are the most he's recorded in 2015

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WR NATE WASHINGTON

- Tied for third on the team with four catches for 42 yards

DE J.J. WATT

- Tied for second on the team with five tackles (two solo). Also added one tackle for loss and a team-leading three quarterback hits
- It marked his eighth consecutive game with multiple quarterback hits