



## POSTGAME NOTES

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**Houston Texans (8-7) at Tennessee Titans (3-12)**  
Sunday, Dec. 27, 2015 • Noon CT • Nissan Stadium (69,143) • Nashville, Tenn.



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Houston Texans	10	7	17	0	34	62,153
Tennessee Titans	0	0	0	6	6	

### TEXANS TEAM NOTES

#### MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

- The following players were inactive for the game: G **Oday Aboushi**, TE **Garrett Graham**, QB **Brian Hoyer**, S **Rahim Moore**, CB **Darryl Morris**, WR **Cecil Shorts III** and ILB **Justin Tuggle**
- The following players were captains for the game: CB **Johnathan Joseph**, P **Shane Lechler** and WR **Nate Washington**
- Houston won the toss and deferred. Tennessee elected to receive to start the game

#### THE TEXANS...

- Scored a season-high 34 points. The 28-point win tied for the fourth-largest victory in franchise history
- Defeated all three of their divisional opponents (Indianapolis, Jacksonville, Tennessee) on the road in a single season for the first time in franchise history
- Improved to 8-7 on the season and 4-4 on the road
- Won their fourth straight game and swept the season series against the Titans in back-to-back seasons for the first time in team history
- Improved to 13-15 overall and 6-8 on the road against the Titans
- Improved to 4-1 in the AFC South in 2015 and 34-49 all-time
- Extended their streak of not allowing a touchdown to five straight quarters (3rd Quarter, Week 15 at IND - 3rd Quarter, Week 16 at TEN), tying a franchise record
- Posted 330 total net yards of offense (202 passing, 128 rushing), 19 first downs and 36:13 time of possession, while converting 7-of-16 (44%) third downs
- Held the Titans to 257 net yards, including a season-low 30 rushing yards, 13 first downs, 23:47 time of possession and 4-of-16 (25%) on third down
- Held the Titans to no points, 84 net yards (64 passing, 20 rushing), five first downs and 12:35 time of possession in the first half. Also limited Tennessee to 2-of-8 (25%) on third down
- Took a 7-0 lead in the first quarter after CB **Kareem Jackson** forced a fumble on Titans RB Antonio Andrews and S **Quintin Demps** returned it for a touchdown
- Extended their lead to 10-0 in the first quarter after K **Nick Novak** made a 22-yard field goal. Houston started the drive at Tennessee's 11-yard line after RB **Alfred Blue** forced a fumble on Titans WR Harry Douglas on a punt return and LS **Jon Weeks** recovered the ball
- Increased their lead to 17-0 in the second quarter after QB **Brandon Weeden** rushed for his first career touchdown on a 7-yard run
- Took a 24-0 lead in the third quarter when **Weeden** found WR **DeAndre Hopkins** for a 15-yard touchdown
- Increased their lead to 31-0 in the third quarter when **Weeden** connected with WR **Nate Washington** for a 13-yard touchdown
- Extended their lead to 34-0 when Novak hit a 36-yard field goal in the third quarter

### TEXANS INDIVIDUAL PLAYER NOTES

#### RB ALFRED BLUE

- Led the team with 45 rushing yards on 15 carries. Also caught one pass for five yards
- Forced a fumble on a punt return by Titans WR Harry Douglas in the first quarter. LS **Jon Weeks** recovered the ball at Tennessee's 11-yard line, which led to a field goal by K **Nick Novak** on the following offensive possession
- Led the team with two special teams tackles

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### ILB MAX BULLOUGH

- Tied for the team lead with five total tackles, including four solo stops

### QB B.J. DANIELS

- Threw his first career completion in the first quarter, a 7-yard gain to WR **Jaelen Strong**

### S QUINTIN DEMPS

- Scored his first career defensive touchdown after recovering a fumble by Titans RB Antonio Andrews in the first quarter. CB **Kareem Jackson** forced the fumble on the play
- Set a single-season career-high in tackles (57), surpassing his previous high of 54 in 2014 with the New York Giants
- Finished third on the team with four solo tackles, to go along with a fumble recovery

### S ANDRE HAL

- Led the team with two passes defended

### WR DeANDRE HOPKINS

- Led the team with seven receptions for 117 yards, including a long reception of 44 yards, and a touchdown
- Increased his season totals to 104 receptions for 1,432 yards and 11 touchdowns
- Logged his sixth 100-yard game of the season, which is tied for the second-most such games in a season in franchise history
- With his third reception of the game in the second quarter, became the second player in franchise history to record a 100-catch season
- Passed Andre Johnson (103 in 2006) for the fourth-most receptions in a single season in team history
- Passed Andre Johnson (1,407 in 2013) for the fourth-most receiving yards in a single season in Texans history
- Scored his 11th touchdown of the season and 19th of his career on a 15-yard reception from QB **Brandon Weeden** in the third quarter
- Extended his streak of consecutive regular season games started to 47, which ranks second among all active NFL wide receivers
- Caught a pass in his 47th straight career game

### CB KAREEM JACKSON

- Forced a fumble on Titans RB Antonio Andrews in the first quarter. S **Quintin Demps** recovered the ball and returned it for a touchdown
- Led the team with five solo tackles, to go along with a forced fumble and a pass defended
- Tied Marcus Coleman (56) for the third-most career passes defended in team history

### CB KEVIN JOHNSON

- Tied for fourth on the team with three solo tackles

### C BEN JONES

- Extended his streak of consecutive games played to 63, which is the second-longest active streak among NFL centers

### P SHANE LECHLER

- Punted six times for 314 yards (52.3 avg., 47.0 net), including a long of 56 yards, and pinned one inside the 20-yard line
- Passed Sean Landeta (49,735) for the second-most career net punting yards in the NFL since 1976
- Extended his streak of consecutive games played to 221, which leads all active NFL players

### WR KEITH MUMPHERY

- Returned four punts for 37 yards (9.3 avg.)
- Logged a season-long 20-yard punt return in the second quarter

### K NICK NOVAK

- Tied a season-high with 10 points scored after making four PATs and two field goals from 22 and 36 yards out
- Has now scored 10 points in back-to-back games

### S EDDIE PLEASANT

- Recorded his second interception of the season and second of his career when he picked off Titans QB Zach Mettenberger in the third quarter. The Texans scored a touchdown on the following drive

### WR NATE WASHINGTON

- Totaled his fourth touchdown of the season and 44th of his career after catching a 13-yard pass from **Weeden** in the third quarter
- His four touchdowns on the year are the most he's had since the 2012 campaign while playing for the Tennessee Titans
- Finished second on the team with three receptions for 42 yards and a touchdown

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### DE J.J. WATT

- Recorded two solo tackles, 1.0 sack, one tackle for loss, two quarterback hits, one forced fumble and one pass defended
- Registered a sack-forced fumble on Titans QB Zach Mettenberger in the fourth quarter, giving him 14.5 sacks and two forced fumbles for the season
- Extended his streak of consecutive games started to 79, which ranks third among active NFL defensive ends

### QB BRANDON WEEDEN

- Became the first player in franchise history with two passing touchdowns and one rushing touchdown in a game
- Completed 15-of-24 passes for 200 yards, two touchdowns, no interceptions and a 116.7 passer rating, which is the highest passer rating he's ever recorded in a game in which he has started
- Scored his first career rushing touchdown on a 7-yard run in the second quarter
- Completed a 44-yard pass to WR **DeAndre Hopkins** in the second quarter, his longest completion since joining the Texans

### LS JON WEEKS

- Recovered a fumble on a punt return by Titans WR Harry Douglas in the first quarter. RB **Alfred Blue** forced the fumble on the play, which led to a 22-yard field goal by **Novak**